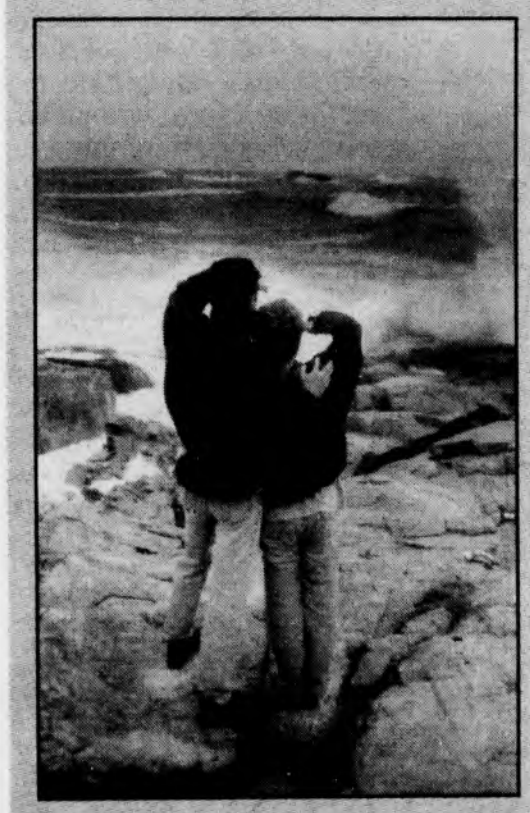
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The Year in Review

Sewers, Schools, Weather and the Village Lead the News in 1996

As Cohasset says goodbye to 1996, it's a good time to reflect on the past 12 months. It was a year of controversy over a new school, sewers, and where to put the Greenbush train station.

The weather wreaked havoc on Cohasset from record snowfall last winter to record rainfall in the fall.

Voters went to the polls for presidential primaries, town and state elections and for special override elections for a new school and shared-funding plan for north Cohasset sewers.

We gained two new selectmen, a new town counsel, and learned we'll lose our town administrator after eight years on the job.

So here's a look back with text, quotes and photos from stories that appeared in the Cohasset Mariner in 1996. But hold on to your hats and stay strapped in because we're sure that 1997 holds a lot for Cohasset. And here at the Cohasset Mariner, we promise to be there covering the news and bringing you the features and photos that you've come to expect.

JANUARY

A fire guts the Highland Avenue home of Peter and Maryanne Clougherty. The Cloughertys and upstairs tenant, Rick Curtis, escape unharmed from the burning house, but four Cohasset firefighters are injured, none seriously.

As the air fills with the first flakes of season's second snow storm, Cohasset has already exhausted the $45,000 set aside for its snow removal budget. The next week, the town is blanketed with 18 inches of snow.

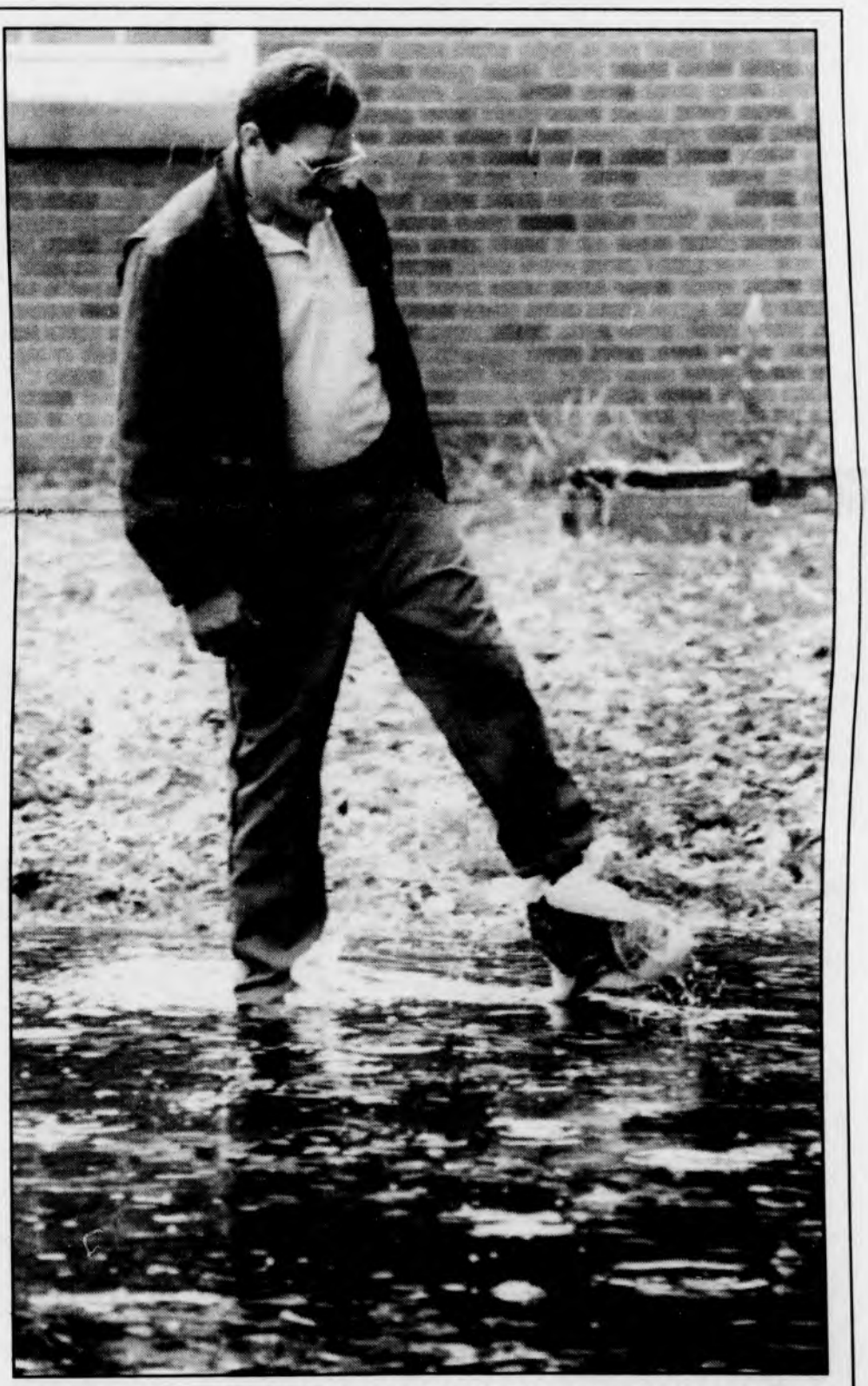
Although it is cold outside, the election season heats up, as conservation commission chairman Roseanne McMorris and former advisory committee chairman Nan Roth say they will run for selectman. Selectman Jane Goedecke says she will not seek a third term.

Selectmen and the advisory committee hear plans for a new elementary school. The state will reimburse the town for 60 percent of the proposed $14 million school construction, an architect retained by the school committee tells officials.

'We need a new school now. Everyone should look into his head and his heart and do what is right for the children.'

— Dr. Robert Sceery, speaking at the special town meeting.

Later this month, the school building program is overwhelmingly approved at town meeting. Using paper ballots an overflow crowd votes 427 to 105 to support the project. Voters must approve a Prop. 2-1/2 debt exclusion override at the polls on Feb. 10 for the plans to go ahead.



Postal worker Richard Leach uses plastic bags as galoshes following the torrential rainfall last October than caused flooding in Cohasset village.

Home prices continue to climb in town. Fewer houses in Cohasset changed owners in 1995, but the average sale price has increased by more than $120,000 over the last four years. The average sale price in 1995 was $383,877, according to the Plymouth County Board of Realtors.

The Trustees of Reservations are negotiating the purchase of 55 acres of land at the top of Turkey Hill, that will link Whitney Woods and Wompatuck State Park and provide a spectacular view of Boston Harbor. Cohasset will be asked to appropriate funds to help purchase the property which lies between Hingham and Cohasset.

Selectmen meet in executive session to consider hiring a special counsel to represent the town in the upcoming site assignment hearings on the proposed expansion of Cohasset Heights Landfill. Two weeks later, the board of health convenes its first public hearing on the proposed 27.5 acre expansion. The hearings will be held every Tuesday and Thursday and are expected to last six weeks.

The Red Lion Inn, a Cohasset Village landmark, is sold to Carl Ackerblom of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for $300,000 at auction.

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FEBRUARY

Although it won't make the snow go away any faster, state officials say Cohasset will receive assistance with its snow plowing expense. State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray says Cohasset will receive $12,805 from a supplemental budget approved to help towns that have exhausted their snow removal budgets.

Independent auditors, Tucci & Roselli, report that Cohasset is efficiently managed. Tony Roselli, a principal of the Lexington firm, tells selectmen he is pleased to see that officials have corrected various problems that he cited in past reports.

'I meet the minimum entry level criteria and should have been interviewed. I feel very strongly that the elected moderator should have been extended that courtesy. My application was trivialized.'

— George Marlette on not being interviewed for town counsel.

The Cohasset High gymnastics team wins the South Shore League title.

Various Cushing Plaza tenants get ready to relocate temporarily in preparation for the new Shaw's Supermarket that is planned for the property.

The school committee announces schools will go back to two vacation weeks next year. For educational reasons, the school committee unanimously voted in November (1994) to combine the February and April vacations into a single week in March, but lack of support in virtually very quarter convinced the board to switch back to the two-vacation model.

The photo finish in the Feb. 10 override doesn't make defeat any easier for the handful of school officials and citizens who stay until the final tallies are read. But the electorate had spoken and the $13 million new school project appears dead, at least for the time being. The vote is 1162 to 1134.

Concerned residents on Hingham water in north Cohasset launch a letter-writing campaign to local legislators and to the state Department of Public Utilities protesting the 164 percent water rate increase that Mass.-American Water Company wants to recoup the costs of constructing a $39.5 million water treatment plant in Hingham.

The state-appointed Citizens Advisory Committee, whose charge is to comment on the Greenbush environmental feasibility study, are warned to stay on task. Assistant Secretary Jan H. Reitsma of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs tells the committee not to get sidetracked or disrupt committee meetings by looking into train alternatives.

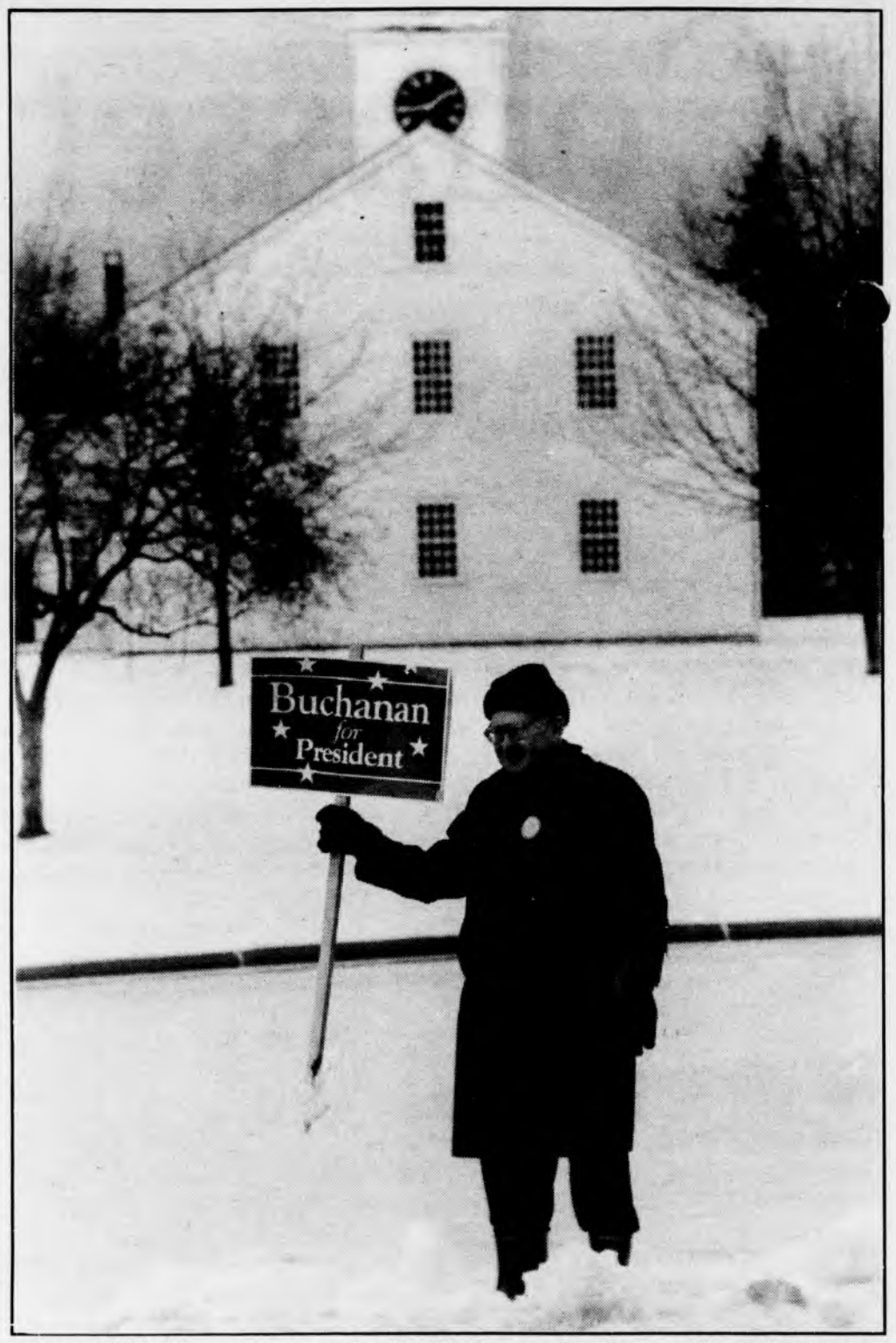
Cohasset's political pot is reaching the boiling point as candidates rush to return nomination papers for the April 6 election. The biggest surprise is Robert V. Davenport's decision for file for selectman. He also took out and returned papers for reelection to the board of health on which he now serves. The state ethics commission has been asked whether he can run for both offices. If he cannot, or does not wish to run for both, he has until March 4 to decide.

Selectmen vote to sell the Victorian house on the Hagerty property if it will fetch at least $200,000. The matter now goes to town meeting, where voters will be asked to allow the selectmen to sell the former Cohasset Colonials furniture store.

Selectmen deny charges from town moderator George Marlette that he was purposefully excluded from consideration for the town counsel position.

Fourteen months after a winter storm plunged Cohasset into a dark Christmas, Eastern Edison reports that it has taken steps to prevent a repeat occurrence. Eastern Edison vice president Barbara Hassan outlines the steps the utility has taken since it was criticized by Cohasset residents and town officials following a storm that knocked out power for up to 48 hours on Christmas Eve, 1994.

Selectmen charge that environmental affairs secretary Trudy Coxe could have saved taxpayers a small fortune if she had ruled against the landfill expansion request last fall, instead of directing the board of health to hold expensive hearings on the issue. Staggered by the cost of fighting the expansion, angry selectmen say they'll send the bill to Gov. William Weld and other state officials.



Owen O'Malley campaigns for Pat Buchanan in the presidential primary last March.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

MARCH

North Cohasset residents learn they may not be represented at the March 14 hearing on Massachusetts-American Company's proposed 164 percent rate hike before the state Dept. of Public Utilities. Selectmen do not file a petition to testify at the hearing in time.

Robert V. Davenport of Sohier Street decides to throw his hat into the ring for the selectman's race. The sitting board of health member will not seek re-election to that board because issues surrounding a possible conflict of interest regarding Cohasset Heights Landfill are not completely resolved. Four are running for two seats on the board of selectmen: Davenport, incumbent Martha Gjesteby, Nan Roth and Ronnie McMorris.

Selectmen unanimously pick the Boston law firm of Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis Holland & Drachman to serve as town counsel. Paul DeRensis, a partner in the firm, will handle the bulk of the legal

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business, while the other 40 attorneys at Deutsch Williams will help with various matters.

As predicted Bob Dole wins big with Republican voters in Cohasset in the March 5 primary. With 423 votes, Dole handily defeats Patrick J. Buchanan, who finished second with 101 votes and Steve Forbes, who was a close third with 96.

President Bill Clinton receives 168 votes, with challenger Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., getting nine.

For the second time in three months, voters will have the chance to consider a proposal for a new elementary school, as selectmen place the question on the March 30 town meeting warrant and on the April 6 election ballot. Selectmen stress the proposal is different from the earlier $13.9 million plan which sailed through town meeting, but was defeated by 28 votes at the polls. Voters will face a request for nearly $9.9 million for an elementary school to be located behind the Deer Hill School and a request for $180,000 for engineering money.

'We just never got into the groove.'

— Coach Ron Ford on the basketball team's defeat at the Fleet Center.

Winchester High is able to throw the Cohasset High boys basketball team off its game with a score of 68-51 at the Fleet Center ending the Div. 3 South Sectional champs' quest for the state title.

Sporting yellow "No Train" stickers, members of the anti-rail Coastal Coalition pack a selectmen's meeting which included a discussion with MBTA officials on ways to reduce the train's impact on Cohasset.

As landfill hearings enter their eighth week, health board members hear a geologist lecture on how bedrock fractures relate to ground water flow and hazards caused by contaminants. The remarks are challenged by the lawyer representing Cohasset Heights.

It's official, another record is broken this month when yet another snowstorm pushes the winter's total accumulation above the 100-inch mark. Mariner weather observer Bob Skilling puts the official snow accumulation at 105.8 inches, easily surpassing the 95.1 inches that set a record only two winters ago.

Although the contract won't expire until 1999, negotiations for cable TV service in town will begin soon, officials say.

Bulldozers will be a familiar sight at Cushing Plaza for the rest of the year as Shaw's Supermarkets breaks ground setting the stage for reconstruction of the Route 3A shopping center.

The police union charges selectmen with discrimination when they ask for an all-female civil service list and a strongly worked letter from the VFW suggests the town may be sued if what it calls "anti-veteran discrimination" persists.

A compromise in which the town will pick up half the betterment costs of installing sewers in the Straits Pond area — contingent on a successful Prop. 2-1/2 override — passes town meeting.

Town meeting authorizes spending $12,000 for obtaining professional services to assist in the preparation of an open space and recreational plan for the town. Town meeting also nixes selling the Hagerty house.

APRIL

A record-breaking town election unseats a long-time selectman and passes a Prop. 2-1/2 override for a new $9.9 million elementary school. Upwards of 62 percent of the town's registered voters participate in the election which featured six contested races for elected positions and a school ballot question.

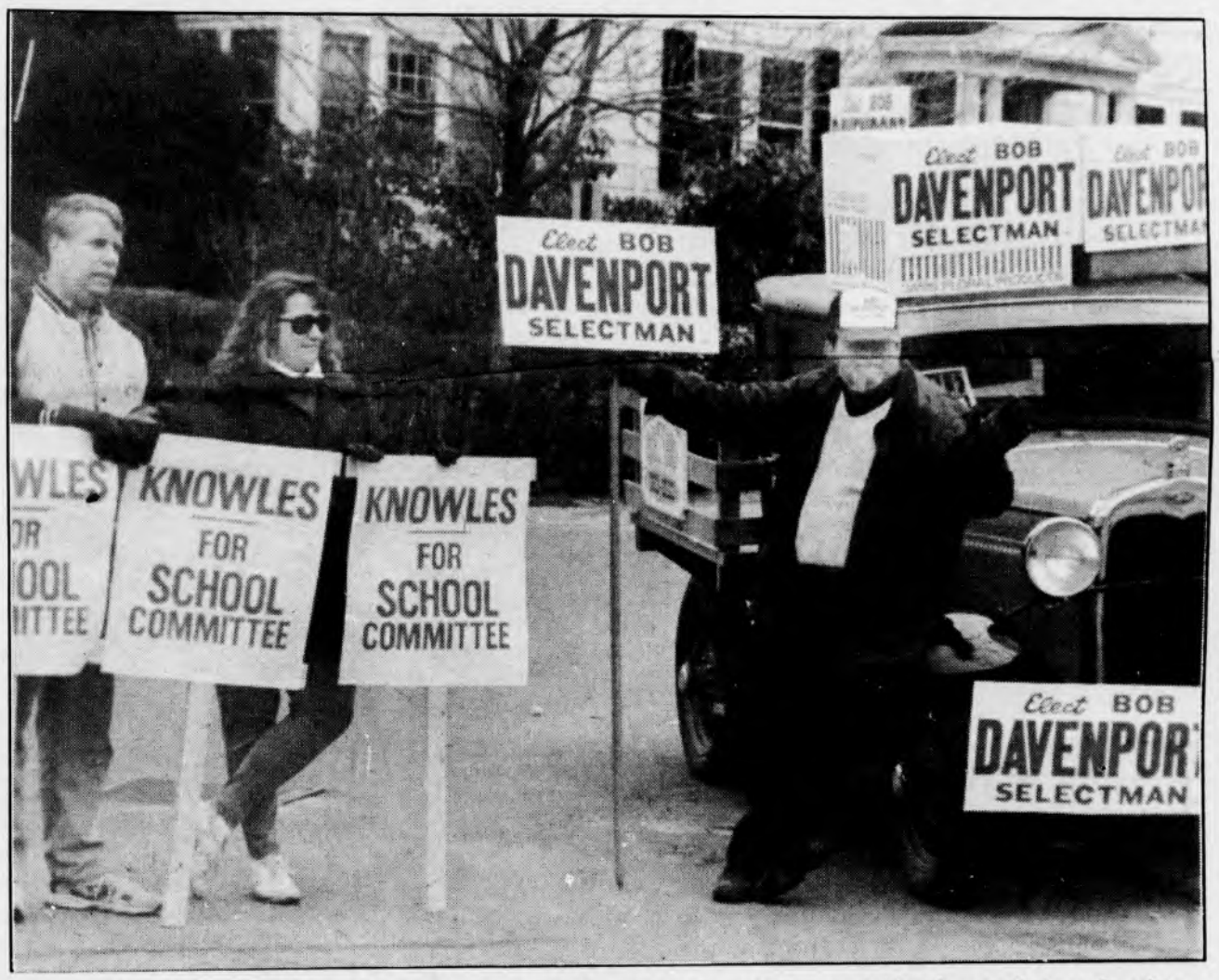
Dr. Robert T. Sceery and his wife, Phoebe, are the guests of honor at the Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year reception at Kimball's by the Sea. Sceery, a pediatrician who has practiced in Cohasset for more than 40 years, was selected for the annual award in January.

We'll never compete with 3A. But we can create something down here that has energy, something that feels good.'

— Donna Green on refurbishing Cohasset Village.

About 25 business owners and interested citizens pack French Memories to brainstorm about the future of Cohasset Village. The

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Keith Knowles, far left, and Bob Davenport, far right, campaign outside the polls last April in one of the hottest town elections in recent memory.

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Cohasset Chamber of Commerce sponsors the meeting to address issues of concern including infrastructure, store vacancies, marketing the village as a place to shop and visit, and the impact of the train.

Local developer Wayne Sawchuk would like to build a senior citizen housing complex on seven acres in the so-called "Wolf Pit" area off the end of Beechwood Street near the town reservoir. Sawchuk meets with members of the Cohasset Housing Partnership to discuss the 28-unit condominium style housing proposal, 25 percent of which would be dedicated as affordable housing or elderly/handicapped.

The planning board does not support preliminary plans by Jerusalem Road Limited Partnership for the construction of a housing subdivision on a 45-acre tract of land off Jerusalem Rd.

The source of a whopping water main leak is discovered and plugged. The leak off Beach Street accounted for the loss of about 270 gallons per minute or 16,560 gallons per hour into the marsh.

The Hagerty Committee backs moving or razing the Victorian house on the property after the annual town meeting voted against selling the house and an 8,000-foot lot around it. Later this month, selectmen authorize the demolition or removal of the house, which once housed the showroom and offices of Cohasset Colonials, a furniture kit company. The town will solicit bids for the razing or removal of the house and ask for separate bids for the removal of the cutting room, a metal building which is the last of the factory structures at the site.

Close to 100 students, or 20 percent, participate in volunteer programs at the high school.

In the fall, Cohasset voters may be asked to consider giving the town's senior citizens a $5 credit toward their real estate taxes in exchange for each hour of work performed. After getting feedback from the Cohasset Elder Affairs board, selectmen may consider an article for special town meeting to set up the program.

A group of 30 local residents organize into a taxpayers group. Cohasset ConcernedTaxpayers made its official debut when it formed a ballot committee to formally protest the April 6 override for the $9.9 million elementary school.

MAY

The Little League season kicks off as the newly refurbished Barnes Field is unveiled.

Opponents of the proposed expansion of Cohasset Heights Landfill win a hard-fought victory with the health board's decision to deny the landfill's site assignment application, which was the next step in the approval process. But the owners of the private Route 3A landfill aren't willing to concede defeat and plan to appeal the ruling.

The Cohasset Mariner features David Lloyd Brown, the new director at the South Shore Art Center.

"This has the feel of $1 million being spent.'
—Town Counsel Paul DeRensis on Cohasset Heights legal bills.

An override asking for voters to split the cost of sewering north Cohasset fails, but those leading the push for the shared-funding proposal say they'll be back in the fall.

Cohasset's punch-card ballot system comes increasingly under fire of late because recent election results are close and there seems to be a high number of "blank" votes cast.

The school committee opts to stick with in-house school bus service. The decision requires the school committee to ask town meeting for two new buses in the fall.

The Army Corps of Engineers, responsible for the dredging of about 90,000 cubic yards of silt material in the harbor's channel, which is under federal jurisdiction, have raised questions about silt testing procedures and have suggested that more extensive and expensive testing may be required before the project can get underway.

New town counsel Paul DeRensis warns selectmen that legal costs surrounding Cohasset Heights Landfill are out of control. DeRensis fans last month's $40,000 in legal bills from the Boston law firm Warner & Stackpole in front of selectmen, the board of health and members of the Conservation Commission and says "this has the feel of $1 million being spent."

A new state revolving loan fund will make $30 million in long-term, low-interest loans available to towns, offering relief to those hardest hit by Title V septic system repairs, state officials say.

Friends and family say farewell to Sheldon Sladen, a lobsterman who died of drowning following a boating mishap.

Deer Hill School principal Donna Hartlage is on leave until school Supt. Stephen Hart completes his investigation about an incident at the school during which Hartlage allegedly slapped a student. Later this month, Hart suspends Hartlage without pay for 10 days.

An election law technicality could derail the recent school override if not resolved quickly. The town's bond counsel notifies selectmen that legislation would have to be passed validating the recent school vote before the $9.9 million in school bonds could be issued because the warrant for the April 6 town election did not contain mention of the Prop. 2-1/2 exemption ballot question as required by law. But at a state hearing later this month, the House Committee on Local Affairs decides that despite the posting oversight, voters were adequately informed about the school ballot question prior to the election through advertisements, mailings and extensive coverage in the local newspapers.

Herb Towle and Herb Jason are honored at "Herb Day" at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Government Island.

Cohasset pays tribute to its fallen heroes in its annual Memorial Day exercises. Raymond Buckley, a former prisoner of war, is the speaker of the day.

JUNE

The 200-page decision in the Massachusetts-American Water Company rate case is in and all but about ten percent of the water company's proposed 164 percent rate hike has been approved by the state Department of Public Utilities. The increase will affect homeowners in north Cohasset who are served by Hingham water.

The governor validates Cohasset's April 6 school override vote by signing a special bill approved by both houses in the state legislature. The incident prompts selectmen to draft a checklist of election posting procedural steps to be followed before town meetings and elections to ensure there are no more problems.

Cohasset High graduates 78 under the familiar canopy of the South Shore Music Circus.

Just a year after celebrating his 75th birthday and 50th anniversary as a priest, the Rev. John Keohane, who served as St. Anthony's pastor before retiring last summer, has died. Keohane was stricken with a heart attack while practicing his golf shots at Seabury Golf Course in Mashpee on May 31.

'Be proud of yourself and every person sitting around you — savor every moment of this day.'
— Tafana Fiore, salutatorian of the CHS Class of 1996.

School officials announce that Donna Hartlage, Deer Hill School principal, won't be returning to the school as principal. Hartlage had been suspended without pay for allegedly slapping a student at the school. Saying the matter was in the hands of attorneys, Supt. Stephen Hart would not elaborate on why he has taken the further step of removing the $60,000 per year administrator from her post.

As part of an ongoing village revitalization effort, spearheaded by the Chamber of Commerce, plans are in the works to host a weekly farmers' market in the village.

The Mariner features retiring Osgood teacher Faith Bowker Maloney.

The annual Festival on the Common draws thousands from across the South Shore. The weather was first-rate and so was a healthy sampling of arts, crafts and entertainment for all.

Phase II of Cohasset's water main replacement project is proceeding on schedule, with new pipes now being laid on Sohier Street.

Concerned parents gather to discuss the results of a student survey in which more than

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50 percent of those surveyed admit to drinking alcohol within the past 30 days and nearly 40 percent say they've used marijuana in the past 30 days.

Eighteen residents attend the first meeting of the Citizens Mitigation Committee appointed by selectmen to get input on concerns about the restoration of the Greenbush railroad through town.

The open space committee mails surveys out to all residents the results of which will help the committee prepare an open space plan.

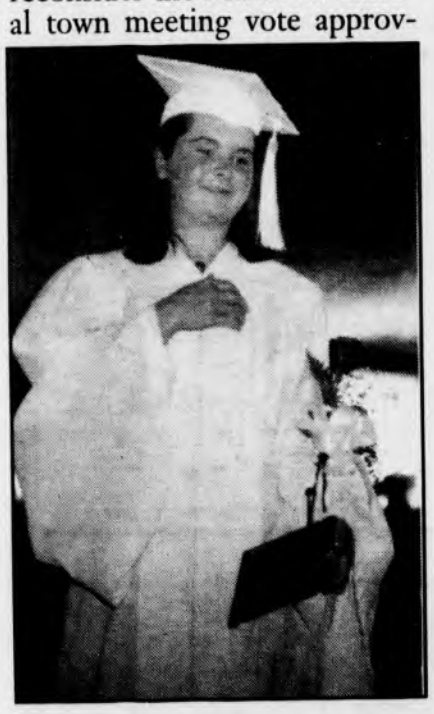
Coyote sightings are on the upswing in town. Several residents report seeing coyotes in their yards and a police cruiser recently struck a coyote as it darted across Route 3A.

Residents' concerns are aired in a walk-through of the new school site behind the Deer Hill School. The conservation commission and design review board comment on the school plans.

JULY

As America gears up for "The Games" this summer in Atlanta — Cohasset can be proud of its own Olympic heritage. Ellery H. Clark Sr., who lived at 262 Jerusalem Rd., won two first-place medals at the revival of the ancient Olympic games in Athens in 1896. And luckily for posterity, Ellery took along his Kodak camera and kept a personal journal of his experiences. Two of Clark's grandchildren, William Clark and Vicki Clark Widner, are telling his story in a tour of cities across the country.

Five hundred citizens, led by Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers, call for a special town meeting next month to reconsider the March 30 annual town meeting vote approving the $9.9 million elementary school.



Michelle Ward receives her diploma during Cohasset High's graduation exercises under the big top at the Music Circus

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

The Mariner features Edward Hettstrom who won a New England Emmy Award for his stereo broadcast of a Boston Bruins game.

Cohasset resident Paul Trendowicz buys the Hingham Shipyard which is assessed at $10.8 million.

'I've heard over and over that we rushed the new school — why are you rushing a special town meeting while people are on vacation?'

— Selectman Ronnie McMorris to

Voters learn they may be asked to reconsider the $6 million Straits Pond sewer project as well as the new elementary school at the Aug. 12 town meeting under the big top at the Music Circus.

Cohasset resident Paul Hart buys Lantana in Randolph from his parents.

The Panagia Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem Road hosts its annual Taverna to rave reviews.

The MBTA says it will consider a village train station after selectmen unanimously endorse the village as the preferable site for the station.

The remnants of Hurricane Bertha drench Cohasset with more than 3-1/2 inches of rain. This sets a new record for the single wettest July day, surpassing the 3.2 inches measured on July 12, 1981.

Representatives from Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate meet with the MBTA for a workshop on noise and vibration, two of the most adverse effects that the train will have on homes and businesses that abut the 17.7 mile long Greenbush right of way.

Hoping to avoid a second special town meeting, selectmen vote to include an article on the Aug. 12 special town meeting warrant which moves the site of the new school to next to the Deer Hill School. Some abutters on Old Pasture Road say the current location of the proposed new school is too close to their property.

AUGUST

Police seek criminal charges in Quincy District Court against John Lennon of Surry Drive who hosted a graduation party where minors allegedly were served alcohol. Police began investigating the June 22 party after an alcohol-related crash claimed the life of one of the guests, 18-year-old Gregory Smith of Marshfield.

Selectmen say the town will not subsidize a baby-sitting service for parents who would like to attend town meeting but have no problem with the school department allowing Deer Hill School to be used as a baby-sitting site.

'We are determined to lift 100 percent of the betterment off the neighbors.'

— Peter Pratt on taxpayers sharing cost of installing sewers.

Despite rainy weather, the first farmers' market in the village draws about 150 people.

After two years of planning, Cohasset High's brand-new football/athletic facility will have its official ribbon cutting on Sept. 8, organizers announce.

Sandwiched between show nights featuring the brass band "Tower of Power" and a jazz event called "A Night in New Orleans", Cohasset's planned new $9.9 million elementary school is the main attraction at the special town meeting at the Music Circus. After nearly an hour of spirited debate which followed 1-3/4 hours of formal presentations, voters endorse the new school by nearly a 2-1 margin on the first night of the special town meeting.

When the special town meeting reconvenes Aug. 19, the message was not a rejection of the shared-funding plan for

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1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:40
Walt Disney's 101 DALMATIANS (G)
12:45, 3:30, 7:00, 9:20
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AROUND TOWN/Sallyann Chatterton

Happy New Year! It sure has been quite a year for our town, making lots of folks happy, some not so thrilled. The Paul Pratt Library had a banner year, getting a lot of things that have been needed for years – lighting in the rotunda to highlight the McIvor Reddie murals that were restored by funding from the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank (the lights came from **Shirley** and **Jim Marten**), an Apple Computer for the children's room, along with a CD Rom collection, more books, all family passes are renewed – all of these things made possible through the **Friends of the Cohasset Library!** Be sure that you support their next fund raising project; better still, drop them a check right now, while you think of it: Friends of the Cohasset Library, 106 South Main Street, Cohasset, 02025. Don't forget, it is tax deductible!

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Gary Vanderweil, Larry Shultz, Wayne Sawchuk and **Clark Chatterton** saw Alumni Field become a reality, as did all the players who used it and parents who watched their athletes compete – that made lots of dreams come true. Now they are "wrapping things up" by selling bricks for the walkway going up to the bleachers. A great way to have your name in lights, or anyone else that you can think of whom you want to immortalize! Give any one of those gents a call for more information.

❑

Zinnia's Cafe ended a good year by having Santa there for breakfast – did you know that Zinnia's will put on a high tea for you, or any private function? Reservations of course, but what fun! They also serve dinner on Friday eves! Call 383-9466 for more information.

❑

That brings to mind **Peter** and **Judy Kulturides,** who sold the Log and Line after being there for 25 years – so many people have so many memories connected with the Log and with them. While we all wish Peter and Judy the best, we do the same to the Log's new owner, who is doing a wonderful job with it! He also offers a nice menu, and is open for supper – call for more information.

❑

We also found out just how important the **Carousel** is to all of us – it has been closed since the flood in the fall. But, **Norma, Mandy** and **Tom** say that it will be better than ever when it reopens. We cannot wait for that day!

❑

The students at Osgood are a happy lot – they will have their new school to look forward to. The sad part of that is that **Mrs. Price** is retiring at the end of this year, so one of their finest teachers won't be teaching there – but, everyone knows she won't be far away and always will be willing to help!

❑

The town will start a new program to encourage more recycling, hopefully saving $15,000 in the process. The idea is that we buy trash bags with the average family using one per week at $1 per bag. Hopefully it will work!

❑

People also had losses, it's really sad, and hard to deal with during happy holiday times! There are those, in the midst of their pain, who think of others – **JoAnn Pilczak** comes to mind. She recently sent a donation in her late Dad's name to the Cohasset Varsity Hockey Team. She said one of her father's greatest pleasures was to watch his grandsons play hockey, and that it would please him to support his grandsons' activities.

❑

We heard from lots of former Cohassetites this season. **Kit Megathlin** and his wife, **Sue,** are both doing real well, but had a rough summer. Sue had shoulder surgery for a torn rotator cuff and arthritis, and Kit had heart problems. All are well, they are now fine and loving being grandparents (all three sons are married with sons of their own!).

Carol Gates sent wonderful holiday greetings, hopefully she'll be around town during these holidays – the list goes on, we will try to remember a few each week – it is fun, and it is also amazing how many people really care about us and still love our town!

We welcome the new, love what we already had, and miss those we have lost – and hope that the New Year brings you all that you want. Here's to health, happiness and love for all of our readers!

Happy New Year!

Sallyann
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Christiane Leger swings during recess at the Osgood School last spring.

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How to get a solid annual review at work

By the editors of WORTH MAGAZINE

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Executives who subscribe to magazines such as Compensation & Benefits Review like to say that their annual employee reviews benefit workers. Many bosses say they provide valuable feedback that can build a more rewarding career.

That may be true, but those employees who'll be sitting down with their bosses for their annual review during the coming months should know that the motives behind them aren't entirely altruistic. Employers have found that a more formal and diligent review process often can lead to higher productivity — and improved bottom-line results.

For instance, a 1994 survey of 437 large publicly traded companies by the benefits-consulting firm Hewitt Associates in Washington, D.C., found that companies that aggressively manage employee performance deliver faster sales growth and higher returns to shareholders than firms that don't. "Companies with performance management produced better results with fewer people," the study found. Not surprisingly, performance-management strategies are especially critical at troubled companies. The Hewitt study found that struggling companies that adopted performance-management methods posted a 25 percent average increase in productivity.

"Employee reviews used to involve checking items off a list of things, like your appearance and your attitude," says Robert Greene, spokesman for the human-resources consulting firm James & Scott Associates in Chicago. "Now they focus on the results you're getting at your job."

But if employers are taking these reviews more seriously, then it only stands to reason that employees should, too. More is at stake than ever before — including, possibly, whether you keep your job at all. Moreover, if your boss ultimately expects you to deliver more than you have in the past, then why not try to use the review process to make sure that you get something in return, such as a raise or promotion?

The lesson here: it pays to take your annual review seriously. A little preparation, and some common sense, can make all the difference between a positive outcome or a poor one. Also, consider these pointers from management and career consultants:

Get advance feedback. A good employer should provide regular feedback about how workers are doing their job and what criteria will be used to evaluate them. Is it sales? New accounts? Productivity measures such as costs per employee in your department? Or just the overall work quality? Don't count on getting a memo about this — it's often up to workers to ask. Do it today. Chances are a boss or supervisor will be impressed and will offer helpful tips to improve your standing at the firm before the next review rolls around.

Assess strengths and weaknesses. Before the review, draw up a list of concrete contributions you've made throughout the year and get set to account for mistakes that might come up. Maintain written records of accomplishments, and keep copies of congratulations and glowing e-mail and memos as backup. For mistakes, a list of excuses won't help, but it's fair to mention factors such as an industry slump that affected results. Analyze problems and suggest solutions, such as more frequent communication with certain colleagues. "The key is to think these problems through in an honest and systematic way before the interview," says James Goodale, a senior partner at Philbrook, Goodale Associates, a Houston management-consulting firm.

Be realistic. Before the review, ask yourself: Am I the most valuable employee in my department? Somewhere in the middle? Near the (gulp) bottom? Then ask your manager or human-resources representative about the average size of raises, which may boost or lower your expectations. For example, if a company raises salaries by 4.3 percent annually, the office star can't expect a 15 percent pay hike. But 6 percent might be reasonable. "One woman at a client's firm had a good review and a good raise that was near the upper end of the company's limits, but the money wasn't what she expected — so she burst into tears on the spot," says Joan Courtney of Murray Associates, a career-development consultant in Westwood, Mass. "This didn't help her relationship with her boss."

Try to have accomplishments incorporated into the final review report. "Give a copy (of contributions you made) to your boss," says Courtney. "Most managers will find that helpful."

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Robert Greene
James & Scott Associates, Chicago

Talk about the future. Mention specific career goals and plans for realizing them. If the review goes well, seize the opportunity to ask for more responsibility. You're more likely to get a quick okay if you ask for a specific job or role.

Stay cool. If a poor review catches you off guard, be calm. "It's okay to show surprise and concern, but don't get emotional," says Courtney. "Tell your boss you need time to collect your thoughts."

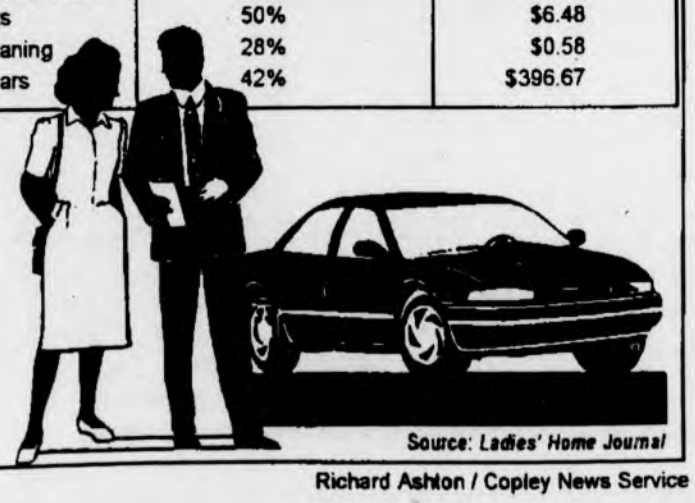
Firms often ask employees to sign a written copy of their review, but ask for time to consider doing so if it's negative. You may be able to convince your boss that you had a better year than he thinks you did. Then you can ask him to change the written review that goes into your record — where it might be read during your firm's next restructuring.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

The Old Man and the Kid

The sash was tattered and frayed and so badly faded that he could barely discern the figures "1996" across his sunken chest. In a moment, he could take it off for the first time in 366 days. It would be over. Good riddance!

The kid, as usual, was right on time, bounding through the door at the stroke of midnight as the last grains of sand ran out and the hourglass tilted anew. His face had a fresh-scrubbed look and the "1997" on his sash gleamed with newness.

"Hi, pops, I thought you'd be gone by now," he said. His cockiness and enthusiasm irritated the old man.

"You know the rules," he said. "We have to stay to the bitter end. Pass the baton to the next runner, as it were."

"Here I am," said the kid. "You can run along now, pops."

"Don't you want to check my log, see how things went on my watch, get some ideas for yours?" asked the old man.

"Suppose I might as well," said the kid, opening the big book on the table, "see how badly you screwed up."

"I did some things right," said the old man defensively.

"You call this right?" said the kid. "Look. Bombs in Northern Ireland. Fighting in Bosnia. Tens of thousands of Hutus and Tutsis dead in Rwanda. Hostages in Peru. I guess those are the first things I'll have to straighten out."

The old man peered at the kid closely to see if he was serious and decided that he was.

"The Israelis and the Arabs are still talking," he suggested hopefully.

"I'll have to hurry that along," said the kid, making notes on a fresh page in a new log book.

"And Joe Kennedy is negotiating peace in Ireland."

"Well, that's a start, anyway," said the kid. "What were you planning for the Hutus and the Tutsis?"

"Er ... nothing," mumbled the old man.

"Let's see, now," said the kid, dashing off an idea in his log book, "we'll start with a UN peacekeeping mission and then ... then what?"

The old man started to say something and then stopped. I guess every generation has to learn for itself, he thought.

"You'll think of something," he said gently. "At least I got us through the elections. Clinton-Dole, Kerry-Weld, Delahunt-Johnston and all that."

"You sure made a mess out of that last one," said the kid. "And look what you left me with, a Democratic president and a Republican Congress. What can I do with that?"

"You'll think of something."

"Maybe I'll shut down the government for a while," mused the kid. "That'll learn them. Or maybe I'll...."

The old man glanced at the hourglass. It was down to the last few grains of sand. Only seconds remained.

"What would you do?" asked the kid, frowning as his eyes followed the old man's gaze to the hourglass. He sensed what was about to happen.

"Hey, wait a minute," he cried. "You can't...."

The old man smiled.

Three ... two ... one ... and he was gone.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You for a Job Well Done!

Dear Chief:

On Friday night, Dec. 20, at approximately 10 p.m., I received a troubling telephone call from my 12-year-old daughter, Ashley, stating that, at the North Main Street house where she was babysitting a 3- and 1-year-old, a heavy translucent film was beginning to fill the downstairs, causing an eye-burning sensation accompanied by noticeable breathing difficulty. After some brief instructions and a call to the Cohasset Emergency dispatch, I rushed to the site.

Upon arrival, I found the home filled with an obnoxious, throat-closing odor due apparently to a malfunctioning furnace. My daughter and I removed the two alarmed babies to the safety of my vehicle outside. It was at that point the Cohasset Emergency System arrived and kicked into impressive motion, with Police Officer Jeffrey Treanor, Captain Mark Trask and a complete complement of the Cohasset EMT force.

After a brief deliberate, informative assessment by two of your EMTs/firemen, Jim Curley and Paul McGaffigan, the four of us were transported via ambulance to the South Shore Hospital for further remedial treatment. This ride over, which could have been terrifying for Charlie, Kyle and Ashley, was made comfortable and non-threatening by the professional, calming demeanor of the EMTs. The extent of their training and expertise was demonstrated profoundly. Equally, the treatment received by the staff at South Shore Hospital was quick, efficient, warm and attentive. Gratefully, in the early morning of Dec. 21, all were released, tired and emotionally drained, but otherwise healthy.

Although I consider my daughter Ashley a true heroine under these described circumstances, I would like you to please extend my personal gratitude to Captain Trask and all the fine response team of that evening. It was only through their experience and intervention that a tragedy was truly averted. Additionally, your personal follow-up the next day further demonstrated how benefitted we all are to reside in a community where care and concern exceed the legal mandates.

Fortunately, due in large part to your fine organization, we will all be able to enjoy a very happy, healthy and joyous Christmas '96 with what matters most on earth — our families!

Thank you, God bless and happy holidays to all at the Cohasset Police, Fire and EMT station — another job "well done."

Daniel C. Leahy
215 Forest Ave.

Editor's note: Mr. Leahy provided a copy of his letter to Fire Chief Roger Lincoln and the Mariner for publication.

On-Site Septic Plan is Challenged

To the Editor:

The citizens of the town of Cohasset are being pushed by its Board of Health to put in place a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) program of on-site septic systems inspection which has not been adopted voluntarily by a single one of the 351 cities and towns across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The citizens of the town have been told in a health board circular that we are under a court mandate to put such a program in place in 1997. That is untruthful. Nowhere in the "Amended Final Judgment" signed Nov. 3, 1994* — the basis for this assertion — can such a stipulation be found or inferred, and inferences have no legal bearing in court orders. Furthermore, incredibly, the two health board members present at the Dec. 10 meeting (Chairman Tom Cook and Alix White) admitted that, in fact, they have NEVER read the "Amended Final Judgment."

The citizens of Cohasset have been told by its Board of Health in a circular that they should attend five public meetings and workshops "to develop a plan" and "let your thoughts be known." A SHAM! In fact, a consulting firm hired by the health board, SEA Consultants, Inc. in Cambridge is writing a plan for presentation to Cohasset citizens just before the March town meeting. And in order to even be considered for the highly touted state funds of $3,000,000 or $500,000 a year for six years, the Cohasset plan must adhere to the rigid "minimum requirements for such plans necessary for obtaining the required DEP approval, 'including mandated inspections' at least once every seven years by a system inspector approved by the Department." (DEP document "dated Oct. 17, 1996").

The Chairman of Cohasset's health board was asked at the Dec. 10 meeting what his position would be if a majority of the citizens at the meetings voted "NO PLAN." His response, "I don't know, guess I'd have to think about it." So much for citizen wishes in his view of democracy. The great Lincoln would weep! Guess Mr. Chairman forgot Lincoln's view of democratic government which millions of our fellow citizens have died defending: "government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

The health board tells us that 60 percent of the town will have on-site septic systems after the proposed sewering is completed and that ONLY 30 percent of the inspected systems will fail. In fact, according to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Essex, Massachusetts (a town north of Gloucester) the failure rate his town is experiencing under this plan, which Essex had rammed down its throat by DEP, is 53 percent. Cohasset's failure rate would likely be 45-55 percent — not 30 percent. Another untruth exposed.

Ed Neal, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Essex stated in a 1-1/2 hour telephone conversation with this writer that it would be stupid and financial suicide for any town to voluntarily adopt this program. He said, "The monetary carrot is not a big enough carrot to make it financially attractive."

It is for these reasons — and several others not enumerated here — that the Cohasset Sewer Commission and the Cohasset Board of Selectmen should disassociate themselves from this proposal now by publicly announcing by vote its intention to ask for an indefinite postponement of any town warrant article proposing such a program currently under consideration by the Board of Health.

Such postponement would give Cohasset homeowners at least some modest measure of relief from the extreme anxiety and anger being created by this outrageous proposal.

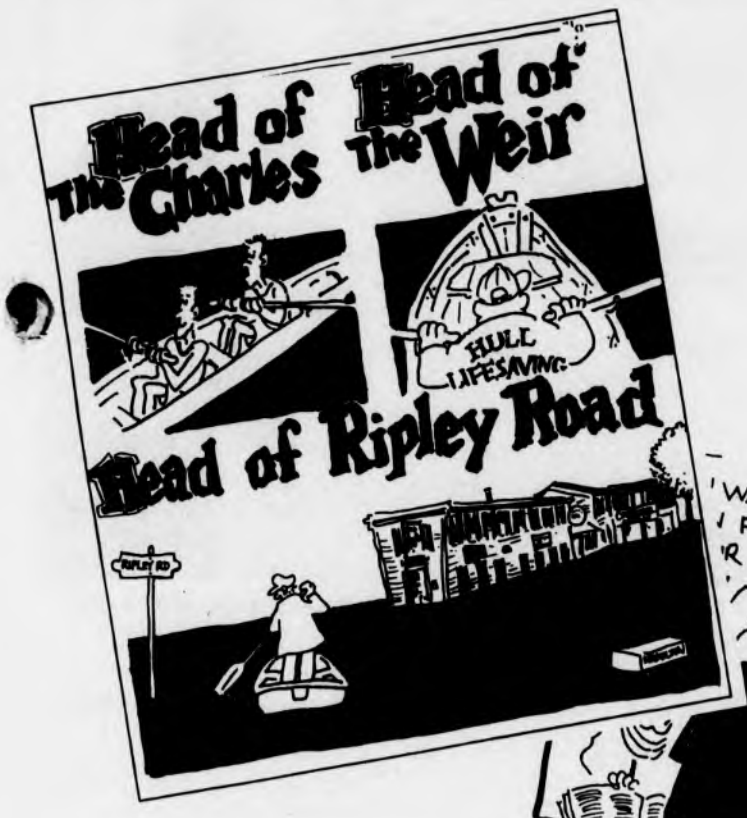
In addition, I urge all citizens to attend the next health board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 7 at Town Hall at 8 p.m. or watch the proceedings on Channel 3. We must state again and again to the health board of Cohasset that we want "NO PLAN." The time to express your views to the Health Board and every other town official is NOW! By the March 29 town meeting it may be too late.

Wigmore A. Pierson
123 Atlantic Ave.

**Signed Nov. 3, 1994 by Cohasset's Board of Selectmen, by Mary B. Griffin, Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and approved as to form by J. Harold Flannery, Justice Superior Court, Suffolk County. This judgment refers to an agreement to sewer sections of Cohasset.*

Some of Our Favorite Cartoons

Here's a look back at 1996 by one of Cohasset's best observers of town life and politics: Jim Hamilton



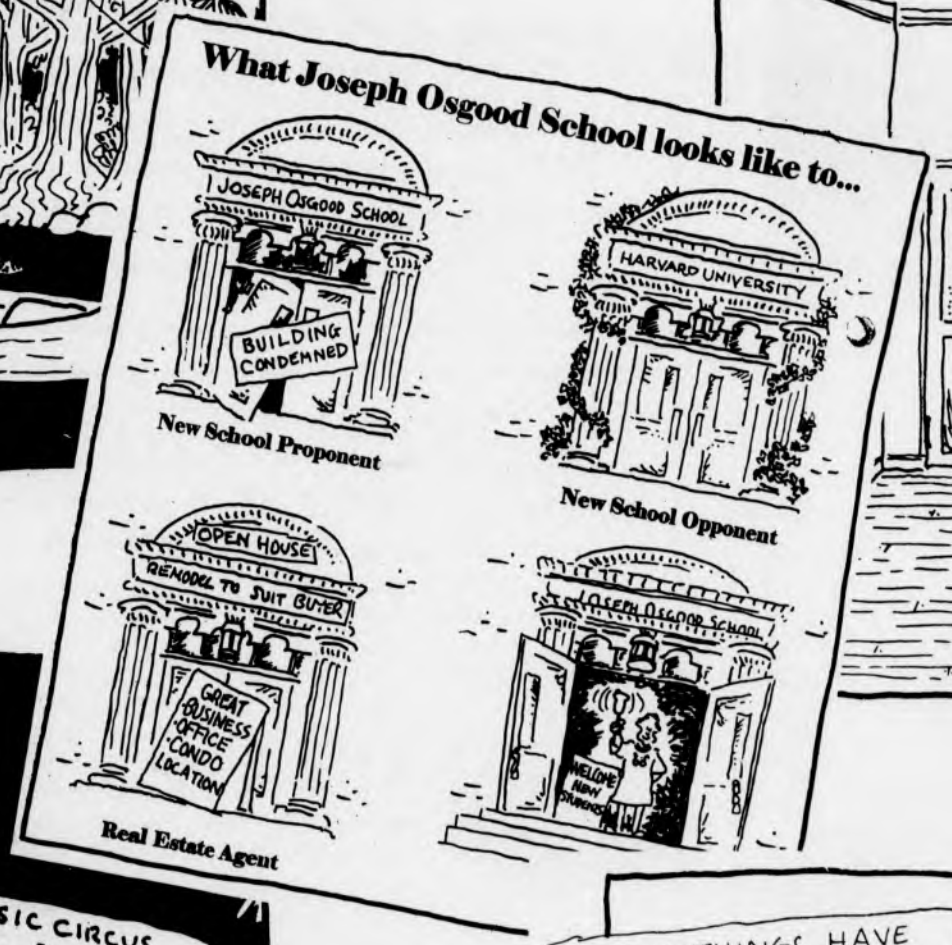
















Year In Review

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sewering north Cohasset, but one of holding off until spring. At that time, financing the project could be joined with that for the 440 homes in central Cohasset, the next part of the town slated for sewers.

Voters also reject an article to move the new school closer to the Deer Hill School.

Two hundred and thirty five sailors in 182 boats compete in the Mass Bay Sailing 1996 BayBank Junior Championships in Cohasset.

Only one resident shows up for the third hearing conducted by the Citizens Mitigation Committee on the impact of the train in town.

Local Rotarians raise $9,000 to fight polio in Kenya.

Selectmen decide not to join Hingham in a lawsuit to fight restoration of the train. The board continues to be split on support for the $215 million restoration project but a majority of selectmen agree not to formally oppose it.

Two Buttonwood Books employees save three kittens by retrieving them from a dumpster and taking them to the Scituate animal shelter.

John Lucitt of Cohasset and a Scituate man help rescue two women from a burning car that clipped a telephone pole and skidded broadside into a tree in Scituate.

SEPTEMBER

School doors open Sept. 4 for 1260 students. This year to alleviate overcrowding at Osgood, the kindergarten classes are moved to the Deer Hill School. Twenty new staff members also start school.

Hurricane Edouard stays off the coast but Cohasset's emergency plans were in place just in case the storm struck a wallop.

'There was nothing major like breaks or tires.'

— Supt. Stephen Hart on the school buses being sidelined for repairs.

Many residents flock to the official opening ceremonies of Alumni Field on Sept. 8.

Water quality problems continue to plague north Cohasset residents. With 100-year-old pipes bringing water to 300-plus homes served by Mass.-American Water Company, residents say they are having to pay too much for an inferior product.

The former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor site on Route 3A is back on the market. Owners hope to sell the 62-acre property for $3.8 million.

A recount in the Sept. 17 primary is possible because there was less than one half of one percent difference between the votes cast for Phil Johnston and Bill Delahunt. But Johnston, a former state representative, wins handily in Cohasset with 275 votes to 107 for Delahunt.

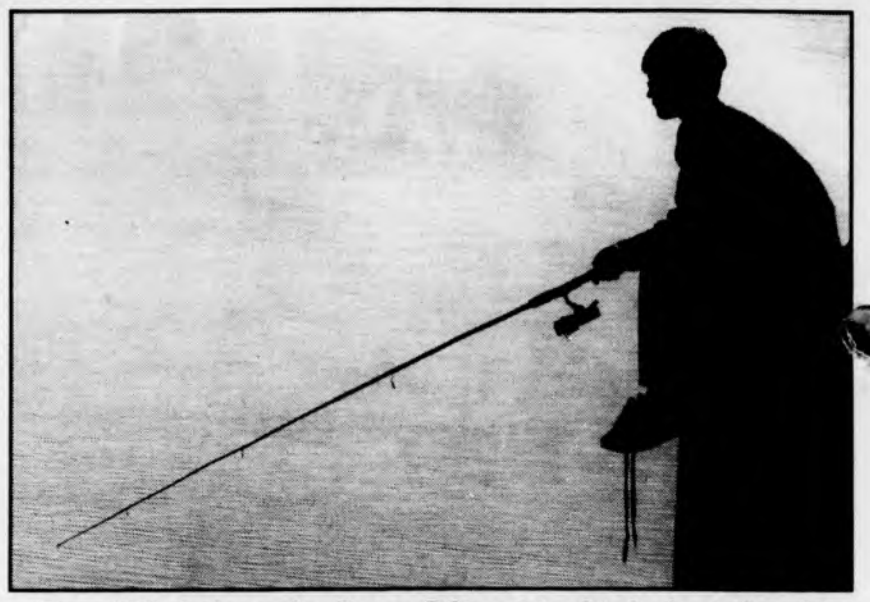
Supt. Stephen Hart says Cohasset's school buses are safe after the Registry of Motor Vehicles sidelines the fleet for various repairs. Later in the month, the school department says it will seek an investigation on the Registry's handling of the matter which turned into a media event.

Government Island could be used as the site for dewatering silt that is dredged from Cohasset harbor, officials announce.

About 45 concerned citizens attend a planning board hearing on the proposed 28-home Jerusalem Road Estates subdivision.

Cohasset's board of health decides to aggressively pursue the $30 million financing program included in this year's Open Space Bond Bill which could provide loans to homeowners who must upgrade their septic systems under Title V.

Rocky Lane residents tell the MBTA and town officials that train tracks planned to cross the entrance to their street would block their only means of exit in the event of an emergency. Officials say they will look into creating an access road for Rocky Lane as a possible solution.



Deer Hill sixth-grader Bryan Bilton tries his luck at the old fishin' hole (actually the reservoir) on the Columbus Day holiday.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

OCTOBER

Debate over the possibility of a village train station heats up with a group of concerned citizens calling for a vote on the matter. Stepping back from their previous support of a village station, selectmen say they need more information about increased traffic and parking before deciding whether to back that site rather than the one proposed for Route 3A.

Cohasset could be a "whistle-free" town if the MBTA's proposed grade crossing plans are used for restored commuter rail service, the town learns. The MBTA explains that some towns have successfully imposed whistle bans to lessen noise and state legislation has allowed the bans.

A Harvest Festival is held in the village as part of the revitalization effort.

More coyote and deer sightings are reported in town.

Under the requirements of a new law, Cohasset police now have a registry of three convicted sex offenders who live in town.

Water rate payers in north Cohasset reach the boiling point over their water bills. Selectman Peter Pratt suggests a solution might be an eminent domain action against Massachusetts-American Water Company. Later this month, town officials plot a rate-attack strategy with Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci and dozens of angry residents from Hingham, Hull and Cohasset march on the statehouse.

'It's a community problem, a cultural problem — I'd rather not point fingers but sit down together to see what we can do as a community, schools, family.'

— Mike Gill, health educator on teen drug problems.

The drug & alcohol committee is devising a petition to circulate around town to unite the community in stopping the illegal purchase and use of drugs and alcohol by minors and the illegal distribution of those substances by adults to minors.

Over objections from Russ Bonetti of Parker Avenue, selectmen will allow the yacht club to continue to store some of its floats on the Hagerty property this winter.

Nancy Buckley of Hingham, a anti-rail activist, launches a sticker campaign to unseat state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray.

As the town pulls together to battle the worst flood in memory which damages 50-to 60 homes and businesses, town officials realize the town's drainage problems must be addressed in their totality to avert a future disaster. The record-breaking nor'easter dumps more than 8-1/2 inches of rain in town, proving too much for James Brook. The excess water backs up into the village and surrounding streets.

The Cohasset Mariner debuts a colorful new look and new icon depicting Minot's Ledge Lighthouse.

School committee member

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Alumni Field Heads Cohasset in Right Direction

Hoopsters, Gymnasts Continue to Impress in '96

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

More often than not, the Cohasset High sports scene heats up during the coldest months of the year. And with three of the four most reliable teams in action, 1997 should get off to a rocking good start.

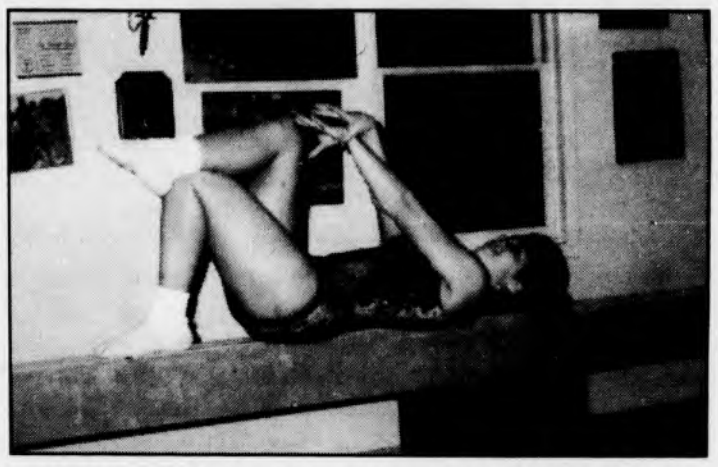
When the weather warms up again, you can expect to see your favorite spring teams playing on new fields, tennis courts and an all-weather track.

The opening ceremonies were finally held for Alumni Field in September, marking a new era in Cohasset sports. Gone are the days of the track team practicing in the high school parking lot and holding its "home" meets at Scituate High. The track is arguably the best in the South Shore League and should help push the Skipper tracksters to new personal best records.

The boys basketball team had its problems during the regular season last winter, but once the tournament arrived the Skippers moved their game up a notch and won their second consecutive Division 3 South Sectional title against Rockland. It was then on to the FleetCenter for Cohasset, but a tough Winchester team proved to be too much for the Skippers on that day and walked away with the Division 3 EMass title.

Torin Sweeney was looking forward, what he believed, to be a rebuilding season after losing several seniors to graduation. Sweeney's goal was to be competitive and give the younger wrestlers as much mat time as possible to gain confidence and experience. Cohasset wound up finishing the season with an impressive 10-6 record, a mark Sweeney would like to

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Cohasset High gymnastics captain Megan Pratt performs a requirement "close to the beam" during a recent Lady Skippers workout.
Photo by Ruthann Ardizzoni

Hoopsters Leave SSL Opponents Blue

By Jim O'Sullivan
Special to the Mariner

The Cohasset High basketball team found gifts under the tree this holiday season as it pulled out wins over both East Bridgewater and Norton during the week before Christmas.

Both were home games and both saw the Skippers play decent defense, but have trouble putting together a consistent offense. Senior center Ryan Bishop played exceptionally well and senior J.L. Williams and junior Paul-Michael Quintin also excelled, especially with their outside shooting.

Quintin knocked down a three-point shot and hit two jumpers, giving him seven quick points. Jamie Buick picked up a steal and fed Williams, who laid it in for two more. Bishop hit a layup and Williams sank a jumper. Bishop closed out Cohasset's slow first half with a layup and the Skippers headed to the locker room trailing 16-15.

Buick started the second half with a turn-around jumper and Williams hit a three-point shot. Burke Davis netted a pair of free throws and Bishop laid one in off the glass. Quintin tossed in one from beyond the arc and Bishop picked up four more points with a layup and two free throws. Quintin pulled up and fired a jumper and Davis weaved through the defenders and made a nifty pass to Bishop for two. Buick pulled along the baseline to sink a jumper and Bishop took another pass from Davis to the rack Quintin's clutch three pointer put the Skippers up by six and a pair of free throws by Davis and one by Quintin iced the victory for Cohasset, 46-39.

The Norton game started as Williams drew first blood, sinking a medium-range jumper. Quintin then caught fire, reeling off nine straight points, all from three pointers. Bishop followed with a layup and a steal, then dished to Davis for the bucket. Williams' two free throws made the score 17-0 and his baseline jumpers gave the Skippers four more. The Lancers finally scored but were answered when Buick snaked through the lane for a layup. Davis swished a three and Bishop's hard work under the boards earned him a pair. His open-court passing set up Pat Hurley, who banked it in and Bishop's layup brought the tally to 32-14. Williams sank two technical free throws and Davis also sank a freebie. Bishop hit a layup and fired a pass to Hurley for another bucket. Hurley then netted two from the charity stripe and Bishop's layup made the halftime score 43-20 in favor of the Skippers.

The second half started as the first had with Williams nailing a jump shot. Bishop grabbed yet another offensive board and put it home and Williams laid one in off the glass. Bishop followed with a layup and sophomore Raheem Shepard chalked three up from the line, giving Cohasset a 54-33 edge.

Matt Belson hit a layup in traffic and Bishop knocked down a free throw. Williams hustled his way along the baseline for a basket and Davis hit two free throws. Brian Kilroy tore down an offensive board in the line and muscled it back through the hoop for a deuce. Cohasset's scoring ended when Davis nailed three from the stripe and Bishop hit one, making the final score 67-58 in favor of the Skippers.

After losing a tough game to Rockland, last Friday night, Cohasset waged a battle against Catholic Memorial on Friday.

EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

Sports Lingo for Beginners

Sports have a language all their own, with clever phrases and names for all sorts of things that happen on and off the field. To the knowledgeable sports fan, the words are all too familiar. But if you don't flip through the sports pages on a regular basis, you just might find yourself confused with the lingo. Here are some definitions of the more commonly used words and names you can refer to the next time you decide to get an update on the world of sports.

• Icing - What your hot chocolate starts to do at a hockey rink where it's exceptionally frigid.

• Suicide Squeeze - You've been looking for a parking place for 30 minutes and finally decide to parallel park in the eight-foot spot you passed 13 times.

• Pacing - What distance runners do while they're waiting in line to use the Port-a-John, five minutes before race time.

• Infield Fly Rule - When you watch a summer softball game past 6 p.m., this term comes into effect like clockwork.

• Bleachers - Assortment of cleaning goods you have to use on your white pants after watching a doubleheader in cheap seats.

• Free Throw - The guy working the game booth at the local fair gives you another try at knocking down the milk bottles and winning a prize.

• Three pointer - When a mechanic changes your oil, tops your fluids and vacuums your seats.

• Direct Kick - What your 6-year-old nephew accidently does to you when you pick him up. Can be extremely painful, depending on the position of the kick.

• Double Play - Bowling three strings then hitting the pool room after for some 8-ball.

• Slide - What your car does on black ice.

• Club House - Usually a cardboard refrigerator box you and a bunch of your friends would cram into when you were little for pointless meetings. Girls were not allowed.

• Fatigue - Funky pants you'd wear at the mall in an attempt to pick up girls.

• Strike out - What usually occurs when you wear fatigues at the mall in an attempt to pick up girls.

• Hit and Run - The process of sucker punching the neighborhood bully then fleeing for your life when he doesn't even flinch.

• Bunt - That cake you dreaded your mother was going to bake for you on your birthday.

• Shaq - The structure in the backyard where you store your lawnmower and other gardening tools.

• Nothing But Net - What the super models wear on the first 10 pages of the Fredericks of Hollywood catalog.

• Indy - That cool character Harrison Ford played in all those adventure movies.

• Hardaway - The tough manner in which to perform a task.

• Relay - What you have to do when you realize the sod lawn you put down the previous day has been stolen.

• Cut-Off Man - That wacky guy in the neighborhood who saves a fortune by making his own shorts.

• Ducks on the Pond - A hunter's dream.

• Draw Play - When it's your turn to give the hints in Pictionary.

• Fungo - A derogatory word in some foreign language.

Cohasset/Scituate Adult Programs

Adult Golf – Dan Neary, $65 for five one-hour classes, Cushing School, at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 9. Payable: Town of Cohasset.

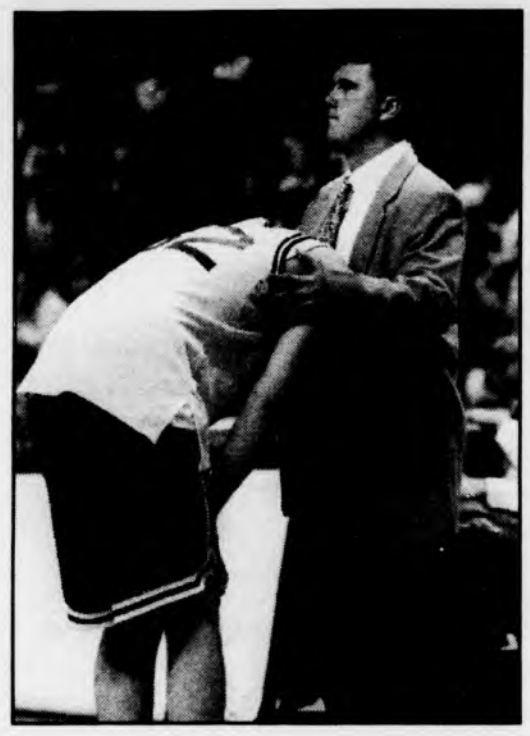
Men's Under 35 Basketball – Gates Jr. High School, Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., through May 21. $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Men's Over 35 Basketball – Gates Jr. High School, Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. through May 22. $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

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January, 1997, Golf Lesson registrations are now – To register or for further details, call either the Cohasset or Scituate Recreation Departments at 383-6791 or 545-8738, respectively.



Cohasset High head basketball coach Ron Ford consoles one of his players during the Skippers' loss in the Division 3 EMass title game against Winchester.
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Gymnasts *Continued from page 11*

improve on this year.

On the gymnastics front, the Lady Skippers scored a three-peat, winning their third consecutive SSL title over Scituate and finishing with an undefeated record. Cohasset was led by a crew of talented gymnasts, including Tafana Fiore, Erica and Tara Hettstrom, Jodi Colwill, Kristen Reynolds, Megan and Carolyn Pratt.

The '95-96 season marked the end of Ruthann Ardizzoni's head coaching duties. Ardizzoni, the backbone to the gymnastics program, decided to step down and concentrate on judging meets. Former Cohasset gymnast Erin Sutherland replaced Ardizzoni, but she still helps out at practices twice per week.

Ken Ekberg's lacrosse team once again qualified for the tournament. The lacrosse squad has become a tourney mainstay and is turning into the most popular male spring sport. Goaltender Ely Kahn had a sensational season in goal for the Skippers and should be even better this spring.

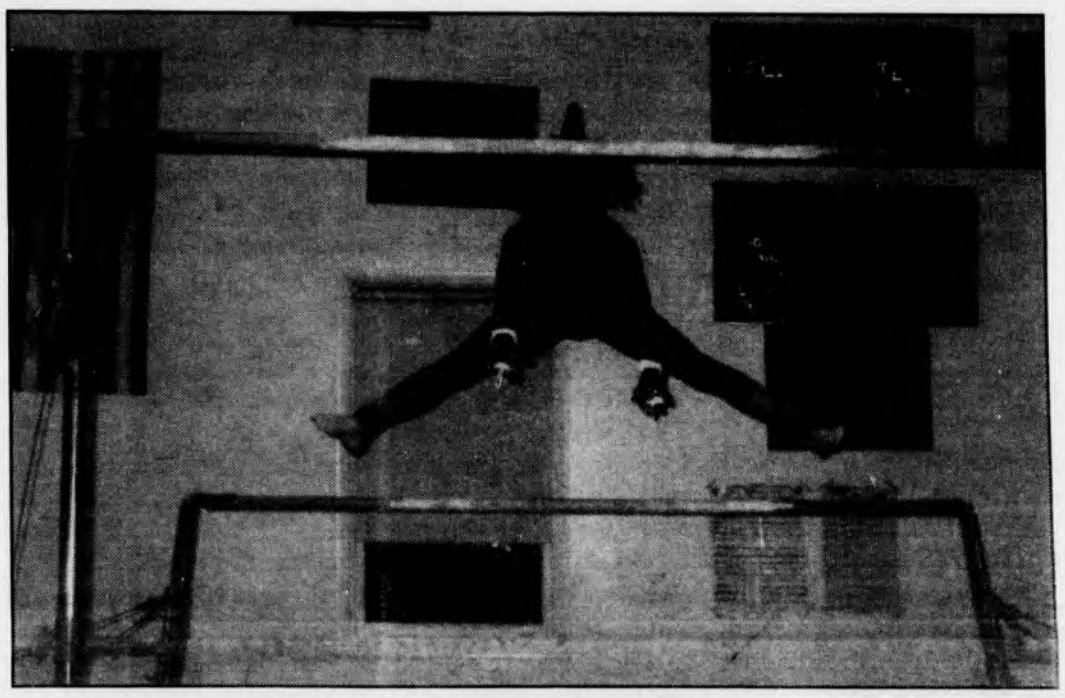
The Cohasset Roadrace-By-the-Sea drew close to 900 runners on a clear, cool day to run. One of the most scenic races in New England, the Cohasset course follows the rolling Jerusalem Road then heads up Forest St. The course is a demanding one, but is moreso on cold, blustery days.

The fall season was a rough one for the Skippers. The varsity football team was back in the SSL, but hardly received a warm reception from its competitors. Scituate won just one game all season, though the future does look bright A seventh and eighth grade team was formed to get the kids used to the game and the basic fundamentals. It may take a couple of years, but head coach Bob Knurek is optimistic of the future.



Cohasset High basketball fans spell out the team's colors on their stomaches during the Dr. 3 EMass final.

Staff Photo/Alan Chapman



Gymnastics captain Erica Hettstrom performs a straddle during a Cohasset High practice.

Photo by Ruthann Ardizzoni

Soccer Club Registration

The Cohasset Soccer Club will have a final registration for the spring 1997 travel teams. All players born before Aug. 1, 1986 who want to play on a team and who did not register in the fall can obtain a registration form at the recreation department office in town hall. Forms may also be obtained by writing to the Soccer Club at P.O. Box 409, Cohasset. The deadline for registration is Jan. 7, 1997. Late registrants cannot be guaranteed a place on a team.

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Jim Kirk announces he will not seek re-election next spring.

Sam Postbrief, 49, of Pond Street is killed in a hit and run accident while riding his bike in Scituate.

Peer counselors at the school-sponsored camp on Cape Cod confiscate marijuana and flush it down the toilet and do not reveal the names of those students involved.

The village station loses in a straw poll held before the special town meeting. The vote was 311 in favor of a Route 3A site and 112 for a station in the village.

Special town meeting voters approve $45,000 to set up a septic system management plan designed to provide financial relief for homeowners with failed or substandard systems. The plan will be available for town meeting action in the spring of 1997.

The special town meeting also approves spending $230,000 more for a public works garage on the town landfill.

NOVEMBER

If Cohasset voters had their way then Bill Weld would be on his way to Washington. The governor lost his bid to unseat incumbent Sen. John Kerry, but won big in Cohasset with 2,332 votes to Kerry's 1,700. The election in which President Bill Clinton was reelected drew 80 percent of Cohasset's registered voters to the polls. State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray and state Sen. Robert Hedlund are both reelected.

Hingham and Cohasset learn they will receive almost $450,000 in state grants to go toward the purchase the 50 acres of undeveloped land at the top of Turkey Hill.

The Coast Guard will loan Cohasset what is believed to be the second lens used at the 145-year-old Minot's Ledge Lighthouse for use in the Replica on Government Island.

Cohasset dedicates town squares to its soldiers lost in Vietnam and Korea.

Selectmen unanimously endorse the Oct. 28 special town meeting "straw poll" calling for a Route 3A train station.

'Hedlund picked his issues and did it well.'

— Polly Logan on the senator's reelection Nov. 5.

Hingham and Cohasset eye sharing a pumping station to help save money. The pumping station would be used for the Straits Pond sewer project which will hook north Cohasset homes up to the Hull treatment plant. Hingham will hook about 110 homes in the West Corner area up to the Hull plant.

The Cohasset Mariner calls for nominations for the 1996 Citizen of the Year Award.

Thirteen young Cohasset ballerinas will perform in Boston Ballet's "The Nutcracker" on-stage at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts.

The fate of the showroom on the Hagerty property has again been bounced by the selectmen back to the Hagerty Property Committee, this time for the committee's comments on a plan to use the site for a marine biology research center. Local oceanographer Kevin Ulmer has resurrected his plan, floated last year, to use the house as a "lobster lab."

Volunteers at the Cohasset Food Pantry are busy stocking the shelves to provide needy families with a Thanksgiving Day feast.

DECEMBER

By the end of the year 2000, the town could have the third volume of its history compiled by local citizens. Selectmen put out the call for volunteers and will appoint a committee of up to 20 people to complete the task expected to take about four years. Seed money for the project was approved at the Oct. 28 special town meeting.

The planning board writes to state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe to state its support for a village train station. The board's action angers selectmen who recently voted to back the Route 3A site.

Area churches host the annual Village Fair on the common.

Whether or not the new DPW garage needs automatic sprinklers is open to interpretation, officials say. The town will seek a ruling from the state on the matter. If sprinklers are needed, it would add about $50,000 more to the cost of the project.

The Chamber of Commerce hosts a village design "charrette" on how to revitalize the downtown area. The rotary and MBTA also contribute to the workshop's cost.

Town administrator Gregory Doyon is appointed as the new town administrator for Abington.

Selectmen announce that a pay-as-you-throw trash program will start in the spring.

'We're trying to get the DPU to tell us what is disputable and how it is done.'

— Hull town manager Phil Lemnios on the high water bills.

Some residents are concerned about the sweeping septic system management plan being planned by the board of health. Local cable TV personality, Wigmore Pierson leads the crusade against the plan at a public meeting on the matter.

Recreation director Jack Worley celebrates 20 years on the job.

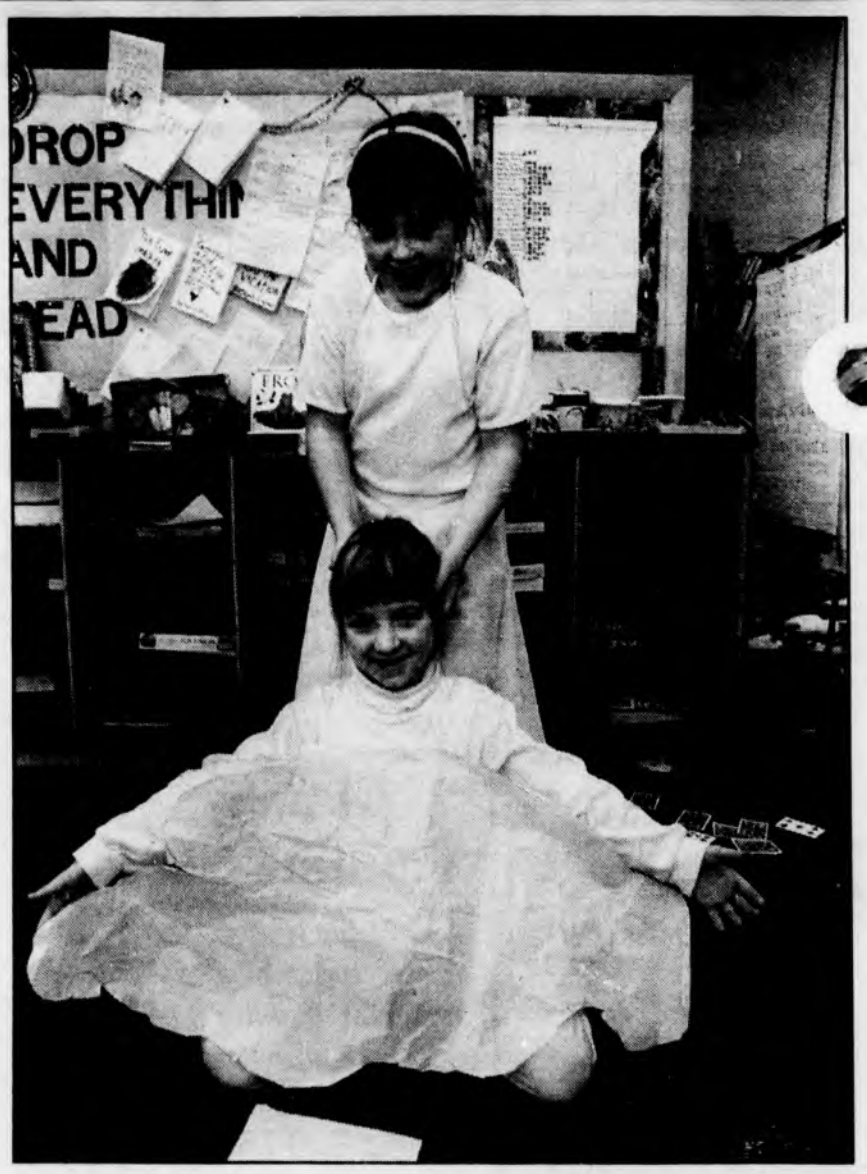
Cable TV rates will rise in 1997, officials learn.

The sewer is coming for sure to about 440 homes in central Cohasset. Officials hope a joint override in the spring that includes the sewer project in north Cohasset will pass so the town can subsidize some of the cost of the projects.

The Hagerty Property committee backs the proposed "Lobster Lab" use of the Hagerty house but selectmen want more details before supporting the proposal.

Selectmen ink a grant application for help in paying for upwards of $1.3 million for flood control measures.

Hull leads the effort in asking the Department of Public Utilities to come up with a policy so Mass.-American Water Users understand what part of their bills is disputable.



'Angel' Colleen Richardson fluffs up the 'cloud' Ryan Ingram (below) during rehearsal for Mrs. Collins' second-grade winter pageant at the Osgood School.

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Second only to lung cancer, breast cancer is a leading cancer killer of women. The best defense against this disease is early detection. Fortunately, when detected early enough, breast cancer has a 90% cure rate.

In educating yourself about the disease, you should know that some women stand a greater risk of getting breast cancer than others. According to the American Cancer Society, the following factors increase your chance of developing breast cancer:

- over the age of 50
- history of breast cancer in your close family (mother, sister)
- first childbirth after age of 30
- never having children
- obesity (weighing 40% more than your recommended weight)

In assessing these risk factors, please note that they are just that, risk factors. They are not absolute indications of breast cancer because the majority of women with these risk factors do not develop breast cancer. Being aware of the risk factors, however, should alert you to the importance of regular screening for breast cancer.

As we noted last week, all three methods of screening - Breast Self Exam, Clinical Breast Exam and Mammography - are essential in the fight against breast cancer. If the disease is caught when the cancer is small and localized, the likelihood of needing to have a mastectomy is significantly reduced. A mastectomy is the surgical removal of the entire breast.

Precisely because we are doing a better job of early detection, mastectomies are not as necessary or as common as they used to be. If the cancerous tumor is small and has not spread beyond the breast, a lumpectomy is equally effective. A lumpectomy is the surgical removal of the cancerous lump/tumor and a small amount of surrounding tissue. Overall, the breast is saved.

As a radiation oncologist, I specialize in using radiation to combat cancer and I see the progress we are making in refining treatment. With advanced equipment, we can focus the radiation beam more precisely to eradicate or minimize the tumor. In the process, we conserve more of a patient's healthy tissue and reduce negative side effects.

Of course, in dealing with breast cancer there are no easy answers. Every case is unique and must be reviewed accordingly. Certain patients will require localized treatment such as surgery or radiation, others a more systemic approach such as chemo- or hormonal therapy. There is, however, plenty of information about all aspects of the disease from detection to emotional reactions to breast reconstruction. Your local chapter of the American Cancer Society is a valuable and free resource. Take advantage of this public service to educate yourself.

There are also many books on breast cancer. I recommend **Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book** by Susan Love, M.D.. It is a guide for gathering information, understanding the diagnosis and choosing treatment. Informative and clearly written, it is an excellent education tool for those concerned about breast cancer.

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Forum on Youth Drug and Alcohol Abuse Draws Crowd

Acceptance That Problem Exists is Important Step

By Stacey K. Powers
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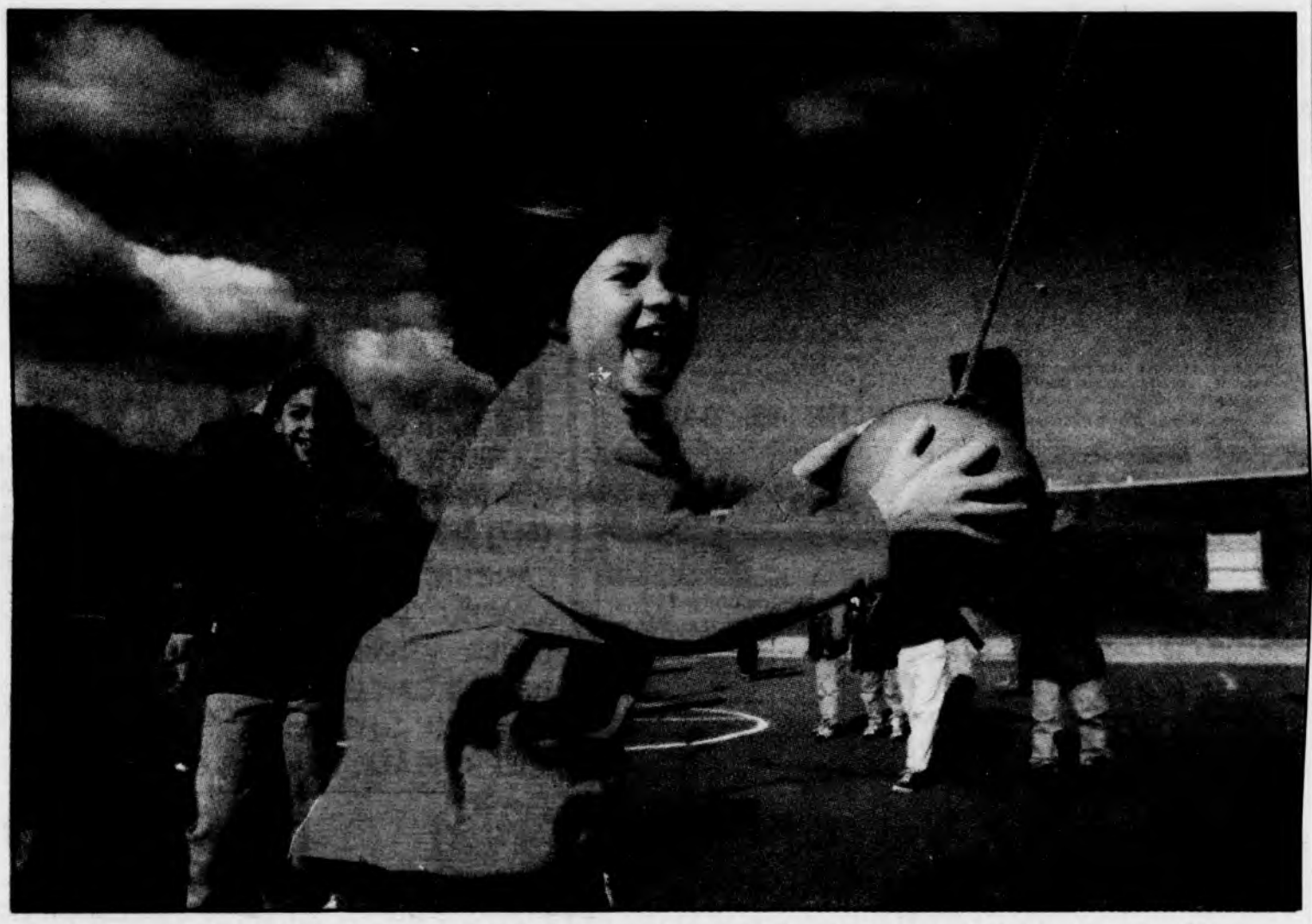
The town-appointed Drug & Alcohol Committee met Tuesday night before what would prove to be the group's largest showing of concerned citizens to date in the history of the Committee, officials said.

Before a standing room only crowd, the Committee's co-chairman, Craig Muir, expressed his appreciation for the show of support.

"This is an important meeting for the Committee as well as the town," Muir said.

For this special meeting, the Committee sent out approximately 40 invitations inviting various members of the community to participate in the open forum discussing the issues facing the youngsters of the community. Half of the invited guests, including three high school students; a member of the clergy; a police officer; Mike

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Fourth-grader Lisa Spirito plays tetherball during recess at Deer Hill. For more photos, see page 12.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Reading Specialist Proposed at Osgood School

By Jason Bouffard
COHASSET MARINER

Call it a sign of the times. More and more kids are coming into the schools with speech and language difficulties.

Osgood School Principal Marilee Cantelmo informed the school committee of this issue during last week's discussion of the school's budget proposal. Part of the school's 1997-1998 budget is aimed at combating the problem.

The budget calls for a new position, a reading specialist to assist students and to help teachers learn better strategies to teach reading.

According to Cantelmo, the school has used reading specialists in the past. Under Title 1, the position was federally funded, but the town

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Walsh Still has That Coaching Passion

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Dennis Walsh appreciates talent when he sees it. But Cohasset High's varsity hockey coach "admires effort" put in by athletes a heck of a lot more.

"I'm a positive person," said Walsh. "I believe people should go out and play 100 percent. If they do that I'm happy. I look at effort more than talent.

"(Former Boston Bruin) Terry O'Reilly was an athlete who gave a complete effort every time he went on the ice."

Walsh, a computer and math teacher at Cohasset High, has been coaching hockey since the ripe old age of 15 when he was growing up in Canada. Unlike today, parents weren't as involved in local hockey, which left the older kids to show the youngsters the fundamentals of the game.

Walsh went on to play junior hockey and began teaching in North Quebec in 1963 after graduating from Saint Francis Xavier College in Nova Scotia. Walsh played on the football team in college, but not hockey. He ended up in Cohasset in 1969 as a football coach and assistant to Ted McDermott's hockey squad for 12 years.

Walsh was out of the sport completely for five years before getting back on the ice coaching.

"I've coached all but five years as an assistant or head

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Cohasset's Week

Fire Chief's Contract Approved

Selectmen approved a three-year contract for Fire Chief Roger Lincoln this week. The first year of the contract (from Nov. 1, 1996 to Oct. 31, 1997) Lincoln's salary will be $54,500. It goes to $56,000, in the second year and $57,000 in the third year.

In a telephone interview, Lincoln said he is happy with the contract.

This is the second, three-year contract for Lincoln who was appointed permanent fire chief in November 1993. He had served as acting chief for about four months following the resignation of John Nadeau in July of 1993.

Lobster Lab Support Urged

Jack Hubbard, 144 Beach St., wrote to selectmen Dec. 26, urging them to support the "Lobster Lab" proposed for the Hagerty house off Parker Avenue.

"I believe the proposal has great potential to provide the schools and citizens of Cohasset with a very exciting and worthwhile organization which will benefit everyone," Hubbard wrote.

The "Lobster Lab," proposed by resident Kevin Ulmer, a member of the health board, would be a learning laboratory for marine biology and research.

Town History Group Needs Volunteers

Selectmen said this week the Committee on Town History, which will compile the next volume of the town's history, needs ten more interested citizens. So far, ten people have signed up and town meeting set the committee size at 20.

A citizen-at-large is also needed to serve on the Greenbush Mitigation Committee, selectmen said this week. The Conservation Commission needs an associate member and the mosquito control committee has a vacancy. Interested citizens should stop by or call the selectmen's office at 383-9900.

Garage Change Orders Approved

Selectmen approved four change orders for construction of the DPW garage this week. Skylights will be eliminated and a row of acrylic lights will be added to the overhead doors; the plumbing drain line will also be relocated; and a single phase truck lift motor will be installed. The $5,600 savings from not installing the skylights covers the costs of the other change orders.

Gjesteby is MAPC Representative

This week, selectmen reappointed Martha Gjesteby of Old Pasture Road to serve as the town's representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), a regional planning agency. They will ask Gjesteby to give them a run down on where the town stands on the state Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) list at an upcoming meeting.

Watershed Grant is Supported

After a lengthy discussion Monday, selectmen authorized John McNabb Jr. of the Water Resources Protection Committee to submit a grant application to the Massachusetts Environmental Trust. They will also send a letter of support for the $12,000 grant which will be used to conduct a public information and education campaign for residents of the reservoir watershed area.

The town, which would provide $3,000 in matching funds, would have to appropriate all the money, most likely from water revenue, and would be reimbursed on a quarterly basis, McNabb explained.

He said one criteria for the grant is to show support for the program with local funding or other support.

"I thought it was painless for us to pay $3,000," McNabb said.

He said the program will identify every residency within the watershed district and target non-point pollution such as lawn chemicals and motor oil. Then planners would conduct a public education campaign to identify potential threats from homes, businesses and industries in the area, he said.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris questioned the need

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Grant...

for money to provide education.

"I'm not sure what it's buying [illegible]?" she asked and suggested that an article or two in the Mariner could accomplish the same thing.

But McNabb stressed that mailing is a more effective means of making direct contact and that education is a major part of any water protection program.

"We can't educate them if we don't know who they are and we can't educate without informing them," he said.

Selectman Nan Roth said she liked the idea of taking a "census" of the watershed district but was concerned that the education effort may be a duplication. She asked if other brochures were available that provide education on pollutants.

Selectman Peter Pratt, who is enthusiastic about the proposed program, said there are no brochures and that people in the district have all kinds of questions that need to be addressed, such as 'Can I build a deck?'.

Pratt praised McNabb's efforts and noted the program would include the 40 percent of the watershed district that is in Norwell.

"It will be great to be in close contact with Norwell," Pratt said.

Retirements are Acknowledged

Selectmen acknowledged the retirements of firefighter/EMTs Paul McGaffigan and John T. Boswell this week.

The board will send them letters of thanks for their many years of service.

Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown said the vacant positions created by the retirements will be filled.

Custodial Services are Debated

As part of budget discussions for fiscal year 1998, which starts July 1, selectmen will look into either contracting out the town hall custodial services or hiring a part-time custodian.

Town Administrator Gregory Doyon said town hall "needs someone to be there to maintain security and to handle the grunt work that has to be done from time to time."

The town has contracted out for the custodial services on an as-needed basis since long-time custodian Polly Litchfield retired in the fall.

Doyon suggested the town hire a town hall custodian for 21 hours a week or three full days a week at a cost of $11,725.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she supports hiring a custodian. She said a private service provides no savings and there is more convenience with a custodian.

But selectman Peter Pratt said it was time the town looked at custodial services in the aggregate in order to provide better facilities management and modern operational practices throughout town.

Selectmen decided to try to reach a decision on how to handle custodial services by town meeting.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said the time frame is important because while he supports hiring a custodian for town hall, he didn't want to have to let that person go if selectmen opted to contract the service out.

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Sun. 12	1:10	11.0	7:14	1:26	11.8	7:46
Mon. 13	2:03	11.0	8:08	2:21	11.3	8:38
Tues. 14	2:57	10.8	9:05	3:18	10.7	9:33
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Alcohol Abuse

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Gill, director of the health education program at the high school; Deborah Sirois, a specialist with the Massachusetts Prevention Center and various parents, represented the diverse group.

The session began with Muir presenting background on the history of the Drug & Alcohol Committee, detailing their "tremendous frustration" with how little visible support they have received in their endeavors over the years as well as the renewed vigor they have experienced following several recent meetings.

"We were getting nowhere and were just about ready to disband the Committee until some concerned parents started showing up and discussing the issues and that proved to us that there really were people out there who were interested in what we are trying to do," Muir said.

"The first step is to define the problem," Muir explained. "The second step is accepting that the problem exists here in our community and the third step is to move forward and deal with the problem as a community."

Special guest at the meeting was Deborah Sirois, a specialist with the Massachusetts Prevention Center.

"We are here for your town to offer resources as well as encouragement," she said. Funded by the Department of Public Health, the Center aids towns across the state in coping with such issues as drug and alcohol abuse among youngsters.

"Cohasset is not an insular community. You are affected by goings on in a large culture that includes a lot of factors," she said. "There is not just one answer. Prevention is ongoing and it has to become a part of how a community functions in order for the numbers to decrease."

Mike Gill explained to the group his role in the struggle to control the rising number of junior and senior high school students who are experimenting and regularly using drugs and alcohol.

> ***'If we learn how to accept it, we can learn how to deal with it.'***
>
> **— Craig Muir, D&A Committee.**

"The Health Education Program was first thought of in 1974 by a group of concerned parents who petitioned the School Committee to fund a program at the high school. It didn't become a reality until a tragic accident in 1980 convinced the School Committee to go forward." Gill is the architect of the school-based program.

Prompted by a question from a parent wanting to know "how does the Health Department work with the Drug & Alcohol Committee?", Gill explained that every couple of years the health departments across the nation circulate a 'surprise' risk behavior questionnaire to students which covers a broad scope of questions covering everything from nutrition to sex, violence, drugs and alcohol. The students have no prior notification of the survey which, Gill said, hopefully encourages them to answer honestly. After reviewing the survey with the Drug & Alcohol Committee, Gill sent a copy of some of the key results of the survey home to parents, along with a letter inviting them to attend a meeting to discuss the survey in early June of 1996.

"We invited 600 families and less than 50 people showed up," said Muir. "Maybe people just don't care."

One parent voiced her objection saying that "people do care but every parent cannot go to every meeting." She also said she felt that "Cohasset is an extremely small town with a small number of kids exhibiting aberrant behavior. Our kids are not bad, they're just making bad choices."

Gill also pointed out that timing has a lot to do with how well the crowd turns out for such meetings, saying that often "people not showing up is not a lack of interest" and that "people deal with the problems in different ways."

When asked what the current trend is and where Cohasset is at, Gill said that "In meeting with my colleagues across the state, I know the certain types of drug use on the rise. There are national trends that affect many schools." He told the crowd how he bases his curriculum partly on the results of the surveys and his discussions with other health educators. "This problem has been present in our society for hundreds of years. The battle is not going to end but we can minimize it and work together to change the cultural factors that affect us," he said.

One parent asked Gill what the school's position would be on an issue concerning the solicitation of marijuana on school grounds, to which he responded that "kids have been suspended after being caught

"Kids will always figure out a way to get away with what they want, but a school system cannot prevent every problem. Cohasset enforces better than any other school system around, and there are fewer problems at our junior and senior high schools than a lot of other places in the state," he said. "I'm not saying it's a perfect place — there's always room for improvement."

"This community is so negative," said a parent. "We don't promote the good that goes on here, and I blame the media and the schools for the negative publicity." She pointed out how in recent news Cohasset was reported as scoring high across the board on a statewide survey of public schools and she never saw any mention in the papers of this achievement.

Several of the students present, two tenth graders and one ninth grader, pointed out various incidents where kids have been harassed for not going along with the crowd and taking drugs and drinking alcohol. "Some kids are leaving Cohasset schools to go to private schools because of the verbal and sometimes physical abuse they are receiving fr[illegible] other kids. it can get stressful," one student pointed out.

Gill told the crowd that he welcomes any help from parents to join forces in promoting drug and alcohol awareness in schools and that attending the quarterly Health Committee meetings would be a good way to get involved. He invited the crowd and anyone else interested to attend the next meeting Jan. 21 at the guidance conference center at the high school. He also gave recognition to the Safe Homes program, started by the Drug & Alcohol Committee, which is a parents network designed to keep the lines of communication open and inform people where and when a potential party could take place.

Muir said "Mike Gill can educate the kids, but who will educate the parents?" The crowd seemed to be in agreement that the community should work together with the school system to combat the problem, not against them.

"We need a community group concerned about Cohasset," one parent said. "We learn from each other's shared experiences," another parent responded. "It's both healthy and helpful to glean information from each other." One parent suggested that Cohasset should have a parenting forum to raise the awareness level of the problems facing the community.

"If we learn how to accept it, we can learn how to deal with it," Muir said.

In closing, Sirois said "Often times the punitive road leads to frustration and minimal rewards. A better way would be to show that as a community you have zero tolerance for drug and alcohol use among kids.

"A 'norm' has been established here that has become accepted. As a community, you need to set a new 'norm' and re-define what that is." She also commended the group of concerned citizens for their eagerness to find a solution, saying that "there is no wrong answer. Everything you do is a step forward."

The next open meeting of the Drug & Alcohol Committee will be Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. All citizens are welcome to attend.



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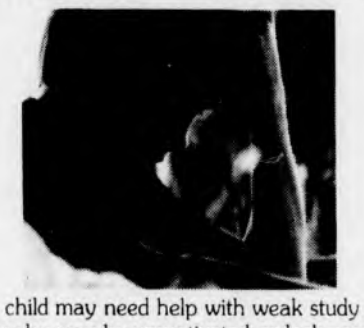
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The Task Force on Spirituality and Healing of the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset has scheduled their second workshop for the general public under the heading of "Pathways to Healing II." At last November's "Pathways to Healing I," four area practitioners shared their expertise and insights with an inspired audience. With a request for a more in-depth experience, just two practitioners will present at "Pathways to Healing II" Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset (next to Town Hall).

Dr. Bruce Indek, a local chiropractor, will present a talk on "Universal Innate Healing Energies" to help us understand some of the basic interconnections involved in natural and spiritual healing practices. Then, Charles Mangat-Raj ("Raj"), a local, retired Yoga master will share thoughts and techniques on breath and its role in Yoga practice. The event is free and open to the public. Call 383-0345 for directions or further information.

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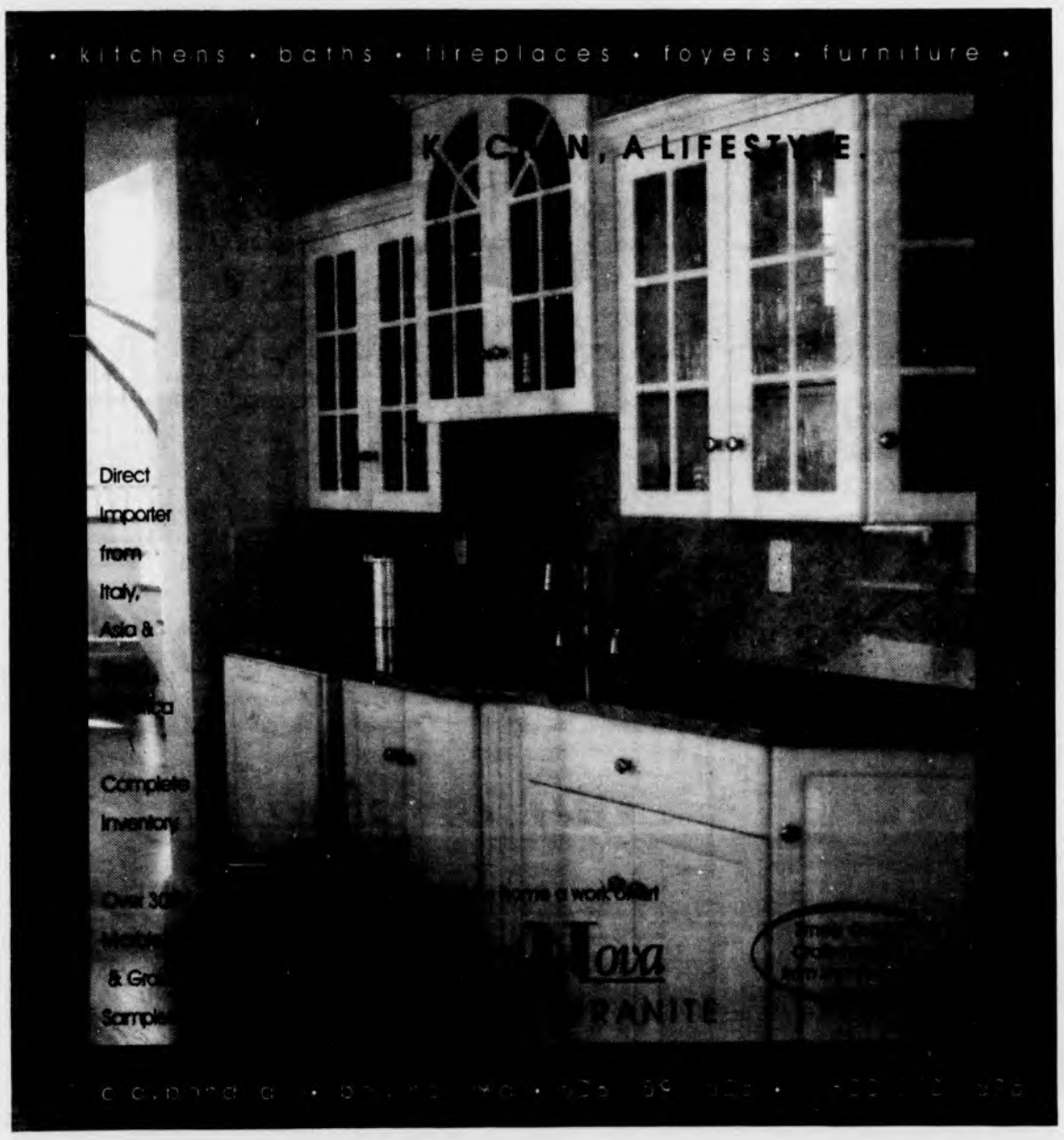
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Lobster Lab's Fate Up to Town Meeting

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Town meeting will have the final say on whether or not the town-owned Hagerty house will be leased to a non-profit corporation.

But whether the article will be placed in the warrant by selectmen or by citizens' petition is still unclear.

Local resident and health board member Kevin Ulmer has proposed turning the former Cohasset Colonials showroom into a "lobster lab," a marine biology research and learning facility. A majority of the Hagerty Property Committee, charged with developing a plan for the 2.2 acre site off Parker Avenue, back Ulmer's plan.

Selectmen are undecided about supporting the proposal.

But they are feeling pressure to decide because the house which has been empty for nearly four years is deteriorating.

R. M. Campbell, president of the Cohasset Lightkeeper's Corporation, which would lease the house and refurbish it for the Lobster Lab, said Monday the roof on the house is leaking and the floors are starting to buckle.

Selectmen said they would hold a space open on the special town meeting warrant for an article to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to lease the house to a non-profit group.

But the board has compiled a six-page draft list of questions about the marine biology project which they gave to Campbell and the school department this week for them to start formulating answers.

And it is not clear what terms of the lease would be spelled out in the article. Selectman Peter Pratt suggested a 10-year renewable lease but Selectman Nan Roth thought that was too long and wanted the lease to be shorter.

Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown explained that the article must be in the special town meeting warrant to be addressed this fiscal year. Articles in the regular town meeting take effect in fiscal year 1998 which starts July 1.

Citizens petitions require 100 signatures to be included in the special town meeting, Brown said.

Murray said Tuesday, the Lightkeepers may still seek the 100-signature petition because the group is not sure what direction the language in the selectmen's article will take.

In a Jan. 7 letter to selectmen, he said the terms of the lease should be sensible.

"No group of good and sane citizens would go through the multitudinous torments of fund-raising, permitting, coordination of architects and contractors, etc. etc. etc. without assurance that the results of their efforts will endure for many years.

"A four or five year term is ridiculous, and would be an insult to responsible citizens," Murray said.

Selectmen will ask the building inspector for a report on the condition of the Hagerty house.

The town bought the Hagerty property nearly four years ago with the understanding that it would be turned into a passive recreational area available for all town citizens to use.

Salary increases Awarded

This week selectmen approved the following step-rate increases:

• For Jane E. Hoskins, a billing clerk at the fire department, $12.76 per hour up from $12.16, effective Feb. 3;

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Jennifer Plante Takes the Stage in London

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Hey, guess what? **Jennifer Plante** is in London for two weeks with classmates from the Oscar Hammerstein II School of the Arts performing a Greek Drama, "Trojan Women," by Andrei Serban.

Jennifer, a graduate of Cohasset High School and Tufts University, is a second-year graduate student at Columbia University School of Fine Arts in New York City. Jennifer's former drama coach and English teacher, **Mr. Ron Emmons,** as well as CHS Latin teacher, **Mr. Tom O'Neill,** should be pleased to know that this production is in LATIN!!

Not to worry, **Jen,** the audience will never know if you make a mistake. Break a Leg! And, remember that we here in little Cohasset are all behind you, and proud of you!

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Speaking of budding actresses, did all of you happen to see **Marilyn Adams** on Channel Five last Sunday, promoting some great looking homes? Geez, if she ever decides not to sell them, she has the gift to sell whatever she wishes on television!

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Oh boy, is **Renee Prisble** ever excited and proud! She just had a piece of sculpture accepted by Cozzi Iron and Metal, Inc., in connection with the School of Art Institute in Chicago. Renee's main interest is in using metal, ceramic and wood, but she has also designed some fine jewelry! Check out her family members when you see them, we understand that her work is dazzling, and that she gave them as presents for Christmas. Think that they are pleased and proud to wear them, you bet!

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Please give a huge Cohasset welcome to **Sam Murphy,** brand new son of **Sarah** and **David Murphy**, who was born Dec. 30! Sam joins his two older brothers, **Chris** and **Jack,** and you just know that they are thrilled!

As are grandparents who are all right here in Cohasset, **Anna** and **Mike Abbruzze** and **Marsha** and **Rich Murphy** — by the way, that little bundle of joy makes the seventh boy for the Abbruzzee grandparent clan — their one girl reigns (her name is Kelsey!!)

We will undoubtedly be seeing Sam "Around Town" within a very short period of time, we always see Sarah and the rest of the clan walking and being busy---and you know that he will be adorable!

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We know that everyone loves the Boston Bruins, they are our team, right? Well, we have a reason to cheer for the St. Louis Blues too! If you remember, years ago we used to tell you about **Jim Campbell,** son of **Whitey Campbell** and **Eleanor (Tower) Campbell** (CHS grads, '58 and '59.)

Anyway, the Blues met the Bruins last month, and Jim got two goals and one assist — he is tied for scoring lead — also tied for the league lead with five game-winning goals! He was even mentioned in USA Today! Here is a true star on the rise, watch for his name and be happy and proud for him!

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We have heard some great news, to tell it is just so nice — congrats go to **Ely Kahn** (Harvard), **Nichole L. Santoro** (Salve Regina University), **Holly Brennock** (Emerson College) **Karen Niessink** (Babson and St. Michaels), **Mark Whitman** (Babson) and **Chris Laas** (MIT). All of these students have been accepted, early decision, to the colleges linked with their names — again, we applaud you, and know how happy you must be to know where you go next — it sure is tough times for the senior class, waiting, wondering, watching the mail — we have all been there!

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The next meeting of the Colonel Thomas Lothrop Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held Sunday, Jan. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Light Keepers House in Cohasset Harbor. The outstanding program will be presented by **Bob** and **Gerda Edmunds,** who have been enthusiastic amateur genealogists for about three decades. They have worked extensively on their won lineages and attempted to help others as well. Bob's family tree extends back to several Mayflower passengers, including **John Alden** and **Priscilla Mullins**. This prompted his curiosity about the Alden family, involving him in the activities of the Alden Kindred of America, Inc. and the John Alden House in Duxbury. He is currently compiling a computer data base of Alden descendants which has grown to about 31,000 individuals! Gerda's own ancestry is strictly German, she has traced her own family tree to the 1300s! She is currently the director of the Family History Center at the Later Day Saints Church in Hingham. The Chapter members are inviting all who are interested in genealogy to attend. Please let the chapter know by calling **Nancy O'Toole** at 383-1547.

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Obituaries

Richard Donovan

Richard Edward "Dick" Donovan, 69, of Cohasset, a retired investment firm executive and a former pitcher for the Boston Braves, died Jan. 6 at South Shore Hospital, South Weymouth.

Mr. Donovan pitched for the Braves from 1950 to 1952, the Detroit Tigers in 1954, and for the Chicago White Sox from 1955 to 1960. He pitched in three games for the white Sox in the 1959 World Series.

He pitched for the Washington Senators in 1961 and for the Cleveland Indians from 1962 to 1965, when he retired.

He spent a total of 15 years as a major league pitcher. His best year was in 1961 with the Senators when his ERA (earned run average) was 2.40. The next year, when he was with the Cleveland Indians, he was a 20-game winner, had a 3.59 ERA and was named the pitcher of the year in the American League. His lifetime ERA was 3.67.

He attended many investment courses and went on to work for Eastman & Dillon in Boston and was executive vice president for Bache & Co. in Boston.

He later opened his own real estate appraisal office in Quincy before retiring in 1994.

He also was a distributor for Earth Care Products of Massachusetts in Quincy, which features such products as outdoor benches made from 100 percent recycled plastic.

Mr. Donovan was born Dec. 7, 1927 in Boston and was a member of the class of 1945 at North Quincy High School. He served in the Navy.

He lived in Cohasset for more than 30 years.

He was a member of the Cohasset Golf Club.

He leaves his wife, Patricia J. (Casey) Donovan; a son, Peter C. Donovan, and a daughter, Amy J. Donovan, both of Cohasset; a brother, James Donovan of Needham; a sister, Eleanor Papile of Quincy; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Jan. 9 at St. Anthony's Church. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., handled the arrangements.

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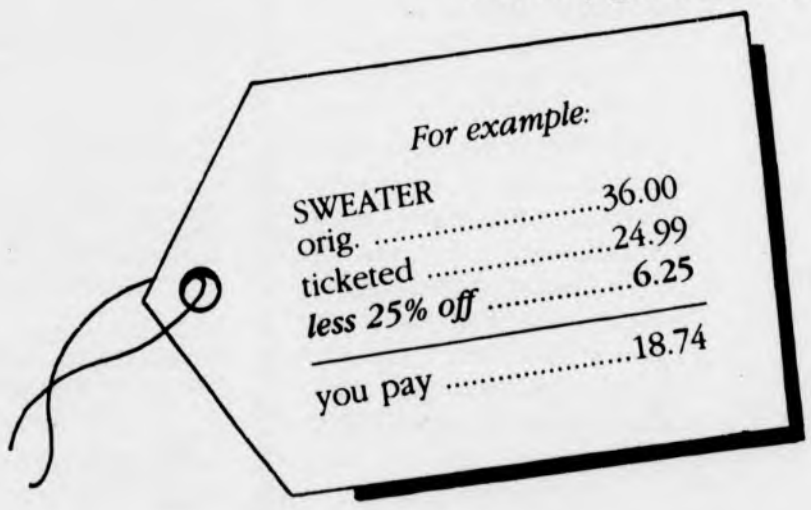
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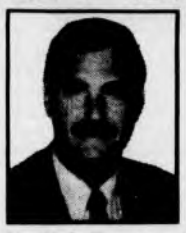
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Thanks for Speaking Up

Before 1997 gets too far along, we still have some important 1996 business to attend to.

Some of the following names may be familiar to you, others may not be. But the people attached to these names all have one thing in common: they wrote at least one letter-to-the-editor in 1996.

A few wrote thank you's to the people of Cohasset or organizations for their help or support; others complained about a decision or lobbied to have their views considered; while still others educated us about programs, problems or activities.

But no matter what the subject — putting pen to paper to share your views with your fellow citizens is important. The First Amendment is close to our hearts here in the newspaper business and at no time do we appreciate it more than when ordinary citizens, like those listed here, take advantage of their Freedom of Speech. And what better vehicle is there than your local paper?

So here at the Cohasset Mariner, we salute the following local citizens:

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Sometimes it takes a good dose of courage to let your voice be heard but we think it's worth it. Often one voice is all the inspiration needed to propel others to action.

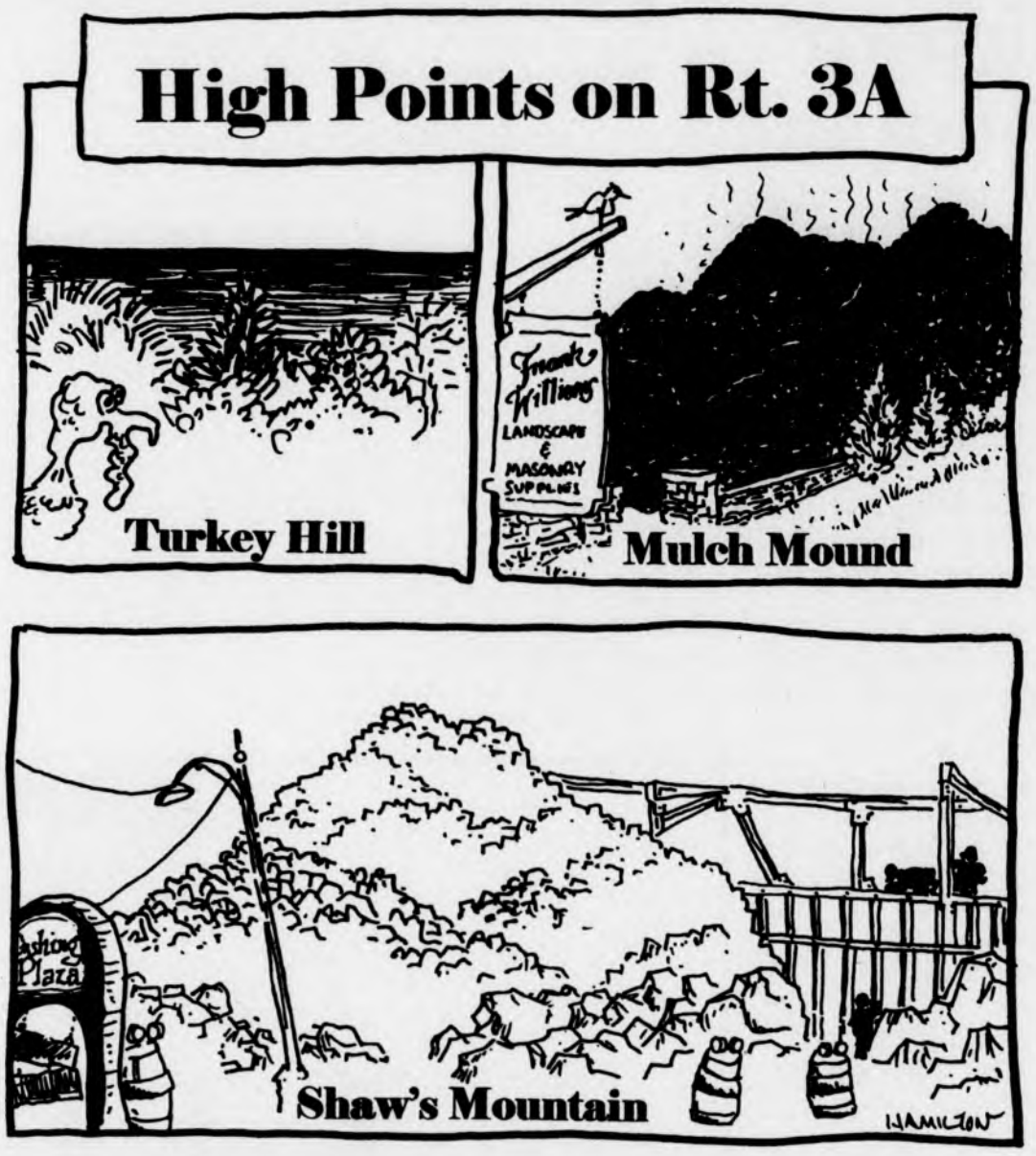
This year, the Cohasset Mariner set a new record. We received 220 letters-to-the-editor in 1996 from 168 different people or groups.

To those of you that have thought about writing and haven't, please reconsider. To those whom we hear from on a regular basis, keep writing!

There are lots of weeks to go in the New Year — which will be filled with events, decisions, happenings and controversy.

Let us hear what you think in 1997.

— Mary Ford
Editor



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for Help in Refurbishing Teachers' Lounge

To the Editor:

This is a letter of thanks to the community of Cohasset for all the help and encouragement the Deer Hill School Council received over the Christmas break while working hard to refurbish the teachers' lounge at the school. It was apparent to the parent representatives and community representatives on the School Council that there was no better way to show our gratitude and support for the teachers at the school than to put our backs and time into painting, stenciling and re-doing the lounge.

Prior to this project, the room boasted brown walls, a stained ceiling, an ancient refrigerator that had only one shelf left inside, dark stained pine tables, and cabinets with torn off Formica, and a finish that looked as if they had been left in the parking lot over the summer! The microwave was not big enough to heat two cups of soup simultaneously! There was a "wall" made of a piece of eight foot plywood leaning against a partition to separate the lounge from the curriculum directors office!

The picture has changed, primarily due to the hard work of Mr. Paul Callahan, the principal, and the council members. Hancock Paint was very generous in donating 15 gallons of paint. Joanne Reed, of Reed's Country Way, went out of her way to donate two three-foot window boxes, and to help fill them with beautiful plants at cost. Smith Appliance was very quick to come forward with a beautiful new refrigerator at their cost and delivered at no cost. The PSO, on very short notice, agreed to a donation which funded the refrigerator. The Maher family on Old Pasture Rd. has generously given their 2-year-old kitchen cabinets to the project, which is greatly appreciated.

The work to pull this project together on short notice was accomplished because the community listened and acted to help the council reach its goal, and surprise the teachers with a special kind of a gift. We, the council, want to send a heart-felt THANK-YOU!

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Local DAR Chapter Seeks New Members

Jan. 12 Meeting Focuses on Finding Roots

By Elise Aymer
COHASSET MARINER

In the aftermath of its centennial, Cohasset's Col. Thomas Lothrop chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is reaching out to the community and trying to attract new members.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is an organization made up of the descendants of people who supported the patriot side, whether through military service or other contributions, during the Revolutionary War.

The Cohasset chapter of the DAR, was established in 1896, by Mary Gros, the great-great granddaughter of Col. Lothrop, a combatant in both the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars.

The chapter's first members met at the Grand Army Hall, which stood where St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is today. Although, they met regularly in town, early DAR women were very active in the region as a whole.

"These women would travel all over for meetings and it was horse and buggy time," said chapter spokeswoman Barbara Dillon.

The current chapter, comprised of 20 women, is just as interested as its early members were in moving and shaking. The chapter has been growing, said Dillon, and continues to make a difference in the community.

The Col. Lothrop chapter supports a women's veterans hospital in Bedford and Wayland's Hillside School for Boys, where disadvantaged urban boys receive the opportunity to work and study on a farm. The chapter distributes "good citizen books" to immigrants; facilitates a Christmas celebration at a veterans hospital in Brockton; names a good citizen of the year; provides scholarships for deserving high school seniors and decorates and maintains the graves of revolutionary soldiers.

Among the other benefits it provides to the community, the DAR's commitment to patriotism stands out for Barbara Dillon.

"It's been a long time since we've had a war. There's a lot of apathy," said Dillon. By making people aware of their Revolutionary past and the history of the country, the DAR preserves patriotic values said Dillon.

"If you don't try to preserve those ideals, then they are lost," she said.

Despite its important work the chapter's campaign for new members has not always been successful. Dillon and chapter member Nancy O'Toole cite time constraints and misconceptions that brand the DAR as inactive, exclusive or only for older women, as reasons why some hesitate to join.

DAR members say that the claim that the DAR is elitist is unfounded.

"I don't think it's as exclusive as many people think," Dillon said.



Members Mary Jane McArthur (vice regent), Claire Tinory (secretary), Barbara Dillon (treasurer), Nancy O'Toole (regent), and Ann Pompeo (chaplain) are at a recent meeting of the Col. Thomas Lothrop Chapter of the DAR at the Lightkeeper's Residence.

Sheryl A. Harrington photo

"All of my children can join even though they have an Irish name," said chapter member Nancy O'Toole. "The US has become such a melting pot that it's [the DAR] become more inclusive."

What may attract new members most to the DAR is the organization's emphasis on history and genealogy.

"A lot of younger women are joining because they like to trace their roots. There is a big interest in genealogy now," said Dillon.

The DAR maintains a large library in Washington, D.C. which can help prospective members with their genealogical quest and the Col. Lothrop chapter holds historical and family heritage seminars to help interested people trace their roots.

The Col. Lothrop chapter meets once a month at different members' homes and at the Minot Lightkeepers residence. The chapter will be hosting a special seminar on Sunday Jan. 12 from 2-4 p.m. at the Minot Lightkeepers residence with Bob and Gerda Edmunds, avid amateur genealogists and members of the Church of Latter-Day Saints, who have reconstructed their family trees and helped others in their searches.

"Hopefully, we'll get some people," said Dillon, "some of them will be interested, find their revolutionary roots, and join us."

Lack of Advertising for Post Irks Pratt

Board to Interview Candidates for Interim Town Administrator

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Sparks flew Monday between selectmen Peter Pratt and Michael H. Sullivan over how the interim appointment of a town administrator should be handled.

Pratt was outraged that no advertisement had been made for a temporary replacement for Greg Doyon, who has resigned to accept a similar post in Abington. Doyon's last day is Jan. 17.

Pratt said the board voted Dec. 18 to advertise and to post the position with the Massachusetts Municipal Association, a support agency for cities and towns.

But Sullivan said three to four good candidates have already surfaced eliminating the need to advertise. Two of those candidates were slated to be interviewed this week.

"What difference does it make?" Sullivan asked about the lack of advertising.

But Pratt insisted that the board's directive was not carried out. He said the interim post could be a transitional one if the town opts to change the position from town administrator town manager, which would have considerably more power. He said there was no job description for the interim position.

But Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown said the job description would be the same one that Doyon was hired under.

At one point Sullivan charged that Pratt wanted John McNabb Jr. to apply for the position.

Pratt said Sullivan owed him an apology "right now." He said he was trying to keep the board's options open and said it was a despicable practice that advertising for an important position was not done.

McNabb, a local environmental activist who chairs the watershed protection committee, was at the meeting and said afterwards that he did not know why his name was mentioned as a potential candidate.

Selectman Nan Roth said there may be someone at town hall who could be utilized if they can't find someone right away.

The board decided to advertise through the MMA for two days and hopes to find a suitable candidate by the end of next week.

Selectmen also accepted Doyon's resignation and thanked him for his years of service and wished him well in his new job.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McElroy Backs Lobster Lab Proposal

To the Editor:

As recently retired president of Cohasset Lightkeepers' Corporation, I had reservations about the Lobster Lab proposal. My concerns included whether it was expecting too much of the Lightkeepers so soon after their initial project; a better use could be made of the house and/or the land it sits on; whether the lobster lab would benefit a broad cross-spectrum of the Cohasset community; parking, etc.

President R.M. Campbell (CLC), Ralph Kidder (School Committee), Kathy Ofsthun (PSO), Al Moore (Hagerty Committee/Planning Board) and Kevin Ulmer (Head Lobster) have responded to all concerns with clarity and commitment.

With regard to my reservations, Campbell's highly successful career has been as an engineer and project manager, and he is backed by a CLC board that has the necessary talent and commitment. It's amazing that they are willing to take on a new challenge so soon, but "let's not look the proverbial gift horse in the mouth."

As Al Moore has said, nothing would be irreversible. If the project falters or a better plan is presented, the house will still be there and undoubtedly in better condition.

No one has suggested a better alternative, and I like the idea of the Lobster Lab anchoring the Government Island/Hagerty property with a year-round usage and on-site tenant. Both the lobsters and our youth are challenged by contemporary society; if we can help them, let's get on with it.

Parking and other legitimate concerns can be addressed during lease negotiations. The Lobster Lab could be kept closed on summer weekends.

The town needs to stabilize the house while bigger priorities are being funded by the taxpayers. The Lobster Lab is a good interim, and possibly long-term, solution. Who knows — one day there might be a "lobster in every pot."

Selectperson Roth's suggestion that a separate organization take on the task isn't realistic. The CLC has the necessary organizational structure and would avoid a duplication of functions and dilution of precious volunteer talent. As an approved 501C(3) non-profit organization with a proven track record, the CLC has a better chance of securing financial support than a start-up organization. The school district may benefit, but it has too many demands on its plate to help fund the project or take the leadership role.

Who knows? Ultimately we may lose the Marine Railway and will desperately need the house/property to support Cohasset's commercial and recreational boaters.

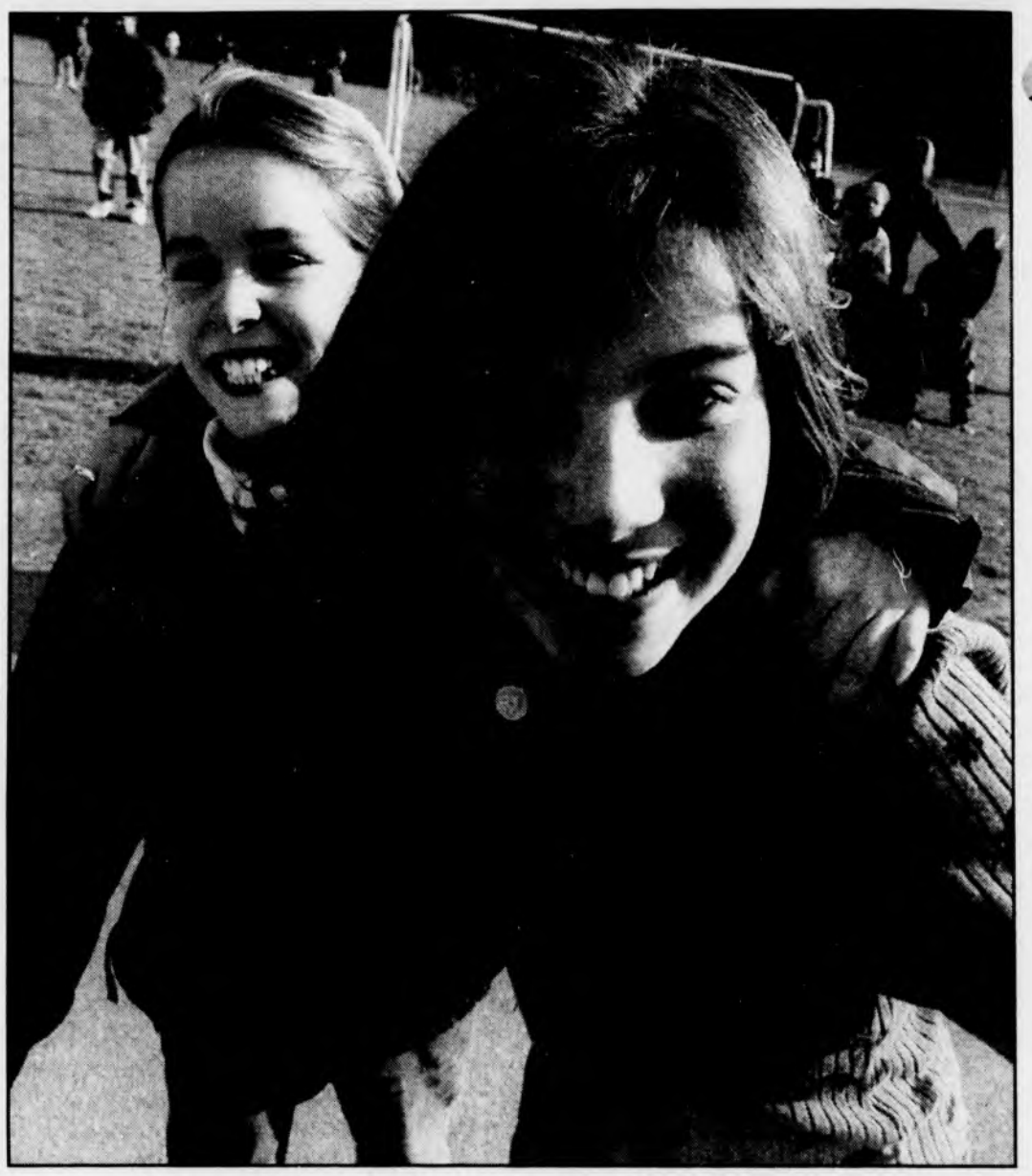
I suggest a five person negotiating committee consisting of two selectmen, two CLC members and a Hagerty Committee representative, and a presentation of the fruits of their labors at a public hearing to be scheduled soon.

Joe McElroy, past president,
CLC
59 Windy Hill Rd.

Getting a Kick out of Recess



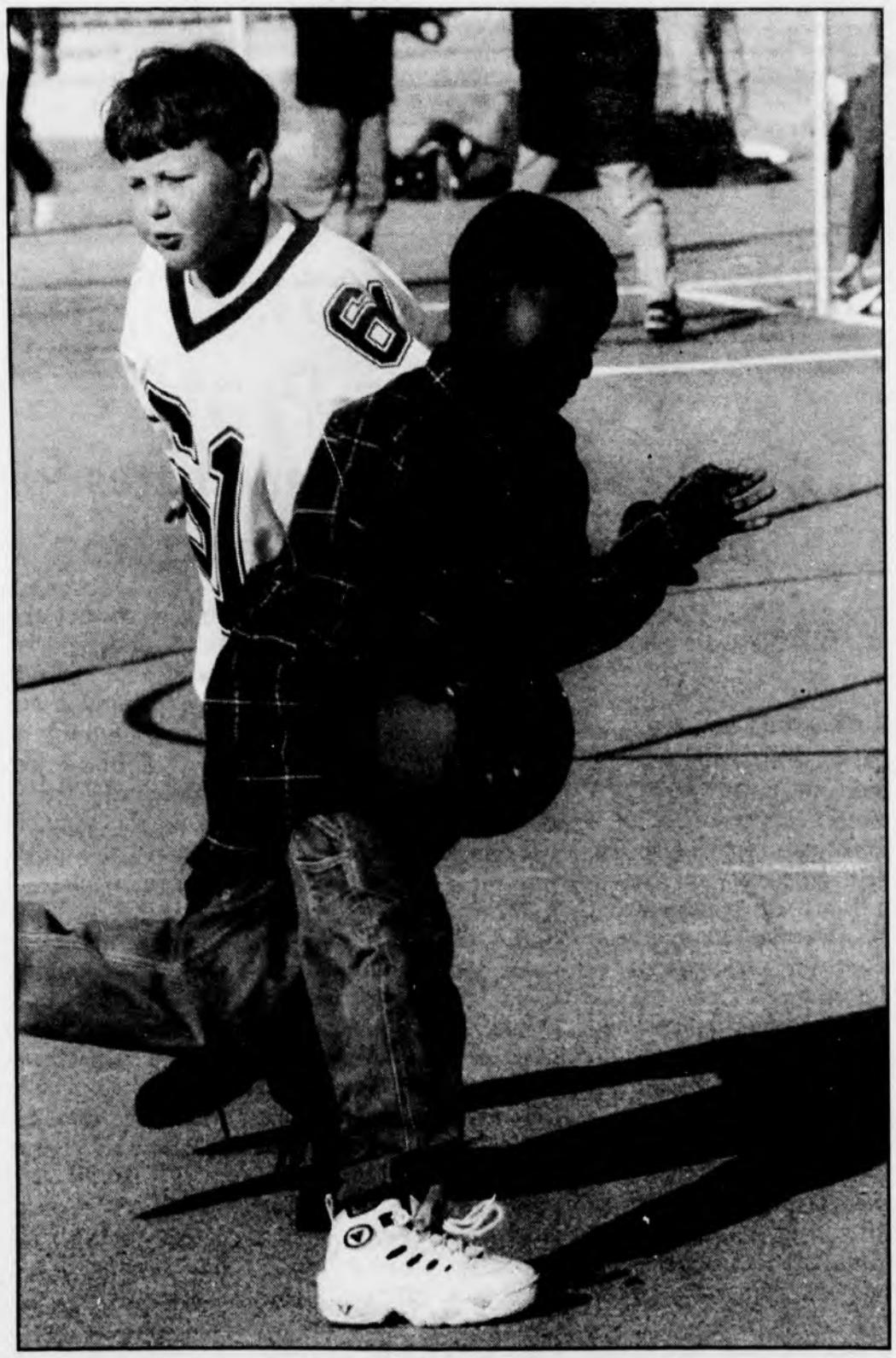
Fifth-grade boys get tangled in the soccer goal at recess at Deer Hill School.



Marissa Mello and Kelly Hurley enjoy the break from class.



Holly Dinsmore reaches for the tetherball ahead of Nicole Needle.



Dwayne Morris dribbles by Jesse Sargent in a pick-up hoops game during recess.



Courtney Caron rides piggy-back on Emily Sullivan.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

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Grapplers not Just 'Showing Up'

Wrestlers Improving Against the Best

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

What you have with the Cohasset High wrestling team is a squad that "shows up," not in the sense the bus arrives and the Skipper grapplers get off, but more along the lines of giving an all-out effort without being intimidated.

The 5-2 Skippers have gone up against bigger squads this season and earned a great deal of respect along the way. Against Bridgewater-Raynham, for example, Cohasset gave the Trojans their best meet of the year. Despite the loss, the Skippers still won six of the 14 weight classes. And Cohasset battled B.C. High until the bitter end until it finally fell short.

So it should come as no wonder that head coach Torin Sweeney's team was the highest placing Division 3 squad in the two-day Marshfield Holiday Tournament in late December. The Skippers nailed down seventh in the 19-team field with six grapplers placing in the top five.

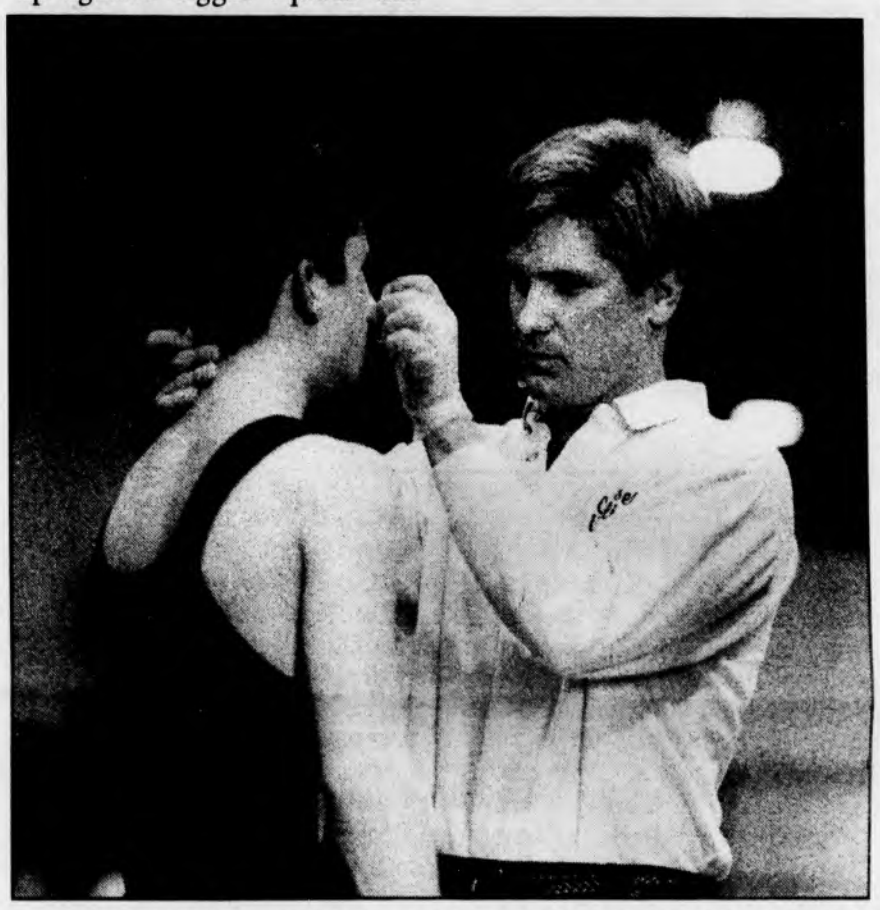
Kevin Duffy was the top finisher with his second at 135 pounds. Mike Baird (125), Mike Rossi (145) and Justin Buckley (171) all wrestled to fourth-place finishes, while Ben Littauer and Jordan Fiore both took fifth at 125 and 130, respectively.

Sweeney is very satisfied with what he has seen from the mix of youngsters and more seasoned veterans. He can only see the team getting better, barring any physical problems.

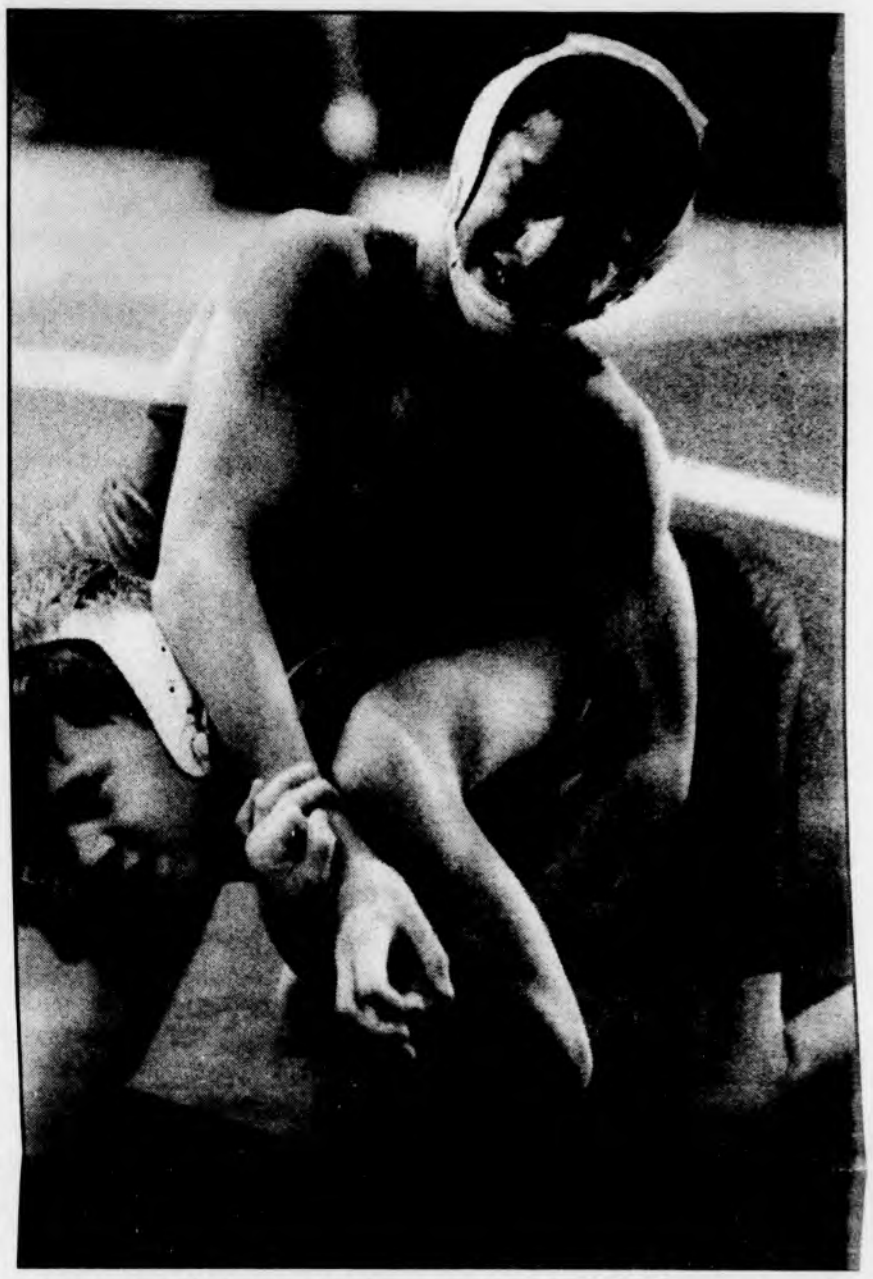
"As long as we stay away from the injury bug we should be okay," said Sweeney.

Cohasset is currently fielding a strong roster with eighth-grader Craig Sheerin at 103, ninth-grader Chris Pratt wrestling at 112, senior captain Doug Sheerin (140), Luke Caldwell and Kevin DeVito (152), Justin Golden (160) who wrestles in the toughest weight class, Adam Sasso (189), J.P. Laugelle (215) and Tucker Gledhill, who has been wrestling at 125 and filling in as the "swing man" at 130.

Cohasset was expected to face Norwell on Wednesday, before what has become a very competitive meet on Saturday: The Whitman Hanson Invitational Tournament.



Cohasset High wrestling coach Torin Sweeney gives first-aid and advice to a young Skipper grappler.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman



Cohasset High's Craig Sheerin tries to work his way out of a hold put on him by Kevin Flaherty of Duxbury.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

You can bet the Skippers won't be intimidated by any bigger teams. They'll show.

EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

Patriots Highlight Wacky Weekend

Who in their wildest dreams, dare I say right mind, would have guessed that AFC juggernaut Denver Broncos and All-Pro felon Michael Irvin would have been knocked from the NFL playoffs in one wild weekend of football?

If that isn't reason enough for you to crack open the bubbly, consider this little tidbit just in from Foxboro: The Patriots are hosting the AFC title game!!!

Again. The Patriots are hosting the AFC title game!!!

Get the gospel choir together and sing the song.

It may have been a fog-fest, but the football gods were shining down on Foxboro.

New Englanders have a team they can fully embrace. And it comes when the sports scene inside Route 495 better resembles Apocalypse Now than professionals strutting their stuff.

Save for the Patriots (better yet, The Patriots Save), we've been held hostage by the antics of Roger Clemens, the complete ineptness of the Boston Celtics (can you say Tim Duncan?) and their He-Just-Doesn't-Get-It coach, M.L. Carr. The Bruins? Well they were "big and bad" a long time ago when dinosaurs walked the earth.

The Patriots and Steelers played through a thick fog last Sunday, but Bill Parcells' squad was on a mission that was loud and clear. There was no fear of the intangibles Kordell Stewart brought to Pittsburgh's offense. The Steelers' blitz was a bust and the Patriot defense was a lot more aggravating than Jerome Bettis' groin injury.

New England couldn't have played a better game. We saw the future of running backs in the N.F.L., and his name is Curtis Martin. Drew Bledsoe

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Hoopsters Rock Rivals in OT

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In a hard-fought game between two neighboring rivals, Cohasset High's boys basketball team beat Scituate in a 61-52 overtime thriller. It was the first meeting of the season between the two squads, but they had battled three times last year. Scituate posted victories in the regular season match-ups, including a blowout at Cohasset. But the Skippers won when it counted, beating the previously undefeated Sailors in the Division 3 South Sectional tourney.

The game was on both teams' minds last Friday night and only added to the intensity in the packed Cohasset gym.

Ryan Bishop stated the game with a lay-up and Paul Michael Quintin followed with a pull-up jumper. J.L. Williams also picked up a bucket and fed Jamie Buick on an entry pass to put the Skippers ahead 8-6. Williams knocked down a free throw and then drove to the hole for a pair. Senior captain Burke Davis nailed a base-line jumper and Quintin did the same, pushing the Skippers ahead, 15-12. Bishop hustled for two and Williams opened up a seven-point Cohasset lead with a three pomter and a free throw. Pat Hurley laid one in off the glass and Bishop closed the half with a freebie and a lay-up.

Davis drained a free throw for the home team's first points of the second half and Bishop cleaned the offensive boards and found the hoop for four straight points. Williams stuck a three pointer, putting Cohasset up 34-26. Bishop, who would finish with 17 points, pulled a beautiful turn-around move that earned him a basket and Quintin went the rack for two more. Davis ripped down an offensive board and scored with a nifty one-hander. Hurley netted a three pointer and Quintin followed with one of his own, but Scituate had pulled to within three, 46-43. Two clutch free throws by Bishop and sterling defense by the boys in blue preserved the Skippers' hope and forced overtime.

The Sailors drew first blood in the extra session, but Cohasset's 6-foot-9 Bishop calmly responded, tying the score at 50 with a pair from the free-throw line. Davis poured one in from beyond the arc and the Skippers held the 53-52 edge and the Sailors would not score again. Williams started to hammer the nails in the coffin with a jumper and Davis showed veteran poise by [illegible] straight free throws. Davis [illegible] in OT and ended 24.

'Hockey Friends' Look to Community

Dear Friends of Cohasset Hockey:

The Cohasset High School hockey teams have been practicing since just after Thanksgiving and have already begun their 1996-97 game schedules.

Coach Dennis Walsh welcomed back a number of returning letter holders but this year's varsity team is young in terms of age. The Cohasset program will field a JV team this year as well with a large number of seventh and eighth graders.

The Cohasset Hockey Boosters support our players with an annual team dinner and attendance at a college hockey tournament game. We also provide trophies for outstanding performances by individual players and gift watches for the seniors on the team who will be graduating.

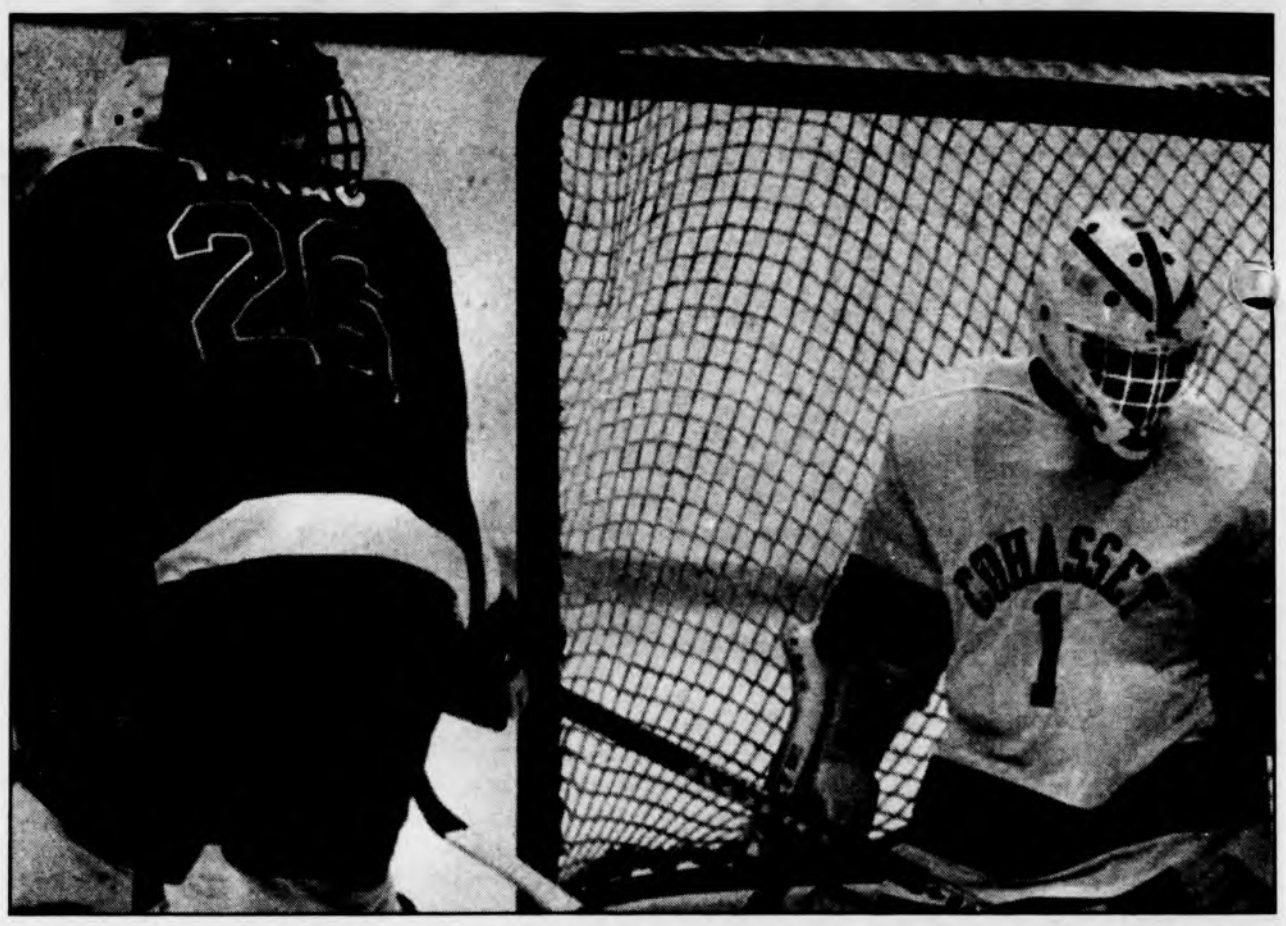
The hockey boosters are again asking for the support of local businesses, professionals and individuals to help sponsor and pay for these activities.

We and the players would appreciated any amount you can contribute. Please make your check payable to Cohasset Hockey Boosters and mail it to the Cohasset Hockey Boosters, P.O. Box 653, Cohasset, MA 02025. Your contribution is tax deductible. The names of all contributors will be acknowledged in the Cohasset Mariner unless otherwise requested.

We also invite you to support the teams by attending games. Most varsity games are played at the Pilgrim Arena in Hingham.

Thanks very much for your help.

Sincerely,
Kevin & Ann O'Connor



Scituate's Boris Takac (26) shoots high to the left of Cohasset goaltender Jeremy Williams during a recent South Shore League contest.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

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EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

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proved his critics wrong by winning the big game as he meticulously picked apart the Steelers' secondary as if he was searching for the petrified pickles in a Big Mac. Through it all, Terry Glenn looked like the second coming of Jerry Rice.

And we do it all again this weekend. Former Boston College coach Tom Coughlin brings his good-guy, Jacksonville Jaguar team to town in an attempt to derail the Patriots' bandwagon. The Jaguars have some work ahead of them. Patriot Nation will be out in full force, louder and more animated than ever.

Fans will have their faces, chests and kids painted in the Patriots' colors.

Tailgate parties, which used to solely be a pre-game tradition, will continue through the entire game and you'll see scalpers getting up to $500 per ticket if Foxboro's finest don't get to them first.

This is The Game. From here on in every game is The Game and the fans know it.

People are going to churches and lighting candles in hopes Parcells will return, instead of jumping ship and patching together the New York Jets. Knowing Parcells, the Big Tuna could talk Joe Namath out of retirement.

The talk show call lines will be lit up all week with Monday-Morning Quarterbacks swearing they positively knew the Patriots were going to beat up on the Steelers as much as they did.

The Patriots *should* beat the Jaguars. In their only other meeting this season, Jacksonville twice pulled off its best Flutie-to-Phelan impression to bounce back from a 22-0 deficit. Adam Vanieri gave the Patriots the win with a huge, overtime field goal. The Jaguars are a far better team now, but so is New England.

But even if the Patriots fall to Jacksonville, fans should stand and take note. They have a special team on the gridiron every week. New England provided its loyal and bandwagon followers football action that hasn't been seen in this neck of the woods for 10 years.

Instead of Irvin we have Martin. Instead of the ingratiating Deion Sanders, the humble, soft-spoken Curtis Martin is our man. Bob Kraft and Parcells are a far cry from those two leeches Jerry Jones and Barry Switzer. "America's Team" has suddenly become "America's Most Wanted Team." Indictments will be handed out instead of champagne bottles.

Nope. It's the Patriots who are enjoying the fruits of their labors. They're New England's Team. Fans — eat, drink and be merry. The Patriots have brought us through some tough times. Bask in the football merriment. Savor the fervor of the next week. We deserve a winner in New England and the team just could defeat N.F.C, MVP Award Winner Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers.

But let's not look too far ahead.

Parcells will instill in his players not to look ahead to Green Bay, but concentrate on Jacksonville. If they don't, they'll never make it to New Orleans.

Once they get to New Orleans, however, New England will have all the Jumbalaya they can eat. But Jacksonville provides a formidable opponent and the Patriots will have to hold off on the "tasty" soup for a few weeks.

The fog will settle once again on Foxboro Stadium, bringing back the memories of last weekend.

Happy, and fond memories.

The game should be one huge Kodak moment inside a Hallmark card — a present to its loyal and unconditional fans. They deserve the best and the Patriots may just fit that bill.

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Stage Set for Scituate Showdown

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

The Cohasset High gymnastics team had its "feel good" meet of the season in its 120.85 — 104 win over Notre Dame of Hingham last Friday night. But Monday's 122.4 — 111.4 decision against Norwell wasn't exactly what you would call a downer either.

Assistant coach Ruthann Ardizzoni said the Lady Skippers look forward to the ND meet because the girls are friendly with several gymnasts on the squad who hail from Cohasset. The meet gives both teams the chance to compete against each other and get caught up on their respective seasons.

The meet may have been enjoyable for the athletes involved, but it fell short of keeping you on the edge of your seat.

Competing without the services of key player Tara Hettstrom, the Lady Skippers were still able to sweep all four events and take first in the all-around.

Erica Hettstrom finished in the top three in three events with two first-place showings on the bars (8.0) and beam (8.0), as well as second on the floor exercise (8.15). Seventh-graders Caitlin Flint and Kristin Sheerin continued their strong contributions to the Lady Skipper squad. Flint was second to Erica Hettstrom on the bars at 7.25, and Sheerin won the floor (8.2), placed third on the vault (7.6) and second with her beam routine (7.85). Jodi Colwill's 7.75 vault score garnered her a first, to go along with a personal best of 7.7 on the floor and 7.5 on the beam. Those scores were both good for third place.

Several other Cohasset gymnasts performed well. Carolyn Pratt, Kate Grimm, Carlie Carter, Amanda Watts and Megan Pratt were impressive in their respective events.

With Tara Hettstrom out, however, the Lady Skippers' score was considerably lower than it would have been otherwise. Ardizzoni, though, had little to fret about on this day.

"We didn't go with our full lineup so I was very pleased with our performance," she said.

Tara Hettstrom was back for Monday's win over Norwell, but her sister Erica was out nursing an injured ankle. Ardizzoni said the injury isn't a serious one and Erica should be back for the big meet against undefeated Scituate.

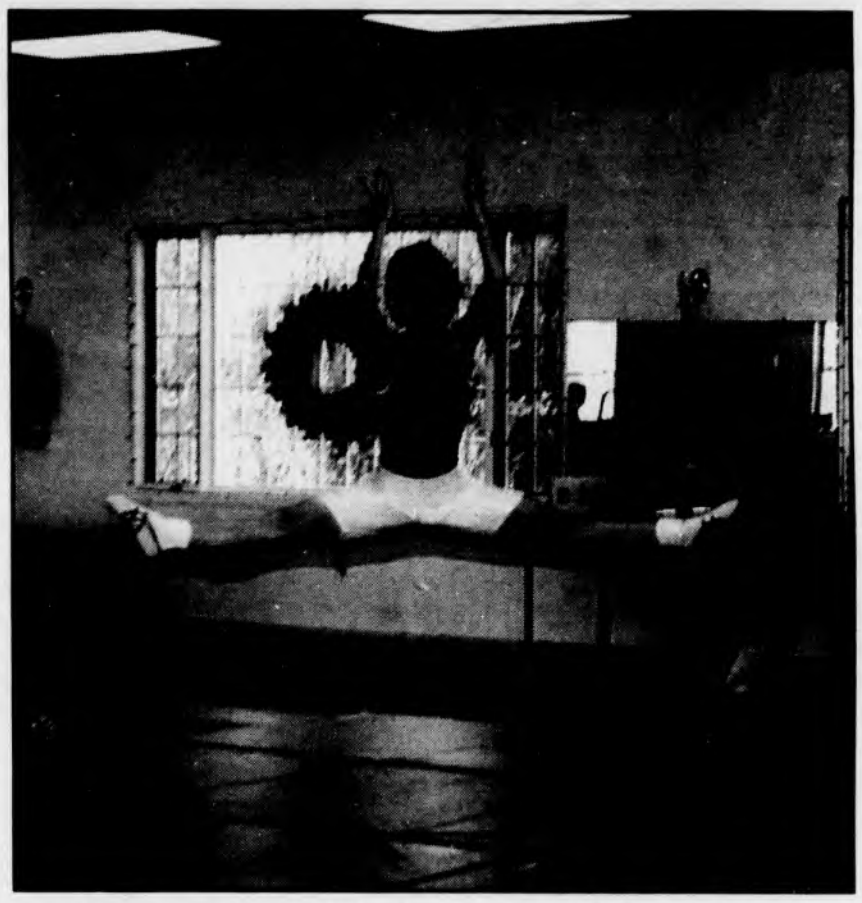
Tara Hettstrom led the sweep on bars. Her 7.5 edged Sheerin's 7.4 and Flint's third place 7.2. The Lady Skippers showed a dramatic improvement on the vault with Sheerin nailing a flawless landing for a 8.2 and first place. Colwill's 7.9 clinched her the second-place slot, while Flint and Kristen Reynolds finished in a tie for third, just behind Colwill, at 7.8.

The places were reversed on beam as Colwill edged Sheerin, 8.1 to 8.0, respectively. Reynolds, who has continued to improve after a fine season last year, wound up with third. Her score was a 7.2.

The judges were obviously impressed enough with Sheerin's floor routine to award her an 8.3. Fellow seventh-grader Flint was second at 7.8, followed by Megan Pratt in 7.6. Sheerin took the all-around in 31.9. Colwill followed with a score of 30.5.

Wednesday's meet against a very deep Scituate team was expected to be decided by only a few points at most. One thing is for sure. By the end of the meet, there will only be on remaining undefeated squad in the SSL.

"I think this is going to be a real close meet," Ardizzoni said.



Junior Carolyn Pratt performs a straddle jump during a recent gymnastics practice.

Photo by Ruthann Ardizzoni



The Cohasset High varsity gymnastics team "chills out during practice."The Lady Skippers have reason to smile with a 4-0 record. The team includes: (Left to Right) Caitlin Flint, Tara Hettstrom, Erica Hettstrom, Kristen Reynolds, Amanda Watts, Carlie Carter, Carolyn Pratt, Megan Pratt and and Kristin Sheerin. Missing from the photo are Jodi Colwill and Kate Grimm.

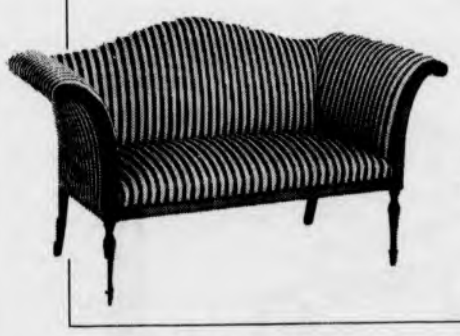
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Coaching Passion

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coach," Walsh said.

He has always had an attraction to the sport and still teaches clinics to kids who range in age from 6 to 14 on Saturdays during the summer at Pilgrim Arena.

"I enjoy coaching the kids," Walsh said. "You really see a lot of improvement in their skills. You can correct the mistakes they make and help eliminate the bad habits before they reach high school."

Walsh is also able to catch a glimpse of the future of hockey on the South Shore. And while many high school programs flourish because of local youth hockey, Walsh believes the absence of an established program in Cohasset, save for the Seahawks, has definitely hurt the high school.

He remembers when the old Cohasset rink would be filled with hockey players. But when it closed, the local youth program went along with it.

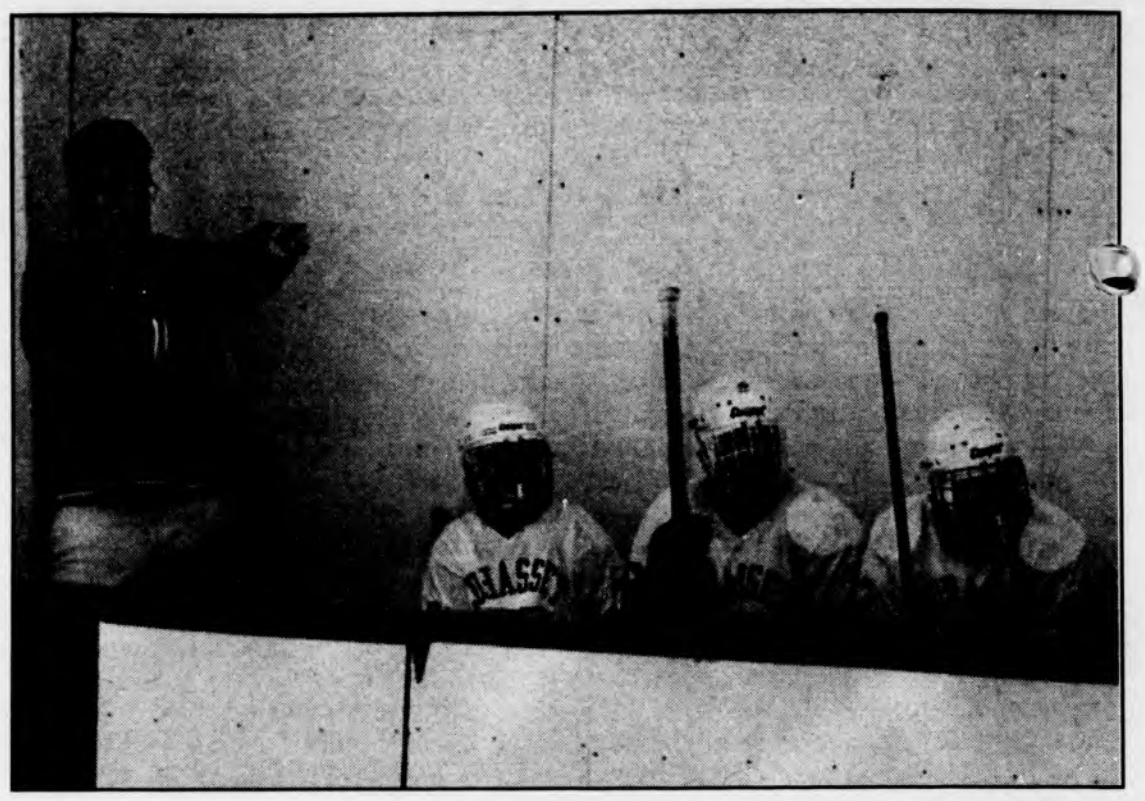
Despite the lack of a youth feeder system, Walsh still likes the product he puts on the ice. He knows this year's 1-3 squad is a better team that it has shown, so far, but is confident the Skippers will "come around."

The team had trouble getting puck out of its own end in a recent 5-2 loss against South Shore League opponent Hull, but was pleased with Danny Williams and Brad Powell, who both scored goals for the Skippers.

Even after all the years he has coached, Walsh still gets the same feeling he got back in Canada as a youngster when game time was just minutes away.

"It hasn't changed," he said. "I get nervous before every game and excited before practices. Losses still bother me and I love when we win."

As long as he goes through the gamut of emotions associated with coaching, Walsh will stay behind the boards, peering out and analyzing his players. The thrill is still there for him.



Cohasset High hockey coach Dennis Walsh makes an observation during a recent Skipper game. Walsh has been coaching since the age of 16 while growing up in Canada.

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Arts and crafts, Tuesdays for ages 6 to 8, and Fridays for ages 4 and 5, cafeteria;

Basketball skills and games, Wednesdays for grades 4 - 6, gym.

Programs will meet for seven weeks, excluding school vacation weeks, holidays, or when school is cancelled due to inclement weather. All programs except indoor games and sports begin Tuesday, Jan. 21 and end the week of March 14. Indoor games and sports begins Monday, Jan. 27 and continues through Monday, March 17.

Programs begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Deer Hill School and end at 5:30 p.m. Children must be picked up promptly at 5:30 p.m.; a fee will be charged for late pickups.

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Tax-free strategies for the philanthropist in you

By the editors of
WORTH MAGAZINE

Charities, foundations, and colleges, caught up in the hard sell that philanthropy has become, are pitching a new breed of trust and annuity.



In effect, these devices allow benefactors to designate donations they plan to make in the future. In return, the benefactor gets an upfront tax deduction, as well as ongoing income from the assets they pledge.

Are these trusts and annuities mere gimmickry, or are they really a good deal? Think hard before you answer. If charity is your principal motivation, you might do better giving cash or appreciated securities that will immediately benefit the recipient. If tax avoidance is your principal motivation, gifts made in the here and now also usually provide the biggest and most immediate benefits.

Still, many would-be philanthropists prefer the new tools, not least because of the higher tax rates that arrived with the Clinton administration. Furthermore, some people like the idea of demonstrating their commitment to a favored institution but still need the investment income that an immediate gift of assets would deny them.

Enter the charitable remainder trust. These irrevocable trusts, used primarily for large donations, earmark funds for an institution but continue to pay the donor and his or her spouse a yearly income for life. When the donors die, the funds in the trust are transferred to the institutional beneficiary.

There are two basic types of charitable remainder trust: the annuity trust, which distributes a fixed dollar amount to the donor each year, and the unitrust, which distributes a fixed percentage of the trust's assets. The payouts to the donor are generally taxable for both types of trust.

The tax break for both types comes from the deduction that is created when the trust is established. The amount of this deduction is calculated by using Internal Revenue Service tables to figure what the gift will be worth when it is actually transferred to the institutional recipient.

Of the two types of trust, the annuity version provides the larger upfront deduction. This is because fixed dollar payouts shrink the trust principal less over time than the unitrust's percentage-of-assets payouts. For instance, suppose a 60-year-old donor wants to establish a $100,000 charitable remainder trust. According to PhilanthroTec, a Matthews, N.C., software publisher, a donor who sets this trust up as an annuity paying a fixed $6,000 a year would be entitled to value his gift, for purposes of the tax deduction, at $40,314. If the donor chooses a unitrust paying 6 percent of total assets each year, his gift would be valued at only $36,163.

One caveat: The annuity-trust beneficiary cited above must understand that he will never receive more than $6,000 a year from his trust. The unitrust beneficiary, on the other hand, receives 6 percent of the trust's assets each year no matter how much they increase. Thus, of the two, the unitrust offers the best protection against inflation.

The costs of creating and administering charitable remainder trusts usually make them impractical for smaller contributions. As an alternative, donors might consider a charitable-gift annuity. For these, the donor grants immediate possession of the gift to the institutional beneficiary, rather than placing it in a trust. New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, for instance, offers an annuity with guaranteed annual payments for life starting at age 55 for donations of $10,000 or more.

In setting annuity payments for these types of gifts, most charities, including Lincoln Center, use a schedule adopted by the American Council on Gift Annuities, which represents 1,400 organizations. The schedule is calculated to help the organization ultimately keep at least half of the original annuity investment. Thus the layout rates aren't the most generous, ranging from 4.7 percent to 11 percent a year, depending on the donor's age. "I won't pretend this is a great investment," says David Clough, director of planned giving at Lincoln Center.

Often, a portion of an annuity payout is tax free as return of principal. The donor also gets an upfront tax deduction for his gift; how much depends on his age and the number of years for which payment is deferred. Younger donors — in their 30s and 40s — beware. "You shouldn't tie yourself up in that sort of fixed-income investment," says William H. Mears, senior vice president at Brown Brothers Harriman Trust in New York City.

Inflation hedgers may prefer a charity's pooled-income fund to a charitable annuity. A $5,000 investment — most institutions won't take less — goes into a sort of mutual fund that distributes interest earned until the donor's death. Pooled-income funds generally invest in Treasuries or high-grade corporate debt; some are venturing into equities. Payouts from pooled-income funds are fully taxable. The charitable tax deduction available to the contributors depends on their age and the fund's highest yield over the prior three years.

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School Notebook

Register for Nursery School

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces that nursery school applications for the 1997-98 school year will be available, Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the nursery school and community center offices.

Registration is based on a lottery system.

Applications are available Jan. 21-27.

Completed applications must be returned to the community center office by Wednesday, Jan. 29. Applications should be clearly marked "N.S. Registration Application."

Parents registering their child in the Three-Year-Old Program should enclose a copy of the child's birth certificate to ensure proper placement of students in the program. All applications must include the $85 registration fee. Family membership for the school year is included in the fee. There is no financial commitment for children who are placed on the waiting list; these checks will be returned.

The lottery will be drawn for siblings of nursery school students on Monday, Feb. 3. Children of current community center members (as of Dec. 31, 1996) will be drawn on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 4 and for the general public in the afternoon.

Nursery school acceptance letters will be sent via the mail on Friday, Feb. 7.

The school offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of three-to-five year olds. Programs run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Some extended afterschool programs will be available.

The nursery program is for children who will be three years of age by Oct. 20, 1997. The Pre-Kindergarten program is for children who are, or will be, four years old by Oct.. 20, 1997. The Five-Day Enrichment program is offered to older four year olds, and five year olds who have attended a pre-kindergarten program but are ineligible for kindergarten.

Middle School is Topic

Attention fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade parents: there will be a Middle School informational meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 14 in the high school cafeteria.

Cohasset will have a Middle School next year. This meeting will address issues specific to Cohasset, report on where the project stands to date and provide ample time for questions and answers. The meeting will be hosted by Curtis Collins and the Middle School Task Force. Parents on the task force include: Debbie Niessink, Joan Pyfrom, Elaine Smoot and Midge Stone.

Pool Tourney at Teen Center

The Teen Center will have a pool tournament and pizza party from 7 to 10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 10. The Center will also be open on Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. Don't forget to sign up for the Waterville Valley Day Ski Trip that will take place on Monday, Jan. 20.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Town Hall/Recreation Department and must be returned by Friday, Jan. 10. Please join us for a fun day skiing!

Register for Art Classes

Looking for a way to brighten the winter months? Creating art is the perfect antidote to the winter doldrums! The South Shore Art Centers winter term begins the week of Jan. 21 and offers classes and workshops for pre-K through adult of all levels and abilities.

The center also offers PDP points for educators, courses that qualify for Mass. College of Art credits and a special ART PLUS February vacation camp.

Although most courses run for eight weeks, some are four week mini courses and there are several one and two-day workshops to choose from.



Carley Zappolo steps off the bus on her way to afternoon kindergarten at Deer Hill School.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Adult classes include painting, pastel, collage, colored pencil, Chinese brush painting, photography, monoprinting, clay and more. Faculty includes award winning artists from Cohasset to Sturbridge. Local South Shore Artists Donna Basile, Patricia McCarthy, Kimberlee Alemian, Judy Rossman and Jim Smalley are just a few of the teachers.

Children's classes include clay, painting, printing, drawing, clay, monoprinting and more. Will Robinson, Nancy Connolly, George Dalton, Valerie Vitali and Esther Maschio are just a few of the local award-winning artists who have formulated great courses geared for the young artist — including high school students.

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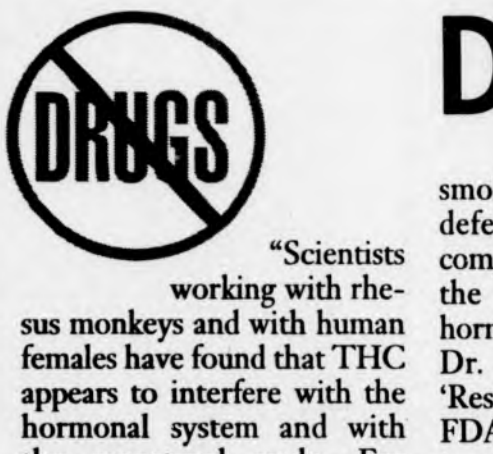


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Deer Hill Budget is Discussion Topic

Additonal Staff Needed

By Jason Bouffard
COHASSET MARINER

Deer Hill Elementary School principal Paul Callahan will seek budget hikes for the 1997-98 school year to pay for increased staffing, including a health aide, activity aide, and teachers.

The total proposed budget increased by 5.9 percent over last year's, from $1,342,227 to $1,422,377, about an $80,000 jump.

Sixty-six percent of the total increase is due to an approximate $53,000 hike in the "grade four allotment." A proposed $225,579 will be required to meet the grade's needs — a 30 percent rise from the $172,470 1996-97 figure.

The hike is due in part to an additional fourth-grade teacher. Five sections will be needed to accommodate next year's fourth-grade class, and Callahan anticipates that a sixth section will be required the following year.

In addition, new grade four social studies and science texts and kits will be needed since no purchases of these items have been made in the last two years.

Callahan's budget also calls for an additional 1-1/2 hours of work by activity aides, changing the hours of tow of the school's three activity aides form 9:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., to 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., The change is intended to accommodate new responsibilities, including supervision of students before school. Activity aides will also call the parents of students who have not notified the office about their child's absence in order to ensure that those students did indeed stay home from school.

Activity aides will continue to provide office assistance and supervision of lunch and recess periods, Callahan said. A $2,385 salary increase would accompany the additional responsibilities.

In an effort to increase coverage in the school nurse's office, Callahan proposed to hire a health aide. Currently, the school nurse splits time between Deer Hill and Osgood.

"Because of the number of students requiring health assistance, the Deer Hill School needs full-time coverage in the nurse's office," Callahan wrote in a memo to the school committee. "An alternative to having (current nurse) Mrs. Murphy work full time at Deer Hill is to hire another health care provider to split the time between the Deer Hill School and the Osgood School."

The proposal calls for a Deer Hill budget increase of $7,000.

The health aide will be e called upon to provide non-serious first aid procedures with the school secretary and principal are currently required to provide in the nurse's absence.

An educational component may also be part of the health aide's job description.

Callahan and Hart also discussed their "wish list" for the school if more money was available. While Callahan listed physical improvements to the school as well as advancements in the technology area, Hart talked about increased staffing, especially specialized staffing, as a means to bringing the school system to the next level. He used the example of reading specialists as the type of educator which could help Cohasset's school system to improve.

Osgood School *Continued from page 1*

recently lost its Title 1 privileges due to a limited number of low income families. Since then, the school has been trying to make due without a reading specialist, the principal said.

The school currently employs four special needs teachers, none of which focus predominantly on reading. According to Cantelmo, referring students with reading difficulties to the special needs staff can result in overburdening.

The proposed specialist would work as a co-teacher, side by side with regular classroom teachers, offering assistance to all students. The person would split time as both a reading specialist and a moderate special needs (MSN) teacher. Due to the loss of Title 1 benefits, the position would be town-funded.

School Committee Chairman Ralph Kidder was unsure about the feasibility of expecting the specialist to give equal attention to special needs and non-special needs students.

Superintendent Stephen Hart said that early attention to reading problems could help students avoid bigger problems later on.

"This possibly will prevent some students from having to move into special ed," Hart said.

Cantelmo, who has served as Title 1 Director in another school system, said that most schools do enlist the aid of a reading specialist.

The new position accounts for $35,492 of the $50,292 increase in the proposed Special Education budget from this year to next.

While special needs funding would increase by 26 percent, the total school budget increases by just under 5.6 percent, from roughly $1.48 million to $1.56 million.

Cantelmo said that the budget goal was to level fund or decrease funding in certain areas to afford additional resources which the staff deemed important. Capital expenditures were also held to a minimum, she said.

Aside from the reading specialist, other additional resources included a health aide. Currently, the school shares an aide with the Deer Hill School and enlists help from a parent volunteer. The health budget would rise from $16,035 to $23,140.

By grade level, kindergarten through third, the largest increases are in salaries, but some funding requests were made for textbook and workbook purchases.

The school committee will continue budget discussions for Cohasset's schools tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in the audio/visual room at Cohasset High School.

For Cabaret Tickets — Listen Up!

Cabaret patrons tickets will go on sale Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 a.m. to noon, and Friday Jan. 17, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Hingham Community Center at 70 South St., Hingham.

You are invited to become a patron and buy tables before the tickets go on sale to the general public. For this $15 contribution your name will be listed in the program as a patron. If you are not already a member of the community center you may join at this time. Patrons may buy two tables maximum, but there must be a patron at each table.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public Monday, Jan. 20. Ticket hours daily will be 9 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. at the community center. Each table seats 10, and you may bring your own refreshments. Wine, beer and mixes will be available at a nominal cost.

Prices of tickets are as follows: Thursday night — $12, Friday night — $15, and Saturday night — $17.50.

If you have any questions, please call the Community Center at (617) 749-9786.

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Norfolk Division
Docket No. 96P3025E1

Estate of CATHERINE FREY AKA: CATHERINE M. FREY late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that ROBERT H. FREY of MARBLEHEAD in the County of ESSEX be appointed executor named in the will without surety on the bond.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 96P3062E1

Estate of ANTHONY C. DENAPOLI AKA: ANTHONY DENAPOLI late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that ROBERT A. DENAPOLI of GLENCOE in the State of ILLINOIS and ARTHUR P. MURPHY of MILTON in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executors named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on February 5, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this twenty-third day of December, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

1/9/97

Police Report

Monday, Dec. 23

12:36 a.m., disturbance, Doane St.

5:57 a.m., general services, S. Main St.

7:08 a.m., general services, S. Main St.

9:10 a.m., motor vehicle stop, N. Main by Dolan Ln.

9:39 a.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

10:04 a.m., motor vehicle stop, CJC Way by Sandcastle.

11:45 a.m., officer wanted, King St.

12:22 p.m., motor vehicle stop, CJC Way by Bergsons.

4:30 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

5:29 p.m., motor vehicle stop, Beechwood St.

10:02 p.m., assist other agency, Mill Ln.

11:20 p.m., general services, Pond St.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

12:05 a.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

12:08 a.m., disturbance, King St.

8:53 a.m., fire, gas leak, (outside), Old Coach Rd.

12:54 p.m., medical aid, Sohier St.

2:51 p.m., suspicious auto, Bow St.

4:13 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

4:50 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.

5:04 p.m., investigation, Ripley Rd.

5:49 p.m., larceny, Beach St.

7:06 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.

10:14 p.m., officer wanted, Border St.

10:43 p.m., officer wanted, King St.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

12:20 a.m., medical aid, Beach St.

9:05 a.m., burglary (B&E), Margin St.

10:43 a.m., disturbance, Jerusalem Rd.

7:29 p.m., fire, carbon monoxide incident, Pond St.

8:49 p.m., medical aid, Hull St.

11:05 p.m., medical aid, S. Main St.

Thursday, Dec. 26

3:07 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.

7:21 a.m., vandalism, Pond St.

9:56 a.m., medical aid, Pleasant St.

11:05 a.m., assault, Beechwood St.

1136 a.m., alarm holdup, CJC Hwy.

11:56 a.m., medical aid, Bates Ln.

1:55 p.m., MV accident, Hull St.

3:35 p.m., serve restraining order, King St.

6:11 p.m., suspicious auto, N. Main St.

6:45 p.m., suspicious auto, Beechwood St.

7:08 p.m., assist citizen, King St.

7:55 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

7:55 p.m., arrest, N. Main St.

Sgt. Cogill i with Charles Santos, 65 First Parish Rd., Scituate. DOB: 4/17/64, arrested for operating on Revo/ins.--revo/lic and uninsured MV.

8:50 p.m., violation of restraining order, Mill Ln.

9:40 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

Friday, Dec. 27

12:44 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave./Spindrift

2:27 a.m., assist other PD, East St.

7:50 a.m., vandalism, Parking Way.

12:49 p.m., assist motorist, Bergson's Parking Lot.

1:55 p.m., assist citizen, fire headquarters.

2:30 p.m., disturbance (family), Norfolk Rd.

4:54 p.m., suspicious auto, Cushing Rd.

9:33 p.m., fire, structure, Hull St.

9:35 p.m., traffic control, Hull St.

10:26 p.m., disturbance (general), King St.

10:53 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way at JJ's.

11:33 p.m., MV stop, The Square.

11:52 p.m., noise complaint, Town pool.

11:57 p.m., MV stop, Joy Pl.

Saturday, Dec. 28

11:18 a.m., medical aid, Grove St.

1:58 p.m., fire, carbon monoxide incident, Black Rock Rd.

8:20 p.m., disturbance (family), HQ.

10:31 p.m., disturbance (general), King St.

11:10 p.m., disturbance (general), Town pool prk. lot.

11:27 p.m., disturbance, N. Main St.

Sunday, Dec. 29

12:04 a.m., disturbance, Forest Ave.

12:17 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

12:50 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.

1:28 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

1:52 a.m., animal complaint, CJC Hwy.

1:57 a.m., assist citizen, Beechwood St.

3:05 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:05 a.m., officer wanted, King St.

4:54 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

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Police Report

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9:36 p.m., suspicious (other), Pond St.
10:04 p.m., suspicious (other), N. Main St.
10:15 p.m., MV stop, Summer St.
10:25 p.m., disturbance, King St.
10:28 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
11:32 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:32 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:01 p.m., officer wanted, N. Main St.
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Monday, Dec. 30

1:51 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St./Green St.
10:01 a.m., larceny, N. Main St.
10:53 a.m., MV accident, Broad Cove Rd.
12:28 p.m., MV stop, N. Main by the Common.
1:12 p.m., MV stop, King St.
1:20 p.m., MV stop, Pond St. at Buttonwood Ln.
1:33 p.m., arrest, Sgt. Jackson in with Joseph Joyce, DOB: 3/23/75, 3288 Conway Blvd., Prt Charles Fl., arrested for possession of Class D and operating a motor vehicle without an inspection sticker.
2:17 p.m., prisoner transport, to Quincy District Ct.
4:25 p.m., larceny, Jerusalem Rd.
5:18 p.m, animal complaint, Brook St.
10:57 p.m., noise complaint, Norman Todd Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

9:52 a.m., MV accident, Beechwood St. by ballfield.
10:16 a.m., MV accident, Forest Ave. at N. Main St.
10:40 a.m., MV accident, Pond St. by Clayspring Rd.
10:42 a.m., warrant of apprehension, Forest Notch.
11:17 a.m., assist motorist, Beach St. at Atlantic Ave.
11:31 a.m., parking violation, Elm St.
11:33 a.m., animal complaint, Elm St.
11:39 a.m., MV stop, Border St. by Parker Ave.
12:22 p.m., assist motorist, by 682 CJC Way.
12:34 p.m., MV accident, area of 164 CJC Way.
1:17 p.m., MV accident, King St.
2:05 p.m., MV accident, King St.
3:05 p.m., MV accident, Pond St. by Spring St.
3:17 p.m., officer wanted, Pleasant St.
4:18 p.m., MV accident, Jerusalem Rd.
4:55 p.m., transport, Jerusalem Rd.
6:26 p.m., officer wanted, Elm Ct.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

1:05 a.m., assist citizen, Bancoft Rd.
1:11 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
1:45 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
4:53 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
5:08 a.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.
7:32 a.m., assist citizen, Jerusalem Rd.
8:41 a.m., MV accident, N. Main St.
12:42 p.m., medical aid, Pond St.
12:51 p.m., notification, Lamberts Ln.
2:34 p.m., officer wanted, Ripley Rd.
5:19 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
6:00 p.m., suspicious person, Border St.
6:20 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
9:02 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
9:08 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
9:38 p.m., officer wanted, Margin Ct.
9:49 p.m., officer wanted, King St.
10:28 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
10:48 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Thursday, Jan. 2

8:25 a.m., parking violation, Jerusalem Rd.
12:06 p.m., assist other police dept., CJC Hwy.
6:38 p.m., MV stop, Grace Dr.
7:24 p.m., medical aid, Ripley Rd.
7:28 p.m., officer wanted, Atlantic Ave.
7:46 p.m., suspicious person, Atlantic Ave.
10:45 p.m., medical aid, Holly Ln.

Friday, Jan. 3

1:20 a.m., officer wanted, Nichols Rd.
1:47 a.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.
6:00 a.m., animal complaint, West Gate Ln.
7:31 a.m., assist citizen, Elm St.
8:33 a.m., annoying phone calls, N. Main St.
9:09 a.m., fire (electrical), Ripley Rd.
10:39 a.m., fire (outside), Lamberts Ln.
3:34 p.m., fire (hazardous materials spill), Beechwood St.
4:21 p.m., general services, HQ.
5:28 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:11 p.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.
7:21 p.m., medical aid, Barker Tavern.
7:25 p.m., fire (gas leak, inside), S. Main St.
8:00 p.m., assault, Pond St.
9:16 p.m., disturbance (general), Government Island.
9:29 p.m., officer wanted, S. Main St.
10:57 p.m., general services, Smith Pl.

Saturday, Jan. 4

7:23 a.m., animal complaint, King St.
10:02 a.m., info (directions), Elm St.
10:50 a.m., threats (bodily harm), S. Main St.
3:19 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
6:17 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:41 p.m., suspicious auto, Jerusalem Rd.
7:09 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
9:12 p.m., medical aid, Hollett St.
10:13 p.m., suspicious person, Square.
10:22 p.m., officer wanted, Windy Hill Rd.
10:24 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.
10:40 p.m., officer wanted, Square.
10:48 p.m., disturbance, Town Pool parking lot.
11:01 p.m., MV stop, King St.

Sunday, Jan. 5

12:10 a.m., assault, S. Main St./Scituate Line
6:28 a.m., suspicious auto, Stanton Rd.
10:26 a.m., MV stop, town parking lot.
11:36 a.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
7:48 p.m., animal complaint, Brewster Rd.

Wrought-Iron Gate Thefts are Under Investigation

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Cohasset, Scituate and Marshfield police are investigating a spate of thefts of ornamental wrought iron gates and other decorative fixtures from local residences over the past month.

Det. Rick Grassie said three gates have been stolen, a large ornamental planter, and a weather vane all from Cohasset homes on Beach Street, Bound Brook Lane, Jerusalem Road and Nichols Road.

The items range in value from $1,000 to $4,000 and up, he said.

Grassie said the thefts take place between midnight and 6 a.m. Police have no clues except for truck tracks left at one of the crime scenes indicating the truck has double rear wheels.

He warned homeowners to try to secure their gates and keep them lit if possible.

Polly Logan, 121 Nichols Rd., said her five-foot high garden gates, which were part of the formal gardens at the old Logan estate, were stolen sometime early Monday morning.

She said her guests left at 11:15 p.m. and she turned the flood lights off by midnight. Logan said she was shocked when she went out to get the morning paper and discovered her garden gates were missing.

"They are priceless, how can I replace them?" she asked.

Police are trying to obtain photographs of the stolen items.

Marshfield police said the apparent thefts began with the disappearance of two stone griffins from a Summer Street home in that town Nov. 11.

Subsequent thefts included two large iron Victorian urns and another antique urn.

Similar thefts have also been reported in Scituate.

Police believe the perpetrators check the items out during the day. Anyone who sees anything suspicious should contact Cohasset police at 383-1055.

Eight Accidents Reported

Police Sgt. Robert Jackson said police investigated eight motor vehicle accidents during the season's first snowstorm on Dec. 31. No injuries were reported.

"Apparently people forgot how to drive in the snow," he said.

Jackson noted that half the accidents involved four-wheel-drive vehicles.

"The laws of physics apply to those vehicles," he said. "They take just as long to stop."

Jackson cautioned that when it's snowing outside, people should drive below the speed limit.

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Citizens Petition for Town Manager

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

A Citizens Petition article for a town manager will appear on the March town meeting warrant, selectmen learned Monday.

Thomas Gruber, 8 Pratt Court, spoke on behalf of the petitioners, at Monday's selectmen's meeting.

Gruber thanked Cohasset Town Administrator Gregory Doyon, who is stepping down to accept a position in Abington, for his service to the town and wished him well, but said the vacancy gives the town the opportunity to examine its form of government.

"I hear good things from Hull," Gruber said. Hull has a town manager, a position that can vary from town to town but generally has more power than a town administrator does.

"Look at the size and budget of Cohasset," Gruber said, pointing out the caliber of the position that someone in private industry would hold to handle a business the size of the town of Cohasset.

Gruber said the town might be able to save the amount of the town manager's salary "many times over" if it were run more efficiently. He pointed to the recent cost overruns on the Department of Public Works garage. Overages, he said, perhaps would not have occurred if the town had a full-time manager.

According to the Massachusetts Municipal Association, town managers, who serve at the pleasure of

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Residents Hope for Fair Septic Plan

By Jason Bouffard
COHASSET MARINER

Town residents appeared less resistant to the proposed wastewater management program at the Jan. 7 workshop with the board of health, showing more concern in finding the best solution to the wastewater issue than was the case last month.

The sentiment may have been a reaction to board of health chairman Tom Cook's clear presentation of the reasons why a septic system maintenance plan must be developed. Cook opened the night's discussion by explaining that the town is mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection to assemble a wastewater management plan and that, with a management plan, the town becomes eligible for state loans. He also stressed that the plan would help protect the environment.

Some residents raised objections to these points. For example, it was suggested that the town stay away from state funds because of the "strings attached." As one resident stated, while most people favor preserving the environment, the cost of doing so is causing some worry.

Chairman Cook spelled out the potential costs associated with a septic system maintenance plan. Using what he called "average figures," he argued that some 1,300 homes with on-site systems would require inspection to determine whether or not they meet Title V criteria. With an average cost of $600 per inspection, the total cost to the town would

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Ricky Lordan climbs up the hill at Cohasset High School for another run.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Pay as You Throw Trash Plan Challenged

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Cohasset's proposed pay-as-you-throw program may be trashed before it starts.

Ron Massa, 140 N. Main St., told selectmen this week that there is "strong and growing opposition" to the plan which would require residents to purchase see-through trash bags at $1 a piece in lieu of the $65 annual sticker for the Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF) off Cedar Street.

Massa submitted two citizens petition warrant articles for the March town meeting which could amend the by-law to take away the authority selectmen have in setting rates for trash service and freeze fees at the current rate.

Selectmen decided to enact the new program this spring as a way to encourage more recycling and lower the town's tonnage of trash sent to SEMASS in Rochester, Mass. by 10 percent, not including savings in the reduction of hauling fees.

The recycling committee estimates that with increased recycling, an average household would use one, 33-gallon size bag per week for trash.

But Massa stressed that some see the pay-as-you-throw system as a whopping fee increase.

"I took an informal survey of 100 people and not one person used one bag or less. Almost all use two to three, and in some instances even more," he said. "That would increase our cost (to use the RTF) by 100, 200 or 300 percent."

A frustrated Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown said the pay-as-you-throw program should be given a

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Cohasset's Week

Elder Affairs Budget Jumps

The Council on Elder Affairs (CEA) proposed fiscal year 1998 budget is up more than $15,000 — the bulk of which will go to the South Shore Community Center (SSCC), which houses the Senior Center.

CEA director Joseph Buckley told selectmen this week the community center wants the Senior Center, which uses 25 percent of the facility, to pay for an equivalent part of the operating expenses of the building such as real estate taxes, water, custodial services, maintenance, insurance, and office administration.

Buckley explained that while the three-year-old Senior Center has an agreement that it doesn't have to pay rent, he thinks it is fair to be asked to pay part of the operating expenses of the building.

"We knew it would be rent free but we knew higher taxes or something would come along, so we left the opening there," Buckley said about the CEA's agreement with the community center.

Buckley said the Community Center needs the money and urged selectmen to support the budget increase.

"I think Elder Services is a great asset to the town and I also think the Community Center is a great asset for the town," he said.

Selectmen approved the CEA's proposed budget for fiscal year 1998, which is $83,138 up from $67,072 this year. The increase includes $13,000 for facilities maintenance for the Community Center and $3,000 more for the Outreach Coordinator, whose hours will increase.

Bill Payments are Approved

This week selectmen approved payment of the following bills:

- $6,730 to Nucci Vine Associates for matters related to the harbor dredging project;
- $682.44 & $998.97 to Joerres Electric for work on the DPW garage.
- $2,978.92 & $2,085.31 to town counsel Deutsch Williams Brooks for invoices dated Dec. 9 and Nov. 8, 1996.

Town Accountant's Budget Reviewed

Selectmen support the town accountant's proposed fiscal year 1998 budget of $61,750 up from $59,269 in FY'97, which ends June 30.

The increase reflects a jump of $2,981 in town accountant Michael Buckley's salary per his contractual agreement.

Ten Minutes for Walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes at 8 p.m. on their meeting nights to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda, selectmen said.

Building Inspector Budget Approved

This week, selectmen approved the proposed fiscal year 1998, $47,701 budget for the building inspector. The budget, which is up just .05 percent over last year, includes $156 for a pager for the plumbing inspector.

Ambulance Billing Update

In December, the town billed for 34 ambulance transports totalling $12,040.39 and collected $8,469.04 in the same period. So far in fiscal year 1997, which ends June 30, the town has collected $59,845.73 (applied to invoices from all previous years) and sent bills for $70,413.14 (for transports occurring only in FY'97).

Upcoming Meetings are Noted

The following meetings have been posted outside the town clerk's office at town hall:

- Board of Health, 7 p.m., Jan. 21.
- Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 16.
- Planning Board, 8 p.m., Jan. 29.
- Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 21.
- Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Feb. 4. and March 12.
- School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 16, AV room at the high school.

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Mon. 20	8:46	10.1	2:23	9:24	8.9	3:09
Tues. 21	9:34	10.2	3:13	10:11	9.0	3:56
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Whoosh! Timothy Maitland doesn't have any complaints about the snow, as he gets a push from his mother Debbie at the Cohasset High School hill.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Eight Inches of Snow Surprise Cohasset

Residents of Cohasset woke up Saturday morning to the second snowstorm of the season, which blanketed the town with eight inches.

The storm took everyone, including the weathermen, by surprise. Snow fell steadily until midday, tapering off at about 11:30 a.m. By 1 p.m., the sun had peeked its head out from behind the clouds. It shone brightly throughout the afternoon, making the snow glisten.

"We were told, we'd get one inch to a dusting and we got eight inches," said Harold Litchfield, head of Cohasset's department of public works.

There were six more motor vehicle accidents during the storm on Route 3A, Beechwood Street, Border Street, and King Street, said Police Sgt. Robert Jackson, adding that weather was a factor in the mishaps.

Eight accidents occurred during the New Year's Eve storm.

According to Mariner weather observer Bob Skilling, the weather computer models did a poor job with this storm, and the forecast snow total had to be updated as the snow was falling.

"The density of the snow (water content) was well below what we normally experience around here. Sometimes it is termed a 'dry snow,'" he explained. "In other words, eight inches of snow usually would melt down to about 0.8 inches of precipitation, but this one could manage only 0.45 inch. The ratio was 18 inches of snow to one inch of precipitation rather than the usual 10 to one ratio."

A comparison of snowfall this season versus last season to date shows 15 inches so far this season and a whopping 62 inches through this date last year, Skilling said.

Litchfield said the Jan. 11 storm cost $9,354.91 out of the $45,344 snow budget, of which, $26,137.60 remains. He pointed out that repairs to snowplows come out of the budget which is also used for plowing and sanding.

Litchfield said so far this season the department has been out 23 times. Last year at this time, plowers and sanders had been out 52 times.

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Lamberts Lane Neighbors Still Want Safety Solutions

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Lamberts Lane neighbors were back before selectmen this week to get get the status on a list of action items to improve the safety of their road.

While selectmen had some answers, implementation of the measures, such as blasting ledge and cutting down trees, must wait until town counsel advises on who must give permission for the work.

Lamberts Lane is one of a number of "private ways" in town but in 1980, then town clerk Charles Marks certified that Lamberts Lane is maintained and used as a public way in town in accordance with state law, status that could allow the town to do improvements, the neighbors say.

So selectmen want to pass the matter on to town counsel for his opinion on what the town can do and if it's necessary to obtain permission from the various homeowners before taking any action.

Fifteen miles per hour traffic signs were installed along Lamberts Lane after the neighbors appealed to selectmen in September to do something about the dangerous traffic situation there.

They were back in December to lobby for more measures such as moving utility poles back from the street, cutting down trees near the roadway, and blasting away some of a large outcropping of ledge that contributes to visibility problems.

Construction of new homes on the narrow street has added to traffic.

Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown said that 11 trees have been marked to be cut down. The town engineer is looking at the road but his report was not available this week.

The town would need permission from the property owner to blast about 30 percent of the ledge nearest to the road, selectmen said.

But Selectman Ronnie McMorris pointed out that before the board can make a determination on what to do, they must talk with town counsel.

"The question is permission," she said.

Getting Back to Spiritual Basics

The Task Force on Spirituality and Healing of the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset has scheduled their second workshop for the general public under the heading of "Pathways to Healing II." At last November's "Pathways to Healing I," four area practitioners shared their expertise and insights with an inspired audience. With a request for a more in-depth experience, just two practitioners will present at "Pathways to Healing II" Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset (next to Town Hall).

Dr. Bruce Indek, a local chiropractor, will present a talk on "Universal Innate Healing Energies" to help us understand some of the basic interconnections involved in natural and spiritual healing practices. Then, Charles Mangat-Raj ("Raj"), a local, retired Yoga master will share thoughts and techniques on breath and its role in Yo practice. The event is free and open to the public. Call 383-0345 for directions or further information.

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chance. Brown, who sits on the recycling committee, is a strong proponent of the program, which will encourage more recycling.

Plans were to produce a pamphlet explaining the program and to conduct meetings to educate citizens about it. Brown feels pay-as-you-throw is a fairer system than the present one when everyone pays the same amount regardless of how much trash they generate.

"The DEP (state Department of Environmental Protection) is giving us a grant to do this, they know it will reduce trash and also increases recycling," Brown said. "I can take you up there any day in the week and show you there are recyclables in there (trash)."

Brown said nixing the program before it has a chance to prove itself will disappoint those who worked so hard to bring it to fruition.

"Every town that has done it, has done it with success,"Brown said.

Massa said recycling is not the issue, it's the increase in fees the program would create. He said town voters not selectmen should decide.

Fifty percent of the costs of the RTF including hauling charges are on the tax base, the balance is covered through the stickers.

Selectman Nan Roth said she is concerned that giving town meeting control over the RTF fees could create budgetary problems because the town depends on those fees to pick up 50 percent of the cost of running the RTF.

But Massa said the voters can make the decision and claimed the estimates of one bag per week are grossly wrong.

"We can vote $10 million for schools, I think we have the intelligence (to determine) whatever it costs for us to recycle trash," he said. "We are upset with the way this was delivered to us."

Selectman Michael Sullivan said the program would encourage people to "really pack a bag" instead of using 1/2 or 3/4 full bags as may be the case now. He said ultimately the program could lower everyone's costs.

But Massa said the perception of pay-as-you-throw is that is is "just one more expense."

Town Manager

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selectmen, can have relatively "strong" or "weak" roles in the administration of the town, depending on how the position is defined.

Town managers can hire and fire and appoint certain town officials that would otherwise be elected or appointed by selectmen. But speaking for the petitioners, Gruber said they want all elected and appointed boards to remain in tact.

"The town manager will need every advice and counsel," he said.

The town manager position must be created by either a home rule charter or special act of the legislature. The duties, responsibilities, and authority of the position are described in the legal document establishing the position.

Gruber likened a town manager to a CEO of the town with the selectmen serving in the role of the board of directors, providing guidance but not managing the town on a day to day basis.

He said the citizens petition article in no way casts aspersions on the way Doyon has done his job.

"We are greatly appreciative of the job Greg has done but it's time to take a fresh look at how we conduct business," he said.

Selectmen are willing to examine the possibility of switching to a town manager and will ask the government structure committee to look into it.

In the meantime, they have narrowed the field of interim town administrator candidates to Ed McCann of Scituate and Liz Lattimore of South Boston. Doyon's last day is Jan. 17.

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Best vacation: Sailing in the Caribbean.

Best day of your life: I haven't had it yet!

Biggest worry: Pollution of our water supply.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite TV show: "The Nanny."

Favorite movie: "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Favorite book: Anything by Tom Clancy.

Favorite junk food: Potato chips.

Most embarrassing moment: When my puppy had an "accident" on my friend's white carpet.

Person you'd most like to meet: My great-great grandmother.

Pet peeve: Discourteous drivers.

Town History Group

Selectmen said the Committee on Town History, which will compile the next volume of the town's history, needs ten more interested citizens. So far, ten people have signed up and town meeting set the committee size at 20.

A citizen-at-large is also needed to serve on the Greenbush Mitigation Committee, the Conservation Commission needs an associate member and the mosquito control committee has a vacancy. Interested citizens should stop by or call the selectmen's office at 383-9900.

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"Combating the Culture: What Parents, Teachers and Schools Can Do to Help Girls Maintain a Healthy Sense of Self," will be the focus of a workshop led by Catherine Steiner-Adair, clinical psychologist and director of education at the Harvard Eating Disorder Center, Thursday, Jan. 30, 7 to 9 p.m., in the auditorium of Scituate High School, Route 3A, Scituate.

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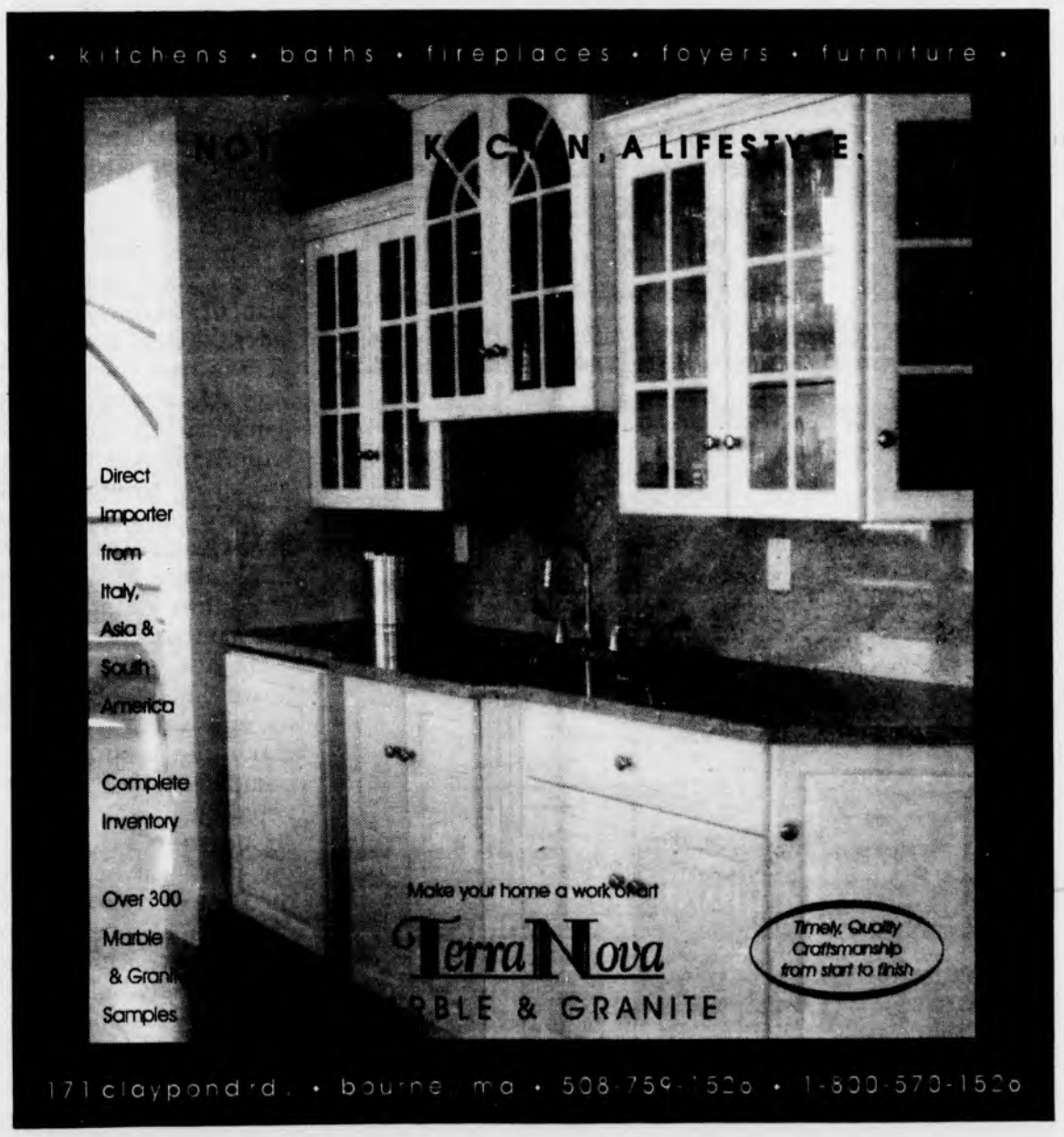
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Redesigned Fitness Program Proposed

By Jason Bouffard
COHASSET MARINER

Cohasset Junior/Senior High School's '97-'98 budget may bring about healthier kids.

During a school committee meeting last Thursday night, Health Coordinator Mike Gill gave a detailed account of his plan to redirect the school's phys. ed. program – gym class as most people know it may soon go the way of the Boston Garden.

Gill's idea focuses on the individual fitness of each student. Students would work on tailor-made fitness programs within the confines of a new facility currently the site of the senior study hall.

Under the new program, students would choose from a variety of exercise regimens designed to help them achieve personal fitness goals. For example, one student may lift weights to build strength, while another may participate in aerobics to improve cardiovascular conditioning.

While the initial request for equipment calls for $6,600, Gill said he envisions a long-term plan costing $100,000 to fully-equip. The state-of-the-art fitness center would be open to the public on a fee basis. Expenses could also possibly be addressed through fund-raising from private sources.

School board member Rick Shea suggested the possibility of a profit-making fitness facility using the school site as a satellite location, supplying equipment in exchange for additional space.

Gill said he would like to see a computerized system designed so that program coordinators could track a student's progress through the grades.

"Fitness is for everyone," Gill said. "Basketball isn't. Soccer isn't."

"Every student can feel success with a fitness program. Not everybody will feel success with soccer or basketball, and I feel that success translates into fun," he added.

Overall, the school budget calls for roughly a five percent increase across the board, rising to $3,644,277. Increased funding was requested by department heads from various departments, each of whom made requests for new textbooks to accommodate curriculum changes.

Other requests were made to facilitate changes in teaching methods, for example, new tables designed to accommodate group work.

"I'd like to see a math room that has more students working together, explaining things to each other, more of a cooperative work place," said School Principal Curtis Collins.

In addition, the science department is seeking $9000 worth of microscopes needed to replace old models and facilitate more advanced learning.

In light of increasing popularity of the photography program, money to renovate and expand the photography darkroom has been requested. Also, Principal Collins hopes to make the current part-time photography teacher Eileen Rohrer a full-time staff member, but the request was not yet part of the formal budget.

Collins also hopes to add another special education teacher to three-member staff to better serve the 92 students from grade 7 through 12 on individual education plans.

The School Committee will continue budget discussions Thursday night at 7:30 in the High School Audio/Visual room.

Septic Plan *Continued from page 1*

come to $780,000.

Annual inspections to determine if a system needs pumping would total an average of $108,750 per year. Annual maintenance expenses would cost the town an average of $208,000, or $139 per property.

By developing a septic system plan, the town qualifies for $3.2 million in state loans. Cook hopes the town will match that amount through the tax base.

Plans are to have a financial plan in place by town meeting, so the town portion can be tied to the override ballot question asking residents to pay half the cost of the central and north Cohasset sewer projects.

Officials think that incorporating both on-site and sewer users into a single debt-exclusion override will ensure its passage.

In response to suggestions that a sewer system would be a more economically sound choice for the town, Cook said sewering the 50 percent of the town with on-site systems would be cost prohibitive.

Cook said that the board is considering a fund of pooled resources to which all on-site system program members will contribute annually like the operating and maintenance fees charged sewer users.

Those in need of repairs would draw from that fund to pay for the work. In this way, they would avoid large repair bills, and would only pay the predetermined annual rate.

The board entertained suggestions that the annual rate for the fund be determined individually for each homeowner, with rate reductions given for smaller homes or systems which have been responsibly cared for.

The latter suggestion coincided with the board's assertion that systems that receive proper care will need attention less frequently.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik, in explaining the inner workings of a septic system, told residents that the system needs oxygen in order to adequately break down waste, but that systems that are not correctly maintained may not provide enough air.

While most residents did not object to the need for environmentally safe systems, several expressed concern that the maintenance program would result in unfair treatment of owners of on-site systems compared to those with sewer hook-up.

"We want everybody to be treated the same," said Cohasset resident James "Russ" Lennon of Tad Lane. Several other residents agreed with this sentiment during the course of the night, stating that the differences in annual costs between sewer-connected homeowners and on-site system owners would be problematic.

Operating and maintenance costs for average sewer users are estimated to be about $400 a year. The health board is suggesting about $200 a year be assessed those with on-site systems, which would cover an annual inspection and pumping about every four years.

Local television host Wigmore Pierson, who has been a vocal opponent of the plan, urged the board to reconsider the need to put together a plan in time for a March town vote. He argued that the town would need more time to understand and form an opinion on any proposed plan.

"How can people reasonably be expected to analyze and think about a plan a week or two before voting on it? I think that's unfair," he said.

He also suggested that the board hold meetings devoted to educating town residents about the proposal after it is completed, but before it is voted on.

Cook hopes that portions of the plan will be presented at the next workshop on Feb. 11. A March 11 meeting is scheduled to reveal all components of a completed plan.

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'Guidelines' on Disputing Water Bills Faulted

By Carol Britton Meyer
COHASSET MARINER

Reaction to a written statement issued by the Department of Public Utilities regarding how and under what conditions customers can dispute water bills has been far from favorable.

Cohasset resident James "Russ" Lennon said the DPU response is "a kiss off. All they did was print up the law which is written in reference to rate increases. But what would you expect from the DPU? They'll defend what they did, right or wrong." (For letter, see page 7).

The DPU approved a 155 percent rate hike, which went into effect in June to help the company recoup the cost of building its $40 million water treatment plant in Hingham. Customers in Hingham, North Cohasset and Hull have complained vehemently since the increase was instituted.

In the statement, DPU Director of Consumer Affairs Claudine Langlois wrote: "Consumers should understand that when the Department has approved a public utility's rates and charges, all subsequent bills rendered by the company are payable."

In accordance with the billing and termination procedures of the DPU, "any issue relating to the proper application of approved rates and charges, or the company's compliance with the regulations may be the subject of a complaint by a customer," she also stated.

"I'm very disappointed with the tone of the letter," said Sen. Robert Hedlund. "I'm working with officials in all three towns to formulate the next step." He said DPU regulations stipulate water meters must be read at least every other month.

DPU Executive Director Timothy Shevlin said customers who receive two or more estimates in a row or have billing errors, as well as those who have received termination notices or have encountered problems with water quality, must still pay the full amount of their bills. Individuals who have had received more than one estimate should contact MAWC to request an actual reading.

"There is no legal recourse in terms of not paying bills as charged or placing money in escrow," Shevlin emphasized. He said customers should bring their complaints to the water company before contacting the DPU. "We'll intervene if necessary," Shevlin said.

In response to the DPU's letter, Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray said, "I really thought their response would say part of the water bill could be put into escrow," she said. "I am disappointed. Customers have had to deal with discolored water, old pipes and service that has not been great."

Cohasset Selectman Peter Pratt commented, "It's less than half a loaf. The letter doesn't do what the towns asked the governor to do.

"After 65 days of addressing the issue on Beacon Hill, we finally have gotten an answer. It (simply) tells us who to refer complaints to. Now one person at the DPU will be deluged with complaints," he said.

Hingham resident James L. H. Thomson Jr.'s response to the DPU correspondence was, "That's crazy." He also remarked, "We got ourselves into this mess because a lot of people didn't pay attention to a lot of people, and now we're footing the bill. But the DPU is way off base."

While the rates are much too high, he said, customers are responsible for paying their current bills.

"Now we have to try and convince the DPU we're paying for things we shouldn't be paying for," Thomson said. "They need to find out what the heck has happened, and hopefully that will result in a decrease in our rates. The water company has players on all bases, and we're just coming up to bat."

'All they did was print up the law which is written in reference to rate increases. But what would you expect from the DPU? They'll defend what they did, right or wrong.'
- Russ Lennon, Tad Lane.

Hingham Town Administrator Charles Cristello said he would have hoped the DPU would be "a little more consumer friendly. It sounds like it was written by a lawyer and they're protecting themselves." He said he was surprised they didn't have a brochure addressing the dispute issue in layman's terms.

"The letter covers the basics. There probably isn't much people can do to dispute their bills. That's probably good for them to know so they don't get into trouble withholding payment," he said.

The dispute process includes first notifying the company by telephone, mail or in person, allowing ample time for an investigation. If dissatisfied with the company's finding, the customer may contact the consumer division of the department to dispute the company's decision. Following an investigation of the complaint, the consumer division will "make an effort to resolve the issue of dispute," Langlois said in the letter.

If a customer or company is still not satisfied, there is a hearing process, which may be appealed in writing for an adjudicatory proceeding, where the complaint will be heard and determined judicially. Following the hearing, upon the rendering of a written adjudicatory decision by the department, either aggrieved party may appeal the decision within 20 days in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. The towns of Hingham and Hull are appealing the new rates.

Cohasset Town Administrator Greg Doyan said no decision has been made yet on how Cohasset will approach the issue.

"The DPU has set forth what the actual regulations are as they pertain to our terms and conditions. The customer's rights are spelled out," MAWC vice president and treasurer Rod Nevirduskas said.

"What people need to understand is that payments of water charges deposited in escrow accounts do not constitute payment of the bill to the company.

"This issue has been in the forefront lately. Moneys deposited in escrow are registered as non-payments, and customers are subject to whatever action results, as are other customers who don't pay."

MAWC has requested DPU approval to issue water bills on a monthly basis, rather than quarterly. The decision is still pending before the DPU, Shevlin said.

Customers with unresolved questions, complaints or concerns regarding the application of rates, billing or service termination issues may call the consumer division at (800) 392-6066 or (617) 727-3531 for assistance in resolving their problems.

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AROUND TOWN/Sallyann Chatterton

Congratulations to poet, Kristen Moore!

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Here is a story that will build our pride in our Cohasset Junior/Senior High School students! **Kristen Moore** of 29 Black Rock Rd. has just had original poetry published in "Memories of Tomorrow," a treasury of today's poetry compiled by The National Library of Poetry. The poem is entitled "Words of Death." Kristen is an eighth-grade student at CHS. She enjoys writing poetry in her spare time, and the National Library of Poetry seeks to discover and encourage poets by sponsoring contests that are open to the public and by publishing poems in widely distributed hardback volumes. Poets interested in publication may send one original poem, any subject or style, 20 lines or less, to The National Library of Poetry, 1 Poetry Plaza, Suite 13711, Owing Mills, MD 21117-6282. Please be sure to include your name and address with your poem. All poems received are also entered in The National Library of Poetry's North American Open Poetry Contest, which awards more than $48,000 in prizes annually.

Kristen, we are proud of you, and hope that you will be an inspiration to tons more young folks!

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We applaud another student at this time, **Adam G. Friedman** — as a result of his superior academic work for the fall term, he has earned a place on the Honor Roll at Cushing Academy. As you all know the Honor Roll recognizes hard work and determination. Adam is a leader, and as such, a role model for his peers. Keep it up Adam!

❑

News from Noble and Greenough School, concerning two Cohassetites — **Stefanie Noering** (Class of 1999), daughter of **Richard** and **Sabina Noering** of Cohasset, was named to ISL (Independent School League) ALL-LEAGUE for her solid performance as a member of the girls varsity field hockey team. Nobles held a season record of 13-2-3 and captured the New England Class B Field Hockey title at the NEPSAC tournament. More good news about Stefanie; she was voted co-captain of the 1997 field hockey squad!

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And, **Morgan Sandell,** son of **Jim** and **Nancy Sandell** and a member of the Class of 1999, received an Independent School League All-League Honorable Mention for his accomplishments on the boys varsity soccer team. Nobles held a season record of 14-2-2 and captured the New England Class B Soccer title at the NEPSAC tournament in November.

❑

Happy first birthday to our precious granddaughter, **Tori Clark Litchfield!** The big celebration was held last Sunday at their home, the actual date was Jan. 14. It was really a special event, now we just have to wait for Nobles Camera Shop to do its part and get the photos back to us ASAP. Next time you see us, just ask to see!

❑

Melinda Cheel, a Union College Class of 1998 computer information systems major, is participating in the College's winter term exchange program in Athens, Greece. Melinda, of Margin Court, Cohasset, is a 1994 graduate of Cohasset Jr/Sr High School. Melinda will study the classics, classical Greek archaeology, and contemporary Greece, examining East-West relationships — what a wonderful thing! As an aside, did you know that Union College was recently ranked 11th of U.S. colleges in the number of students who studied abroad during 1994-5, and the college sent more abroad during the 1995-6 academic year! Anyway, we certainly hope to hear all about your travels upon your return, Melinda!

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Accolades once again for one terrific student, this time it is from Mercerberg Academy, located in south-central Pennsylvania — **Elizabeth M. Hills**, who is in the 11th grade there, made high honors for the *Fall 1996* term — high honors is 90-100 G.P.A., so you know that, once again, Elizabeth has more than outdone herself! You know that her mom and dad, **Mr.** and **Mrs. David W. Hills** are so proud that they are ready to burst! And, if memory serves, you know how bright she is in languages, math, sciences, you know, everything! She will undoubtedly be able to name her ticket to any college, we cannot wait to hear her continuing saga!



Starring in the recent Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop production "Robbery in Strawberry Fizz Saloon" are daughter and mother, Leighanne and Angi Walsh of Cohasset.

We also give **Michael Kennedy**, an 11th-grader at the South Shore Vocational Technical High School, a great big standing ovation — he made High Honors for the first Trimester, for the 1996-97 school year! A wonderful achievement indeed!

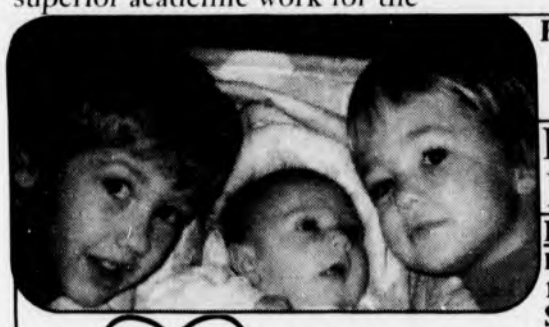
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One final reminder — be sure to give **Mrs. Mulcahy** a giant hug (but gently), Kaye turned 90 years young recently, and she looks younger with each passing year!

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— Sallyann
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Devanney/Ripley

Carrie L. Ripley, daughter of Robert G. Ripley and Elizabeth B. Ripley of Cohasset, married Dr. James F. Devanney, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Devanney of Exeter, R.I., Nov. 2 at St. Timothy's Church in Warwick, R.I.

The Rev. Gary Ritts and Father James Hamilton officiated at the ceremony.

Maid of Honor was Jennifer Ripley of Cohasset, and Elizabeth Whitecage was Matron of Honor.

Bridesmaids were Lisa Ripley of Branford, Conn., and Kara Protulis and Deana Genovese, both of Cohasset.

Mathew Vickery served as Best Man.

William Devanney, Scott Ripley, Frank Browne and Alan Freedman were Ushers, and Daniel Whitecage was Junior Groomsman.

Ring Bearer was Nathaniel Urso, and Flower Girl was Sara Whitecage of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The bride is a graduate of University of South Florida, where she majored in special education.

Her husband is a graduate of University of Maryland and Boston University Dental School and has a private dental practice in Warwick.

Following a reception at Warwick Country Club, the couple took a wedding trip to Aruba.

They are residing in Warwick.



Heather A. Bass & Kurt Jones

Jones/Bass

Harold and Margaret Bass of Westford announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Anne Bass, to Kurt Jones, son of Paul and Pam Jones of North Reading.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Cohasset High School and will graduate from University of Massachusetts at Lowell in June.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of North Reading High School and is employed as a motion picture camera operator specializing in "Steadicam."

A June wedding is planned.

On The Mark on Cable

Please tune in on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m. and watch "On The Mark with Illana Marks." She will interview reporters from different South Shore newspapers to find out what has been big in the news, and what they are finding out about the large issues facing our towns and also find out what's involved in publishing a newspaper.

Watch this Friday night, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. to see a repeat broadcast of selectmen from our various communities addressing important issues.

Please call in with questions for our guests or if you would like to participate by writing in questions or comments, our address is "On the Mark," P.O. Box 717, Scituate 02066. Our e-mail address is Ilanamarks@aol.com.

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Dorothea C. Anacone

Dorothea C. (McTighe) Anacone, 78, of Duxbury, died at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home December 20 after a long Alzheimer's illness.

Mrs. Anacone worked as a buyer for Filenes in Boston in the earlier years of her life before raising a family.

She was born in Boston and lived in Duxbury for 40 years.

Wife of the late William C. Anacone, she leaves three sons, William C. Anacone III of Duxbury, Robert B. Anacone of Concord, and David J. Anacone of Mansfield, a daughter, Linda W. Bolster of Cohasset, a sister, Rita McTighe Robinson of Quincy, and nine grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated December 23 at the Holy Family Church in Duxbury.

Donations in her memory may be made to Cohasset Knoll Activities Fund, c/o Mary Steele, Cohasset Knoll, Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset.

John J. Lengel

John J. Lengel, 79, of Cohasset, died Dec. 17 in Milton Hospital.

Mr. Lengel was the husband of Goldie Lengel and leaves a daughter, Donna Flynn of Milton; a son, John Jeffrey Lengel of Pittsburgh, Penn.; and four grandchildren.

Interment was in Milton Cemetery.

Virginia A. Burtner

Virginia A. (Cole) Burtner, 62, of Hampstead, NH, died suddenly Monday, Dec. 31, at her home. She was born in Cohasset, the daughter of Richard and Margaret (Torrey) Cole.

Mrs. Burtner was raised in Scituate where she graduated from Scituate High School, Class of 1951. She later graduated from the Faye Secretarial School in Boston. She was employed as a medical secretary at the Boston Children's Hospital. She later worked for Lumberman's Mutual Insurance Co. in Boston.

Mrs. Burtner had resided in Hampstead for the past 33 years where she was a member of the Hampstead Congregational Church. She was well known in the community for her many years of volunteer work in a number of areas.

She leaves her husband, James E. Burtner of Hampstead, NH, a son, David Burtner of Derry, NH, a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Nancy) Areano of Westboro, and one grandson, Joseph Areano of Westboro.

Memorial services were held Thursday, Jan. 2, at the Hampstead Congregational Church, Hampstead. The Rev. Robert Dobson, pastor, officiated. Private committal services will be held at the Lakeview Cemetery, Hampstead, at the family's convenience. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hampstead Rescue Squad, Little Lane, Hampstead, NH 03841. The Peabody Funeral Homes, 15 Birch St., Derry, was in charge of arrangements.

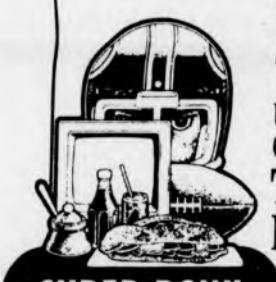
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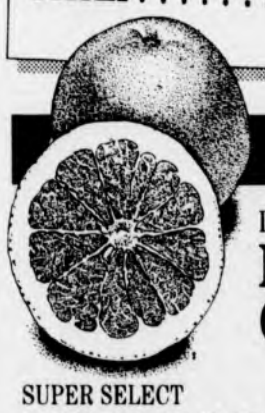
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Professional Management

Town meeting voters are going to have the chance to debate and decide whether Cohasset should have a town manager instead of a town administrator.

It's not clear just what this means because whether a manager is relatively "strong" or "weak" depends on how the position is defined. It appears that the town can decide to give a town manager, who would serve at the pleasure of the board of selectmen, as much power as it wants to. The duties, responsibilities and authority of the position would be described in the legal document establishing the position.

We'll be following the discussion closely and agree that the time is right to examine expanding the role of Cohasset's full-time professional manager.

Personally, we'll miss town administrator Greg Doyon who was always accessible to us. He never hesitated to answer our questions or try to explain a complicated decision or vote.

But there's no question that Mr. Doyon's position could have been delegated to far more. Our board of selectmen often get so bogged down in minutiae that larger, more important issues don't get the attention they deserve. Meetings drag on and on and certain "action items" seem to get buried under massive agendas.

We're not complaining about the length of selectmen's meetings — it's our job to be there and needless to say, they provide us with tons of copy.

But clearly, whether the town has a "manager" or continues with a town administrator, the selectmen need more help. For example, some projects, such as the D.P.W. garage, which has been plagued by cost overruns, would have benefitted from more oversight.

We believe the time has come for an examination of the type of full-time professional management that a town like Cohasset *needs and deserves.*

Thanks, Greg

We'd like to take this opportunity to join others in Cohasset in wishing Greg Doyon all the best in his new position as town administrator for the town of Abington.

We thank Mr. Doyon for his assistance over the years in explaining innumerable issues and for always getting back to us by deadline when we left messages.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Septic Repairs Need More Scrutiny

To the Editor:

It is apparent from the recent septic system management planning sessions held by the Cohasset Board of Health that residents are greatly alarmed, and justifiably so, by the magnitude of the estimated capital and operating costs associated with a typical septic system repair envisioned by the Board of Health. However, I am concerned that most homeowners have not been made adequately aware of the adverse effects that a repair can also have on the use, appearance and value of their property as well as the potential for damage to neighboring property for which they could be liable.

I am an abutter to an ill-conceived and ill-executed septic system repair which is rumored to have cost $50,000. This repair has destroyed once beautiful grounds including trees and other vegetation. Excavation required to install a 60-foot-long concrete retaining wall along my property line cut the roots to a number of my trees. A local arborist has stated that this damage will likely kill the trees over the next three to five years. The wall also interrupts the natural flow of ground and surface water off my property causing flooding of the property, to an extent that I have never seen in 26 years, damaging our gardens and further injuring our trees. Finally, a noisy air compressor required for the repair constantly operates on our property line.

My experience, as outlined above, is likely to recur for other abutters and homeowners required to pursue future repairs. I believe that subjecting a third of the septic system users in Cohasset to such costs and the devastation of their property is not fair or reasonable. In my opinion the Board of Health should develop an alternative plan that is less extensive than it is currently proposing.

I recommend that the alternative plan require that the Board of Health coordinate with other town agencies such as the Conservation Commission and Building Inspector, and that together they evaluate the overall environmental impact of each repair. They should consider among other things ground and surface water flow, noise, vegetation and esthetics. The alternative plan should also develop by-laws to protect homeowners and abutters. A state registered professional engineer with experience in these areas should be placed in charge of reviewing all design and construction activities for the Town. Finally, the plan should empower the Selectmen to appoint an individual or committee responsible to monitor and control the activities of the all parties and approve designs so that situations such as mine will not continue to occur.

Paul L. Lualdi
56 Deep Run

Kindergarten Comments Were Fine

To the Editor:

In the spirit of the season, I will simply say that Lucille McLoughlin might have considered the fact that the mean age of the children whose writing she criticized is 5-1/2 years.

Most of the thoughts expressed by those little ones about Christmas and Hanukkah, as published in the Mariner, were warm with joy of family and friends.

I thought them charming. Understandably ignorant and self-centered, of course; kindergartners do have a few things yet to learn. But certainly not "disheartening," to quote Ms. McLoughlin's critical summation.

Eleanor Coughlin
31 Ash Street

See page 11

Rates Reduced at Bancroft Hall for Cohasset Residents

The Board of Directors of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation has concluded, on the basis of last year's income and expense and predicted budget for 1997, that rates for use of Bancroft Hall can be reduced for Cohasset residents and still meet operating expense and set-asides for long-term capital expenditure such as roof replacement. Paying off the refurbishment loan was not accomplished until early in 1996, hence CLC is just beginning to build up the reserve for future capital expense. It is hoped that rates can be further reduced in the future, at least for Cohasset residents.

More than half the bookings for Bancroft Hall are at no charge, to non-profit groups, and more could be accommodated on request. To avoid continuous fund raising, expenses must be met by fees from private functions and from for-profit organizations. Now that the acoustic deficiency has been corrected, there may be more bookings for business meetings and income from these may enable further reduction of fees charged to Cohasset residents for private functions. It is recognized that the rates are too high for small family parties, but less than charged for comparable facilities for larger functions.

For Cohasset residents, the rates will be $200 Monday through Wednesday, excluding holidays, and $400 Thursday through Sunday and holidays. The rates for non-Cohasset users will be $100 higher. Only caterers approved by CLC may be used; that is caterers who have documented that CLC is named as "additional insured" for liquor liability on their insurance policies.

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Town Meeting could decide to opt for a town manager form of government. While selectmen would remain responsible for policy making, the town manager could have power and control of the town's day-to-day activities and could appoint certain town officials who would otherwise be elected or appointed by selectmen.

Do you support having a town manager, who would have more power to make decisions, than a town administrator, which Cohasset currently has?

Press 1 -- Yes, the time has come for Cohasset to have a town manager.

Press 2 -- No, I think it's possible to operate the town more effectively using the present system with a town administrator.

Press 3 -- I think either position is unnecessary. Selectmen are elected to run the town, let them do it.

All responses to this week's question must be received by NOON, Monday, Jan. 20.

Our readers are invited to record a brief comment after registering their responses to this week's question. Please speak clearly. We will print as many responses as space permits, but we reserve the right to edit any lengthy comments.

Salute to Bob Hedlund

Sunday, Jan. 26, there will be a salute to Senator Bob Hedlund (R-Plymouth/Norfolk) at South Shore Country Club, Hingham, noon to 2 p.m. with special guests Norfolk Sheriff Jack Flood, Plymouth Sheriff Peter Forman, Norfolk District Attorney Jeff Locke, and Plymouth District Attorney Mike Sullivan.

Committee Chairman Polly Logan of Cohasset said Hedlund won every town (Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury, except three precincts in Braintree). She added Hedlund captured 57 percent of the vote and is now a senior member of the senate.

Other special invited guests include GOP Senate Leader Brian P. Lees of East Longmeadow and GOP House Leader David M. Peters of Charlton and Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset.

For brunch reservations, call Logan, 383-0031, Ann Collins, 749-0817, Carl Harris, 749-7715, Audrey MacDonald, 934-0366, Linda Glennon, 337-4138 or Dana Toland, 337-4383.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Evolution of a Research Program

To the Editor:

The primary goal of the proposed "Lobster Lab" on Cohasset harbor is to create a unique facility, "...to support student-initiated and student-conducted original research projects." Although primarily envisioned to serve students, it has always been expected that increasing public familiarity with the programs at the lab would eventually filter back to improve the scientific literacy of the community at large.

Perhaps the first "lesson" that needs to be taught to and understood by this larger audience, is how a scientific research program evolves, and how it differs from the structured, academic science curriculum found in our schools. Extracurricular is by definition, outside the scope of the formal school curriculum. For example, skiing and ballet are not part of the offerings in gym classes in our schools, and yet we have a ski team at the high school and numerous dancers who perform annually in Boston Ballet's "Nutcracker." There are no formal ties between the curriculum in the schools and these, or many other, extracurricular activities which enrich many students lives and educations.

Just because the lab is more "academic" in nature than these other offerings does not mean that it requires detailed, explicit and formal ties to the existing curriculum. Such a structure, in fact, runs counter to the whole philosophy upon which the lab is based. Basic research, by its very nature, is largely unstructured and undirected. Questions on the workings of nature slowly yield answers through the scientific process, but, more importantly, generate even more questions. The scientist follows this endless path of questions and answers, never really knowing where it will lead.

The science program at the lab will evolve from the research interests of the students and will follow a course that cannot be predicted at this stage. Some may find this lack of apparent direction troubling, but it is intrinsic to basic research. The lab is not "mission-oriented" or "applied," nor does it have a specific body of information to be "learned." It will be a place for children to frame their own questions about nature, and to devise means for addressing and answering those questions.

One can read books about skiing or ballet and learn much about these subjects, but it is far different from strapping on a pair of skis or ballet shoes and trying it yourself. At the Lobster Lab, students will have the opportunity to "strap" themselves into a real, state-of-the-art biological research laboratory and learn science through direct participation – IF you let them.

Kevin M. Ulmer
30 Margin St.

Ed's note: Mr. Ulmer provided a copy of his letter to selectmen to the Cohasset Mariner.

How to Dispute Water Bills Detailed

(Editor's note: This letter to Philip Lemnios is in response to a request about what is disputable in Mass.-American Water water bills. See related story, page 7).

Mr. Philip E. Lemnios
Town Manager, Town of Hull
253 Atlantic Avenue
Hull, Massachusetts 02045

Dear Mr. Lemnios,

This is in response to your letter of Dec. 9, 1996, in which you requested the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") to provide a written statement on how Massachusetts American Water Company ("company") customers may dispute their water bills.

In accordance with the Billing and Termination Procedures of the Department of Public Utilities, 220 C.M.R. §25.00, any matter relating to the proper application of approved rates and charges, or the company's compliance with the regulations may be the subject of a complaint by a customer. The customer should first notify the company of the dispute by telephone, mail or in person. The company must be given ample opportunity to investigate the customer's complaint and make a substantial effort to resolve the matter. The company should keep a record of the complaint as well as its response to the customer.

If the customer is dissatisfied with the company's finding, the customer may call the Consumer Division of the Department to dispute the company's decision. The Consumer Division will investigate the customer's complaint and make an effort to resolve the issue in dispute.

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Claudine Langlois, Director
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Army Corps Airs Greenbush Concerns

Macmillan and MBTA Disagee on Significance

By Carol Britton Meyer
COHASSET MARINER

The proposed Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad has run into what may yet be another stumbling block.

The Army Corps of Engineers indicated this week that they have serious concerns about the adequacy of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority study of alternatives to the restoration project, according to Alexander Macmillan, who has been retained by the Town of Hingham to participate in negotiations which deal with mitigation measures related to railroad restoration.

"The Corps is not sure how they will proceed," said Macmillan, who attended ACE meetings Monday in their Waltham office and Tuesday at the Mass Historical Commission. The historical commission is acting on behalf of the federal Advisory Council on Historical Preservation, whose purpose is to lessen the adverse impact of the project on historical properties or mitigate those impacts in compliance with the Section 106 process of the Historical Preservation Act.

But MBTA Manager of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan disagreed with Macmillan.

"The Army Corps of Engineers hasn't even come close to a decision, not remotely close," he said. The ACE has asked the MBTA to apply for the permit now to get on the regular "tracking process," he said.

The ACE is now the lead federal agency involved in the project and assumes the burden of overseeing the environmental review process, Macmillan said. Without a permit from the Corps, the MBTA cannot proceed with the project. The MBTA decided last year not to seek 80 percent funding for the proposed restoration from the Federal Transit Authority.

An ACE-mandated Environmental Assessment would include public involvement, either through a hearing or a comment period. Following that assessment, the Corps has the power to request a new environmental review.

Following such a review, ACE would consider whether the MBTA project has significant impact on the environment, and options to the restoration, including a tunnel under Hingham Square, a guided busway and an intermodal form of transportation will be reviewed again.

According to Macmillan, the announcement marks "a significant development, but what the significance is we'll have to watch closely in the weeks and months ahead. The Army Corps of Engineers didn't make their decision hastily."

"For a decision to be made on how to deal with surface rail when the ACE has no basis to reject the other alternatives would not make sense," he said. "It's obvious the Corps recognizes the concerns we have been discussing."

The development may cause a delay or adjustment to the MBTA's schedule for the project, as well as the final Environmental Impact Statement.

Macmillan told Hingham selectmen at their Tuesday meeting that the MBTA tried to convince the Corps that their studies are adequate, but apparently did not succeed in their attempt to do so.

Regarding the Town of Hingham's deep involvement in the process, Macmillan said, "It's unusual to see such a major role requested by and granted to a town" in a project of this kind.

"This new development gives us time to reflect on the project. The Army Corps of Engineers is an unbiased group which is saying the alternatives and impacts have to be looked at more thoroughly," said Selectmen Martin Crane.

Macmillan said the Massachusetts Historical Commission seemed supportive of the ACE decision.

Hingham Selectman Katharine Reardon said, "This may show if we use available environmental processes to the fullest extent, we can see good results and perhaps get another chance to look at things."

Brennan said the Corps provided the MBTA with a list of questions, including why the proposal for a tunnel under Hingham Square was deemed too expensive when the legislature allocated $50 million for the tunnel.

"We explained the bonding process (and other related issues) to them," Brennan said.

The MBTA is also addressing questions posed by ACE regarding noise standards alternatives which were dismissed early in the process along with the issue of a bypass which would avoid Hingham Square. The ACE also inquired about a guided busway, said Brennan, "which Hingham is strongly pushing."

Brennan said the ACE is "not saying there will or will not be more environmental review. They haven't made that decision yet."

While Brennan was not at either of the meetings Macmillan attended this week, he said his staff has been in touch with the ACE several times since they took place. His impression of the meetings, he said, is "The ACE is saying they need more information. Alexander Macmillan's interpretation is a newspaper spin."

Nancy Buckley, founder of the Coastal Coalition, a grassroots citizens' group which is seeking alternatives to the train, said, "Hopefully the impending delay will be enough of an embarrassment to the Weld administration, which has spent millions of dollars on this biased rail study, that the governor will direct Transportation Secretary James Kerasiotes to abandon the project so work can genuinely begin on a study of alternatives."

Keep Well Clinic Slated

The Social Service League of Cohasset and the Board of Health will hold an Adult Keep Well Clinic Friday, Jan. 31, at 10 a.m. to noon, at Harborview Senior Housing, 60 Elm St.

The clinic is free of charge to all Cohasset residents. No appointments are necessary. For more information, please call the Social Service League office, at 383-0771 or 383-0821, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cohasset Library Story Hours

Registrations are currently being accepted for the Winter Preschool Story Hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Story Hours are held Thursday and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., for six weeks. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, simple finger plays, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3 1/2 to participate. To register, call the library at 383-1348.

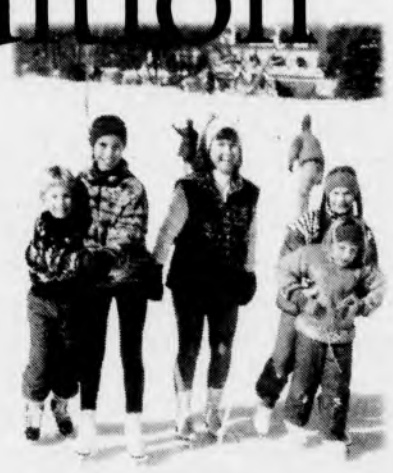

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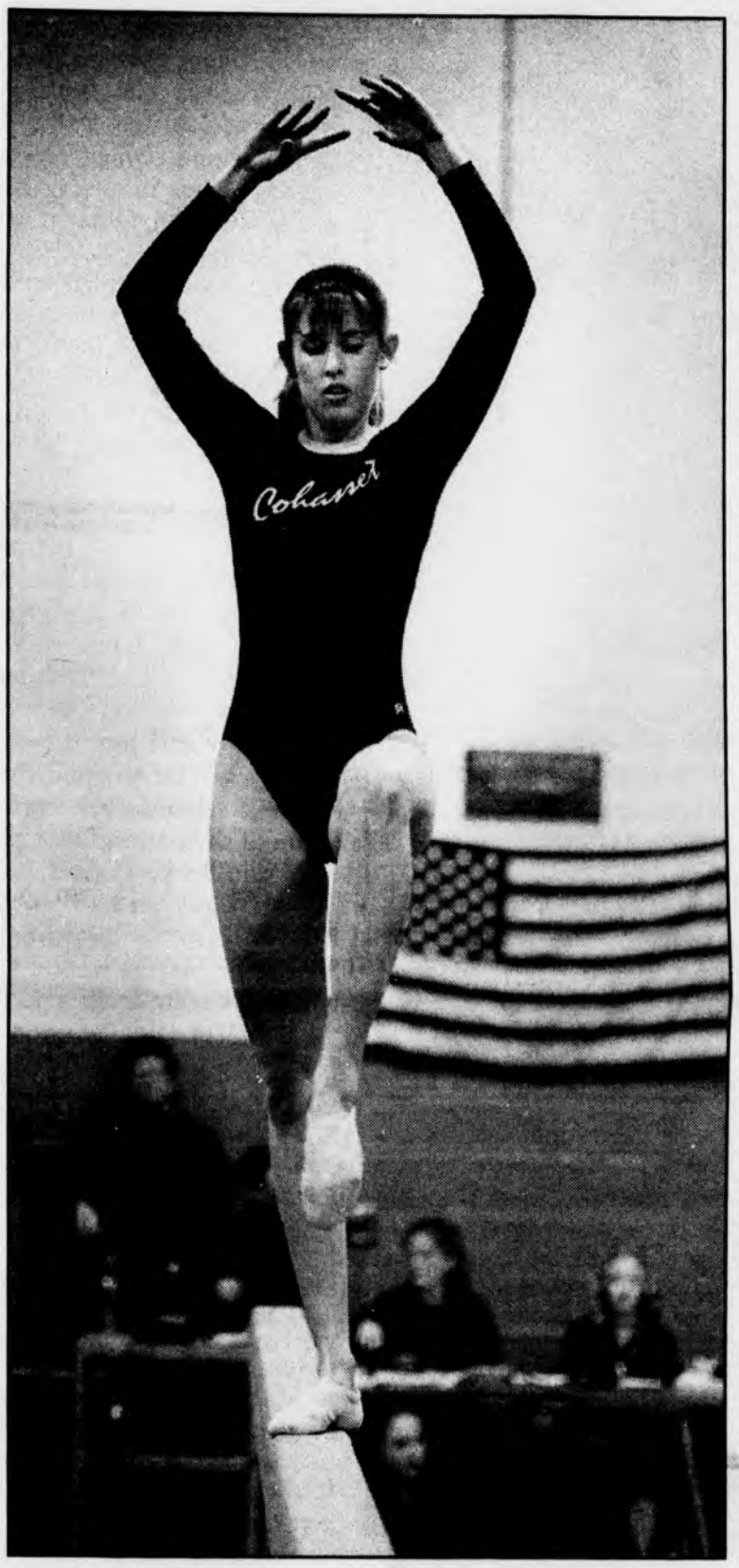
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Reynolds Takes The Big Step

Cohasset Gymnast Makes Huge Improvements For Lady Skippers



Cohasset High gymnast Kristen Reynolds' all-around athletic skills have played a big part in her sophomore-year breakthrough.
Staff Photo/Alan Chapman

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Geography has a lot do with Cohasset High gymnast Kristen Reynolds competing for the Lady Skippers.

Now a junior, Reynolds was either going to take ballet or gymnastics lessons as a 6 year old. Her parents ultimately picked gymnastics classes for Reynolds because the South Shore Community Center was closer to her Beechwood Street home.

Like the majority of the girls currently on the high school team, Reynolds continued with gymnastics under assistant coach Ruthann Ardizzoni and worked her way up to level 5. Once she reached the seventh grade, Reynolds joined the high school squad. And she had a lot of familiar company.

"I grew up with all the girls that are on the team now," Reynolds said.

Reynolds was always a consistent gymnast and did make steady progress over the years. But it wasn't until her sophomore season that Reynolds had the kind of winter in the gym that moved her to the next level.

During the spring of her freshman year, Reynolds went out for the girls track team and put together a strong season. Blessed with a tall, slim figure, she was a natural in the triple jump and low hurdles. Reynolds also competed in the high jump, long jump, 100-yard dash and high hurdles. She topped off her season by qualifying for the State Class D Meet in both the triple jump and hurdles.

Instead of going to the beach every day during the summer, Reynolds could be found in the community center working on her various routines and getting a headstart on the gymnastics season.

When the season began in December of '95, Reynolds began to improve her scores almost immediately. Previous best scores in the low to mid 7's jumped to the 7.9 to 8.0 range. Reynolds' form on the balance beam improved dramatically and she became one of the judges' favorites, throwing in her tell-tale leaps where she gets incredible height off the beam.

"The judges would come up and tell me how much that Kristen Reynolds has improved," Ardizzoni said. "Last year everybody was coming out of the woodwork and commenting on her."

Ardizzoni attributed much of Reynolds' improvement to her track training. "She's very well-conditioned," Ardizzoni said. "Kristen worked on her strength. One of the things that has made her great on the vault is the discipline from track during the spring.

"She's a real strong force for Cohasset on the beam and vault. Kristen really gets great height on the beam. She just ran out from nowhere."

Ardizzoni said Reynolds' desire to learn and improve never waned and coaching her has been an enjoyable experience.

"I find Kristen real easy to work with," Ardizzoni said. "She's very personable and has no problem doing what's best for the team. Kristen is always very eager to compete."

So far this season, the first meet against Hanover has been Reynolds' best. She scored a 7.9 on the vault and her beam routine earned a 7.8.

Reynolds, however, was hardly pleased with her performance on the beam. A slight hesitation on a full turn caused her to slip off. The rest of the routine went flawlessly. Without the fall, she was looking at a score no lower than an 8.3.

It's that type of mistake that bothers Reynolds the most. "When you're doing well and you fall, it's very frustrating," she said. "Some falls are very stupid because they're caused by a lack of concentration.

"The thing about the beam is that you can stick it right away or just have an awful night. You just never know."

Because of the unpredictability of the event, Reynolds tries not to analyze her routine before the competition. She relaxes as much as possible, but stays focused on what she needs to do for a good score.

"I go in to have fun," said Reynolds, "but also to do my best and help everyone else, too."

Reynolds, however, has seen the darker side of the sport. Injuries have limited the events she can compete in.

Reynolds has to stay clear of the bars and floor exercise because of a back problem that started two years ago. Her back began to ache after practice one day and it gradually became worse. It got so bad that Reynolds eventually had to go to a doctor who told her she had a curvature of the back which put added stress on her muscles.

The pain in her back is one of the reasons next winter will be her final gymnastics season. Reynolds' love of the competition, working out with friends and being part of a championship team will always be a part of her, but the back pain limits what she could ultimately do.

"I can't really push myself as much as I'd like to," Reynolds said. "I love the sport, but ever since I hurt my back it has put a damper on it.

"I'll remember the good times. The little moments on the bus rides."

Hoopsters Split With Hull, Hanover

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset High boys varsity basketball team split its last two games, thrashing Hull High and falling just short to Hanover.

The Skippers were led by Paul-Michael Quintin, who poured in 15 points, in their 80-39 victory over the Pirates. Burke Davis, who scored all of his 12 points from beyond the three-point arc, and the imposing inside presences of Ryan Bishop (nine) J.L. Williams (11). Another key factor was Brian Kilroy. Kilroy not only played stifling defense, he popped in eight points and hauled down tough rebounds on both ends of the floor. Unstoppable in the post and from long range, the Skippers dominated the game with tenacious defense and a precise, running offense.

Bishop started the game with a lay-up and added a free throw, tying the game at 3. Jamie Buick's clever baseline move pushed the Skippers ahead for good. Bishop also went baseline for a pair, and Quintin swished a three pointer. Williams, who played one of his best games of the season, got his defender in the air with a vicious upfake, then sank the jump shot. Pat Hurley knocked down two foul shots to put Cohasset up 14-7 and Quintin tallied four consecutive points, two from a pull-up jumper and two more after a steal and breakaway lay-up. Bishop used the backboard for a deuce and Williams netted a three.

Kilroy, coming off the bench to act as an inside force, grabbed an offensive board and popped in a six-foot jumper. Williams nailed another jumper, this one just inside the line, and Kilroy earned another pair. On the opposite end, he snatched an offensive rebound which led to Hurley's three pointer. Davis followed with a trey of his own an Quintin closed out the half with three straight, making the halftime score 38-19, in favor of the Skippers. Quintin started the second half with a steal and another fastbreak lay-up, then topped his own play with a three. Williams grabbed an offensive board and put it back for two and Davis, from his point guard spot, sank a 25-foot three pointer. Williams tipped in another offensive bound to give the Skippers 50 points. Three pointers by Andy Hamilton and Davis put the Skippers up 56-19. A Hull basket finally ended a 22-point scoring run by the home team, one which put the game far out of reach. Davis countered with another three, his fourth and final of the game. Hamilton stepped up and nailed a pair of threes and his classmate, Justin McNamara picked up a pair of free throws. Fellow junior Pat Hurley hit one from the foul line and Kilroy stepped into the passing lane, tearing away a pass and dishing to McNamara, who put in the easy deuce at the other end. Kilroy tore down a defensive rebound which led to a Bishop hoop on the other end.

Then the muscular forward finally got his own reward, notching four consecutive points, scored off the offensive glass. McNamara hit a pair of foul shots, then crowd favorite, Grant Emde, lauded by Skipper Nation, kissed a lay-up off the glass, giving the home team 80 points and thereby doubling the Pirates' feeble 39.

Head coach Ron Ford was much more pleased with Friday's effort than Wednesday's Hanover game. The Skippers lost a tough decision to Hanover, 67-56.



Cohasset High hockey player Ryan Hubley tries to slow down Scituate's Matt Stone during a South Shore League game.

Staff Photo/Bill Wadsworth

Lacrosse Captains Picked for Indoor Nationals

Cohasset High lacrosse captains Ely Kahn and Jon Lacks have been selected to a Massachusetts All-Star team that will compete in the National High School Indoor Championships, Jan. 18-20 at the Peddie School in New Jersey.

The tournament — which will include teams from the mid-Atlantic, the Northeast, Michigan and Colorado — is the last major college recruiting showcase of the year for senior athletes. Other schools represented on the Massachusetts team include Andover Academy, St. Sebastian's, Belmont Hill, Billerica, Needham, St. John's Prep, Concord-Carlisle, Marshfield, Duxbury, Norwell and Boston College High.

Kahn, recruited by several Division 1 and 3 colleges, committed early to Harvard University. Lacks is choosing between the University of Vermont and Providence College.

"For Ely and Jon, this tournament will be an opportunity to test themselves against some of the nation's best players," said Burke Walker, president of Top Gun Lacrosse and the team coordinator. Seventeen players were selected for the team from a pool of 700, Walker said.

Special Olympics Seeks Volunteers

The Massachusetts Special Olympics needs volunteers who can spend a few hours a month working on the management team and special events for the New Norfolk Area, which includes Avon, Braintree, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Needham, Newton, Norwood, Quincy, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Wellesley, Westwood and Weymouth.

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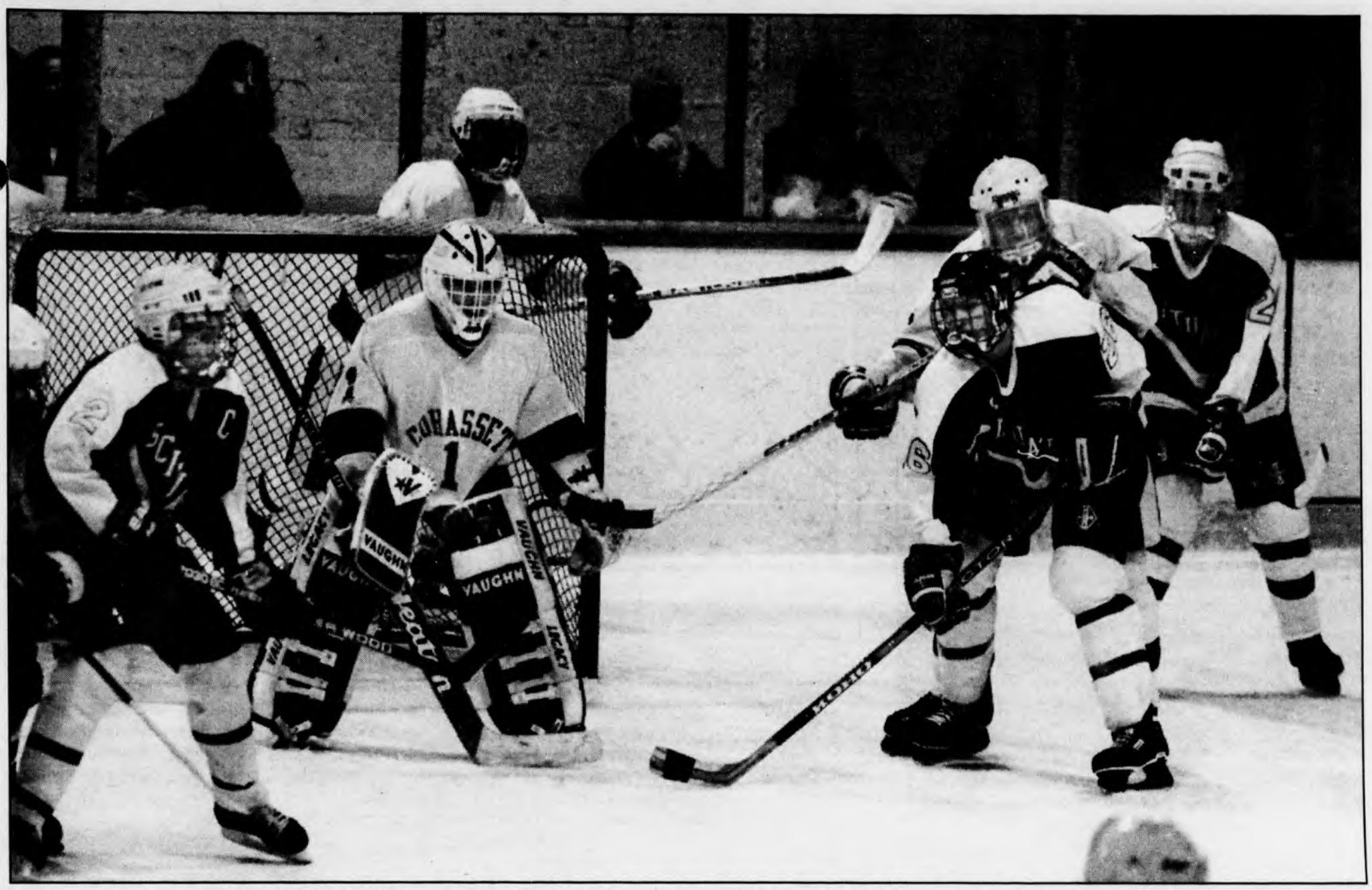
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Ski Waterville Valley

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in a joint effort with Cohasset Teen Resources, will sponsor a ski trip to Waterville Valley Monday, Jan. 20.

The cost of this trip is $60 per person, which includes motor coach transportation and an all-day, all-trail lift ticket.

The trip is for youth grades 6 to 9 only and you may register at the Cohasset Recreation Department office first floor, Cohasset Town Hall, anytime prior to Jan. 10.

The bus will depart from Town Hall parking lot at 5:30 a.m. and return about 7:30 p.m. Checks are payable to the Town of Cohasset and should you require ski lessons or equipment rentals, the fee is $18 each. Should you desire either or both, please inform us at the time of registration and bring cash with you on the trip for payments.

Afternoon Deer Hill Programs Scheduled

The Cohasset Recreation Commission will sponsor the following afternoon programs at the Deer Hill School:

Indoor games and sports, Mondays for grades K-3, gym;

Arts and crafts, Tuesdays for ages 6 to 8, and Fridays for ages 4 and 5, cafeteria;

Basketball skills and games, Wednesdays for grades 4 - 6, gym.

Programs will meet for seven weeks, excluding school vacation weeks, holidays, or when school is cancelled due to inclement weather. All programs except indoor games and sports begin Tuesday, Jan. 21 and end the week of March 14. Indoor games and sports begins Monday, Jan. 27 and continues through Monday, March 17.

Programs begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Deer Hill School and end at 5:30 p.m. Children must be picked up promptly at 5:30 p.m.; a fee will be charged for late pickups.

Registrations are being accepted until Jan. 16 at the Cohasset Recreation Commission, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

Figure Skating Lessons

Professionally-staffed group figure skating lessons are available for all ability levels and ages at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive, Hingham. Participants receive a 45-minute lesson plus a practice hour each week. All classes are taught in a step by step planned progression. Absences maybe made up during the 11-week semester. Cost is $110. Call Michele Kelley at 617-749-6660 for more information.

Hockey Club Starts

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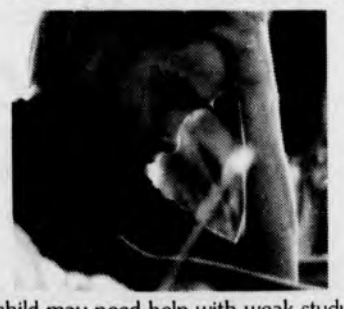
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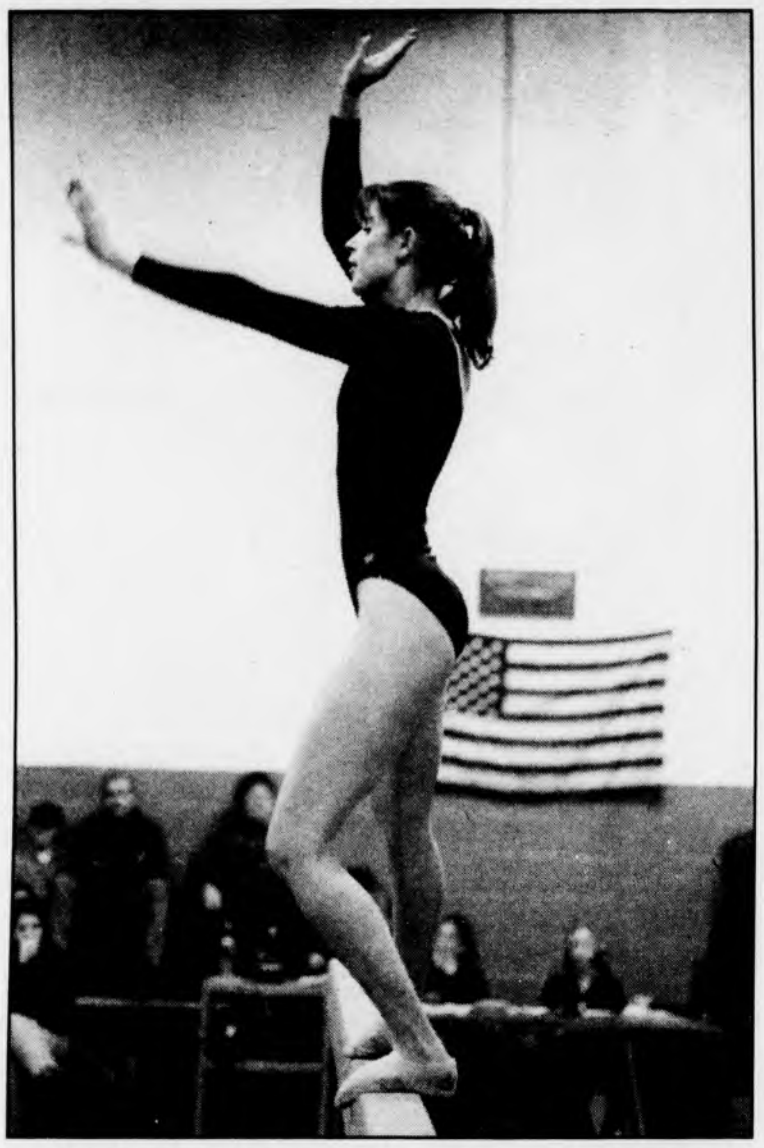
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Kristen Reynolds shows the grace and balance that makes her one of the Lady Skippers' most valuable gymnasts on the squad.

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Grapplers on Tear Heading Into Tourney

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Anyone who has ever had even the slightest twinge of curiosity as to what a wrestling meet is all about, your time has come.

The Sixth Annual Cohasset Invitational Wrestling Tournament should make you an instant fan. A field of nine teams will be taking part in the tourney, which gets underway at Cohasset High School this Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

Skipper head coach Torin Sweeney said he is looking to get a big crowd of spectators, including those who have never attended a meet.

"Unless they've seen one," said Sweeney, "people don't know what they're missing."

And at 6-2 on the year, the Cohasset High grapplers are a product Sweeney is proud to be a part of.

"This is a team whose sun is on the rise," Sweeney said.

Cohasset is on a role of late, coming off an easy 57-17 win over Norwell in a South Shore League match last Wednesday.

The Skippers dominated the meet from the start, taking first place in the first eight matches to quickly put any outcome of the finish at rest. Of the 11 matches Cohasset won, eight were by pin.

Craig Sheerin (103), Doug Sheerin (140) and Justin Buckley (171) all won on points while Chris Pratt (112), Mike Baird (119), Tucker Gledhill (125), Jordan Fiore (130), Kevin Duffy (135), Mike Rossi (145), Justin Golden (160) and J.P. Laugelle (215) overwhelmed their opponents with pin victories.

Buckley was the wrestler of the day in Saturday's highly competitive Whitman-Hanson Invitational. Wrestling at 171 pounds, Buckley defeated the Panthers' best grappler, 9-3, to capture his second consecutive title.

"That's a tough tournament to win two years in a row," said an obviously impressed Sweeney.

Duffy was also a winner for Cohasset, capturing the 135-pound division, while Luke Caldwell wrestled to a courageous third-place finish in his first meet back after missing two weeks to injury.

Baird nailed down third at 119 and Fiore was fourth in the 130-pound bracket.

The W-H Tourney is one of the deepest on the South Shore with teams the calibre of Foxboro, Weymouth and North Quincy competing. So competitive is the meet, defending state champion Mark Laramee of Rockland finished third in his weight class.

"You can have a weight class with two state champions competing in it," Sweeney said.

Health Advisory Committee to Meet

The Cohasset Health Advisory Committee will meet Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Guidance Conference Center at Cohasset High School. A school-wide update of the health programs for the remaining school year will be discussed. If you would like to become a member of the Cohasset Health Advisory Committee, you are welcome to attend this meeting. Please call either Michael Gill, Health Educator at the High School, 383-6107, or Donna O'Donnell, at 383-6113 for further details.

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DRUG FACT

"After more than three decades of substantial marijuana use in this country, few people seem to know that an individual smoking even one marijuana cigarette a week is never free of the drug. It is now known that cannabinoids are not 'washed out' of the body shortly after consumption the way alcohol is, that they tend to stay in the fatty tissues for a week or more and accumulate with repeated exposure. Kids who smoke one or two joints a week think they're light smokers. They don't realize that they're never off the stuff. When they wonder why their outlook seems dull and life seems uninteresting their marijuana habit is probably the answer."

(quotation from William J. McCue, executive director of The Third Nail Inc., a Boston based drug abuse treatment, education, and prevention program.)

Consumer alert: Beware creative commission tricks

By the editors of
WORTH MAGAZINE

There's nothing like a desultory Dow to inspire creative investment strategies and thereby a steady flow of commissions.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

For example, one broker at Great Western Financial in Los Angeles says a colleague recently decided to move an elderly client out of a mutual fund she'd been in for nine months. She needed a tax-deferred investment, he told her as he plunked her $70,000 in a variable annuity his firm was pushing. When she balked, he transferred her funds to a fixed annuity. She insisted he put her back in her mutual fund and leave her alone. The broker did just that, but only after running up $2,800 in fees and commissions.

Furthermore, he put her into the same fund and bought shares that carried a back-end load, even though she already paid a front-end load on her original investment. "She won't even realize she got soaked until she tries to get out of the fund," the broker says. "It was nothing but churning."

The story is, sadly, becoming more familiar with each passing market close. Financial advisers are cooking up new ways to make money. Advisers are getting used to fat commission fees. According to the New York Stock Exchange, member firms are collecting massive increases in commissions, from $8.9 billion in 1990 to $13.7 billion today. To keep that money flowing, advisers are getting creative, so watch out for these latest gimmicks:

•Keeping mum about cheaper shares. As in the above example, brokers often sell only A or B shares of a mutual fund, even when C shares (which are lower yielding but cheaper) might be more appropriate. Designed for long-term investors, A shares charge an up-front load but carry low annual management fees. B shares, too, work well for long-term investors: They typically have a back-end load unless you stay in for a certain period, but they charge higher management fees than A shares. (In funds with no back-end loads, B shares are similar to C shares.) For short-term investors, C shares might make more sense because they carry only an annual fee. Of course, if you stick with no-load funds, you avoid these concerns altogether.

•The surefire zero-coupon bond. The zero-coupon Treasury bond is often pitched as the investment that can't lose money. Brokers say if interest rates go up, you can trade it in for another bond at a discount with a longer maturity. Don't fall for this, says Glen Buco, an investment adviser for West Financial Services in Annandale, Va. Buco says he's met several investors who swapped zeros and ran up huge commission charges. Furthermore, they owed taxes on each sale.

•Long-term rollovers. Last September, a Dean Witter broker called his client, a Chicago widow, to tell her he had rolled over two expiring Dean Witter variable annuities into another investment. He put her in two similar six-year Dean Witter annuities carrying high commissions. Unless she wants to pay towering surrender charges, she's stuck with these investments until the year 2000. "It was so obvious the broker was just generating commissions," says James Platania, a certified financial planner in Mount Prospect, Ill., who studied the woman's portfolio. "If she didn't have a strategy, she should have stayed put or gone into something more short-term."

•The fixed-income shuffle. A broker says it's time to get out of the fixed-income fund you just invested in, because it just doesn't look as attractive. How about a nice, safe, tax-deferred variable annuity? Whether or not this is a good move for you, it's certainly good for the broker's pocket, since he or she gets a 5.5 to 8 percent payment from the annuity outfit. An honest broker would recommend you hold a mutual fund for at least three to five years, not just one. If your broker suggests differently, says Glen Buco, then "maybe this isn't the person who should be giving you financial advice."

'Ultimately, the investor has to educate himself and realize the best defense is a good offense.'

Mark Fitterman
SEC associate director of market regulation

•Hot rate! (High charges, too!) Some so-called bonus annuities promise a 12 percent return. Sounds good, Platania says, but the fine print reveals a 7 percent initial rate with an additional 5 percent bonus rate that's guaranteed for the first year only. After that, the bonus flies out the window, and the only guarantee an investor has is that the rate will stay above 3 percent. Plus, you either keep your money there for 10 years or more, or face charges.

•Pushing numerous fund families. Citicorp recently kicked off a program that encourages customers to allocate money in numerous load-carrying mutual funds. "We want to offer our customers a choice," says Citicorp spokesperson Susan Weeks. While funds from different families may deliver better value to the investor, investors should be aware of a money-saving option known as rights of accumulation, where larger amounts invested translate into lower costs. If you have a large amount to invest, you can save 2 percentage points or more in commissions by investing with one fund family instead of several funds. Or stick with no-load funds.

To protect yourself when investment pitches roll in, check prospectuses for hidden commissions. Don't be afraid to ask how much an adviser will earn in commissions on a transaction. Arthur Levitt, the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, has asked an industry committee to look at compensation practices in the securities industry. Mark Fitterman, an SEC associate director of market regulation, warns: "Ultimately, the investor has to educate himself and realize the best defense is a good offense."

MONEYFACTS

Managing money

A survey asked people how they think their beneficiaries would handle a lump-sum payment of $250,000.



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Truckloads of Toys Donated

Again this year, local members of the South Shore Truckers, Herbert Jason and John Small, raised money to buy toys for the Toys for Tots drive sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

"It was the best year we've had yet," said Small about the nearly $7,000 worth of toys donated to the program which helps needy families at Christmastime

"We had three truckloads of stuff," he said.

Money was raised through donation cans at MaryLou's News, Dunkin' Donuts, and Bradlees.

The Cohasset Police Association, VFW post, MacPhail Investments and Goodwin Graphics also made donations.

The Cohasset police station also served as a drop off spot for toys.



Master Gunnery Sgt. Ken MacWilliams congratulates John Small on the South Shore Truckers fund-raising effort for the Toys for Tots program.

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It's Happening

Friends of the Paragon Carousel Name New Development Directors

The Friends of the Paragon Carousel Inc. announced the appointment of Jane O. Goedecke and Monica Y. McKenney, both of Cohasset, as co-directors of development and public relations. The announcement was made by Friends Board President Susan Fleck.

"The board of directors is excited to have acquired the services of two such energetic, accomplished and talented people," noted Fleck in announcing the appointments. "Since its inception, the Friends have achieved a great deal. Under the direction of our new appointees, these achievements will continue and be expanded to a much broader audience."

Well known to South Shore residents for her outstanding career in public service, Jane Goedecke was a Cohasset selectman for six years, serving for a period of that time as chairman of the board. Prior to her election as a selectman, she served as a member of the Cohasset Advisory Committee for five years. Additionally, Goedecke is involved with the Garden Club of America at the local, regional and national levels.

Monica McKenney has worked as an advisor and consultant for special events for Executours, a Boston destination management company. An active volunteer, she is currently on the board of the Friends of the Cohasset Library and has served on the Executive Board of the Cohasset PSO.

"We are excited to be working with such a dedicated and diverse group of people. The Carousel is an historic treasure and a happy place with appeal for all ages," said McKenney.

"Many people are responsible for keeping the Carousel in Hull. We hope to spread the word still further," Goedecke added.

In their role as directors of development, Goedecke and McKenney will oversee the design and implementation of a capital campaign which would raise the approximately $450,000 needed to secure a $100,000 challenge grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The combined funds would retire all mortgages on the Carousel five years ahead of schedule, eliminating thousands of dollars in interest payments and allowing the Friends to concentrate on additional preservation and development of the Carousel and surrounding site.

To this end, the new directors expect to announce a number of initiatives to bring funding and attention to this historic community asset. Built in 1928 by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company, the former Paragon Park Carousel is one of roughly 200 antique carousels still in existence, and one of this country's finest.

Established in 1996 for the purpose of securing and preserving this unique regional treasure, the Friends of the Paragon Carousel is a nonprofit corporation.

Offices for the Friends of the Paragon Carousel are at Nantascot Place Condominiums, 155 George Washington Blvd., Hull 02045.

For information about the carousel, its operations or to volunteer, call (617) 925-0472.

Appalachia Project Helps Cheer On Patriots!

This Super Bowl you can support the Appalachia Service Project while cheering on your New England Patriots! The Appalachia Service Project will be making and selling sub sandwiches, Greek salads, and chili to help you and your family celebrate this long-awaited Super Bowl!

Sub assortments include turkey, roast beef, tuna, chicken salad or Italian cold cuts. Meat or vegetarian chili is sold by the pint and comes with a slice of pita bread, as do the Greek salads. All items cost $4.50 each and should be pre-ordered by Thursday, Jan. 23. Order forms are available at local churches, in the school menus or by calling 383-0345. Food orders can be picked up Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 26, between 2 and 4 p.m. at First Parish Trueblood Hall. There will also be a home delivery service for a nominal fee of $1.

Proceeds from this fundraiser help support the Appalachia Service Project's home repair mission in central Appalachia.

Jazz, Folk at Coffee House off the Square

On Saturday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m., the Coffee House off the Square presents the jazz harpist Monika Stadler and the lively duo of soprano Sue Krueger and flautist Jim Lester.

Monika Stadler started playing the harp in a folk group in her early teens. After extensive classical training and a symphonic career she sought more freedom and began to explore jazz, coming under the influence of Deborah Henson-Conant. Now she draws on folk, jazz, Latin American and new age influences in her own brilliant style.

The evening will begin with an open mike offering all performers a chance to be heard.

The Coffee House is at the Old Ship Church's Parish House at 105 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theater. It is on the MBTA's 220 bus line from Quincy Center. The hall is fully handicapped accessible.

Admission is $8 at the door and a variety of coffees, teas and desserts are available. Profits go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee for Central American medical relief and the Coffee House recently sent $800 to these efforts.

For information call Sue Krueger, (617) 545-2798 or Jim Watson, (617) 749-1767.

Music at British Relief

There will be a Coffee House and open microphone at the British Relief Restaurant, 152 North St., Hingham, Saturday, Jan. 25, at 8 p.m. Featured performer is Seth Connelly. Open mike sign up is at 7:30 p.m.; $5 admission and hosted by MacIsaac and Ross.

Alzheimer's Support Group Meets

At the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m., two representatives from the Blue Hills Alzheimer Center of Stoughton will share techniques for caring for an Alzheimer patient at home.

Barbara Despres, R.N. and Tracey Shea, life-enhancement director, will focus on assisting the patient with dressing, bathing, nutrition, incontinence and eating as well as simple activities to enhance the patient's quality of life. Emphasis will be on solutions to help the patient maintain dignity, adapting to the patient's experiences, innovating the home environment as well as the caregiver's well-being. There will be time for questions and discussion.

Meetings are held at Thaxter Community Center, 30 Thaxter St., Hingham. Complimentary respite care is available during the meeting at Harbor House Day Health Center, 11 Condito Road, Hingham.

Call Gervaise Healey, (617) 749-4774, for a respite reservation by 3 p.m., Jan. 22.

Meetings are free and open to the public. For further information, call JoAnn Mitchell, 749-5417 or Mary Saunders, 749-8171.

Free Seminar Offered

Author/educator Jack Agati will present a free seminar on "Managing Children's Behavior" on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. in Sarah Derby Hall at Derby Academy, 56 Burditt Ave., Hingham. His approach combines both humor and practical techniques for maintaining discipline and instilling responsibility in children of all ages. Everyone is welcome. Call Peg Mead at (617) 828-7042 with questions.

Cabaret is in Full Swing

Cabaret rehearsals are in full swing. "Come Alive with Cabaret 35" will feature showgirl, dance couple and Rockette-style performances, along with polka and softshoe numbers, comedy routines, specialty acts and solos.

"Everybody is having a great time rehearsing, and the people who go to the show will have a good time. It's a very special show," said Publicity Chairman Eileen Cutler, who is performing in several numbers, including the Charleston.



Reed Dickinson dares to pat the boa at the Skins and Scales Show presented recently by the South Shore Community Center. Call the center at 383-0088 for information about classes.

At evening rehearsals at the community center, cast members are enthusiastic. They seem to have gained a second wind, even after a long day at work. More than 100 performers are participating in the event, which is directed by Howard Miller of Cargill Productions in New York.

"Super Sunday," a full day and evening of dress rehearsals, is planned for Jan. 26, the same day as the Super Bowl. "Come Alive with Cabaret 35," a celebration of the show's 35th year, will be presented at Hingham Armory Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1.

Patron tickets go on sale Jan. 16 and 17 and for the general public Monday, Jan. 20. Proceeds from the show and ad book benefit Hingham Community Center and help defray the cost of producing the show.

For further information call the center at 749-9786.

Register for Art Classes

Looking for a way to brighten the winter months? Creating art is the perfect antidote to the winter doldrums! The South Shore Art Centers winter term begins the week of Jan. 21 and offers classes and workshops for pre-K through adult of all levels and abilities.

The center also offers PDP points for educators, courses that qualify for Mass. College of Art credits and a special ART PLUS February vacation camp.

Although most courses run for eight weeks, some are four week mini courses and there are several one and two-day workshops to choose from.

Adult classes include painting, pastel, collage, colored pencil, Chinese brush painting, photography, monoprinting, clay and more. Faculty includes award winning artists from Cohasset to Sturbridge. Local South Shore Artists Donna Basile, Patricia McCarthy, Kimberlee Alemian, Judy Rossman and Jim Smalley are just a few of the teachers.

Children's classes include clay, painting, printing, drawing, clay, monoprinting and more. Will Robinson, Nancy Connolly, George Dalton, Valerie Vitali and Esther Maschio are just a few of the local award-winning artists who have formulated great courses geared for the young artist — including high school students.

Call the center at 383-2787 to register today! Courses fill fast and you won't want to be "left in the cold!"

West Corner Reunion Set

A West Corner reunion party will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at Sons of Italy Hall, Hingham. Admission is $10 and includes a pasta dinner with meatballs, sausages and salad. There will be dancing to DJ Cindy Lee and her light show.

All are invited to attend, especially those who grew up in and around the West Corner area. Come and reminisce about the good old days, have fun and see some familiar faces.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Tony Sestito at 749-0787; Jim Reichardt, 749-1216; or at Argiro's Barber Shop, Station Street, Hingham.

Police Report

Monday, Jan. 6

12:18 a.m., noise complaint, Windy Hill Rd.
1:08 a.m., motor vehicle accident, Border St./Summer St.
8:18 a.m., larceny, Nichols Rd.
12:40 p.m., vandalism, CJC Hwy.
2:40 p.m., MV accident, Depot Ct. by S. Main St.
6:47 p.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.
7:10 p.m., annoying phone calls, James Ln.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

12:28 a.m., MV stop, Beach St.
2:01 a.m., property (found), Elm St.
2:03 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
2:45 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
2:50 a.m., arrest, S. Main St.: Duncombe, David S., 7 Lothrop Ln. Cohasset, DOB: 8/22/63, charges: operating after license or right to operate suspended, illegal possession of Class D substance.
5:21 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:14 a.m., medical aid, Beach St.
3:07 p.m., medical aid, Ripley Rd.
5:20 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
5:51 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
7:06 p.m, suspicious auto, Beechwood St.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

1:31 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:44 a.m., arrest, CJC Hwy.: Orlowski, Stephen David, 5 Bell Rd., Weymouth, DOB: 3/2/78, charges: illegal possession of Class D substance.
2:06 a.m., MV accident, Forest Ave.
5:26 a.m., missing person, Ledgewood Dr.
8:54 a.m., disabled auto, Doane St.
9:09 a.m., animal complaint, Elm St.
12:29 p.m., vandalism, King St.
2:33 p.m., suspicious auto, Atlantic Ave.
2:39 p.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.
2:50 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
4:22 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
4:50 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
5:13 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
9:20 p.m., disturbance, CJC Hwy.
10:28 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:11 p.m., medical aid, Ripley Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 9

7:19 a.m., MV stop, Elm Ct.
9:47 a.m., MV stop, N. Main by Woodside Cemetery.
10:43 a.m., annoying phone calls, Holly Ln.
12:47 p.m., medical aid, Cedar St.
1:29 p.m., trespassing, Forest Ave.
4:29 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
4:54 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:06 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:33 p.m., medical aid, S. Main St.
8:09 p.m., annoying phone calls, N. Main St.
8:17 p.m., MV stop, King St.
8:50 p.m., property (found), Fernway.
9:10 p.m., general services, Cedar St.
10:23 p.m., officer wanted, Cedar St.

Friday, Jan. 10

1:57 a.m., open door/window, Cedar St.
4:11 a.m., general services, Jerusalem Rd.
4:28 a.m., larceny, Margin St.
5:29 a.m., medical aid, N. Main St.
7:31 a.m., animal complaint, Forest Ave.
8:33 a.m., MV accident, CJC Way by Pond St.
12:40 p.m., well being check, King St.
1:15 p.m., animal complaint, CJC Way.
5:39 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
5:56 p.m., medical aid, Beal Pl.
8:01 p.m., officer wanted, Sohier St.
8:37 p.m, disturbance, Jerusalem Rd.
9:28 p.m., disturbance, Jerusalem Rd.
10:01 p.m., general services, Forest Ave.
10:21 p.m., larceny, Ripley Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 11

12:06 a.m., disturbance general, Ash/Spring St.
1:04 a.m., medical aid, N. Main St.
8:10 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
9:46 a.m., general services, N. Main St.
10:11 a.m., medical aid, K St.
10:20 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
10:47 a.m., annoying phone calls, Pleasant St.
11:15 a.m., general services, Beach St.
12:38 p.m., MV accident, Beechwood St.
1:16 p.m., property (lost), CJC Hwy.
2:00 p.m., MV violations, Elm St.
3:27 p.m., parking violation, CJC Hwy.
3:47 p.m., MV accident, Border St.
4:13 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
4:15 p.m., transport, Border St.
4:29 p.m., investigation, CJC Hwy.
7:34 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.
9:33 p.m., transport, Sohier St.
11:04 p.m., MV accident, King St.

Sunday, Jan. 12

11:48 a.m., officer wanted, Castle Rd.
12:30 p.m., MV accident, Clapp Rd. at Booth Hill Rd.
12:47 p.m., MV accident, Nichols Rd.
4:32 p.m., disturbance, Cushing Plaza.

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Charrette Results are Due

The results of the Village Design Charrette, held last month to seek solutions and ideas about improving the village, will be presented at the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce meeting at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 22 at the Chart House on Border Street.

Architect Jim Sandell of Carr, Lynch & Sandell Associates will lead the presentation.

Also speaking will be Joe Hajjar, proprietor of the Yard Rock Cafe in Quincy and organizer of the City of Presidents Blues Festival.

Proceeds from the Nov. 16 Chamber auction, which raised $4,000, will also be presented to the Appalachia Service Project, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Harborfest.

Dickinson Direct Is Honored

Dickinson Direct was recently honored by the South Shore Chamber of Commerce as part of their "Success" awards, citing companies which have expanded revenues, number of employees and square footage.

Last year, under the aggressive direction of the second generation leadership of Reed Dickinson, the company grew an impressive 38.8 percent and expanded revenues to $23 million. Bursting at the seams with over 240 employees, Reed also implemented "teams" so that individuals would still have an entrepreneurial approach to creating new opportunity. The teams were also designed to surround the client with a host of people who could answer their questions and anticipate their needs.

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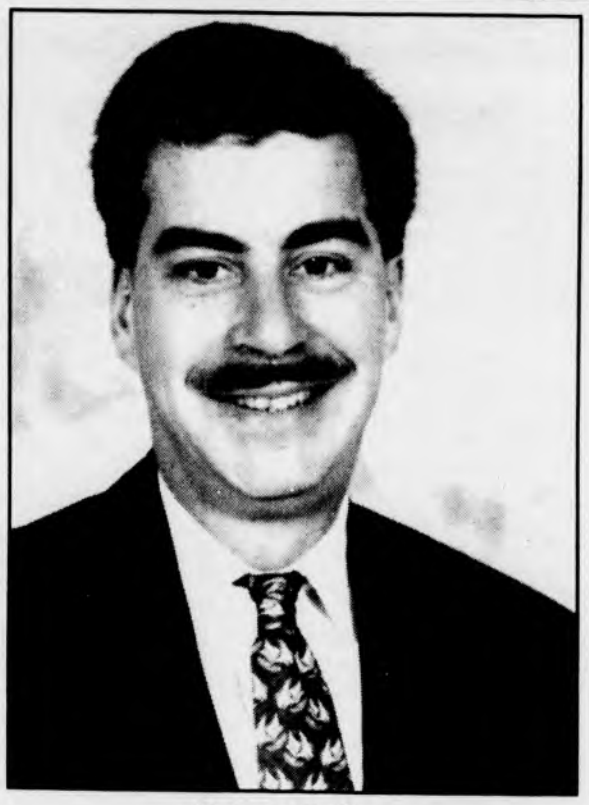
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Allen Named Vice President of Engineering & Technical firm

Robert F. Allen of Cohasset has been named vice-president of ARK Engineering and Technical Services, a firm that addresses the needs of various industries by applying electrical, mechanical and corrosion engineering and technical services experience to satisfy a wide range of industry needs.

Allen, a native of West Roxbury, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University, and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Bryant College, Smithfield, RI. He resides in Cohasset with his wife, Mary.

Allen is a former principal pipeline engineer, district manager and senior technical services engineer for Algonquin Gas Transmission Company, Boston, with extensive background in pipeline design and operations, cathodic protection systems.



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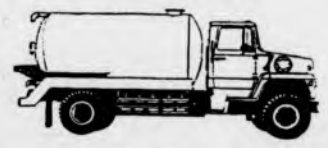
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Toastmasters Group Gives Confidence to Speakers

By Susan Hagstrom
COHASSET MARINER

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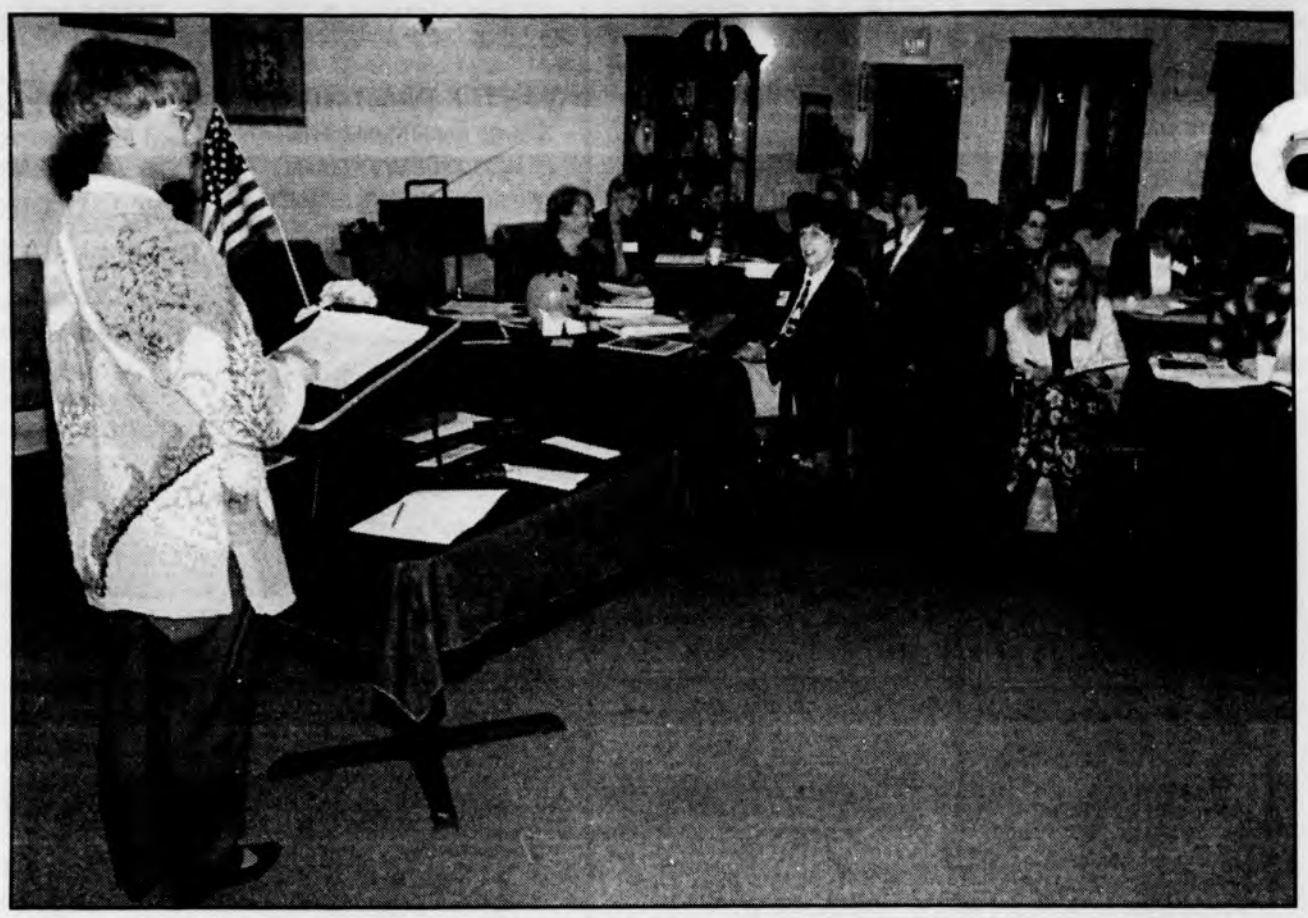
These are common reactions for many people who lack experience in the arena of public speaking. The Network Voice, a local chapter of Toastmasters International, has been the cure for many who suffer from the above ailments.

According to Toastmasters International, its mission is to make effective oral communications a worldwide reality. Through its member clubs, Toastmasters helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking, which are vital skills that promote self actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

Club president Sue Barbuto said the club became chartered last March and was an offshoot of the South Shore Women's Business Network. Barbuto, who is also president of her own business, Logos to Go, said the group has 22 charter members and meets every other Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Deerfield Senior Center in Hingham.

"I wanted to polish my public speaking skills, my leadership skills and my presentation skills," Barbuto explained. "I've always had a fear of public speaking. The biggest fear, for most, is not getting a point across or that you'll make a fool of yourself. This (being a Toastmasters member) gives us all of the tools to make us a better speaker."

Barbuto said that three-to-five members make a presentation at each meeting. Members start with a four-to-six minute speech and work their way up to a seven-minute speech. Guidelines are given and technical information regarding grammar, gestures, eye contact, voice control and more can be found in each member's manual.



Nancy Boyle, executive director of the South Shore Women's Business Network, speaks at a recent Toastmasters meeting in Hingham.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

"After the speech, each person is evaluated by an assigned evaluator," Barbuto said. "It's a very supportive environment. We all started out at square one and we've made great strides. I can now confidently get up in front of a group and speak. Of course, I still get nervous, but I know I'm not going to flip out."

The group has also given a lot of confidence to Maura Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald was born in Ireland and said she was also self-conscious about her accent. Fitzgerald, who is an assistant treasurer and development officer at the Weymouth Savings Bank, said there are occasions when she would have to stand up in front of a group of employees to speak and became very nervous.

"It was awesome for me to think about speaking in front of a group," Fitzgerald said. "I'm a shy, introverted person. I joined the group for courage. In a word, that's why I joined, courage."

Fitzgerald said group members are asked to adhere to a number of rules regarding how the meeting is run but after becoming familiar with the protocol, she became very comfortable.

"It has given me a comfort zone and has taken away the fear of public speaking. I'm not intimidated by public speaking anymore and I'm sure it's because of my Toastmasters experience," Fitzgerald said.

According to Fitzgerald, members are allowed to progress at their own pace. Members are encouraged to give at least one speech within the first month but there is no pressure to fulfill any requirement. Fitzgerald said that although it sounds very school-like, it's really very enjoyable.

"It has been a lot of fun," said Pat MacIsaac, a group member and the owner of the South Shore Hypnosis Center in Hingham. "We are critiqued in a very kind and gentle way. It has given me confidence and the ability to think on my feet. The combination of practicing public speaking and learning technical information makes it a very effective course."

Barbuto and Kathleen Hassan, another club member, were recently interviewed on "The Business Show," a Continental Cable show based in Scituate and broadcast all over the South Shore.

"Being involved in Toastmasters has helped me immeasurably," Barbuto said. "I never would have been able to go on a cable T.V. show in a million years."

The cost to join the Network Voice is $36 and the membership fee is renewed every six months. Barbuto said the membership is drawn from the South Shore Women's Business Network and currently 22 women members make up the group but men are welcome to join. Barbuto said in the future, she plans to introduce some new elements to the group, including the development of a guest speaker pool from which local business people can draw.

According to Fitzgerald, anyone who has to address people in public, stand up and talk at a meeting, or anyone who wants to regain a feeling of confidence or control would benefit from being a member.

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Plan to be Put Before Town Meeting

Town Could Take Control of Private Septic Systems

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Managing on-site septic systems is the third and final piece of a town-wide wastewater management plan and could be the most controversial because those affected would have to turn over control of their systems to the town.

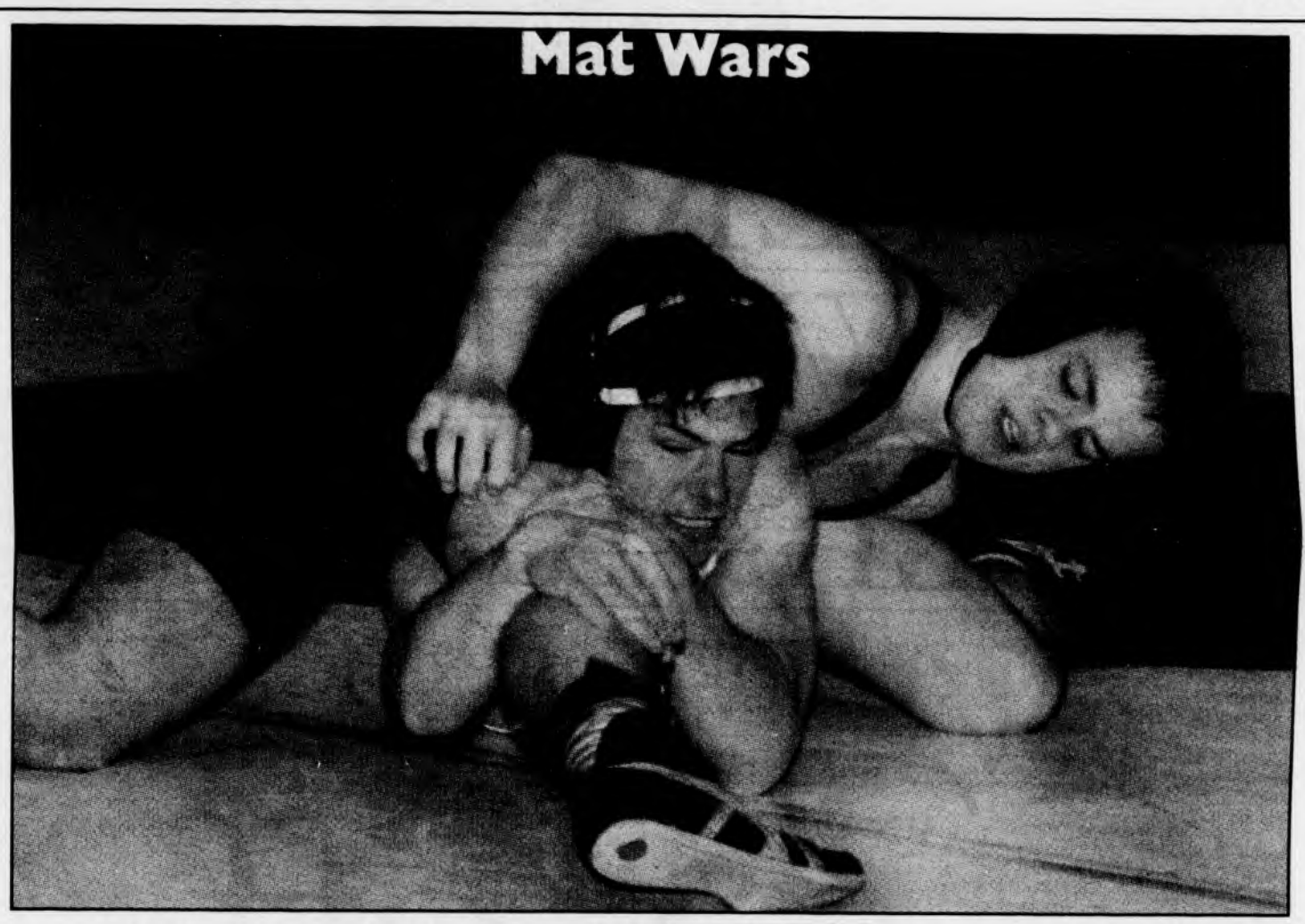
"This is changing the whole concept of dealing with on-site systems," Selectman Nan Roth said. "Essentially, it's the town's system on your property."

The complicated on-site septic management plan would involve having the town manage on-site septic systems and assess homeowners for operating and maintenance costs, the way the town will for those in the sewer districts.

Plans are to tie the two pending sewer projects in north and central Cohasset and the on-site management plan into a single town meeting article which will ask the town to subsidize 50

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Mat Wars



Cohasset's Mike Rossi (top) battles Scituate High wrestler Brian Ardolino in the Cohasset Wrestling Tournament. Rossi won the 145-pound division and was voted Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.
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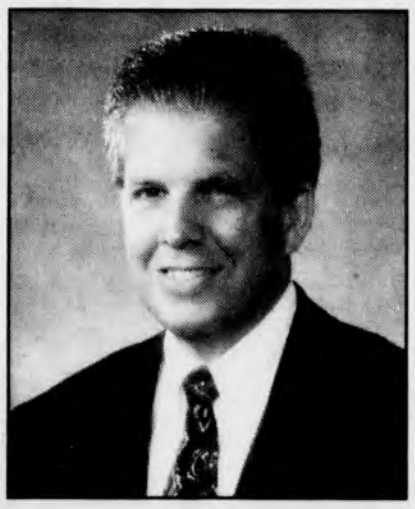
Cole Named Publisher of South Division of CNC

Community Newspaper Company announced this past week a new executive publisher for its south division, which includes the Mariner and Cape Cod Community Newspapers.

Asa Cole of Norwell, who was publisher of the company's west division, will take over for Margaret Smoragiewicz, who announced her resignation last week.

"I have greatly enjoyed my time here and am proud of the work we accomplished, but now it's time to move on," Smoragiewicz said. "I wish Asa all the best and leave him with a wonderful staff to carry on the mission of the papers."

For Cole, the move is somewhat of a homecoming since he



Cole

is a native of Hingham, a former resident of Marshfield who now lives in Norwell, and frequent summer visitor to

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Principal Conducts Musical Valentine

By Doreen Leggett
COHASSET MARINER

Marilee Cantelmo, principal of the Osgood School, has attended numerous concerts put on by the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. On Feb. 15, she'll have the best seat in the house.

Cantelmo will conduct one of the scores in the Philharmonic's benefit pops concert "Let Me Call You Sweetheart: A Musical Valentine."

The concert combines love songs from opera, stage and screen. Operafest, a group of young adults training for professional singing, will join the Philharmonic.

"I'm wondering what it feels like to hear the music from the conductor's podium," she said.

She won the honor at the Philharmonic's "Denim and Diamonds" fund-raising auction.

"I used to work at an auction, so I'm not shy," Cantelmo said of her bidding style.

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Cohasset's Week

Interim Town Administrator Named

Selectmen named Ed McCann of Scituate as interim town administrator this week. They said McCann would be paid at the same rate as former town administrator Gregory Doyon, whose salary was about $55,000 a year.

McCann, a consultant, has 20 years local government experience. He could be at the post for up to six months or longer if town meeting opts to change to a town manager form of government, a process which would take longer than hiring a new town administrator.

McCann, who said he has "a short learning curve," said once details of his new position are ironed out, he could be on board within a week.

Osgood Committee has Vacancies

The Osgood School Reuse Committee has been expanded to nine members and needs some recruits, Selectman Peter Pratt said Monday. The charge town meeting gave to the committee is to maximize the sale value of the property and to bring it onto the tax rolls, Pratt pointed out. Up to three more members are needed. Interested citizens should contact the selectmen's office at 383-9900.

Street Light Request Denied

Selectmen said approving a street light between 66 & 72 Church St. would open the door for similar requests from all over town.

They told Tony Carbone, who brought the matter to the board, that they have no problem if citizens want to pay for the lights themselves.

Carbone pointed out that Church Street narrows where he feels the light is needed and that it is a safety issue.

Selectman Peter Pratt said by granting this request, the town would be on a "slippery slope" and would have to respond to others, such as those on Cedar Street who also want more street lights.

After grappling with the issue, selectmen decided to "re-inventory" the town and find out which lights are out and which ones are being paid for by citizens.

The town's budget for street lights is $52,000 a year, Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown said. The town gives priority lighting to intersections and dangerous curves, he said.

Keep Water Pipes From Freezing

It's getting colder outside. But if you think it's tough for you, think about your water pipes. Freezing weather can cause them to burst, which of course, won't be any picnic for you either.

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* Plug drafty window cracks and repair broken panes to make basements — and any water lines and meters in them — more secure against the cold.

* Check crawl spaces and garages to make sure the pipes are protected.

* Drain water and remove hoses from outside faucets. During freezing weather, any water in the piping may freeze and cause a rupture.

* Identify your home's main water shut-off valve with a tag or colorful sticker and instruct all members of the household where it is located. If a water line bursts, use this valve to close the water supply entering your home. If you do not have a main shut-off valve, consider having one installed.

* Also remember to keep garage and basement doors closed, since cold air could freeze any exposed pipes.

Beach Stickers Won't Go Up

Selectmen refused a request by Town Clerk Marion Douglas to increase the price of beach stickers from $7 to $10 ($3 to $5 for senior citizens).

Douglas said the increase would make it easier to issue stickers and bring in more revenue.

Selectman Nan Roth said she couldn't support the increase unless it was "only in some budget sense that we need the extra money."

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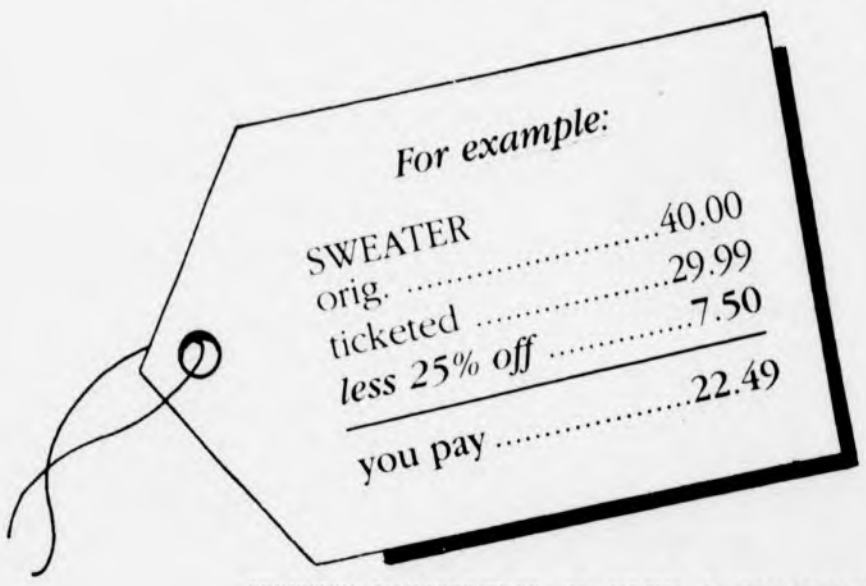
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Town to Try New Voting Machines

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Secretary of State William Galvin apparently does not want a repeat of last fall's race in the Democratic Primary for the 10th District Congressional seat when it took a recount and two judges to determine the winner.

As William Delahunt, D-Quincy, takes over the reins in Congress from Gerry Studds — no doubt to both Delahunt and his Democratic Primary challenger Phil Johnston of Marshfield, "punch-card ballots" are dirty words.

Cohasset was one of several towns in the 10th District using the antiquated system where voters use a stylus to punch a hole in their voting card. The card is then read by the voting machine which counts votes only when light shines through the hole. Results in punch-card towns were challenged because of the high number of "blank" votes cast.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas may take advantage of a $3 million state revolving fund proposed by Galvin for punch-card communities that wish to replace their voting systems.

"Since voters are questioning the punch-card system, I think we should look at alternatives," said Douglas in a Jan. 6 letter to selectmen.

Douglas said she will test the Accu-Vote System, an optical scan reader at the May 3 town election. In this system, voters fill in circles and the scanner reads the marks.

The test run, with no obligation to buy, will cost $250 plus ballot printing costs, Douglas said.

If Cohasset decided on the new system, two machines at $6,000 each would be required, one for each precinct. The annual service contract would be $125 per machine. Machines could be purchased through the proposed state revolving fund with money reimbursed to the state through the town's local aid "cherry sheet," which represents the revenue sharing the town receives annually from the state.

Keep Well Clinic Slated

The Social Service League of Cohasset and the Board of Health will hold an Adult Keep Well Clinic Friday, Jan. 31, at 10 a.m. to noon, at Harborview Senior Housing, 60 Elm St.

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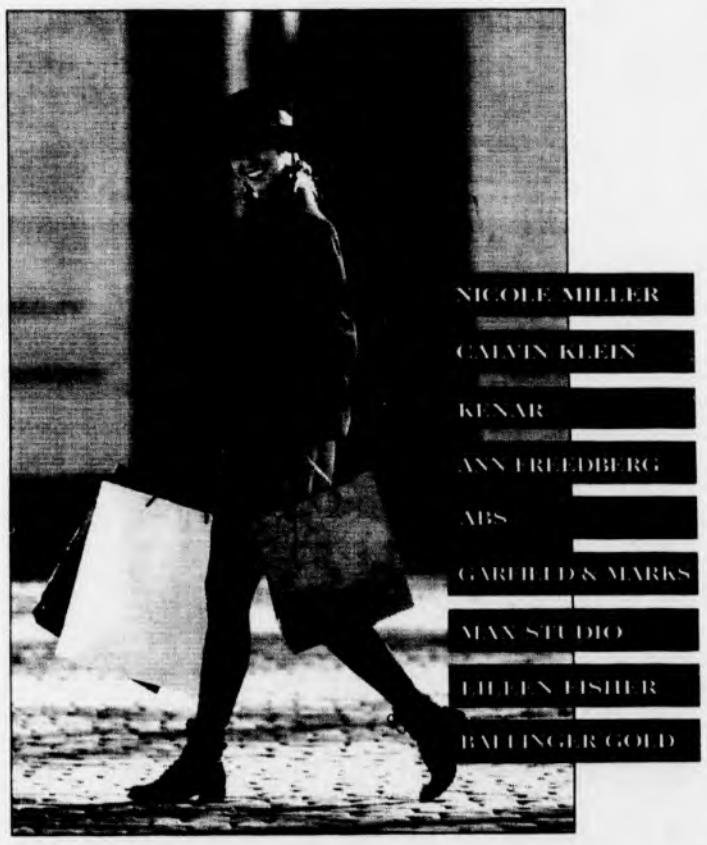
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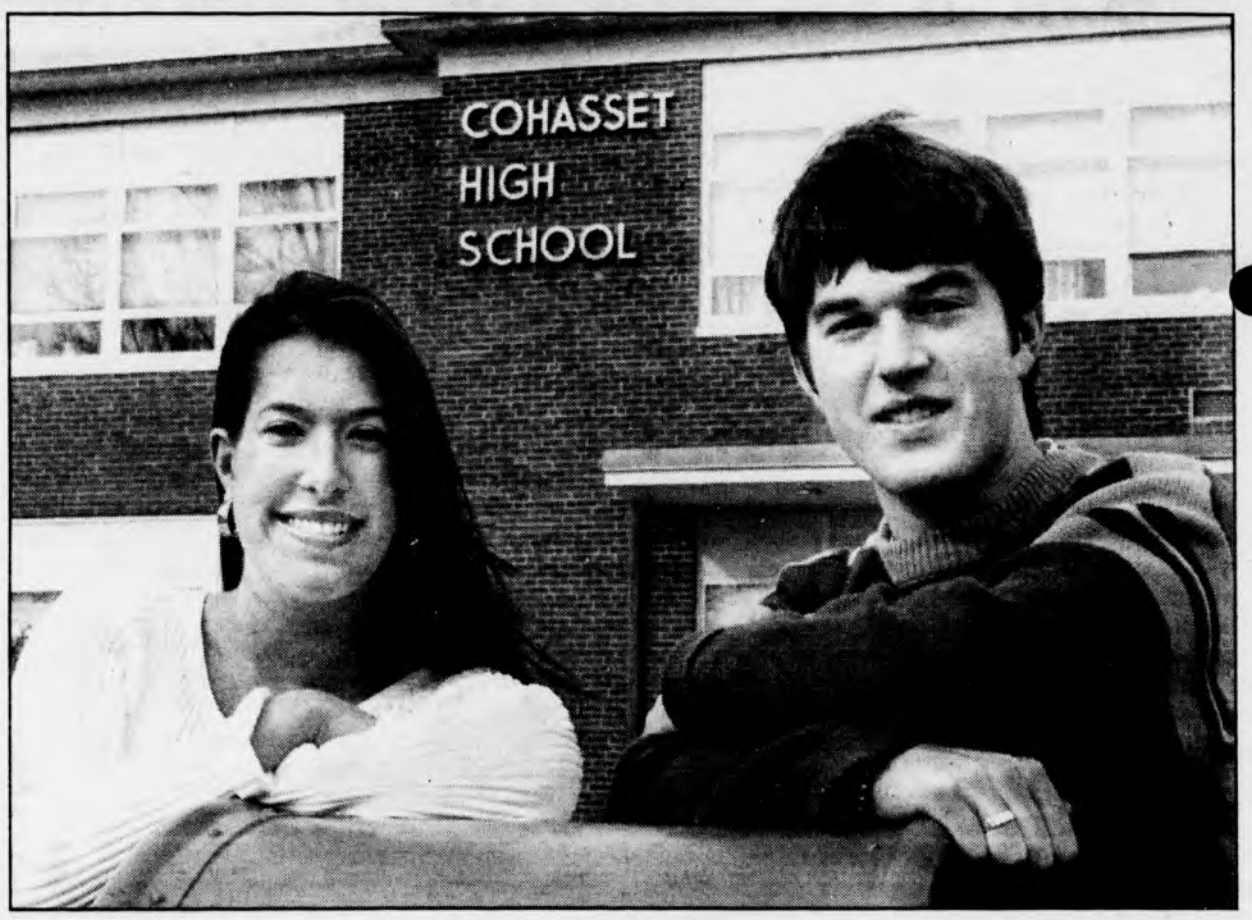
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Goal: To work for the United Nations and be happily married (Alia); To put harmony among races as the first priority for this country (Tom).

Best day of your life: I enjoy everyday but I'm still waiting for the best day (Alia); The day my twin brother and I were born (Tom).

Biggest worry: Reliance on technology and getting into college (Alia); The use of nuclear weapons (Tom).

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Summer (Alia); Winter (Tom).

Favorite TV show: 'Saturday Night Live' (Alia); 'Alien Nation' (Tom).

Favorite movie: 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' (Alia); 'The Wall' (Tom).

Favorite book: 'The Great Gatsby' (Alia); '2001: A Space Odyssey' (Tom).

Favorite junk/snack food: Cheese-It, Gummy Bears & ASP subs (Alia); Nachos & Reese's (Tom).

Most embarrassing moment: Too many to mention (Alia); Too embarrassing to say (Tom).

Person you'd most like to meet: J.F.K. Jr. (Alia); Emma Goldman (Tom).

Pet peeve: Rude people (Alia); People who have attitudes just for the sake of having an attitude (Tom).

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Private Septic Systems

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percent of the price tag of the projects pending a successful Proposition 2-1/2 override. The override would be necessary because the projects' costs could not be absorbed within the tax base.

Town meeting voters can decide to approve one, two or all three projects through the article, which is currently planned to be in three parts. Town meeting approval is required for the projects to move forward. If the subsequent override fails, the affected homeowners would have to pick up 100 percent of the costs of the projects.

Officials said this week that the town accountant is working with the numbers and did not provide a ball-park override figure. But if the town matches the $3.2 million state loan program to manage septic systems with taxpayer subsidy and pays for 50 percent of the about $12 million needed for the sewer projects, the override could be in the vicinity of $10 million.

Under the plan, the board of health would inspect the remaining 1300 septic systems in town and prioritize wastewater districts according to their proximity to water sources. The health board would then decide when systems need maintenance, pumping or replacement. Two hundred septic systems in Cohasset have already been inspected, repaired or replaced and are therefore in the plan, Health Board Chairman Tom Cook told selectmen Tuesday. Plans are within ten years to bring all 1500 systems in town into compliance with Title V, the state environmental code.

The 10-year on-site wastewater management plan will cost about $10 million with the town picking up half the cost (about $3.2 million) over the first six years through an override with the balance coming from state loans, administered by the town, that homeowners would have to pay back. The town would then provide loans for the remaining four years that are needed to bring all septic systems into the plan.

In addition to operating and maintenance fees, homeowners would also pay into a pool that would go toward paying for the future replacement costs of failing systems for a total annual assessment of $438 on average. The fees are comparable to those that sewer users must pay and would be based on water usage, the way sewer fees are, the health board said.

Health board member Kevin Ulmer said the septic plan will allow those homes with on-site systems to appreciate in value at the same rate as those on sewers.

Selectman Peter Pratt said the plan addressed concerns of those citizens who say: "I'll never have a sewer district, what can you do for me?"

The town is under a court order to solve its sewer problems and address failing septic systems. Sewer Commission Chairman Edward "Ted" Guild pointed out that if the town reneges on its plan to upgrade its sewer system, it will find itself in court.

But selectmen said this week, they want to be kept "in the loop" on these matters. Selectman Nan Roth and a health board member will join Guild in negotiations with the state on the town's legal liabilities relating to the sewer and septic issues.

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Chatham.

"It's not every day you get to work in your hometown and the area you were raised and summered in," Cole said.

"Because I know these towns, I know what the community weeklies mean in terms of keeping people informed and celebrating local accomplishments. My goal is to make our papers even more relevant to our readers' lives," Cole said. "I hope people will share their views with me on our newspapers and how they would like to see us better serve them."

"I think there is no business more rewarding than putting out a good hometown newspaper which helps shape the day-to-day life in the community," he added.

Cole started his newspaper career in 1968 as a reporter at what is now called the daily Middlesex News in Framingham. He became executive editor in 1982 and took over as publisher in 1994.

"Asa will bring his years of successful newspaper experience, strong management skills and tremendous work ethic to this new assignment," said CNC president Michael Veitch in making the announcement.

CNC also announced other organizational changes this past week, including the search for an executive editor in chief, a position which Cole filled on an acting basis for 20 months.

At the same time the company restructured its staff, approving 64 new positions and eliminating 35 others.

'Combating the Culture'

"Combating the Culture: What Parents, Teachers and Schools Can Do to Help Girls Maintain a Healthy Sense of Self," will be the focus of a workshop led by Catherine Steiner-Adair, clinical psychologist and director of education at the Harvard Eating Disorder Center, Thursday, Jan. 30, 7 to 9 p.m., in the auditorium of Scituate High School, Route 3A, Scituate.

Learn to recognize negative media messages and teach children to resist them, reinforce girls' positive self-images, foster respect between boys and girls, and discover strategies to help girls overcome self-destructive behavior. This event is free and open to all.

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Principal Conducts

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What made her more zealous in pursuit of the prize, which included conducting lessons, limousine service and dinner, was that she wasn't bidding for herself.

Her husband, Frank, had said earlier that he'd really like the chance to conduct. When he was in college at Mass Maritime Academy, he was the head of the band.

Cantelmo said since their 21st anniversary was fast approaching, she thought she'd give him the opportunity as a gift.

Her plans went awry.

"The maestro came up to congratulate me, and I said no, this is for my husband," said Cantelmo.

The maestro, Steven Karidoyanes, had other ideas. He said that since last year's guest conductor was a man, this year it had to be a woman.

"I tried my best to convince everyone it was for my husband," she said. "I couldn't get out of it."

She said her husband chuckled at the turn of events and told her later that he'd enjoy the concert more watching her.

"This has become one of the very coveted prizes," said Philharmonic Director Roberta Otto. "It is really unique to get up and and conduct a symphony orchestra."

Cantelmo has a minor in music, and has learned how to play many instruments, such as the oboe, piano, and recorder. She has also had singing lessons.

However she has never conducted, except for a brief stint with her high school band.

That is where the lessons come in, she explained. Cantelmo said the Philharmonic conductor, Karidoyanes, is tentatively teaching her to perform one of Sousa's marches.

"But who knows? It might be a surprise. It depends if I can learn it," she said with a smile.

Cantelmo, who holds Karidoyanes in high regard, is both nervous and excited about her opportunity.

She explains that the orchestra is comprised of about 70 talented musicians. The conductor is the one who brings them together.

The musicians are very familiar with their music. Without the conductor's guidance, however, they could get out of sync.

The musicians set their music stands so they can see the conductor at all times.

Cantelmo raves about the Philharmonic, whose concerts she and her husband have attended since the 1970s.

She said they became season subscribers, and then became involved in fund-raising and the board of directors.

The Philharmonic, whose concerts routinely sell out, is trying to raise additional money to put on more concerts, including a July Fourth celebration.

The July 4 concert will celebrate the birth of the nation, in America's hometown, and the 100th birthday of one of United States' greatest composers, John Phillip Sousa, said Cantelmo.

Because ticket sales only cover 40 percent of the costs, additional funds are needed.

"We try to keep prices low so people on the South Shore can take advantages of an opportunity to hear good quality music locally," she said.

The Plymouth Philharmonic was founded in 1913 and improves every year, said Cantelmo.

Cantelmo was introduced to the symphony at a young age. Her parents were big fans of the symphony and used to take their children, starting in elementary school, to the closest one, which was in Minneapolis.

With three children of her own - Alysia, Nate and Caitlyn - plus numerous others at the Osgood School, Cantelmo rarely finds time to play her instruments. She makes time, however, to enjoy the music of others.

"My love for education overcame my love for music," she said. "I always wanted to do something with children."

Cantelmo said her parents' influence helped her develop an interest in music and that music is part of a child's well-rounded education.



Marilee Cantelmo, principal of the Osgood School, will take center stage at the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's benefit pops concert, Feb. 15.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

She said the Plymouth Philharmonic has an open house before some of the concerts where children can come in and try the instruments.

Cantelmo explained that hearing a live concert is a different, more powerful experience than just hearing a recording.

"I particularly admire the strings," she said. "There is something about the strings that is absolutely beautiful."

Cantelmo's two daughters play string instruments, as did her grandmother.

The Philharmonic draws subscribers from over 70 local communities.

"If anything it seems to be growing," Cantelmo said, adding that Karidoyanes always says that the Philharmonic is one of the South Shore' best kept secrets.

Cantelmo hopes it won't remain so. The secretary at Osgood has told most of the staff, and several family friends are planning on attending.

The sweetheart concert is perfect for lovebirds, and a group of couples can sit together at tables up front.

"It is light and people feel they have a real chance to participate," said Otto.

"It tends to be a fun evening for everyone," agreed Cantelmo."I feel honored to be a part of this concert and have the opportunity to lead such a group of talented musicians."

"Let Me Call You Sweetheart" begins at 8 a.m. at Memorial Hall in Plymouth. For more information, call (508) 746-8008.

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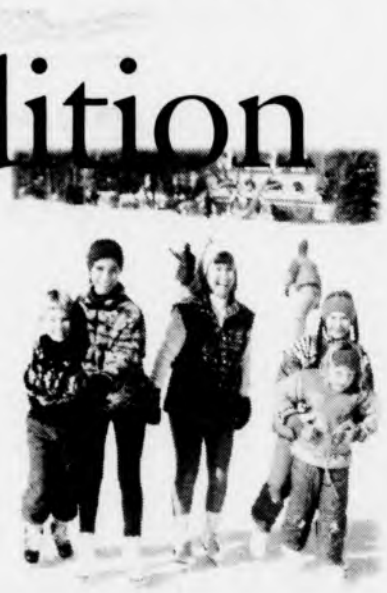
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Golf Club Parking Lot Debate Only at the Surface

By Jason Bouffard
COHASSET MARINER

To pave or not to pave. That is the central issue in the debate between the town's conservation commission and the Cohasset Golf Club concerning the proposed expansion of the club's parking lot.

Representatives from the golf club met with the conservation commission last week to discuss changes in the plans for a parking lot at the club with about 200 spaces.

Since they last met, the club has down sized the proposed lot, and addressed other areas of the plan in order to mitigate potential flooding in the neighboring community and danger to nearby wetlands.

During the meeting, several commission members endorsed the idea of laying a surface on the proposed lot that is able to be penetrated, such as gravel, rather than impervious pavement. Many members came out in favor of the suggestion because a penetrable surface would not produce as much runoff water, and would therefore reduce potential flooding.

This would also be a reduction in the amount of runoff flowing from the lot into a nearby intermittent stream. Although the stream is protected by law, part of the proposed work would take place inside a 100-foot buffer zone surrounding the water.

While commission chairman Veneta Roebuck and conservation agent Paul Shea suggested that areas outside the buffer zone could be paved and areas inside remain unpaved, other members felt differently. Vice-chairman Jeff Waal, along with member Ed Graham, felt that the entire area should be topped with a permeable covering. Commission member Susan Cope said she would be willing to see the site paved if golf club owners paid for the mitigation of the resulting runoff water.

Member Jim Dedes, after pointing out that a pervious surface can allow contaminants such as oil and gas to seep directly into the soil, supported a paved lot, provided that adequate detention of runoff is provided. Currently plans incorporate two detention ponds to which runoff water will flow.

While golf club representative Peter Costello argued that it would be difficult to delineate parking spaces in an unpaved lot, Roebuck disagreed.

"There are many standard engineering practices currently in use to delineate parking in lots that aren't paved," she said. noting that the line painting is not the only way to depict a parking space.

"Delineation of parking is not a problem, The problem is 'how much fill is going in here?" she asked. She and other members felt that too much landfill on the site would add to the flooding problem. Although the total landfill figure was not available, commission members hope to get a better idea of the amount of filling proposed so that the effects of the work can be assessed.

Abutter, Mary Foley, 184 Lamberts Lane, told the commission that flooding conditions already exist in the neighborhood and cautioned them to think hard before making a final decision.

"If there is a mistake made and we end up with a worse problem, the town is not necessarily going to help," she said. Because of Lamberts Lane's private road status, residents are concerned that the town may not be responsible for repairs along the roadway.

Golf club representatives plan to revise the site plan and meet with conservation commission members in working session by Feb. 20.

Turkey Hill Grant Money Confirmed

State environmental officials have confirmed that the towns of Hingham and Cohasset are receiving almost $450,000 in self-help grants to purchase 50 acres of undeveloped land at Turkey Hill.

Last fall, Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe announced the grants during a visit to Turkey Hill, and praised the joint efforts of private conservation groups and the two towns to acquire this property that offers commanding views of Boston Harbor and Harbor Islands.

Town meetings in Cohasset and Hingham approved $125,000 and $164,500, respectively, as their shares of the $810,000 purchase price. The balance was raised through the grant, and by the Cohasset Conservation Trust, the Hingham Land Conservation Trust, and the Trustees of Reservations, which will manage the property.

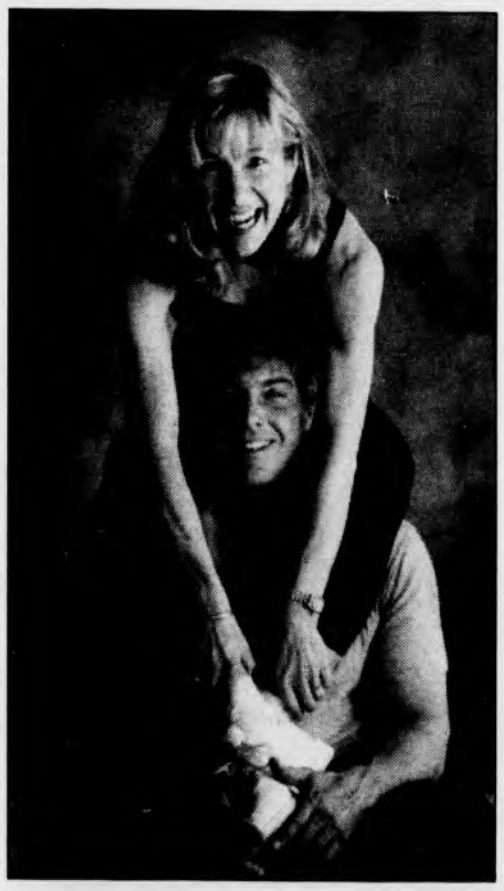
Hingham's share of the grant for the 30 acres in that town is $262,440; Cohasst's share for the 20 acres on its side of the town line is $174,960.

Turkey Hill, which straddles the town line between the two towns and is adjacent to the 800-acre Whitney and Thayer Woods and the 2,900-acre Wompatuck State Park, was offered for sale earlier this year by the heirs of Joseph Saponaro, who operated a riding stable on the property for many years.

The Trustees of Reservations plans additional fund-raising to cover the costs of renovating the Saponaro house which will be used for a resident caretaker, and to provide facilities for visitors to the area.

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Happy Anniversary greetings go to **David** and **Anita Bernstein**, they celebrated their 35th Jan. 14. You two are a special couple, and we hope that the next 35 are even better than the first!

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Also, Happy Birthday greetings go to **Russ Yeager** — his birthday was Jan. 4, but sometimes this reporter doesn't get the news until after the event! Anyway Russ hope your day was a special one! We know that you are!

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Hope that everyone who got the recent invitation from **Principal Collins** is as proud of it as we are of you for receiving it! Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 2:15 p.m. in the cafeteria at CHS, academic awards for the first quarter were presented. Lots of times we neglect to mention how wonderful you scholars are, — that does not mean that we don't know how super you and your efforts are!! After all, you are our future!

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Plymouth State College sends us word that one of their freshmen, **Nathan Caldwell** is doing an admirable job on the wrestling team for them! He is in the heavyweight division.

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Here is some great news from Boston College High School, three residents from our town have been named to the first term honor roll at their school. **Benjamin T. Smoot,** class of '99, earned himself the distinction of High Honors; **Jason S. McCaffrey,** class of '98 and **Robert C. Morgan,** class of '99 have established themselves as scholars also! As we have said in the past, be proud of yourselves and keep up your outstanding work.

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A standing ovation goes to **Stefanie Noering,** a sophomore at Nobles & Greenough, who was awarded the honor of a field hockey all-star for her dedication and ability last season! Stefanie is a sophomore and has already played for two years as a starter! She is the Bulldogs top offensive threat!

She finished in the top five of the Independent Schools League in scoring with 17 goals and four assists for 21 points earning her the slot on the A11-ISL squad. Listen to this, Stefanie broke her nose to win a game in overtime, if that isn't dedication — she was back on the field the next day for the finals, and scored the first goal en route to victory! It was Nobles first ever New England title! Get this folks, Stefanie also skis and plays lacrosse at Nobles, and she is a hockey captain-elect as a junior next fall. She strives to be the best, and we extend our applause!



Grace Nevins from Cohasset takes her grandmother, Sharon Hedden of San Francisco, along to an open house at the Old Colony Montessori School in Scituate.

Chris Bernstein photo

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Emily M. D'Urso, a sophomore at Mount Holyoke College is on tour this January as a Member of the Mount Holyoke College Glee Club. She left Boston Jan. 11 with 45 other classmates. Emily will have quite an adventure, including a visit to Mozart's houses and many tours — while on tour she will perform six concerts and while there she will stay with a German family! Isn't that a wonderful thing? Oh, Emily, will you please fill us in upon your return? It sounds so great and we are so happy for you!

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Polly Doggett has news of two former Cohasset families, the **Turners** who lived off of Forest Avenue, and the **Woodburys** who lived on a new lane off of King Street. **Beau** and **Kathy** have chosen to serve as Mission President in Tacoma, Washington for the next three years, and **Tom** and **Zella Turner** are living in Roy, Utah — you can believe that further news of these families will appear soon, we think that they are Cohassetites at heart! And, we miss them!

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Lastly, time to tell you of a great new hair stylist, no frills included! 'Tis called **Cohasset Cuts**, his name is **Danny,** located in the Cohasset Plaza — he is busy, but your wish is his command.

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I really hope that you will call with your news, we all want it, need it, love it!

— Sallyann

Winter Wildlife Camp Offered

The New England Wildlife Center is holding a four-day winter vacation camp entitled "To Fly," Feb. 18-21, for children ages 7 to 12. The camp, which will be held at the center in Bare Cove Park, focuses on all aspects of flying. Students will hold and fly hawks and owls and other birds, examine feathers and insect wings under a high-powered microscope, learn how to make the best paper airplanes and set off model rockets. Students will also visit Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology to examine flying dinosaur and bird skeletons. Participants will also visit the Norwood Community Airport, where they will examine airplanes up close and see how airfoils work.

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In the photograph, Robert "Buzzy" Stanton uses a portable ramp to get up a six-inch step outside the Cohasset Fire Department on Elm Street. Bud Ahearn of the Cohasset Commission on Disabilities arranged the demonstration for the photograph. The ramp was purchased three years ago by the Disabilities Commission for use by anyone in the community who wants to attend an event that is not accessible because of a step, curb or high threshold. The ramp is about three feet wide by three feet long and is made of light-weight metal with a flat that fits over the top of the step to prevent it from slipping. Stanton felt comfortable going both up and down the ramp. To borrow the ramp, call the police dispatch center at 383-1212.

Put a Student to Work

The Social Service League of Cohasset has compiled a list of Cohasset Jr. High School students who are ready, willing and able to do odd or not so odd jobs around your home. Jobs include yard clean up, snow shoveling, pet sitting, babysitting, house cleaning, and cooking at reasonable rates.

For names and phone numbers of students, call 383-0771.

Community Gardeners to Meet

The monthly meeting of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be held Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage, 97 Border St. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m.; the meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m.

This month, club members will create a valentine terrarium. Please bring a clear glass container for this project.

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Redirecting Physical Education

If you were a typical teenager way back when gym was required every day — you probably expended as much energy trying to get out of class as you did breaking a sweat.

Many of us remember gym class as lining up to do calisthenics, such as jumping jacks and touching our toes, followed by picking teams, getting a ball of some sort, and playing a game.

While this was fine for some — many students hated gym with a passion. But ironically — a generation or so ago, that didn't matter so much because as a rule, we were slimmer and fitter than most of today's adolescents. We saw less TV, ate less fast food and walked more.

Cohasset schools health coordinator Michael Gill wants to redirect today's physical education program by focusing on the fitness of the individual student who could reach personal fitness goals through a variety of exercise regimens.

As he reported to the school committee two weeks ago, he envisions a state-of-the-art fitness center which could also be open to the public.

"Fitness is for everyone." Mr. Gill pointed out. "Basketball isn't. Soccer isn't."

We think Mr. Gill's proposal has great potential.

Not only would more teenagers become physically fit — but if graded on their fitness improvement and not on their ability to perform in a game, they might really get motivated.

The result is a natural one: better health and feeling better about oneself.

Nothing feels as good as being in shape. And it's a shame to see so many youngsters today with weight and health problems because they sit around too much.

Mr. Gill's proposal comes with a price tag. Initial equipment costs would be $6,600. To fully-equip the fitness center would cost $100,000, money which could be raised through private donations.

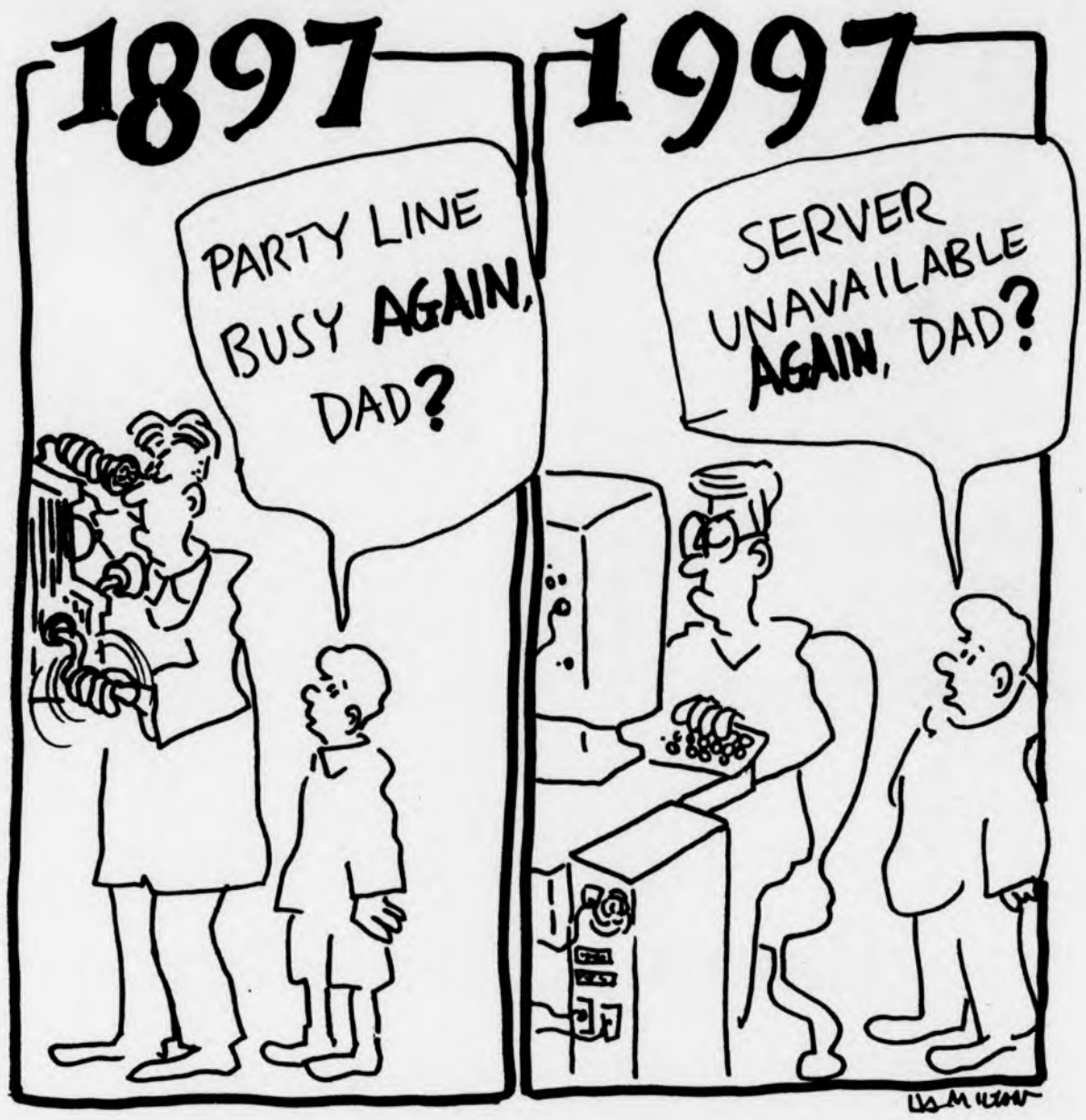
While the fitness center may sound expensive, we believe improved fitness among our youth will pay off in the long run. What better education for life is there than taking care of your body? Let's face it, with "managed care" our personal health is our responsibility. Educating our youth to that fact is critically important as health care dollars become more limited.

We hope this program gets off the ground and encourage any potential sponsors to contact Mr. Gill at the high school.

As Mr. Gill says: "Every student can feel success with a fitness program. Not everybody will feel success with soccer or basketball."

The same way an athlete finds that success on the field can lead to success off the field — students, who dislike gym, may find that a personal fitness regime is to their liking and leads to results they'd never imagined.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep Hagerty Property Open to All

To: Board of Selectmen

At their Jan. 13 meeting, the recreation commissioners discussed the various questions surrounding potential uses of the Hagerty property in some detail and depth.

Resultant of this discussion, the commission, with all seven members present, unanimously voted to voice their opinion that the property be utilized for the recreational and conservational purposes it was purchased for. That is, Town Meeting voted to purchase this property under the premise that it be utilized for recreation, conservation and access to our waterways.

Any other use or uses would, in the commissioners' opinion manifest in a misrepresentation to voters of Town Meeting, as it was for these specific purposes that residents agreed to appropriate revenue for purchase of this unique and valuable waterfront property.

The recreation commission feels the building should be sold and relocated from its existing site, perhaps keeping the structure on the tax roll, while providing, via relocation, more space for land use for all residents at that site.

Access for all residents to this property is of essential importance to the commissioners. As you know, the land is unique and offers the potential to be enjoyed by all residents. Utilization of the property to its maximum extent would provide for a waterfront park/recreation area, while providing better access to our waterways. Both passive and active recreational opportunities are possible, while also retaining the area in a conservational way. Removal of the structure, even across the street, would allow ample area for parking, picnic benches and an enhanced boat launching facility. All of this could be provided at relatively low construction and continued maintenance costs. All residents would have access; important in the light that all residents have helped purchase the land.

Further, the recreation commissioners feel that any Request for Proposal under consideration currently, should be postponed until after Town Meeting. Concern exists for the potential of unclear and/or conflicting legislation to be placed before voters at Town Meeting.

As you may be aware, the seven member board of recreation commissioners are elected to represent the best interests of all residents relative to their recreational and leisure needs. This charge can often mean exclusion of good ideas and projects, in favor of other projects which have a wider spectrum of impact upon residents.

We thank you for your time and consideration of our thoughts and input regarding this matter which we feel is of extreme importance of all residents.

John M. Worley, Recreation Director
Richard Barrows, Recreation Commission Chairman

Ed's note: A copy of this letter was provided to the Mariner for publication.

Thanks to All 'Book Angels'

To the Editor:

Buttonwood Books would like to thank all its wonderful customers who became Book Angels this holiday season. In the spirit of holiday sharing, more than 160 books were given to children in need this season. Books purchased at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset went to children served by Wellspring in Hull. Books purchased at Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham became gifts for children at the Mary-Martha Learning Center and South Shore Educational Collaborative Teen Parent Program in Hingham and the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry. Our most sincere thanks to you all!

Betsey Detwiler, Owner
Buttonwood Books, Cohasset & Hingham

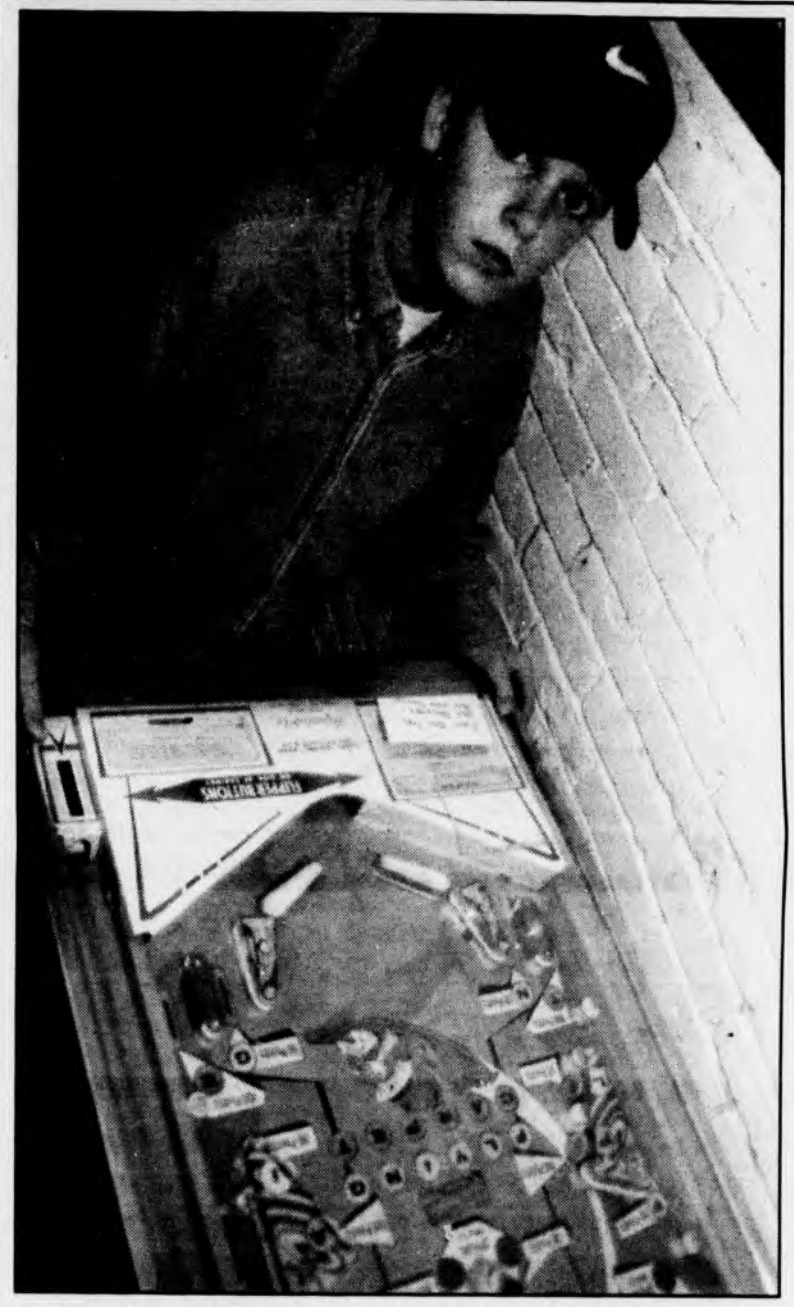
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Should the Punch-Card Voting System be Retired?

Is it time to retire the town's punch-card voting system? Callers are invited to leave a comment following their response to the question.

Press 1 -- Yes.

Press 2 -- No.



Brendan Goff enjoys the pinball machine at the Teen Center on South Main Street.

Staff photo/Victor Pryles

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Most Callers Want Town Manager

Results of last week's question:
Town Meeting could decide to opt for a town manager form of government. While selectmen would remain responsible for policy making, the town manager could have power and control of the town's day-to-day activities and could appoint certain town officials who would otherwise be elected or appointed by selectmen.

Do you support having a town manager, who would have more power to make decisions, than a town administrator, which Cohasset currently has?

32 Yes, the time has come for Cohasset to have a town manager.

0 No, I think it's possible to operate the town more effectively using the present system with a town administrator.

2 I think either position is unnecessary. Selectmen are elected to run the town, let them do it.

We strongly endorse the idea of a town manager form of government for Cohasset, we moved here eight years ago from Bronxville, N.Y., a small town exactly Cohasset's size which is very well run by a professional town manager guided by an elected mayor and board of trustees. The contrast in efficiencies of government of these two towns is painfully obvious to us as we go to town meetings to make uninformed choices about replacement of front-end loaders and the like.

We think a town manager may certainly be helpful if we could find someone of the caliber of Mr. Lemnios who has been very helpful to the town of Hull. We think that might be great.

Hedlund's Committee Assignments

State Senator Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) announced today his legislative committee assignments for the upcoming session and included in his appointments was the influential Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Hedlund was appointed to eight committees, the most of any legislator in the 200-member Legislature. Hedlund was reappointed to the Transportation, Health Care and Public Safety Committees, on which he served last term. Besides Ways and Means, Hedlund was newly appointed to Commerce and Labor, Counties, Science and Technology, and Post Audit and Oversite Committees.

"These new committees will be discussing important legislation in just the next few months. The Committee on Counties will be shortly debating the abolition of county government, which is a bill I filed. Cuts in unemployment insurance rates are being pushed for a quick hearing before Commerce and Labor and both business and labor are very interested in this bill. And as always, local transportation issues will be heard before the Legislature's Transportation Committee," Hedlund said.

Salute to Bob Hedlund

Sunday, Jan. 26, there will be a salute to Senator Bob Hedlund (R-Plymouth/Norfolk) at South Shore Country Club, Hingham, noon to 2 p.m. with special guests Norfolk Sheriff Jack Flood, Plymouth Sheriff Peter Forman, Norfolk District Attorney Jeff Locke, and Plymouth District Attorney Mike Sullivan.

Committee Chairman Polly Logan of Cohasset said Hedlund won every town (Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury, except three precincts in Braintree). She added Hedlund captured 57 percent of the vote and is now a senior member of the senate.

Other special invited guests include GOP Senate Leader Brian P. Lees of East Longmeadow and GOP House Leader David M. Peters of Charlton and Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset.

For brunch reservations, call Logan, 383-0031, Ann Collins, 749-0817, Carl Harris, 749-7715, Audrey MacDonald, 934-0366, Linda Glennon, 337-4138 or Dana Toland, 337-4383.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Leap' to Lobster Lab Supported

To the Editor:

I would like to encourage the Selectmen to approve and recommend, and Cohasset citizens to support, the leasing of the Hagerty showroom building to the Lightkeepers for the development of the proposed "Learning Laboratory."

While the proposal to sell the building seemed the first best outcome, the town rejected it. Now this appears as a welcome alternative in a stalemated situation.

Admittedly this is a "leap of faith," but there is a history of success...at least not disaster...in such leaps in the past. The old office building that Habitat turned into housing and taxable property, the old police station became the Teen Center and, of course, the wonderful Lightkeepers facility on Government Island, all are credits to vision. There may have been others that I have forgotten.

The promise of this project is great, and the current sponsors have a record of keeping promises. The risk seems minimal: if it eventually fails, the town is no worse off. The only alternative seems to be to tear the building down, an ultimate cop-out.

I would recommend the leap.

Osborne F. Ingram
274 Beechwood St.

Doyon Bids Adieu to Cohasset

Dear Board Members:

It is with regret that I tender my resignation as Town Administrator of the Town of Cohasset after eight years of rewarding service to the town, effective Jan. 28.

These years have seen many changes in town government, including the building of a transfer station/recycling facility, renovation of the police/fire station, improved athletic facilities, and a soon-to-be-completed public works garage. The town has taken major steps toward preserving its future through key land acquisitions for recreational, open space, watershed protection and improved access to its beautiful harbor.

Service improvements, including establishment of a 911 civilian public safety dispatch center, private operation of the Water Department and consolidation of several operations into a Department of Public Works, have all transpired during these past eight years. The position of Town Administrator also took on new responsibilities over the years, including a more proactive role assisting the Personnel and Capital Budget Committees, chairing the Civilian Dispatch Committee and assuming budgetary control over the Town Hall clerical staff. A closer relationship was developed between the key financial boards of the town, which no doubt was one factor in the large number of successful Proposition 2 1/2 overrides.

It is not my intention to take the credit for all of these projects, as they involved the hard work of many department heads, boards, committees and ordinary citizens, including their willingness to pay more in taxes to improve the town and ensure a better community for future generation of residents. However, I do take some satisfaction in knowing that I was involved in implementing many of them.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the current Board of Selectmen, the eight members that preceded them during my tenure, the management team, selectmen's office staff, as well as the many board and committee members and employees whom I have worked with during this time, for their cooperation and support.

The town of Cohasset has many assets and a lot to be proud of, and it has been a great pleasure for me to have served the community these past eight years.

Gregory J. Doyon
Town Administrator

Ed.'s note: Greg Doyon provided the Mariner with a copy of this letter.

New Deer Hill School Drama Club Presents 'The Wizard of Oz'

By Mary Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In 1996, a theater need for the age group at Deer Hill School in Cohasset was realized by Sharon Weber, a Deer Hill mother, dancer and theater enthusiast. Offering a drama club in a public school for fourth- through sixth-graders was not a unique idea, but it would become a unique accomplishment for Sharon and the club steering committee that would form the Cohasset Plays By the Sea Drama Club at Deer Hill School.

The drama club steering committee was comprised of several age groups. They included Ron Nicynski, a Cohasset High School sophomore who has been acting and directing plays since the first grade, and Mary Earon, a Deer Hill mother and writer. Since this was the school's club, and interested in the children's creative input, Sharon encouraged Deer Hill students to join the committee. Those who did included Nicole Turgiss, Meghan Marr, Ali Earon and Krista Nicynski.

Paul Callahan, principal of Deer Hill School and Betty Cisneros, a sixth-grade teacher who became the club's liaison, were supportive and assisted the committee in locating a rehearsal and performance space within the school and setting up a rehearsal schedule conducive to other after-school activities.

Registration for the Cohasset Plays By the Sea Drama Club began in September. When 75 children signed up, Sharon Weber felt satisfied that the need for a theater club had been a true one. Although most children were from Deer Hill, two members came from St. Paul's in Hingham.

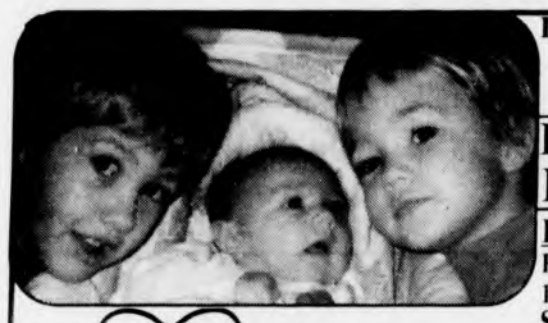
Once "The Wizard of Oz" became the chosen project, with Ron Nicynski as director, two more joined the efforts of the club. Joan Jensen, a pianist and Cohasset piano teacher, would become the director of music. Dee Dee Nicynski, Ron's mother, would become instrumental in production.

Cohasset Plays By the Sea Drama Club at Deer Hill School is enjoying its fledgling

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Members of the Deer Hill drama Club 'Plays by the Sea' rehearse for their upcoming production of 'The Wizard of Oz.'



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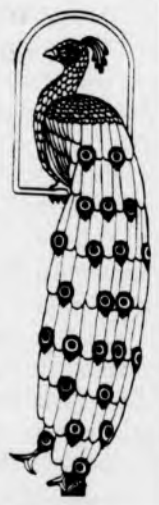
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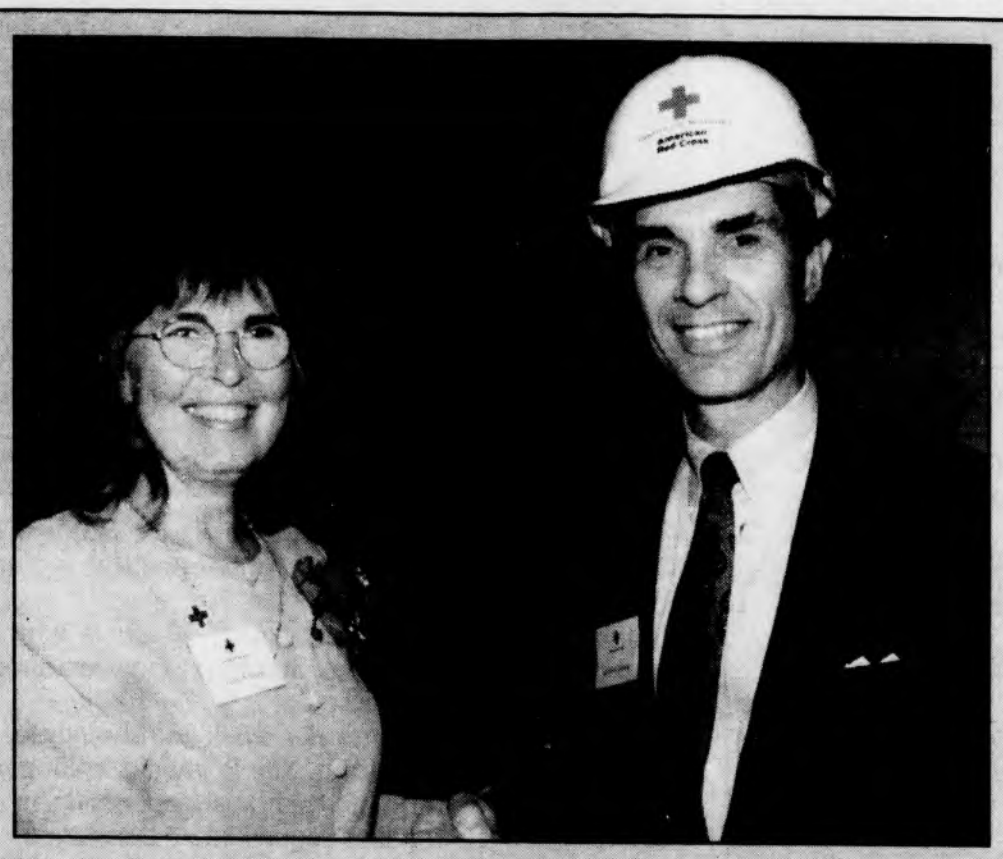
Local Internet Provider Expands

A local Internet Service Provider (ISP) in Cohasset is taking advantage of the problems being faced by AOL by opening up 13 new POPs (points of presence) for Internet access in Massachusetts. The new POPs, located around Boston, give the 1-year-old South Shore firm a total of 58 communities with local dial-in access numbers.

"The phenomenal growth has been spurred in large part by the poor service being offered by the large providers," said founder Aaron Sawchuk. "The large providers can send the free disks, turn the subscriber on to the wonders of the Internet, and then lose them because of the busy signals and poor customer service."

Compared to the large national providers, local ISPs often can react to market changes quicker, by adding new lines and modems where needed, and adding part-time tech support as needed from the local colleges and universities, to handle fluctuations in demand, Sawchuk said.

AOL announced last month they would provide unlimited dial-in access for $19.95/month, and since then have been unable to handle the volume of activity. "They currently have a user to modem ratio of 50:1, where most ISPs operate on a 15:1 ratio, " Sawchuk said, "and we began noticing an increase in demand for access numbers in areas we didn't serve, so we accelerated our expansion into these 13 new communities." The new exchanges include Cambridge, Billerica, Burlington, Framingham and Woburn. Sawchuk said, "DreamCom now has local numbers from the South Shore to the North Shore, with plans to expand further south to Plymouth and the Cape by summer."



Cohasset resident Geoffrey E. Nothnagle, right, was recently honored by the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay with the organization's trademark disaster relief helmet. Nothnagle, senior vice president, is pictured with Patricia Deyton, CEO of the American Red Cross. He was recognized for his outstanding service and dedication to the mission of the Red Cross.

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School Notebook

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PSO Seeks Volunteers for Executive Board

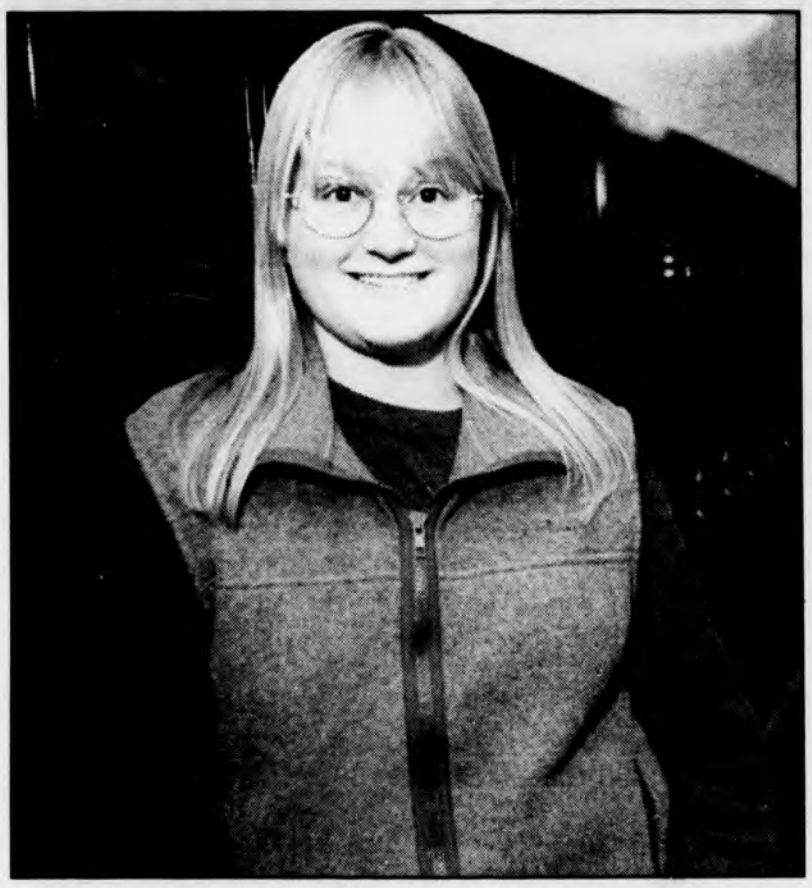
The Nominating Committee of the Parent School Organization is seeking volunteers for next year's school board. The PSO is the main communication link between the schools, parents and the community. The board consists of a variety of positions including publicity, treasurer, special program planners, fundraising, METCO liaisons and many more. The board meets once a month during the school year. If you are interested in getting involved with the PSO please call Sarah Markert, 383-6124.

Tribal Rhythms at Deer Hill

On Thursday, Jan. 23, students at the Deer Hill School will participate in a unique educational performing arts event with Tribal Rhythms, appearing in a program entitled Tribal Rhythms Celebration. This program is presented under the auspices of Young Audiences of Massachusetts. Funding for this program comes from a number of sources, including the Cohasset Parent School Organization (PSO).

The program is highly participatory. Students become part of the dramatic stories, create spontaneous music on handmade musical instruments, and move together in "the dance of the mysterious creature." Tribal Rhythms is designed to build community spirit, foster multi-cultural understanding and promote cooperation, respect, creativity and critical thinking.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH/Lydia Guild



I nominate Lydia Guild (grade 8) for Student of the Month for September because of her positive attitude and good spirit.

Lydia is upbeat and easy-going, which is why she is liked by many of her peers. She is also mature about taking responsibility for herself.

Lydia is consistent with her work and thoughtful in her frequent class participation. She is always willing to help other students understand their assignments during study periods when the teacher requests her assistance.

Lydia is simply a pleasure as a person and a student.

— Mrs. Ford
Seventh grade reading

Kindergarten Registration Slated

Kindergarten registration for the 1997/1998 school year begins Jan. 21 and is ongoing. Children who will be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 1997 are eligible to attend kindergarten in September, 1997. A birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration if it is not on file in the Cohasset Town Hall. Registration hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Osgood School on Ripley Road. Please call 383-6117 with any questions.

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School Notebook

Register for Nursery School

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces that nursery school applications for the 1997-98 school year are available, at the nursery school and community center offices.

Registration is based on a lottery system.

Applications are available through Jan. 27.

Completed applications must be returned to the community center office by Wednesday, Jan. 29. Applications should be clearly marked "N.S. Registration Application."

Parents registering their child in the Three-Year-Old Program should enclose a copy of the child's birth certificate to ensure proper placement of students in the program. All applications must include the $85 registration fee. Family membership for the school year is included in the fee. There is no financial commitment for children who are placed on the waiting list; these checks will be returned.

The lottery will be drawn for siblings of nursery school students on Monday, Feb. 3. Children of current community center members (as of Dec. 31, 1996) will be drawn on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 4 and for the general public in the afternoon.

Nursery school acceptance letters will be sent via the mail on Friday, Feb. 7.

The school offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of three-to-five year olds. Programs run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Some extended after-school programs will be available.

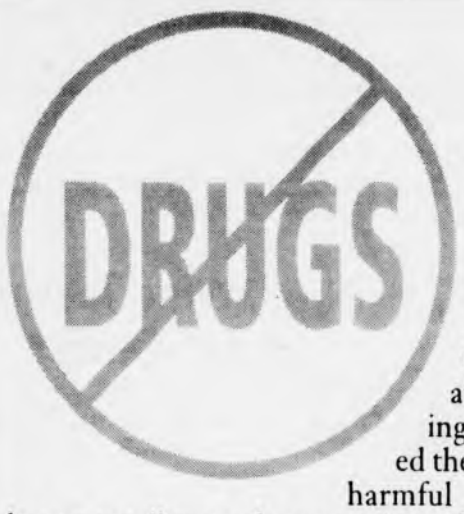
The nursery program is for children who will be three years of age by Oct. 20, 1997. The Pre-Kindergarten program is for children who are, or will be, four years old by Oct.. 20, 1997. The Five-Day Enrichment program is offered to older four year olds, and five year olds who have attended a pre-kindergarten program but are ineligible for kindergarten.

Summer Arts at Derby

Registration is now open for "Summer Arts at Derby 1997" at Derby Academy in Hingham. "Summer Arts at Derby" is a comprehensive arts program for ages eight to 15, that offers classes in drama, music, visual arts, dance, writing, gymnastics, martial arts, photography, and sports. Students choose their own schedules for the five-week program. Dates are June 30 to Aug. 1; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The program culminates in an arts festival Friday, Aug. 1. For more information, call Thalia McMillion, director, at (617) 740-4766.

PSO Help Sought

Many different fund-raising events are being sponsored by the PSO this year, including gift-wrap sales, a fall dance and silent auction etc. The success of these events requires the work of many individuals with many different talents. If you would like to join a committee for one of these events or help out in any manner, please call Tomi Bukowski at 383-6771, Lesley Faber at 383-2071, Patty Smith at 383-2773 or Jane Wasel at 383-0121.



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(from a letter 'To The Editor' of Pediatrics magazine from Ingrid L. Lantner, MD, Erieside Clinic, Inc., 38429 Lake Shore Blvd., Willoughby, OH 44094)

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Food, Wine Tasting at Art Center

Don't forget the gourmet food and wine tasting Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at South Shore Art Center.

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Music at British Relief

There will be a Coffee House and open microphone at the British Relief Restaurant, 152 North St., Hingham, Saturday, Jan. 25, at 8 p.m. Featured performer is Seth Connelly. Open mike sign up is at 7:30 p.m.; $5 admission and hosted by MacIsaac and Ross.

Auditions for 'Wizard of Oz'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club announces auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," directed by Deborah Carleton and produced by Dawn Rota and Tracy Dieselman.

Munchkins and Winged Monkeys — Saturday, Jan. 25 at Cohasset Town Hall. CDC members, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; non-members, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants must be at least 7 years old and no taller than 4'8". Munchkins will be asked to sing a song and learn a short dance. Winged Monkeys will be asked to show gymnastics skills.

Adult and other roles — Monday, Jan. 27 and Tues., Jan. 28, call-backs, Jan. 28, at Cohasset Town Hall, 7 to 10 p.m. Please be prepared to sing a song from the [illegible]. Participants may also be asked to dance and read.

Auditions will be rescheduled if the weather is very stormy. Please call 545-3195 if you are unsure.

Tentative production dates: April 4 to 13.

Diabetes and Nutrition

The Cohasset Board of Health and the Social Service League of Cohasset will present Dr. Jane McInerney speaking on "Diabetes and Nutrition," Monday, Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., at St. Stephen's Church, first floor conference room (Highland Avenue entrance). There is no charge for the lecture.

'The Wizard of Oz'

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year. Based on the quality and amount of member talent and the hard-working perseverance of the directors, the Club looks to offer an interesting and fruitful array of fun projects.

Immediately following the performances of "The Wizard of Oz," Sharon Weber will be directing the filming of "Anne of Green Gables," Act I with a rewritten end. She will be using adult, as well as children, actors. Details will be available in the next Mariner.

In June, Ron Nicynski will be directing a talent show that the club members will create and perform. This show will preclude a members' party which will wrap up the ambitious efforts of the Club's first year.

"The Wizard of Oz" Cast

Dorothy, Caroline Carr; Professor Marvel, doorman/guard, the wizard, David Ingber; hunk/scarecrow, Brenna O'Donnell; Hickory/Tinman, David Crowley-Buck; Zeke/Lion, Marisa Mello; Miss Gulch, The Wicked Witch of the West, Maura McKenney; Glinda/The Good Witch of the North, Krista Nicynski; Auntie Em, Sera Genovese; Uncle Henry, Cosimo Cambi; and Toto, Aslan.

Directed by Ron Nicynsky; music directed by Joan Jensen; choreography by Sharon Weber; and co-produced by Dee Dee Nicynski and Mary Earon.

Tickets: $3 sold at the door, general seating.

Performances for public: Friday, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 2, 2 p.m.

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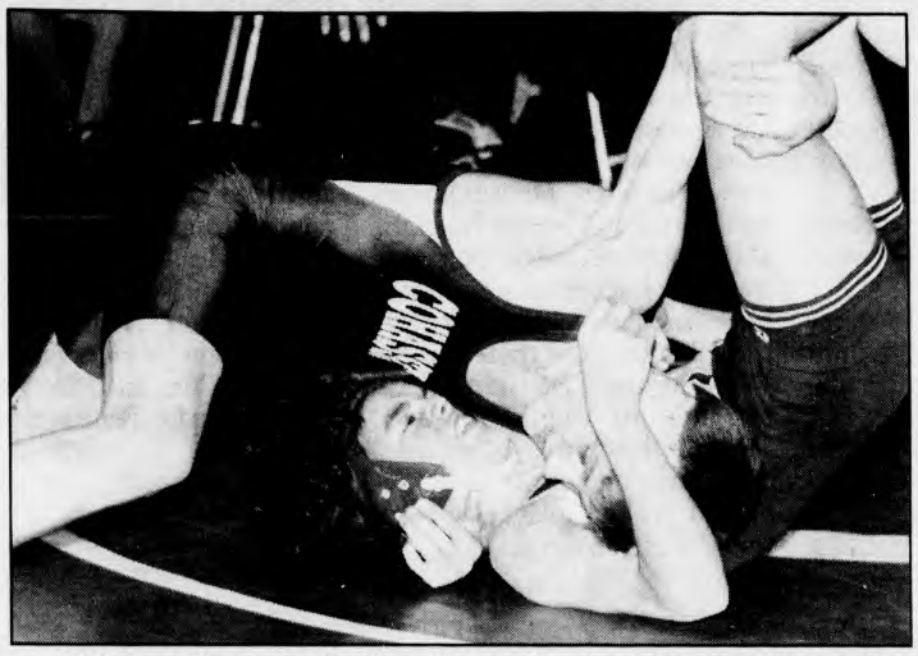
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Cohasset High wrestler Ben Littauer (top) works to get Norwell's Mike Robertson in a solid hold during last Saturday's Cohasset Wrestling Tournament. The Skippers won the tournament over second-place Rockland.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Local Grapplers Prove to be Winning Hosts

Skippers Garner Four Wins to Take Cohasset Wrestling Tourney

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

There's nothing quite like dominating the competition in front of your hometown fans.

The Cohasset High wrestling team knows the feeling. The Skipper grapplers had four individual winners and a host of other strong performances to win Saturday's Cohasset Wrestling Tournament. Cohasset's score of 192 points easily outdistanced second-place Rockland, which finished with 164.

Adding to the satisfaction of the win for the Skippers were the performances of Mike Rossi, Justin Buckley and Kevin Duffy. Rossi, winner of the 145-pound division, was named the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler. Buckley dominated the 171-pound division and Duffy turned the competition away at 135. The victories marked the second year in a row the two Cohasset wrestlers finished atop their divisions. Jordan Fiore also recorded a first-place showing, winning the 130-pound division.

Cohasset was never threatened as its grapplers ripped off 11 first-round pins to put the meet away early.

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Gymnasts Primed and Ready for Scituate

Lady Skippers Roll Past Hanover on Road to League Showdown

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

If they were surfers, Cohasset High's gymnasts would like nothing better than to ride the perfect wave on Monday.

But seeing that the 6-1 Lady Skippers perform their talents on various pieces of apparatus inside a gymnasium, they won't be needing surfboards in their 3:30 meet against undefeated Scituate. What the squad is in search of are flawless, consistent routines.

The Lady Sailors remain the lone team to defeat Cohasset. A win for the Lady Skippers on Monday could practically guarantee share of the Pilgrim Conference title.

Cohasset and Scituate shared the league crown in 1994 and the Lady Skippers then captured undefeated seasons in '95 and '96.

Head coach Erin Sutherland isn't by any means conceding the meet to Scituate.

"If everyone on the team stays healthy and has the meet I know they can, I'm sure we can give Scituate a run for their money," Sutherland said. "If we end in a tie with Scituate (for the title) we'd have a shot at going to the South Sectionals."

Cohasset is coming off its best win of the season, putting the team in position for a quality outing if it can build from Tuesday night's 126.2-123.5 victory over third-place Hanover.

Hanover head coach Dan Hannigan said there were several variables that would have to play out for the Lady Indians to win.

"We had to have a perfect meet and they had to make some mistakes," Hannigan said. "Unfortunately they did-

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The Cohasset High gymnastics team faces unbeaten Scituate on Monday at Cohasset beginning at 3:30 p.m. A Cohasset victory would almost guarantee the Lady Skippers a share of the South Shore League title and possibly a trip to the South Sectional meet.

Hoopsters Raise Record to 7-2

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Skippers took the hour-and-a-half-long bus ride down to Harwich last Wednesday to square off against the Roughriders. The trip proved worthwhile when Cohasset made quick work of the Roughriders. The trip proved worthwhile when Cohasset made quick work of the Roughriders, handling them easily by a score of 70-59. Junior Paul-Michael Quintin posted a career-high 26 points and Ryan Bishop chipped in 14 of his own.

Fittingly enough, Quintin started the game with two three-pointers to push the visitors out to quick 6-0 lead. J.L. Williams grabbed an offensive board and put it back for two, and Bishop hit a bucket in traffic. After Bishop's two free throws, Quintin reeled off four more points, with a steal and a lay up, and the a pull-up jumper.

Bishop collected four more himself, with an offensive tip-in and a five-footer in the lane. Brian Kilroy ripped down an offensive board and put it back for a pair, giving the Skippers a 24-4 lead, then hustled down to the other end of the floor to come up with a blocked shot. Quintin sank two from the foul line and Buick tossed in one. Burke Davis' three ended a shot run by Harwich and Jamie Buick found Quintin underneath the hoop with a nice pass. Buick hit a turnaround and Quintin closed out the half the same way he started it: with a pair of treys, making the halftime tally 38-28, in favor of the Boys in Blue.

Davis, from his point guard position, popped a three-pointer and Bishop took the entry pass form Buck to the hole for two. Quintin nailed two from the charity stripe and Buick tipped in an offensive rebound. Then, on the next possession, he made a pretty baseline move and finished for the bucket. Kilroy's lay-up made it 51-39 and Bishop's hoop added two to that.

Kilroy's persistence on the offensive glass earned him two more points and set up a Justin McNamara free throw. Bishop hit two free throws, which put the Skippers ahead 58-42. Bishop made a great pass to Quintin, who finished it underneath. Buick made a foul shot, Quintin hit a lay-up, and Davis sank one from the line, making it 65-48. McNamara scored the Skippers final five points, all from throws, bringing the final score to 70-59.

Captain Burke Davis summarized the Skipper victory.

"After an hour-and-a-half bus ride, we didn't come out smoking," he said, "but we came out controlled and we did some things that helped us win."

Coach Ron Ford was even more effusive in his praise of the Skippers' play.

"We played really tough tonight against outstanding team. Harwich is always a difficult game for us. They're very well prepared, they play hard, and it's a long bus ride for us. But the guys came out, got a lead, and the guys off the bench, particularly Kilroy, Buick, McNamara and Hurley, maintained it. They were awesome tonight. We played with a toughness that we haven't shown all season."

After their triumph over the Harwich Roughriders, Cohasset took another trip, this time only to Carver, where they faced the Crusaders. The Skippers improved their league record to 7-2 and avenged two of last year's losses with a 79-68 victory over the home team. Cohasset was led by its big men, as senior J.L. Williams poured down 20 and senior Ryan Bishop marked up 16.

Williams put the Skippers on the board with a three-pointer and Bishop picked up his first points with an offensive tip-up. Williams hauled in an offensive board and put it back for a pair. Bish the dished J.L., who finished nicely. Williams stuck a jumper and

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Chatterton Remembers Sweeney's Talent, Problems

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Cohasset High Athletic Director Clark Chatterton remembers just how good a football player Walter Sweeney was, from his days at Cohasset High right through his professional career.

Chatterton, who graduated from Cohasset High with Sweeney in 1959, still has clear memories of the way the former NFL star abused alcohol and drugs.

"We used to watch him when San Diego came to Boston, said Chatterton, a quarterback on the undefeated 1957 Cohasset team when Sweeney played fullback. "He didn't say it, but you could tell he was taking drugs. He could go two straight days without sleep and he had a high tolerance for alcohol."

Sweeney is suing the NFL for $2 million in benefits and $200,000 from the league's player disability fund, claiming he became addicted to drugs that were available to him as a pro player.

The case is being watched closely by lawyers because a ruling in Sweeney's favor could lead to lawsuits by other players and eventually use up the $400 million pension and disability provided by the NFL.

"This is going to have major ramifications if people can proved they take drugs to get away from from the stresses of their jobs," said Chatterton.

Chatterton said Sweeney was among his "close inner circle of friends," during his high school years in Cohasset. Chatterton would often travel to Syracuse University with friends to watch Sweeney play after he received a full football scholarship.

"Even the players at Syracuse marveled at how god he was," said Chatterton.

Following college Sweeney was the No. 2 pick in the draft in 1963 and signed with the Chargers. At the time, his $15,000 contract and $5,000 signing bonus was considered big money for a professional athlete. He played on the first AFL/NFL All-Pro game and his talent was held in high esteem. At the height of his career Sweeney was making $85,000 per season.

"From 1966-71 some considered him to be the best offensive lineman in the game."

Sweeney played for 13 seasons and was selected as an All-Pro eight times. He was known mainly for his strong blocking ability and eccentric behavior. Sweeney once fired a gun when he learned he was being cut by the Chargers and traded to the Washington Redskins. All through his career, however, Sweeney never missed a game.

"He was one of the most clebrated fotball players of his time," Chatterton said.

Sweeney retired in 1975 and then in the '80s toured the country with presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, preaching the evils of drugs and alcohol.

Sweeney, however, was leading a secret life. He was still drinking heavily and hasn't worked since the '80s. Sweeney admitted in 1994 that he was taking drugs during that time frame. He hasn't held a job since 1991.

Chatterton planned to call Sweeney on Wednesday. "It is a sad story," he said. "Anyone in Cohasset who is near that age knows him.

Gymnasts Primed and Ready

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n't make any mistakes. We just didn't have the depth Cohasset had."

Hanover couldn't have gone up against Cohasset on worse night.

For the first time this season, the Lady Skippers were able to field their complete lineup. Every gymnast competed in her best event and a number of season best times were established.

Hanover had the edge on the majority of the top-two slots with Kim Richardson and Renee George owning the first two positions. Only Tara Hettstrom's 8.45 floor routine, which tied her with Richardson for the top spot, saved Cohasset from being shutout from first place in every event.

The Lady Skippers, though, had a tremendous outing with several solid performances. Jodi Colwill's 8.3 on the vault gave her second and she also hit an 8.05 on the beam.

Kristin Sheerin's 8.4 mark on her floor routine tied her for second place with George. Sheerin also registered her top high school score ever with a 32.3 finish that took third in the all-around.

Sutherland said the Sheerin's scores were just an example of her competitiveness.

"She was tired tonight, so she wasn't at her best," Sutherland said. "But even when she's tired she pulls out a good performance."

Erica Hettstrom (8.25), Caitlin Flint (7.9) and Megan Pratt (8.45) all hit season bests with their respective floor exercises.

Sutherland was quick to commend Carlie Carter's vault score of 7.1. "She normally doesn't vault much," Sutherland said, "but she really came through for the team."

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Cold Weather Needn't Deter Runners

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

With the Boston Marathon and the New England road-racing season a little more than three months away, runners are out in droves packing in their miles in preparation to race.

Up until the end of last week, winter had been kind to the South Shore with only 13 total inches of snowfall in the area and moderate temperatures for this time of year.

The snow has held off, but the first real deep freeze this winter is upon us. And unless you're independently wealthy and can travel to a warm climate to train, or you own a cumbersome indoor treadmill, there are two options. You can bag the daily runs for a few days and wait until the temperature climb back to a sane level. The second option is making sure you are dressed properly and continue with your schedule.

Knowing runners, I mean "real" runners, they're more apt to continue training outside. "Why let a few chilly days interrupt my schedule," they say to themselves. It may sound a bit bizarre to those who have never set an athletic goal for themselves and followed through on the training, but it's the natural reaction.

Cold-weather needn't force you away from the sport. Common sense and a few helpful hints can keep a runner comfortable even on the coldest of days. There are, however, several guidelines to follow when the mercury struggles to reach double digits and the wind is howling.

• On windy winter days, try to begin your workout running into the wind and finish up with the wind at your back. You'll feel less cold and have a forgiving tailwind over the second half of the workout.

• Wear a hat and gloves. This is where the common sense part comes in. Studies on runners and their reaction to the cold have shown that up to 65 percent of their body heat is lost through the head.

On bitterly cold days, a hat that covers your face and mouth is also recommended. You breath in warmer air and you don't have to worry about wind burns. Also, be sure your neck is covered.

I've found that no matter how much you wear on a cold day, if you don't wear gloves you'll be uncomfortable your entire run. Your hands are very sensitive to the cold. There are several different kinds of gortex and winter gloves on the market, but it's not necessary to pay what can be ridiculously high prices for them. A pair of mittens or painter's gloves do the job just find.

• Be sure to wear layers of clothing on cold days. When your body temperature rises during the run, warm air is formed between the layers. If the temperature warms up during the run, you can take off your jacket and tie it around your waist. If you get cold you can simply put it back on.

• Runners should consider wearing their workout clothes in the following order. Start off with a long underwear T-shirt, followed by a short-sleeved T-shirt. A turtle-neck should come next with a nylon jacket the last to go on.

Although they can be quite expensive, serious runners should consider buying a gortex running suit. The material allows sweat to evaporate through it and continues to keep the runner warm. Even on the coldest days, a T-shirt and turtle neck are the absolute most amount of clothing you would need to wear underneath.

It's much easier to keep your legs warm while you're running. It's extremely rare to need to wear more than a pair of long underwear under nylon pants.

• If at all possible, try to run on off-road courses where the trees provide a natural barrier to the wind. Wampatuck Park in Hingham is a great location, as are the Blue Hills. I wouldn't recommend World's End on extremely cold days. The scenic area is a peninsula and offers little, if any, relief from the cold.

Remember, extreme temperatures, whether they are high or low can tire you out quicker when you first head out. Don't get discouraged. Run at a slower pace and relax. Try to enjoy yourself. Running in cold weather has its advantages. You're out burning calories, losing weight and getting in shape while other people are sitting in front of the TV munching on snacks. Pardon the pun, but in the long run, you're the one who'll be better off.

Cohasset Girls Basketball 'Spirit Night'

Please come to cheer on the girls junior high, jv and varsity teams as they play East Bridgewater, Friday, Jan. 24, at Cohasset High School. The junior high team will play at 3:30, the jv team will play at 5 p.m. and the varsity team at 6:30 p.m.

Children will be admitted free with a paying adult. During halftimes and at the intermissions between games, there will be a basketball shooting contest to benefit the Teen Center. The shootout is for everyone with plenty of prizes.

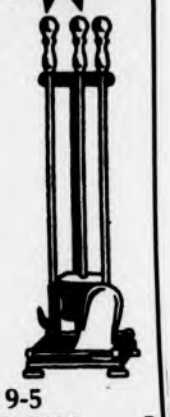
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starts March 11

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age 4-6
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starts March 11

Parent & Tot Fun Time
age 2 & 3
Wednesday, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
10 weeks, $90 ($85 M)
starts March 26

First Experience Play School
age 2 yrs 9 months - 4
Monday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
10 weeks, $105 ($100 M)
starts March 17

The Busy Bees
age 3
Tuesday, Thursday,
9:00-11:30 a.m.
5 weeks, $130, ($125 M)
starts January 7
starts February 11
starts March 25
starts May 6

The Busy Bunch
age 4-5
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00-11:30 a.m.
5 weeks, $193, ($188 M)
starts January 10
starts February 24
starts April 2
starts May 14

Playtime with Susan
age 3-6
Tuesday 12:15-2:15 p.m.
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age 3-5
Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
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starts March 12
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Tuesday, April 29
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"Little Red Riding Hood"
Tuesday, June 24

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age 2 & 3
Monday, 11:30-12:15 p.m.
8 weeks, $65, ($60 M)
starts February 24
starts April 28

Climbers and Jumpers
age 3 & 4
Monday, 10:45-11:30 a.m.
Monday, 1:30-2:15 p.m.
8 weeks, $65, ($60 M)
starts February 24
starts April 28

Preschool Gymnastics
age 5 & 6
Monday, 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Monday, 12:45-1:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $65, ($60 M)
starts February 24
starts April 28

Super Sports Class
age 4-K
Tuesday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
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Vacation Kid Kamp
age 3-6
Tuesday, 9:00-12:00 n..
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Thursday, 9:00-12:00 n.
Friday, 9:00-12:00 n.
1 day, $15
starts February 18
starts April 22

Youth Classes

Jewelry Making
Grade 2-6
Thursday, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
6 weeks, $65, ($60 M)
starts February 6

Baby-sitting Course
age 10 and over
Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
3 weeks, $35, ($30 M)
starts January 21
starts March 11

Bowling Teams
grades K-6
Monday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Friday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
12 weeks, $45, ($40 M)
starts January 27

Clay Mask Making
Grades K-6
Thursday, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
4 weeks, $45, ($40 M)
starts March 27

Cooking & Crafts for Bigger Kids
age 6-13
Wednesday 3:30-5:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $85, ($80 M)
starts January 8
starts March 12

Crafts for Kids
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$30 per month, ongoing

Junior Judo
age 6-10
Monday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:00-10:00 a.m.
$30 per month, ongoing

Judo
age 11-15
Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Saturday 10:00-11:00 a.m.
$30 per month, ongoing

Mad Hatters Tea Party
grades K-3
Thursday, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
1 day, $15, ($10 M)
February 20

Tea Party Etiquette
grades 1-3
Saturday, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
1 day, $20, ($15 M)
March 15

February Vacation & April Vacation Baseball Camp
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age 6-8
Monday - Friday, 9:00-11:00
age 8-12
Monday - Friday, 11:00-1:00
5 days, $60, ($55 M)
starts February 17
starts April 21

Vacation In-Line Skate Instruction
age 6-15
Tuesday, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
1 day, $10
February 18
April 16

April Vacation Kite Making Instruction
age 6-12
Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
1 day, $15
April 17

Adult Classes

Aerobics
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00-10:00 a.m.
4 weeks, $32 or
$5/class drop-in
continues all year

Aerobics for Seniors
Monday & Wed., 9:00-9:45 a.m.
$2.50 per class
continues all year

Astrology
Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.
6 weeks, $98, ($93 M)
starts March 5

Beyond Diet
Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
10 weeks, $60 or
$7/class drop-in
starts January 8 and continues all year

Bridge Lessons
Tuesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
6 weeks, $35, ($30 M)
starts January 28
starts April 1

Duplicate Bridge
Tuesday, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
$4 per person per week
ongoing

Computer Class for the Novice: Word Perfect 5.1
Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
6 weeks, $70, ($65 M)
starts January 28
starts March 25
starts May 6

Country-Western Line Dancing
Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
6 weeks, $35, ($30 M)
drop-in $6/person
starts January 30
starts March 13
starts April 24

CPR
Monday, 7:00-10:30 p.m.,
1 night, $25
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starts May 5 & 7

Dog Obedience
Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
6 weeks, $55, ($50 M)
starts April 8
starts May 27
starts July 8
starts August 19

Dog Obedience II
Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
6 weeks, $55, ($50 M)
starts April 8

In-Line Skate Instruction
Saturday, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
1 day, $10
April 5
May 31

Jazz-a -Line Dance
Thursday, 7:45-8:45
6 weeks, $35 ($30 M)
starts March 20

Jujitsu
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Monday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, 11:00-12:30 p.m.
$45 per month, ongoing

Managing PMS and Menopause Naturally
Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
1 week, $25, ($20 M)
starts March 20

Public Speaking Made Simple
Monday, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
6 weeks, $50, ($45 M)
starts February 3

Women & Wealth Taking Financial Control
Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
3 weeks, $40, ($35 M)
starts March 4

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Monday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
8 weeks, $65, ($60 M)
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Sign Language II
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8 weeks, $65, ($60 M)
starts January 29

Sports Nutrition
Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
1 day, $20, ($15 M)
March 12

Beginning Tap Dancing
Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $45, ($40 M)
starts February 5

Advanced-Beginner Tap
Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 p.m.
8 weeks, $45, ($40 M)
starts February 5

Yoga
Monday, 8:00-9:30 p.m.
Friday, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
6 weeks, $50, ($45 M)
starts January 27

Get into the Zone with BioBalance
Tuesday, 7:00-8:00 p. m.
1 night, $15, ($10 M)
March 12

Bio Balance Program
Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
2 weeks, $40, ($35 M), March 19

Afternoon Deer Hill Programs Scheduled

The Cohasset Recreation Commission will sponsor the following afternoon programs at the Deer Hill School:

Indoor games and sports, Mondays for grades K-3, gym;

Arts and crafts, Tuesdays for ages 6 to 8, and Fridays for ages 4 and 5, cafeteria;

Basketball skills and games, Wednesdays for grades 4 - 6, gym.

Programs will meet for seven weeks, excluding school vacation weeks, holidays, or when school is cancelled due to inclement weather. All programs except indoor games and sports began Tuesday, Jan. 21 and end the week of March 14. Indoor games and sports begin Monday, Jan. 27 and continues through Monday, March 17.

Programs begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Deer Hill School and end at 5:30 p.m. Children must be picked up promptly at 5:30 p.m.; a fee will be charged for late pick-ups.

Registrations are being accepted until Jan. 16 at the Cohasset Recreation Commission, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

Basic Coastal Navigation Course

A Basic Coastal Navigation course will be offered by Flotilla 12-4 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Classes will be held consecutive Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Braintree High School, Town Street, Braintree.

Subjects to be covered include nautical charts, navigation tools, piloting, dead reckoning, current sailing, tides and currents, radio navigation and practical exercise cruise problems.

There is a fee of $40 to cover the cost of materials.

Pre-registration is preferred because of limited classroom space.

For more information, call William Fuller at (617) 848-2906.

Talk on Youth Sports Set For Jan. 28

Does your child play a sport? Are you a coach? If so, then plan to attend the Cohasset PSO's winter presentation on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 in the Deer Hill Cafeteria. The featured speaker will be Bob Bigelow, a four-year former NBA player, whose topic will be "A Common Sense Approach To Organized Youth Sports." Bob Bigelow is one of the foremost lecturers in the country regarding the needs of children in youth sports. His opinions have been heard on WEEI-AM Sports Talk Read, NESN and the New England Cable News. He has lectured extensively throughout New England. His talk is educational, challenging, motivational and humourous. Reserve Jan. 28 to attend this forum.

Cohasset Wrestling *Continued from page 17*

Skipper head coach Torin Sweeney admitted he was surprised by the pace Cohasset set in the early going.

"I wasn't expecting us to open up such a quick lead," said Sweeney.

Cohasset had six other wrestlers finish in the top three. Eighth-grader Craig Sheerin continued putting out strong showings with a third at 103. His older brother, Doug, also garnered a third at 140. Ben Littauer joined his teammates with his bronze medal in the 125-pound division.

Second-place finishers included Mike Baird (119), Luke Caldwell (152) and J.P. Laugelle (215).

The meet offered more excitement than last Wednesday's complete domination of Scituate which resulted in a 44-22 victory. Cohasset came away with 10 wins, four of which were by pin. Baird, Littauer, Fiore and Rossi earned pin victories, while Duffy, Doug Sheerin, Justin Golden, Buckley, Laugelle and Craig Sheerin won their matches on points.

The Scituate win improved Cohasset's record to 7-2 on the season, but the Skippers came up just short in their 33-30 defeat at the hands of three-time state champion Carver on Tuesday night.

Wrestling in front of a huge, vocal crowd, the Skippers came the closest they have come this decade in defeating the Crusaders.

Although he was disappointed that his gritty squad had come so close to beating Carver, only to walk out with nothing, Sweeney was nonetheless extremely pleased with the effort the Skippers put out.

"There's nothing else we really could have done," Sweeney said. "Every kid poured everything out. We wrestled them tooth and nail."

Sweeney said there is still a "mystique" that surrounds the Carver squad. Fans flock to the meets as though the gym was the FleetCenter, and the cheering is non-stop for the former state champions.

"It's one of the few places where home-court advantage plays a part," said Sweeney.

Duffy, Baird and Littauer all had sensational meets, wrestling to victories by pin, while Caldwell and Buckley earned their respective wins on points.

Cohasset takes to the mats again on Friday at home when Marshfield, Braintree and North Quincy come to town for a tri meet beginning at 3:30.

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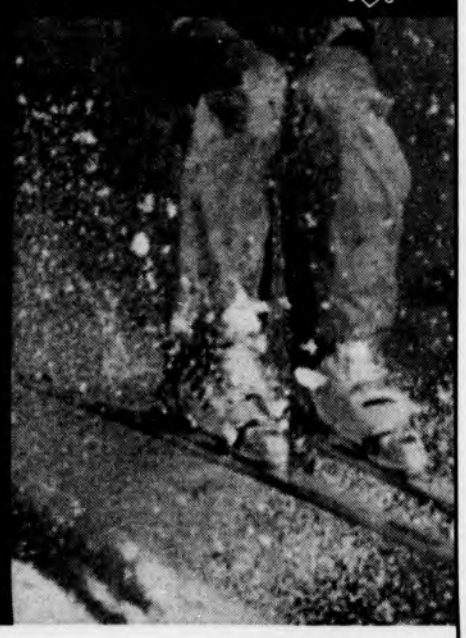
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PERSONAL FINANCE

Family limited partnerships help establish limits

By Amy K. Barrett
WORTH MAGAZINE

What do you do when you want to start parceling out your estate and your kids haven't, well, turned out the way you had hoped?

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

A trust fund can keep the money locked away, but after you create the fund you have to hand over control to a trustee, who must be consulted before terms can be altered. That means if your daughter decides to found a religious cult and her trust comes due, you may be out of luck. So here's another option for parents who are planning their estates: family limited partnerships.

"The primary difference between a trust and a partnership is that (in a trust) the giver cannot be a trustee," said Tom Abendroth, an attorney who specializes in estate planning at the Chicago law firm Schiff, Hardin & Waite. Under limited partnerships, however, parents become general partners and are in charge of making decisions about how to manage their real estate, mutual funds, etc., for their children.

And control can mean everything. "I have clients in their 70s who don't feel comfortable giving their children control, because they don't like their son-in-law and think he'll influence spending and because the children don't have their values," said Gideon Rothschild, a New York estate-planning attorney. Instead, those clients put $500,000 into a limited partnership, make themselves general partners, and make their kids limited partners; this gives the kids a stake in the assets, but no voting power. The parents can pay out gifts or interest payments as they see fit. Upon the death of the parents, an appointed successor would take over the partnership.

At that point, another benefit of a limited partnership will come into play: lower taxes. You could structure the partnership so that the kids, as limited partners, own 99 percent, while the parents hold the remaining 1 percent. When you die, only that 1 percent will be included in the parents' estate and subject to inheritance taxes.

And there are other ways you can save on taxes, if you structure your trust the right way. "People traditionally view family partnerships as a way to get property to children but limit access to it," said Abendroth. "An additional benefit that has become more important in recent years is that (partnerships) don't have the same value as the sum of their parts." That means the Internal Revenue Service allows you to pay less tax on your children's limited partnerships. Why? Because as limited partners your kids can't readily access their investments to sell or trade; their stakes are considered worth less than their face value. Therefore, for tax purposes, you can mark down the value of their stakes between 30 percent and 40 percent. So $10,000 would be taxed as $6,500.

This tax break also comes in handy if parents are in a hurry to hand out their property to their children. Under current laws, gifts of more than $10,000 per child per year are subject to hefty gift taxes. In a limited partnership, a parent can give about $13,500 to each kid and value it at $10,000.

Of course, nothing that good comes without a catch. "Rumor is that the IRS is beginning to audit these tax returns and has begun to challenge the value appraisals," said Rothschild. While you can't be penalized for discounting the value of your assets, you might want the help of a professional appraiser to help you fill out your gift-tax form correctly at tax time. Large accounting firms usually have a special department for appraisals, a service that could cost you a few thousand dollars, according to Rothschild.

If this all sounds a little pricey, well, it is. Limited partnerships tend to be more expensive to set up and maintain than your basic trust. Legal fees for registration and amendments, as well as costs for any accounting and administrative help, could get pretty high. While a bare-bones trust could run you $1,500 in legal start-up fees, a partnership could cost you twice as much.

On the other hand, actually getting a certificate of limited partnership — the slip of paper you need to be official — is simple. For example, in Boston, with just some basic information about your partnership's guidelines and $200, you can register with the secretary of state.

Another consideration is the location of your assets. If you are stashing out-of-state property in your partnership, you must establish your partnership in that state for legal and tax purposes. There are statutory agents who can act as a long-distance surrogate for the partnership. For example, CSC, the United States Corporation Co., and CT Corp. have offices in all 50 states and charge about $165 a year.

And if you are trying to get all the tax breaks you can, you might want to look into starting your partnership in Delaware, Georgia, North Dakota, or South Dakota, states whose tax structures are more favorable to limited partnerships.

Keep in mind that there are as many different types of limited partnerships as there are families. For those who simply want the tax benefits and don't mind their kids' laissez-faire spending, you can give your limited partners access to their funds or dole out generous gifts. If you want more control, you can put your children's partnership interest into a trust until they turn a certain age. Then when the trust comes due, you, as general partner, will still have a say in how they spend it.

This so-called layering of partnerships and trust funds can also translate into a sophisticated tax strategy. "Layering is crucial for estate planning," said Martin Shenkman, an estate-planning attorney based in New York City and author of "The Complete Book of Trusts." For instance, putting the kids' stakes into a grantor-retained annuity trust (GRAT) for five years would further discount the value of their taxed assets, because it widens the gulf between them and their money.

Don't be intimidated by the options. These are all suggestions that should be ironed out with a professionalplanner who can tailor a limited partnership to your needs.



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Ski Team Finally Races

Members of the Cohasset ski team patiently awaited Mother Nature's cooperation in providing snow for their race course and practices at Blue Hills Ski Area. They were able to have their first race Monday, Jan. 13.

Eleven schools are represented in the Mass Bay East League. On race nights, each school chooses eight boys and eight girls to compete. The league is comprised of skiers from Cohasset, Easton, Waltham, Xaverian, Fontbonne Academy, Milton, Wellesley, Westwood, Brookline, Newton North and Newton South.

The following skiers raced for Cohasset Jan. 13:

Boys:

Bobby Stansell, Rob Buckley, Brian Donovan, Mark Connelly, Mark Equi, Ely Kahn, Lane Forrer and Matt Pescatore.

Girls:

Caitlin Stansell, Liz Myers, Kelly O'Donnell, Maggie O'Connor, Rebecca Jenkins, Clara Sceery, Lydia Guild and Morgan Hurley.

The icy course did not seem to intimidate several new members of the team who raced for the first time. They included Rob Buckley, Maggie O'Connor and Morgan Hurley.

Senior Bobby Stansell finished sixth in the league for the boys and sophomore Brian Donovan finished 29th. Freshman Caitlin Stansell finished fourth in the league for the girls and freshman Liz Myers finished 26th.

All in all, coaches Bob Stansell and Jack Dane were pleased with Cohasset's performance despite the lack of snow which prevented the team from getting much practice time.

Races are generally held Monday nights at 5:30 p.m. and practices are Wednesday nights. The Cohasset ski team encourages parents and friends to come watch a race and cheer on the team.

Boating Skills and Seamanship Course

Flotilla 12-4 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a Boating Skills and Seamanship Course. Classes will be held Mondays, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Weymouth Junior High School, 360 Pleasant St., South Weymouth. This is a 10-lesson course with classes beginning Monday, Jan. 27.

This course is directed to the first-time boater and as a review for the more experienced boater. Subjects to be covered include boat construction, boat handling, safety and legal requirements, navigation rules, aids to navigation, piloting, marine engines, marlinespike, weather, radiotelephone, and trailering.

There is a minimal fee to cover the cost of materials.

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Hoopsters

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Bishop's blocked shot set up Burke Davis for two free throws on the other end. Davis drained them and his back court mate Paul-Michael Quintin posted his first basket with a pull-up jumper.

Buick made a nice drive along the baseline and dished to Bishop, who collected a deuce, but this only pulled the Skippers within eight points, and Carver still led 27-19. Quintin dished to Bishop who hit the shot in a traffic. Davis picked up a steal and took it all the way himself for a bucket. Quintin hit a cutting Davis for two more and Williams closed out the half with a three-pointer.

However, the Skippers still trailed 32-39 at halftime and had some ground to make up. Bishop went to work right away, knocking down two foul shots. Bishop's defensive recovery and block on the other end earned him two free throws, which he sank, giving Cohasset a one-point lead. Buick hit one from the line and Williams hit a long two, with his toes on the arc, and then a free throw. Williams hit another long jumper, and this too counted only a pair, but Cohasset still led, 39-38.

Quintin got his hands in the passing land and found a cutting Buick for two. Davis nailed two foul shots, and Bishop's turnaround put Cohasset up by five, 45-40. Williams nailed his second trey of the game to put his squad up by six points. Buick hit a free throw and Davis hit Pat Hurley for two more. Quintin swished a free throw and then stuck a pull-up jumper. Hurley went coast-to-coast off the glass for two points and Bishop's lay-up put the Skippers up eight, 59-50. Buick banked one for a bucket and Bishop made a nice head-fake in the lane, earning him a pair.

After the ejection of Carver's head coach, Davis hit the two technicals and Buick hit a free throw of his own. Bishop used the window to get a basket and Quintin made a nice cut without the ball and Davis found him for the lay-up. Bishop's block, his third of the game, allowed Buick to hit a free throw. Davis hit a trio in a row from the charity stripe and Quintin buried five straight from the line. Hurley finished off the Cohasset scoring with a free throw, making the final score 79-68.

The Skippers head to East Bridgewater Friday to battle the Vikings and visit Scituate next Wednesday.

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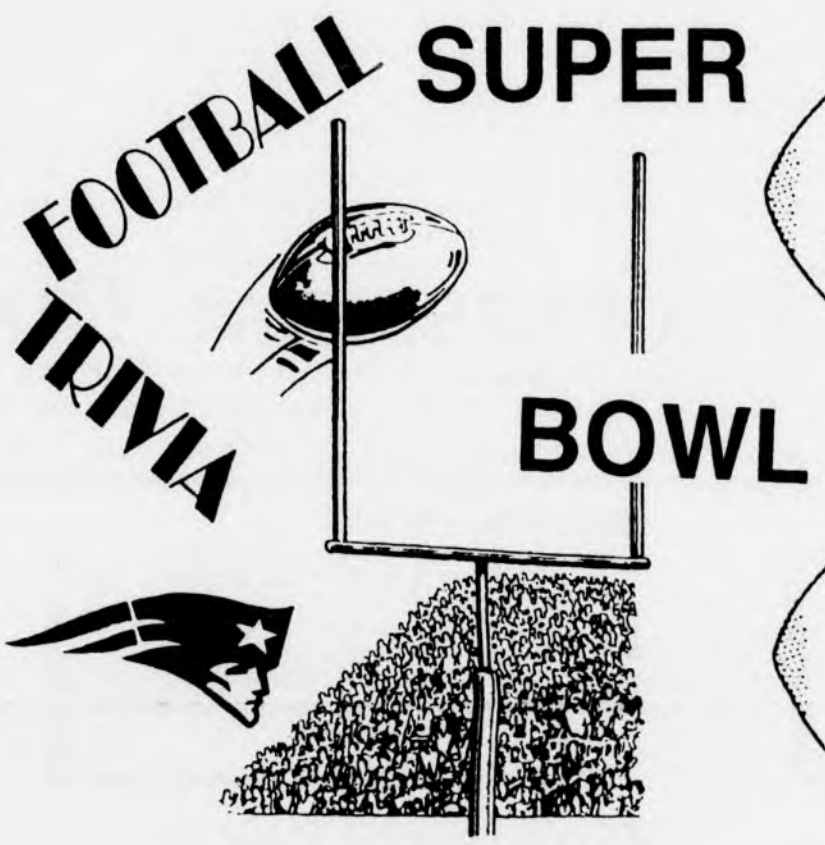
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7:19 a.m., Notification, King St.

10:38 a.m., suspicious auto, N. Main St.

12:32 p.m., parking violation, King St.

12:42 p.m., annoying phone calls, Pleasant St.

3:02 p.m., officer wanted, Arrowood Rd.

8:19 p.m., motor vehicle stop, CJC Hwy.

9:54 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

12:49 a.m., general services, Border St.

2:14 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.

7:16 a.m., general services, Oak St.

8:26 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.

9:19 a.m., general services, S. Main St.

9:33 a.m., MV accident, N. Main St.

10:18 a.m., suspicious auto, Parking Way.

11:46 a.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.

11:48 a.m., medical aid, Stagecoach Way.

1:25 p.m., officer wanted, Fernway.

1:59 p.m., escort, Lamberts Ln.

2:03 p.m., assist citizen, Forest Ave.

4:39 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

4:52 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

5:59 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

7:38 p.m., annoying phone calls, James Ln.

7:46 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.

9:20 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

4:48 a.m., assist other PD, N. Main St.

5:03 a.m., suspicious auto, Town Lot.

7:03 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:42 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

2:00 p.m., serve restraining order, King St.

3:34 p.m., suspicious person, 3A and Pond St.

2:58 p.m., protective custody, Jonathan Livingston Square.

4:38 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:01 p.m., MV violations, S. Main St.

7:35 p.m., annoying phone calls, Beechwood St.

7:51 p.m., annoying phone calls, Beechwood St.

9:07 p.m., officer wanted, Hillside Dr.

10:51 p.m., fire (misc), Deep Run.

Thursday, Jan. 16

1:40 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:01 a.m., general services, Stockbridge St.

7:33 a.m., assist other agency, Pond St.

9:26 a.m., abandoned auto, Town Parking Lot.

12:00 p.m., assist other agency, Grata property on Nantasket Ave.

1:28 p.m., well being check, Doane St.

4:28 p.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.

5:26 p.m., fire, structure, Hull's VFW.

5:48 p.m., property (found), Mill Ln.

6:14 p.m., medical aid, S. Main St.

6:30 p.m., medical aid, Pond St.

8:21 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.

Friday, Jan. 17

5:51 a.m., MV violations, Stockbridge St.

8:25 a.m., medical aid, N. Main St.

8:39 a.m., medical aid, James Ln.

8:46 a.m., fire, carbon monoxide incident, Lamberts Ln.

11:27 a.m., info, general, CJC Way by 466.

1:56 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St. by St. Anthony's.

2:30 p.m., medical aid, Howe Rd.

3:02 p.m., larceny, Beechwood St.

3:10 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

4:04 p.m., parking violation, S. Main St.

4:18 p.m., tree down, Church St.

4:38 p.m., property (lost), CJC Hwy.

7:15 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

7:23 p.m., medical aid, Otis Pl.

9:30 p.m., disturbance family, Beechwood St.

9:52 p.m., assist citizen, Pleasant St.

Saturday, Jan. 18

9:35 a.m., fire, gas leak (outside), Brook St. by Elm St.

10:01 a.m., violation of restraining order, King St.

10:10 a.m., fire gas leak (inside), N. Main St.

2:46 p.m., assault, Beechwood St.

3:59 p.m., assist other agency, Mill Ln.

4:13 p.m., animal complaint, N. Main St.

4:17 p.m., assist other agency, King St.

4:30 p.m., officer wanted, King St.

5:30 p.m., general services, Beechwood St.

10:14 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

10:21 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

10:25 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.

Sunday, Jan. 19

12:10 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

12:21 a.m., suspicious auto, Cedar St.

12:47 a.m., general services, Atlantic Ave.

8:33 a.m., medical aid, River Rd.

9:52 a.m., public service order, Windsor Rd.

1:44 p.m., officer wanted, Hull St.

1:50 p.m., medial aid, CJC Hwy.

7:24 p.m., animal complaint, Sankey Rd.

8:18 p.m., officer wanted, Bates Ln.

8:23 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:50 p.m., transport, CJC Hwy.

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Susan Hollis Paintings at Library

A North Easton artist who works in textile design, print making and oils, Susan A. Hollis, currently has on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Library a group of her recent paintings. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, Susan has also studied at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.

This colorful selection of landscapes and still lifes illustrates the award-winning artist's creative purpose: "I find beauty in the landscapes I paint, in their lights and shadows. While my painting creates on one level, it also seeks to preserve on another; my painting represents what I saw and felt at a particular time and place. It is this dual interest in creation and preservation that give meaning to my work," Hollis said.

The exhibit, which is sponsored by the South Shore Art Center and the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library, will continue through March 8.

Public Notices

SHERIFF'S SALE
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Seized and taken on execution and will be sold by Public Auction on Wednesday the 5th day of February A.D. 1997 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Deputy Sheriffs Office at 638 High St., in Dedham in said County of Norfolk, all the right, title and interest which William B. Flynn Jr., and Gail Giblin Flynn had (not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution) on the 29th day of Sept. A.D. 1995, when the same was seized on execution in and to the following described real estate:

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License
Application pursuant to G. L. Chapter 91
Waterways Application Number W96-6066

Notification Date: February 7, 1997

Public notice is hereby given of the application of J. Nelson Beveridge to maintain an existing pier at 134 Border Street in the municipality of Cohasset in and over the waters of Bailey's Creek. The proposed use of the structures is noncommercial docking and boating access to navigable waters and is a water-dependent project.

The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. A public hearing may be held upon request by the municipal official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617) 932-7600. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public viewing at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to: J. Sprague, DEP/DWW, 10 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 96P2884E1

Estate of ZILLAH THOMPSON late of Cohasset In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that LESLIE GEORGE THOMPSON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on February 26, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this fourteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License
Application pursuant to G. L. Chapter 91
Waterways Application Number W96-5567

Notification Date: February 5, 1997

Public notice is hereby given of the application of David and Irene Lord to maintain an existing pier and stone bulkhead at 173 Border Street in the municipality of Cohasset in and over the waters of the Gulf River. The proposed use of the structures is noncommercial docking and boating access to navigable waters and shoreline stabilization for the protection of existing structures and is a water-dependent project.

The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. A public hearing may be held upon request by the municipal official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617) 932-7600. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public viewing at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to: J. Sprague, DEP/DWW, 10 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801.

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New Number Goes into Effect in May 1998

South Shore Shaken by Area Code Change

By Alice C. Coyle
COHASSET MARINER

Get ready to change the numbers on your speed dialer and update your business cards — the South Shore is getting a new area code.

Starting in May of 1998, 22 communities from Braintree to Kingston will have to switch from the overcrowded 617 area code to the newly created 781 code.

The fax, modem, cellular phone and beeper boom is to blame for the change, said state Department of Public Utilities (DPU) officials, who approved the creation of two additional calling areas last week.

"Although nobody likes the inconvenience and cost associated with area code changes, the department's actions were necessary to avoid a situation in the near future when

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Cohasset call firefighter/EMT Phil Pratt pauses to cool down after assisting to quickly knock down a house fire at 5 Whitney Woods Lane on Monday. See story page 4.

Staff photo/Chris Bernstein

Vets Memorial Names Dispute Halted

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Arguments over when World War II actually ended may rage on but selectmen halted debate this week over the issue as far as the veterans memorial at the harbor is concerned.

Since phase one of the privately-funded Veterans Memorial went up several years ago without the names of Cohasset men who served in the occupational forces — local veterans have been at odds over who qualifies as a World War II veteran.

Some say only those who served during the actual conflict between Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor on

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Landbank Proposal: a Taxing Question

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Selectmen are considering asking town meeting to approve setting up a municipal landbank to be used to accumulate money to purchase open space.

But Selectman Michael H. Sullivan said the proposal, which would assess property sellers a recording fee at the Registry of Deeds that would go into a fund controlled by the town, is nothing more than another tax.

Sullivan said he thought it was inappropriate to charge a surtax on the purchase price of a home. A two percent fee on a $300,000 home would be $6,000.

When it was suggested that the first $100,000 to $150,000 could be exempt, Sullivan said the plan would "hit the rich."

Now if the town wants to buy open space, it has to borrow the money.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris likened the fee to a "user fee" and said the

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Cohasset's Week

Nomination Papers Ready Feb. 3

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election will be available Monday, Feb. 3.

The following positions will be available: Selectmen — one for three years; School Committee — two for three years; Trustee Paul Pratt Memorial Library — three for three years; Assessor one for three years; Board of Health — one for three years; Cohasset Housing Authority — one for five years; Planning Board - one for five years; Recreation Commission — three for five years; Sewer Commission — one for three years; and Water Commission — one for three years.

Wednesday, March 19, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election. Registration forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before the deadline.

Town Census Mailed

The Town Census for 1997 has been mailed to all Cohasset households, the town clerk said this week.

The local census is primarily used to maintain voting and jury lists but it is also used for school enrollment projections and public safety and senior center needs. The local census also establishes proof of residency which is often needed for certain privileges, such as transfer station stickers and cemetery rights, certain veterans benefits and reduced tuition rates at state colleges and universities.

Dog forms were enclosed with the census. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 1997. If you did not receive a census form, call 383-9900. The census must be returned by Feb. 21.

BYOB Permission Considered

Selectmen are considering allowing The Silver Spoon, owned by Denise and Gary Bismore, to host Friday and Saturday evening dinners from 6 to 8 p.m., at which customers can bring their own wine and beer. The village restaurant seats 20 people.

The Silver Spoon does not have an alcohol license. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) told selectmen it has no jurisdiction over this situation because there is no license. Selectmen can set the guidelines and say if beer or wine is allowed or both, Keith Bossung of the ABCC said.

After some discussion, selectmen asked town counsel Paul DeRensis to draft a proposed set of criteria.

DeRensis said the proposal could be a condition of the restaurant's common victualler (food) license. He said there could be no charge for the addition because the board would not be granting a license but would put the responsibility for customers' drinking onto the restaurant.

Overall, the board was favorable to the idea of allowing Silver Spoon dinner customers to bring their own beer or wine. Selectmen said they might allow it over a six-month trial period. They expect other local eateries may make the same request.

HVAC Garage Bid Awarded

Selectmen awarded the bid for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) for the DPW garage to the sole bidder, Mechanical Advantage of Plymouth, contingent on the architect's approval. Selectmen also asked town counsel Paul DeRensis to look the bid over.

Mechanical bid $122,000 plus $6,400 bid bond.

This was the second bidding round for the project, selectmen said. The first time, there were protests because the town specifications did not include the bid bond requirement.

Handicapped Parking an Issue

Evelyn Carlson, 60 Elm St., wrote to selectmen Jan. 15 to lobby for additional parking for the handicapped near Dr. Ronald Goldenson's office on Stagecoach Way.

Dr. Goldenson wrote to the board last year to ask that a handicapped space be moved from the corner of S. Main and Depot Court to in front of Stagecoach Way to make it easier for handicapped patients to walk to his office.

Carlson, who is afflicted with multiple sclerosis, supports Goldenson's request. She said she finds regular sidewalk parking and the short walk down the long path to Dr. Goldenson's office exhausting.

"Other patients of Dr. Goldenson's who are handicapped find the same problem," she said.

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Flooding Concerns Noted

Joseph and Patricia Dockray, 375 N. Main St., wrote to Selectman Peter Pratt on Jan. 21 to express their concern about flooding which has existed at 371 and 375 North Main St. during rain storms prior to the Oct. 20, 1996 storm.

"The situation happens when water collects into the town-owned small pond between the former Easter Edison plant and the property at 371 North Main St. The collected water is trapped and does not flow its natural course into the Sanctuary Pond due to clogging and insufficient drainage.

"The results are that the collected water overflows and floods the property and comes several inches into the homes at (371 & 375 N. Main). This same water also overflows onto and covers N. Main Street at the site of the pond and has been responsible for several automobile accidents."

The Dockrays asked that selectmen assist in correcting the problems and are concerned that a proposed storm water detention area near Sanctuary Pond might exacerbate the problem.

Pay per Bag Needs Debate

Joan P. Busk, 20 Joy Place, wrote to selectmen Jan. 14 that the decision on the town's proposed "pay per bag" trash program be put before town meeting.

"In a sense, this is another form of taxation to the citizens of Cohasset and they deserve the opportunity to vote on it," Busk said.

"I have heard compelling arguments on both sides of the issue. The evidence exists, however, that leads me to believe that this program might not save the town the money that you have indicated it will. It is my understanding that frequently there is no market for some of our recyclables and we are forced to pay to have them hauled away," she said.

"I would like both sides of this issue debated in a public forum in order that an informed decision will be made."

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Fri. 31	4:10	9.3	10:28	4:36	8.6	10:46
Sat. 1	5:00	9.3	11:23	5:32	8.5	11:39
Sun. 2	5:54	9.6	——	6:30	8.6	12:20
Mon. 3	6:50	9.9	12:36	7:29	8.8	1:18
Tues. 4	7:47	10.4	1:33	8:26	9.3	2:15
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PICTURE THIS/Ed McCann



Name: Ed McCann

Occupation: Interim town administrator.

Goal: To provide the temporary services to keep the progress and momentum that selectmen and the town administrator have been making and to make sure we continue to address the problems and issues facing the town.

Best vacation: A company paid trip to Hawaii.

Best day of your life: The three days my sons were born.

Biggest worry: The major societal issues that we see and read about.

Favorite holiday: Fourth of July.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite TV show: Anything on C-Span.

Favorite movie: 'Evita.'

Favorite book: 'The Power of Positive Thinking,' by Norman Vincent Peale.

Favorite junk food: Pretzels.

Most embarrassing moment: When I call someone by the wrong name.

Person you'd most like to meet: The producer of the Jerry Seinfeld show. That show always captures the essence of day to day situations.

Pet peeve: People that do not recognize and appreciate the many hard-working dedicated public servants.

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Pond Street, to Bailey Road
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Reservoir Road
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The Sewer Commissioners expect to bring this project to Town Meeting on March 29, 1997, for approval and funding.

The Sewer Commission is sponsoring a Public Meeting to discuss this project on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, in the Town Hall auditorium at 7:30 PM. Information concerning costs to individual homeowners will be provided, together with information on the Town's treatment plant expansion and the projected implementation schedule.

We urge all concerned citizens to attend this meeting!

PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, February 4, 1997 – 7:30 PM
Town Hall Auditorium

Edward M. Guild, Chairman
Cohasset Sewer Commission

Electrical Fire Damages Cohasset Home

Firefighter Injured at Scene

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

A local firefighter was injured while battling an electrical fire that put a local family out of their two-year-old house on Monday.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said the 9-1-1 call from Fred Higgins, a neighbor, who had gone home for lunch and saw smoke issuing from the eaves of the Whitney Road house, came into the station at 11:55 a.m.

"When we arrived, the fire was burning in the kitchen and the house was heavily charged with smoke and heat," Lincoln said.

He said the fire took 20 minutes to bring under control. Fire damage was limited to the kitchen but there was heat and smoke damage throughout the structure. Lincoln would not put a dollar figure on the damage.

"I leave that up to the insurance company," he said.

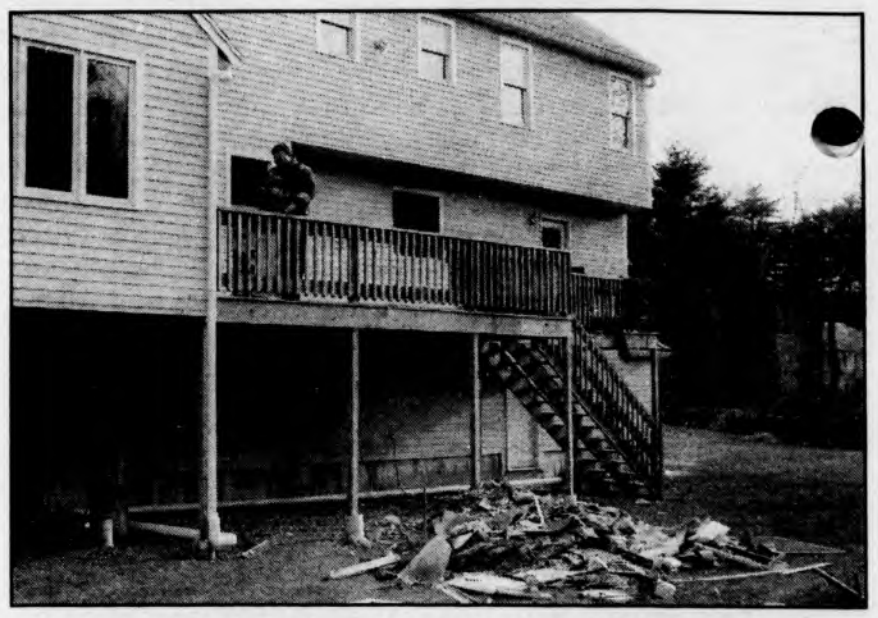
Firefighter John Dockray was injured when he slipped down the stairs which were iced over due to the cold temperature. Dockray was transported by Hingham ambulance to South Shore Hospital where he was treated and released. He will be out of work for about a week, Lincoln said.

The back deck was so icy that the highway department sanded for the firefighters, he said.

The homeowners, Michael and Michelle Sacks, and their two children are "doing okay," Mr. Sacks said. The children were in school and the Sackses were at work when the fire, which started in a kitchen wall, broke out. Mr. Sacks, who works for a telecommunications firm in Cambridge, said they are renting a house on their street temporarily but are looking for another Cohasset house to rent. Repairs to their house could take up to six months. Mrs. Sacks works at Talbots.

"It was one of those things no one expected," he said. "When the call came in we were in shock. Now we're through the shock and are getting about doing the things necessary to rebuild."

Lincoln said two Cohasset engines, the ambulance, and the ladder truck responded. A Scituate engine assisted at the scene and the Hull fire department covered Cohasset headquarters during the fire.



Firefighter Mark Trask walks on the deck behind the kitchen where the electrical fire started.

Staff photo/Mary Ford

Fund Established for Sacks Family

The Sacks family of Whitney Woods Lane in Cohasset experienced a tragedy this week when their home and belongings were damaged by fire. Because of the overwhelming offers of support, a fund has been established in their name at the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, South Main Street. Donations may be made to the Sacks Family Fund.

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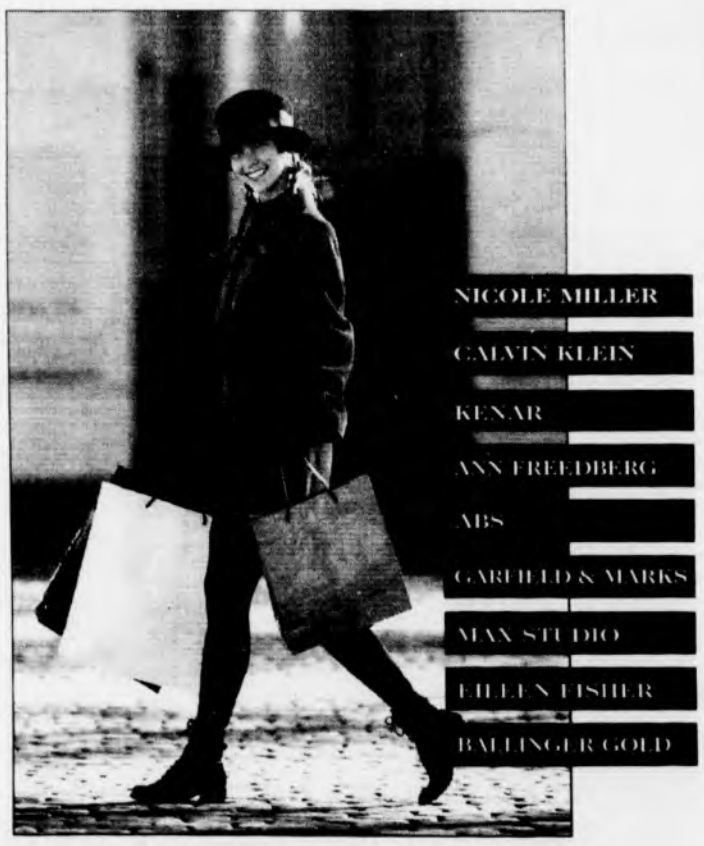
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School Committee Deliberates on Budget Proposal

By Jason Bouffard
COHASSET MARINER

Despite a 35 percent increase in classroom hours for Cohasset students, salary increases will be held to about two percent in FY '98 if the proposed budget is met with a favorable town meeting vote.

These figures are part of the amended budget that Cohasset Public School Superintendent Stephen Hart presented the school committee last week. The $7,716,137 total reflects a 5.9 percent increase over the FY '97 budget.

Hart said that the figure was achieved by making some cuts in the original proposal. In some cases, the budget was tailored to accommodate programs that Hart felt were worth allocating funds to.

One such program is the reading specialist/special needs aide position at the Osgood School. Cutbacks in textbook requests and other resources were taken in order to offset the cost of the position.

Hart reiterated his support for the position, which was first proposed by Osgood Principal Merilee Cantelmo. "We have to find resources to provide extra help to kids who need it," Hart said. Currently, reading help is provided by the special needs staff, but according to Hart, that staff is becoming overburdened.

However, members of the school committee did not appear ready to back the proposal. Vice-chairman Maureen Jerz said that the proposal might be one which the committee can look at in a later year.

Minor cuts were also made to make room for a health aide position at the Deer Hill School. The Deer Hill budget also included an increased request for funds for activity aides.

High school budget cuts will accommodate such positions as a full-time art teacher for the popular photography program, a student computer lab assistant and a half-time social studies teacher.

"This is a very tight budget," Hart said, adding that he would like to see the town receive more education reform funds than the $80,000 it will get. Although Cohasset will receive the minimum in education reform funds, the amount is enough to reduce the net budget increase to about 4.9 percent.

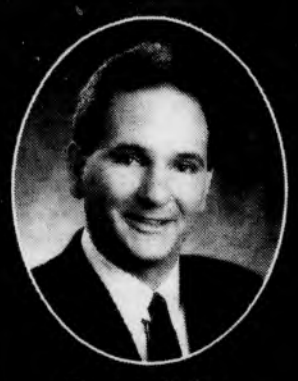
"We're at a point where we have to make a final decision on the budget for the public hearing and for presentation to the advisory board," Hart said.

The school committee will now have to take that next step.

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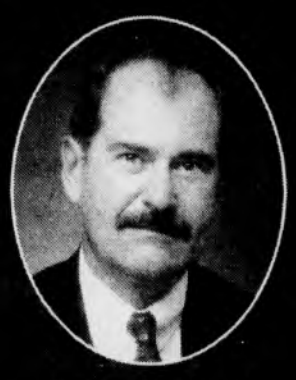



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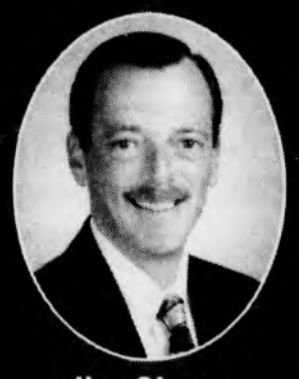

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we would have run out of telephone numbers in Eastern Massachusetts," said DPU Chairman John Howe. Howe also maintained that the change will promote expanded competition in the state's telecommunication markets.

In addition to the South Shore, a swath of about 30 communities surrounding Boston to the west and and north will be included in the 781 code. Further north, up to the New Hampshire and Maine border and west to the 413 area code line in central Massachusetts, more than 50 towns will be assigned to the new 978 area code. The 617 code will continue to serve Boston and nine neighboring communities, including Milton and Quincy.

The "geographic splitting" of the state by area code has drawn heavy criticism from some members of the business community and local legislators, who are concerned about the inconvenience and expense of changing the area codes.

Both the South Shore Chamber of Commerce and the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce backed a Nynex proposal to "overlay" new area codes atop existing 617 and 508 area codes. According to Nynex's regional director of public relations Kenneth Horne, this would have allowed existing businesses and residents to keep their area codes and assigned the new codes only to new businesses and residents in the area.

Horne said the overlay proposal was made in response to the upheaval caused nine years ago, when the 508 area code was introduced. The big problem then, said Horne, was the expense incurred by businesses, who were faced with changing their letterhead, business cards, advertising and promotional materials, store signs, and in some cases car and truck lettering. The upcoming change will be no less costly to South Shore businesses, he said.

While the 508 area code was pitched as a 20 to 25-year solution to the telephone number shortage, state officials did not plan for the telecommunications explosion of the 1990's, and Horne said that adding two more area codes now is only a temporary fix.

"Within five years we will have to introduce more area codes and eventually 617 will be limited to Boston only," Horne said.

South Shore Chamber of Commerce Director of Government Affairs Steven Power agreed.

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>
> **— Domenic Micarelli, Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.**

"This is a band-aid approach to a gaping wound, and it didn't work before," Power said. A strong supporter of the overlay option, Power said it is a better approach to the problem and would cause less confusion, inconvenience and disruption to residents and businesses. Power said the Chamber's board of directors took the issue up six months ago and a majority agreed that adding area codes was not the way to go.

"The DPU's decision in our opinion was very short sighted. It has already proven to be short sighted," Power said.

But some local businesses are taking the change in stride.

"It's a necessary evil," said Domenic Micarelli, owner of the Artist's Son Gallery, 130 King St., and president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce. "I have an 800 line, two FAX lines and two cellular phones — they are running out of numbers.

"It will be expensive for a large company to redo all their stationery but it is harder for a small company even to absorb a small amount," he noted.

Ron Goodwin, owner of Goodwin Graphics, 164 CJC Highway, said the phone company is not trying to upset people.

"What's the alternative? The phone company is not doing it to aggravate people," he said.

Despite the inconvenience to many businesses, local printers and sign makers are likely to profit from the change. Patty and Jesse Allen of Scituate, who own and operate Harbor Signs Inc. in Hingham expect to have their hands full re-lettering trucks, vans and store signs when 781 comes to the South Shore.

Confusion and inconvenience will be the price residents will pay, but Horne said phone bills won't go up and callers will be given a three month grace period to adjust to the change after the new area codes go into effect.

State Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, said South Shore legislators, including state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, will meet with DPU representatives this week to determine whether or not there is a less disruptive alternative to adding area-codes.

"It is certainly disappointing and discouraging that the DPU has chosen this alternative," Hynes said. "The overlay would be a more appropriate alternative and would be the least disruptive to existing usage and the least disruptive economically."

But state Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, disagreed. Hedlund maintained that Nynex's overlay plan would have had a more adverse impact on his constituents than the plan the DPU approved.

"I think it would have created more problems. It would have been unfair to new businesses and a great inconvenience to residents who could have had to dial a different area code to reach their new next door neighbors," Hedlund said.

"With the exception of Quincy, the South Shore will remain as one code," said Hedlund, who opposes splitting by area codes the communities within his district.

Hedlund said the new area codes are a sign of the times.

"Everyone wants a fax machine. We all have cell phones and pagers and our kids are on-line on the computer all night. It's too bad, but we have to make the changes," he said.

Mary Ford also contributed to this report.

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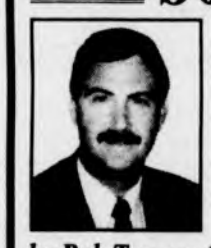
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Vets Memorial

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Dec. 7, 1941 and V-J Day, Sept. 2, 1945 when Japan surrendered, should be included on the wall.

Others say those who served in the occupational forces between Sept. 2 and Dec. 31, 1945 — when Congress declared the war officially over — should also be listed.

Austin Ahearn, a WWII combat veteran, who has led the effort to construct the memorial — which will eventually include the names of Cohasset veterans of all wars — proposed adding two plaques to the World War II Memorial. One would include the names of veterans who served in the actual conflict but were inadvertently left off the memorial and the other would have the names of the occupational forces under a heading indicating they'd served after V-J day.

Selectman Michael Sullivan reminded Ahearn that it had been agreed previously that the occupational forces would not be "singled out."

And Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown said the subcommittee appointed to resolve this issue had recommended the names not be segregated and be put in random order.

But Ahearn, who lives on Clay Spring Road, said that would contradict history.

"That's the way history shows it," he said about the end of the war, showing photocopies from the Encyclopedia Britannica substantiating when hostilities ceased.

"There was absolutely no more conflict after V-J Day. Those going in after were doing occupational work and not fighting a war."

Sullivan said that wasn't the point.

"We were still 'fighting a war' until Congress decided it," he said.

Ed Brennock, 136 Doane St., who has sat on two memorial committees trying to resolve the issue, said it was pointless to rehash old ground and it was time to get the project moving forward.

"Why argue over something we can't change," he said agreeing with selectmen over the names issue.

Selectman Peter Pratt said official dates declared by Congress should be used for all wars for the purpose of the memorial.

Pratt pointed to the Vietnam War which went on for ten or more years.

Ben Curley, 20A Norfolk Rd., said he was a marine in 1946 in Guam where he guarded prisoners. He noted that in the Pacific theater there was indeed conflict following V-J Day because many Japanese refused to surrender.

Steve Wigmore, commander of the local American Legion post, said Congress moved the official date of the end of the Korean War from 1953 to 1955.

Ahearn said he would comply with the selectmen's decision.

"Whatever you say, we'll have to do. But I am disappointed we are changing history," he said.

Selectmen estimated it will cost about $1,000 to sandblast wording on the memorial indicating the war ended on V-J day.

Ahearn said it will cost about $9,000 for the additional plaques to add names to the memorial and pointed out that the town had not contributed any money.

Selectmen said they may see if town meeting will approve contributing to the memorial effort.

Taxing Question

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landbank would allow the town to build up funds so it wouldn't have to borrow.

Selectman Nan Roth said that open space is so valuable that the town should use every method it has to preserve it.

But Sullivan said the fee would be a hidden tax.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis explained that the fee is not tax deductible and would serve as a deduction on whatever the homeowner realized from the sale of the house.

Selectman Peter Pratt said the fund would help offset the cost of development.

"At the end of the day, we are subsidizing development, which does not pay for itself out of the real estate tax," he said.

DeRensis said the only two landbanks in the state are on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. They have been very successful, he said. He said the Conservation Law Foundation, a private group, has guidelines for towns to form landbanks which other communities in the state are using. With the exception of the two existing landbanks, no others have been approved by the legislature.

DeRensis said the landbanks are opposed by real estate lobbyists who say the transfer fees will interfere with the sale of new homes.

In a related matter, Norfolk County is considering County Landbank legislation which would divert the $5.5 million — annually paid by property sellers in the county and which must be remitted from the Registry of Deeds to the Commonwealth — to the local level.

Fire Walls are Okay

Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown said this week that the state Automatic Sprinkler Appeals Board said the design of the DPW garage off Cedar Street is sufficient to make it two separate buildings.

Fire walls that divide the $1 million DPW garage are acceptable in place of a sprinkler system, which is required for buildings over 7,500 square feet, the state said. Use of the fire wall keeps each side of the garage under that figure.

The issue of whether or not sprinklers are required surfaced in December prompting selectmen to seek a clarification of the law.

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Hat's Off to Christa Ansbergs on her Recent Accomplishments!

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We begin this week by sending a rousing cheer to **Christa Ansbergs**, a junior at MIT who was recently inducted into Pi Tau Sigma, the honor society for students majoring in mechanical engineering. Christa is also the vice president of her dormitory, so you know she is a busy and popular person! Christa is a 1994 CHS grad.

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Everyone sends best wishes to **Ellen Winn** — she works in the selectmen's office, as you know, and she fell and broke her arm recently! We hope that you mend quickly, Ellen!

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Another worker at the Cohasset Town Hall, **Sally Lincoln**, our assistant treasurer/collector, is ill, and all of us send you our good wishes and hope that all is well with you.

❑

Please be ready to meet **Christopher James McDonald** who was born Dec. 17. Christopher weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches long. His parents, **John** and **Paulina McDonald** (Paulina used to be a substitute teacher in Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Weymouth, also was the summer recreation camp director two years ago — she attended school in Cohasset). Christopher's maternal grandparents are **James V. Rosano** (stone mason in Cohasset) and **Mary Rosano**; his paternal grandparents are **James McDonald** and **Mary Ann McDonald. John** and **Hope** are Christopher's sister and brother, they are 18-month-old twins! Mom sure must be busy, but oh — so happy! We cannot wait until next spring to see Christopher and the rest of his family when they come to Cohasset for their first walk (they are residents of Hingham).

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Did you know that there are seven students from Argentina in Cohasset? They are here to attend CHS and to visit sites in the area; and they are staying with host families here in town. They arrived Jan. 6 and will leave Feb. 17 (that will be a sad time for many, what a wonderful bunch of kids! A great command of the English language, and lively and fun). This is all sponsored through World Learning, formerly the Experiment in International Living — also co-hosted by a group in Hull at the Charter School. **Jill Suddath** is the CHS coordinator, **Marilyn Pratter** is the South Shore Charter School coordinator, and **Margot Cheel** is the regional coordinator. This program has proven very successful, and there are to be more in the future — if you are interested in hosting a student, call **Margot Cheel** at **383-9184**, she'll be happy to give you any information you need — you'll be glad you did!

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Jessie Sandell, a senior at Noble and Greenough School, has been accepted to Trinity College under their Early Decision Program. After studying last summer at L'Etienne University in Nice, France, Jessie returned to the varsity soccer season, helping her team to advance to the semifinals of the New England Championship. Jessie is the daughter of **James** and **Nancy Sandell**. Congratulations, Jessie!

❑

Morgan Sandell has been selected to the U 17 1996-97 Massachusetts State Soccer team. After a lengthy tryout schedule last fall, Morgan was notified that winter training begins on the weekends, with state games commencing in the spring. Morgan is a varsity soccer player, was a leading scorer in the Independent School League last fall, is a member of South Shore United premier team, and a varsity squash and lacrosse player. He is a sophomore at Noble and Greenough School and is the son of **James** and **Nancy Sandell.**

❑

Let's all give a big Cohasset welcome to **James Francis Hynes**, the son of **Cynthia A. Nickerson** and **James F. Hynes.** James was born Dec. 22 at 3:37 a.m., and he weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces. His maternal grandparents are **William** and **Barbara Nickerson** of Cohasset, his paternal grandparents are **James** and **Alice Hynes** of Punta Gorda, Fla. Congratulations to all of you.

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The University of Rhode Island sends us word that **Lauren P. Almeida** of 38 Surrey Dr. made the dean's list for the fall semester. To be eligible for the deans list she had to carry 12 or more credits for the semester and achieve a 3.3 quality point average, based on the letter grades received during the term. Congrats!

❑

The following students have earned academic honors for the fall trimester at Northfield Mount Hermon School: **Abigail Kornet,** a junior and the daughter of **Diana D.** and **John L. Kornet Jr.** An assistant director in the 1996 Theatre Program One-Act Play Festival, Abigail has performed in the 1996 major production of the "Cinderella Waltz." She has participated in crew, the concert choir and the Select Women's Ensemble.

Brett MacQuarrie, a senior and the son of **Jane** and **Chris Kyricos** of Cohasset and **Stephen MacQuarrie** of Wellesley, a student leader, has served as co-captain of the varsity soccer team, participating in the 1996 New England Prep Schools Tournament. A member of the varsity lacrosse team, he was co-captain of the Southeast Team in the 1995 Bay State Games. A member of the NMH "As Schools Match Wits" academic quiz show team, he has studied advanced placement economics.

Congratulations go to both of you!

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That's all for this week, folks, hope we will hear from you next time — please give me a call!

Sallyann
383-0560



Georgine Butman, an activity aide at the Deer Hill School, supported the Patriots by wearing the cheese that Paul Callahan, the principal, could squeeze! This was all part of Patriots Day at the school, Friday, Jan. 24 when the staff and students wore their Patriots clothing and some painted their faces.

Warm Up at the CHS Valentine Cabaret

A festive evening awaits you Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Kimball's By The Sea at the annual Cohasset High School Cabaret.

From 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., a selection of snacks and sweets will be served and student designed artwork, coordinated by art teachers Tom Sippel and Eileen Rohrer, will be available for sale.

From 7:30 to 9 p.m., emcee and choral director Bryan Marks and band director Marcia Lajoie will present student singers, dancers, musicians and comedians in a variety of solo and ensemble performances. There is sure to be something to please everyone.

Tickets are $8. Space is limited and reservations are necessary, so do not delay. Make checks payable to the Cohasset Arts Boosters Club and send them c/o Susan Pile, 65 Elm Street, by Feb. 7. For further information call Susan Pile at 383-6088 or Therese D'Urso at 383-1143. Proceeds will benefit the music and art curriculum enrichment.

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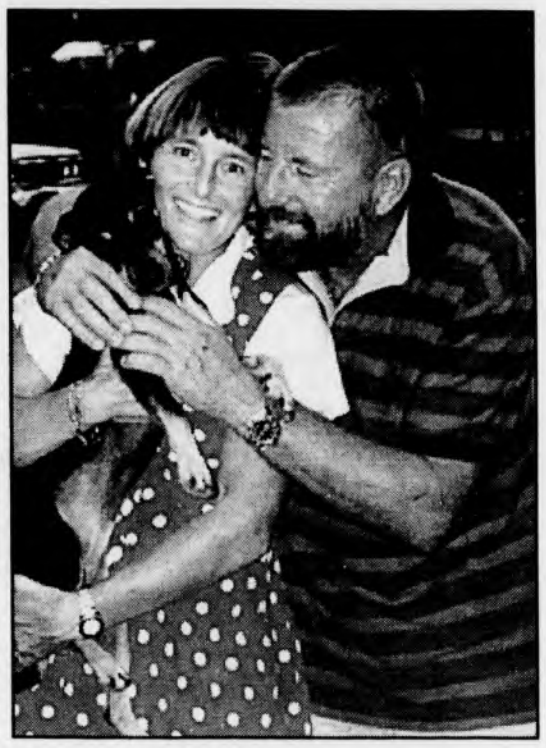
Carrier/Thomas

Mrs. Jane White of Cohasset and Mr. William White of Culebra, Puerto Rico, announce with great pleasure the marriage of their daughter Abigail Carrier and Mr. Bill Thomas Dec. 30 in Souppes sur Loing, France.

Abbie taught swimming for many years in Cohasset and was head of the town pool for a number of summers. She and Bill eloped to France, to everyone's surprise, and were married by M. Victor Prudhomme, the Mayor of Souppes, Cohasset's sister city. During the second world war, Souppes was liberated by Tom Churchill, late of Cohasset.

M. Prudhomme and Violette Barret, who hosted both the wedding and reception, have visited here as have members of their families and friends. M. Prudhomme's son, Charles, and granddaughter, Cécile, were attendants for Abbie and Bill. Many people from Cohasset have been welcomed to Souppes by the Prudhommes.

Abbie and Bill live on the little island of Culebra where a reception is being planned in April by her parents.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth F. Oliver

Elizabeth F. (Jacobson) Oliver, 70, of Cohasset, a cook for 18 years at Jake's Lobster Pound Restaurant in Hull, died Jan. 11 in Massachusetts Respiratory Hospital, Braintree, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Oliver was the original cook at the restaurant and retired in 1966.

She also worked part time as a nanny for several families in the area.

Mrs. Oliver was born in Cohasset and attended Hingham schools.

Wife of the late Robert M. Oliver, she leaves a son, William R. Oliver of Cohasset; two daughters, Marie C. Condon of Kennebunkport, Me. and Catherine T. Lyons of Hull; four brothers, Walter F. Jacobson of Quincy, Martin E. Jacobson of Boynton Beach, Fla., William G. Jacobson of San Diego, Calif. and Robert A. Jacobson of Elizabeth, Colo.; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 14 in St. Anthony's Church.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Donations may be made to Massachusetts Respiratory Hospital, 2001 Washington St., Braintree 02184.

James W. Anderson

James W. Anderson, 76, of Camarillo, Calif., formerly of Scituate, former owner of Anderson Fuel Co. in Scituate, died Dec. 13 at Pleasant Valley Hospital in Camarillo.

Mr. Anderson was a Navy veteran of World War II and served as a pilot in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he and his brother, Arthur Anderson of North Scituate, who survives him, started Anderson Fuel.

He was born in Cohasset, attended Scituate schools and was president of his high school senior class. He was a longtime resident of Scituate.

He also leaves a son, Brian Anderson of Oxnard, Calif.; two sisters, Doris Burney of Scituate and Catherine Brahce of Grand Blane, Mich.; and a grandson.

A graveside service was held Dec. 20 in Ivy Lawn Cemetery in Ventura, Calif.

Arrangements were made by Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Homes, Scituate.

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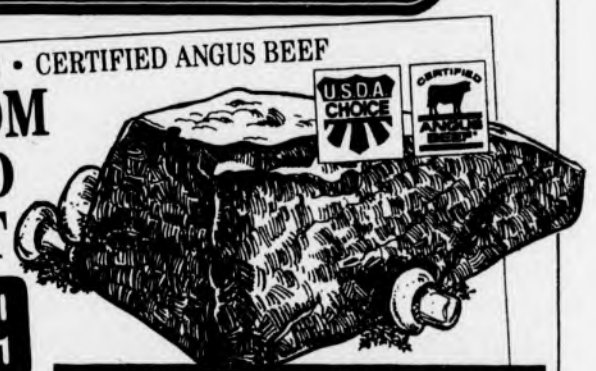
The Social Service League of Cohasset and the Board of Health will hold an Adult Keep Well Clinic Friday, Jan. 31, at 10 a.m. to noon, at Harborview Senior Housing, 60 Elm St.

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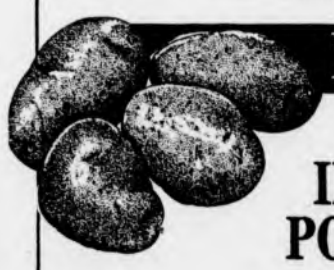
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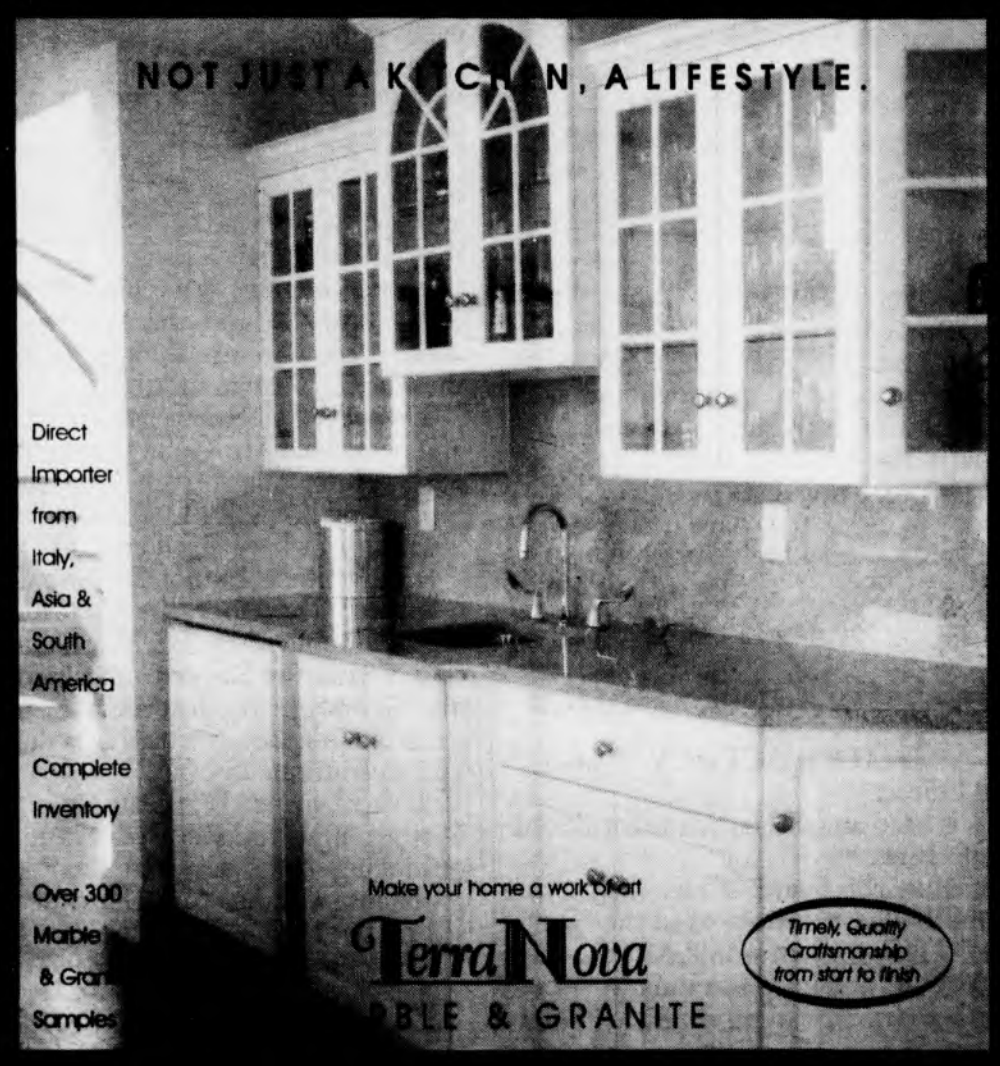
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

'Tis the Season

'I dip my pen in the blackest ink, because I am not afraid of falling into my inkpot.'

—Emerson.

The holly from the holidays has just come down from decking the halls.

Yet already we must start thinking about the town elections, which will be held Saturday, May 3.

It sounds like light years from now, doesn't it?

But papers to run for office are available Monday, Feb. 3 and must be turned in by 5 p.m., Monday, March 17. That's only six weeks away.

This is a big election year when all together we will be choosing 15 officials.

Voters will be selecting two school committee members, one selectman, one sewer commissioner, and one member of the health board, and housing authority.

Voters will also choose three library trustees, three recreation commissioners, an assessor, water commissioner, and planning board member.

Is this the year you run for office?

Is this the year you decide to give something back to your hometown—the town that educates your children, watches over your health, supplies you with electricity, oversees your parks, runs your libraries, plows your streets, takes care of your trash and monitors the quality of your water.

These are the officials who collect your taxes, decide how your money will be spent, assess your property and monitor the gentle balance between homes and businesses.

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Send us an announcement of candidacy as soon as you decide to run—a clear concise press release on your background and why you are running for office. Please include a photograph.

After the filing deadline we will carry candidates corner for the six weeks before the election. Candidates for contested office are invited to participate in Question of the Week.

The political clock is ticking. The countdown begins. There's just a few weeks left to decide.

Are you totally satisfied with the way your town is being run? You don't need the brains of Einstein, the cash of Donald Trump or the charisma of JFK.

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And, of course, courage. The kind of courage Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote about a century ago when he said—"I dip my pen in the blackest ink, because I am not afraid of falling into my inkpot."

So why don't you grab your pen and sign up as a candidate?



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health Curriculum Is Inappropriate

To the Editor:

I attended part of a meeting of the health advisory committee at Cohasset High School Tuesday, Jan. 21. Apparently the Cohasset school system will again inflict on its young people of grades 4, 5 and 6 what is euphemistically called "puberty education."

Actually, these courses are set up as detailed anatomy courses, that are totally inappropriate for such youngsters, especially in mixed classes.

This type of education, the school system not withstanding, is really the responsibility of parents, physicians and nurses, and the clergy. And even if the parents do not instruct their children in these matters, it is not the right of the public schools to usurp this function.

Across our nation these "puberty education" courses have been a total failure, and their purpose (whether intended or not) is to destroy the natural modesty of young people during the so-called "latency period." Such "education" also prepares the boys and girls for even more deleterious courses later on, which promote contraception, abortion, the gay life style, and euthanasia, the killing of the old.

Truly we are living in a "culture of death," and many of us seem to have no idea where we are going as a nation. May God help us.

Owen L. O'Malley
29 Sohier St.

'On-Site Septic Police Bureaucracy'

To the Editor:

This is a sad and difficult time for the citizens of Cohasset.

Currently, the Board of Health is trying to establish what must be called the "Septic Police." This program would cost the town $200,000 to administer annually, would establish a large town bureaucracy, require a nearly $4,000,000 override, and cause unimagined financial hardship to all its citizens. The arrogance of power of elected officials has once again reared its ugly head with the three members of the health board.

What is their legal authority to mandate the bureaucracy called the "Septic Police" which does not exist voluntarily in any town in Massachusetts?

Adding insult to injury, the chairman of the Sewer Commission, Mr. Ted Guild, announced to a stunned Cohasset Board of Selectmen Jan. 21 that he was single-handedly, on his own authority, negotiating a new Final Amended Judgment with the Attorney General's office, the language of which most probably will commit the town unequivocally to an on-site septic police bureaucracy. The arrogance of power here again is outrageous.

Who gave Ted Guild the authority to negotiate a plan for an on-site septic system?

Whatever credibility the chairman of the Sewer Commission had left is now gone and furthermore he had the audacity to say that no citizen has a right to be involved in these negotiations or even know what he is doing until he and the Board of Health chooses to announce the results just before the March 29 town meeting.

Even the Selectmen gulped on that line and persuaded Mr. Guild to appear in executive session at next week's meeting. But he insisted on keeping the citizens of Cohasset ignorant of what he is doing! WOW!

This attitude cannot and should not be tolerated! Therefore, the Chairman of the Sewer Commission, Mr. Ted Guild, should resign from the Sewer Commission immediately since he has lost the trust of the citizens of Cohasset. It would be a disgrace for him to continue in office.

This town needs an extensive period of healing and reconciliation and a total rethinking of its sewer and on-site septic problems without Mr. Guild shamelessly selling the citizens down the river. It's time for Cohasset collectively to say "Goodbye, Ted."

Wigmore A. Pierson
123 Atlantic Ave.

ASK THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

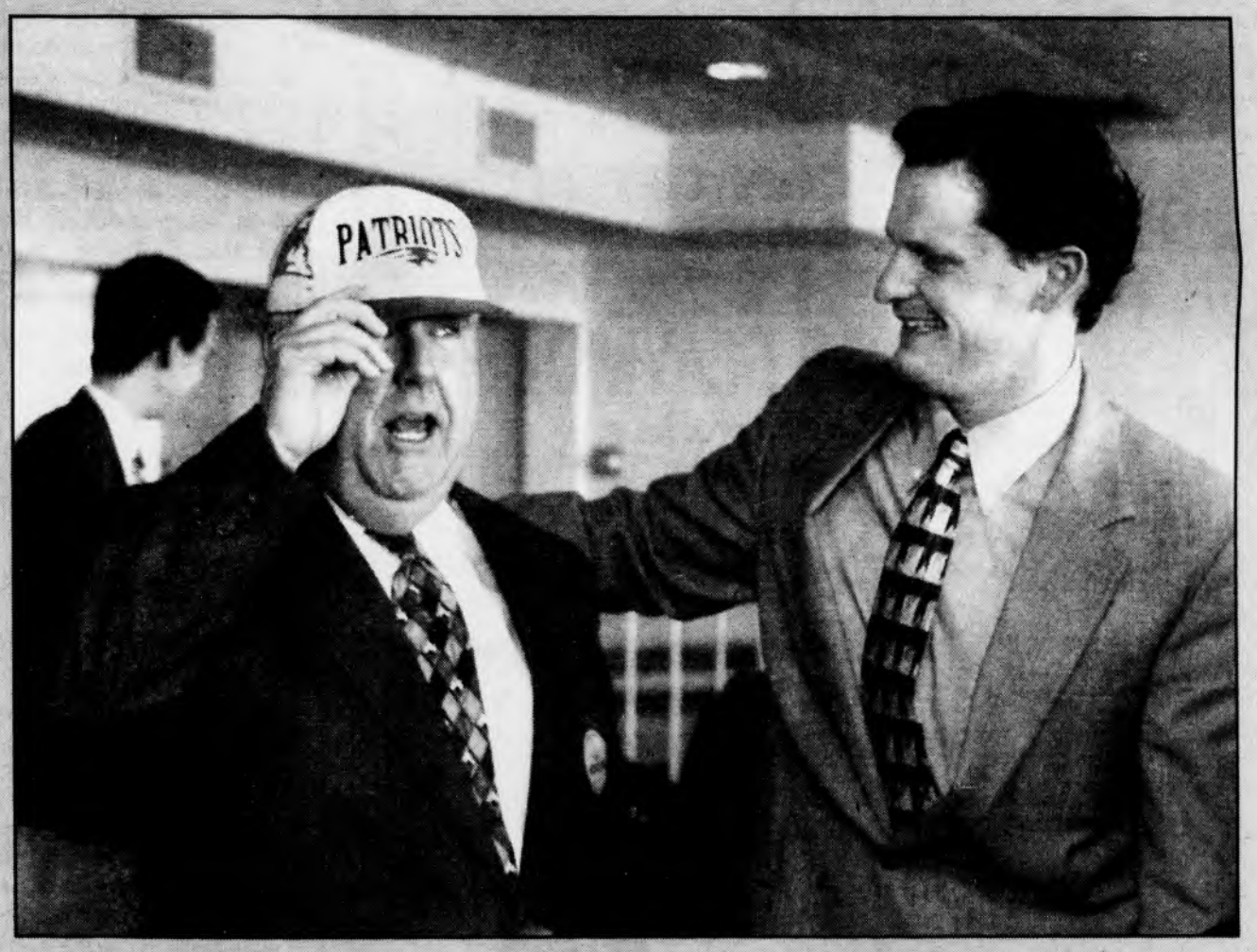
Improved Communication is Goal

As you may know, the Cohasset School Committee has adopted "Improved Communications" as a major priority for the 1996-97 school year. This column is one result of those outreach efforts. Televising of all School Committee meetings (on Cable Channel 52) is another. In the coming months, we hope to sponsor one or more forums for the community; to hold a School Committee meeting in Boston to reach out to the parents of our Boston students; and to develop a system-wide newsletter to complement those already produced by each of the school principals and the adjustment and guidance counselors.

This column, which will appear in the last Cohasset Mariner issue of each month, is one of the many efforts we are making to increase the quality and quantity of information that flows from the School Department to the Town and vice versa. The purpose of this column is two-fold: to answer questions that arise from any member of the community on any aspect of the operation of our schools and to provide the town with a forum for discussion of important educational issues of the day, such as the Education Reform Act of 1993.

One topic we find to be of concern is maintenance of the physical facilities. In setting the overall maintenance budget each year, the School Committee reviews annual requests from each of the three school principals, as well as the longer-range maintenance plans for each school developed by consultants such as Knight, Bagge, Anderson and Earl Flansburgh. Requests are funded after a process of prioritizing and winnowing. For instance, we completed several projects at the High School last year, including renovation of eight bathrooms (replacing fixtures, painting and adding partitions) and increasing the number of bathrooms that are handicapped accessible; installing new carpets and window treatments, replacing furniture and painting the guidance suite; and a complete overhaul of the main office and front entry of the school. In addition to these projects funded by the School Department budget, the School Committee seeks separate Town Meeting and voter approval for larger capital projects. In the past few years, voters have approved $140,000 for renovation of the high school auditorium and gymnasium; $100,000 to replace glass window walls at the high school; and $75,000 for removal of oil tanks at all three schools. We also plan to submit a Warrant Article for the fall, 1997 Town Meeting seeking funds to replace the windows at the Deer Hill School.

We're very serious about improving communications with all Cohasset residents. We will dedicate the next "Ask the School Committee" column in February to the topic of the 1997-98 budget for the Cohasset Public Schools. We invite your questions, comments and suggestions on this topic — or on any other you would like to see addressed. You may drop your questions into the box provided in each of the schools and the Town Library, or you may mail your questions to any member of the School Committee. We look forward to hearing from you.



Norfolk County Sheriff Jack Flood tries on a Patriots' hat with state Sen. Robert Hedlund at a special reception in Hedlund's honor at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham, Sunday.

Staff photo/Carey C. Marden

'Paris Par Deux'

Le Raffle Tres Formidable!

By Jim Kinch
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) announces the opportunity of the season. A weekend in Paris. Take a chance on a round trip to the French capital from Boston and a four-day weekend in the city. Imagine a promenade down the Champs-Elysees, climb the Eiffel Tower and see the city from a 90-story vista, admire the masterpieces of the Louvre, dine in a café on the left bank, sample the night life on the Moulon Rouge or just drink in the atmosphere of the most romantic and colorful city of the world. This will be a weekend to remember for a lucky couple.

Through the generosity of Pam and Malcolm Speed, the CEF is sponsoring the Raffle L'extraordinarie, a trip to the French capital for two with round-trip airfare from Boston and three nights in a first-class Paris hotel. A chance you can't pass over for a $20 ticket.

Ticket sales will be capped at 500, further enhancing this exciting opportunity for each ticket buyer. With a ticket for $20, take several chances while helping the CEF meet a worthy goal. If you've ever considered a trip to France this is the opportunity you can't miss.

But of course, all the proceeds from the sale of the tickets will go to support the CEF language lab project. So c'mon, take a chance! Help a great cause! And give yourself the weekend of a lifetime. The drawing will be held at the spelling bee March 5. Le winner does not have to be present to win. Tickets will be on sale throughout the month of Fevirer (February). See any CEF member or call our ticket hotline at 383-2833 and leave your name. Bonne Chance!

COUNCIL CORNER/Pat Baird

The Junior/Senior High School Council met Jan. 8. Renovations to the auditorium began Jan. 7. Repairing and painting the windows and doors and refinishing and painting the stage are being done by Mr. Jacobucci. Bids are being solicited for the rest of the repairs and the whole project should be completed in the spring.

The Middle School Committee reports that the scheduling and the athletic programs for next year are being formulated. The committee is also discussing the issue of "school life" which includes such things as activities and celebrations.

Dr. Angelo, the high school librarian and technology coordinator reports that the library reorganization is under way and the library is open daily.

The next meeting will be held in the A.V. room, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Osgood School Council met Jan. 14. A coffee will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the school library Feb. 4. Marilee Cantelmo will discuss homework and the parents' role in assisting their child.

The council has placed notebooks containing the minutes of their meetings in the Paul Pratt Library and the South Shore Community Center. There is a comment sheet in each notebook and citizens are encouraged to offer suggestions and comments. The next meeting will be held Feb. 11, in the Osgood Library from 3 to 5 p.m.

Council meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sell the Hagerty House

To the Editor:

It's time to reconsider: to reconsider selling the house on the Hagerty property as a residence. Remember when the town bought the Hagerty property?

Remember the brochure sent to every household that swayed you to buy it?

Remember how the brochure said there was a house on the property that could be sold for $200,000?

Remember the implication that that would reduce the outrageous price for the property down to an affordable, reasonable sum?

Well, the house is still there and the town still owns it. Just because the advisory board torpedoed its sale last year doesn't mean we can't bring it back up. We need the money!

Robert M. Davenport
Black Horse Lane

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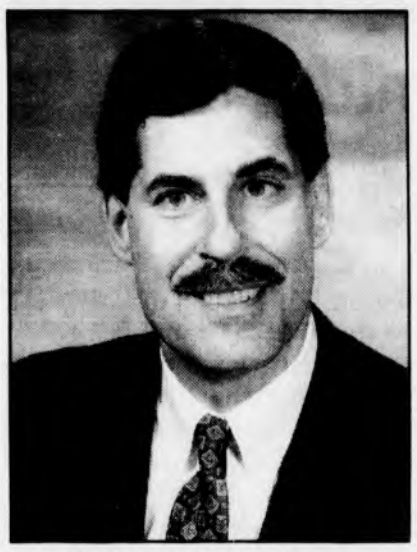
To the Editor:

Saturday, Jan. 18, the sixth annual Cohasset Wrestling Tournament was held in the high school gym. Nine area schools participated in the tournament which was won by Cohasset. During the day-long tournament the wrestling boosters sell items donated by the local business community to raise funds for the wrestling team. These funds are used for the year-end banquet, trophies for the athletes, state meet expenses, new equipment, and if we continue to have support from the community, to establish a scholarship fund. Please support the following businesses who donated their products to sponsor the tournament: Atlantic Bagel, The Chart House, Cohasset House of Pizza, Curtis Liquors, Dunkin Donuts, Papa Gino's, Quikava, Thomas E. Sears, Inc., Stop & Stop, Verc Mobil, Victorias and the many parents who donated their time and excellent homemade food.

If you have never seen a wrestling meet or tournament please join us next year for the tournament as I'm sure you will enjoy the action, and the food is the best on the South Shore. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Wrestling Boosters may send it to Cohasset Wrestling Boosters, 29 Hillside Drive, Cohasset 02025.

Daniel F. Duffy, President
Cohasset Wrestling Boosters

Business Notes



Douglas A. Catalano

Cohasset Man Promoted at Peritus

Peritus Software Services, Inc., a leader in software maintenance outsourcing and mass change technologies and services including Year 2000 renovations, announced that it has expanded its management team by naming Douglas A. Catalano president and chief operating officer.

Catalano will leverage Peritus' new and existing products and services to increase the company's market visibility and capture greater market share.

"As we move into a new phase of growth for Peritus in 1997, we're excited to have a strong leader like Doug join us," said Peritus founder, Chairman and CEO Dominic Chan. "His proven sales, marketing and operational skills will help Peritus continue as a leader in the outsourcing and software mass change market, leveraging our Year 2000 products and solutions for continued success."

Year 2000 refers to a serious problem many large computer users will face at the turn of the century when millions of lines of software code that run the world's most mission-critical systems are unable to handle dates beyond 1999. Peritus helps companies cope with massive software changes such as solving their Year 2000 problem.

"Peritus is in a great market at a great time," said Catalano. "Its technology is solid, yet rapidly evolving, and its culture is based on teamwork and partnering. I'm looking forward to being a part of the team here that will capitalize on Peritus' inherent strengths and lead its growth in the future."

It is generally accepted in the industry that between 60 and 80 percent of all I.T. expenditures are spent on maintaining previously written software. And according to the Gartner Group (Stamford, Conn.) solving the Year 2000 problem alone will cost organizations between $300 billion and $600 billion.

Catalano joins Peritus from Computer Sciences Corp. where he was president of CSC Consulting, a $380 million division employing more than 2,800 people.

During his 15 years at CSC Consulting, Catalano helped grow the company from $7 million to $380 million. He served as CSC Consulting's president for the last seven years. Prior to that, he was vice president of operations for the company and headed the Boston operation. Computer Sciences Corp. is one of the world's largest information technology consulting and systems integration companies with annual revenues of $5 billion.

Catalano, 46, lives in Cohasset with his wife Judith and two daughters. He has a bachelor of science degree in finance from Northeastern University.



GOING PLACES



WHAT KIND OF CRUISER ARE YOU?

So you've decided to take the plunge. Maybe you're ready to take your first cruise, or perhaps you've listened to enough glowing reports from friends and family to convince you it's time to test the waters again, having been on a cruise years ago. Whatever the reason, if you are planning to sign up for a cruise, the way to start planning is to look in the mirror. What kind of cruiser are you? Do you want to set out for remote, exotic sights? Or is your idea of bliss an endless horizon of peace and quiet, to allow you to explore some inner space? Are you hoping for a romantic getaway, or are you traveling with an active family? The truly great thing about cruising is that you can find a ship to match virtually any personal situation. So before you sign up for a cruise, make sure you know exactly what your heart desires. An experienced travel agent can help you find it.

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Local Author Signing

Marshfield children's author L. A. Murphy will sign copies of her first book, "Heavensbee," Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset.

Looking at the world through the eyes of her children, Murphy has created a world in "Heavensbee," where "many things can be if you imagine them to be." This amusing collection of verses, accompanied by vibrantly painted illustrations by artist Ronnie Rooney, will delight both children and adults as they travel to wonderful places and meet fabulous friends that exist only in the imagination.

Children will also be able to make a bee puppet the central character in "Heavensbee," as well as meet the author that day.

Call 383-2665 for more information or to reserve your signed copy.

Sale at Consignment Shop

If your New Year's resolutions included saving money and volunteering for good causes, then plan to attend the famous annual sale of the Social Service League's Cohasset Consignment Shop, Saturday, Feb. 8. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

The many treasures that will be offered at half price or less are designer dresses, sweaters, colorful vests, including a brown fox run suede vest. Other special values include a beige poplin opossum-lined coat, as well as cloth and fur coats. Shoppers will even find computers, computer stands, ice skates, champagne coolers, ice buckets and choice jewelry for your favorite valentine. Don't miss the children's and men's bargains.

Manager Andy Merrill said the shop will be closed Friday, Feb. 7 to prepare for the sale, and urged both men and women to volunteer.

The South Shore Social Service League provides money for Meals on Wheels, get-well clinics, and counseling for the towns of Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Cohasset.

PERSONAL FINANCE

Mutual funds: Blinded by success

Edited by Amy K. Barrett
WORTH MAGAZINE

Doesn't it pain you when some superstar mutual fund ended the year up 50 percent, while your fund returned half that? It's enough to make many of you dump the funds you own and buy those that made it into the spotlight. But resist temptation.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

A study done by Worth Magazine shows that buying one year's high flyers doesn't help you outperform the overall market the next year. In fact, more often than not, it puts you behind the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, which is used as a broad market gauge. What's more, last year's funds are often more volatile, hence riskier, investments — not the kind of odds a gambler should embrace.

Investors who would never dream of buying individual stocks at high prices may be drawn to the best-performing mutual funds because they believe the fund manager is blessed with financial genius. They want to join in while he's on a roll. "Individuals for the most part buy on past performance. They see what has done well lately and flock to that," says Jeffrey Mortimer, a money manger at Higgins Associates in Cambridge, Mass. But then, "Sometimes (the fund) does not reap the same amount, and you are caught holding a very expensive bag," he says.

'You can predict the skill of the manager, but it's harder to predict which sectors are going to do well.'

Roger Ibbotson
Ibbotson Associates, Chicago

A money manager's past performance can be a good indicator of his ability to pick promising companies and predict economic trends. One way to judge a manager's skill is to compare the performance of his fund with the S&P/BARRA index that matches the fund's focus, or "style." The style is stated in the prospectus (e.g., large-cap growth, small-cap value stocks, etc.).

However, the caliber of the fund manager doesn't ensure fat returns. That's the rub. A fund's stellar performance has as much to do with the success of the portfolio's style as it does with the fund manager's skill and foresight in executing it. "It's a style bet more than a manager bet," said Mortimer. And investors shouldn't bank on the hope that the investment style most favored by the market in the previous year will continue to lead in the current year.

Industries such as technology or health care, for instance, can have a good year, catapulting growth-style funds to the top — only to languish the next. In another year industrial companies and cyclicals might do well, bolstering value-style funds. "You can predict the skill of the manager, but it's harder to predict which sectors are going to do well," says Roger Ibbotson, a Yale University professor and founder of the consulting firm Ibbotson Associates in Chicago.

And much depends on the larger picture of how economists and investors view interest rates and economic growth. At the beginning of 1996, for instance, steady economic growth and low interest rates caused investors to favor small companies who had the flexibility to expand faster than some of the corporate behemoths. A look at the Morningstar Mutual Funds list of best performing diversified equity funds as of Dec. 31, 1996 shows that many of the best had invested in small companies with no more than $1 billion in equity capitalization. Among these, Warburg Pincus Small Company Value soared 56.2 percent, Needham Growth jumped 51.6 percent, Fremont United States Micro Cap gained 48.7 percent, and Robertson Stephens Partners added 43.2 percent.

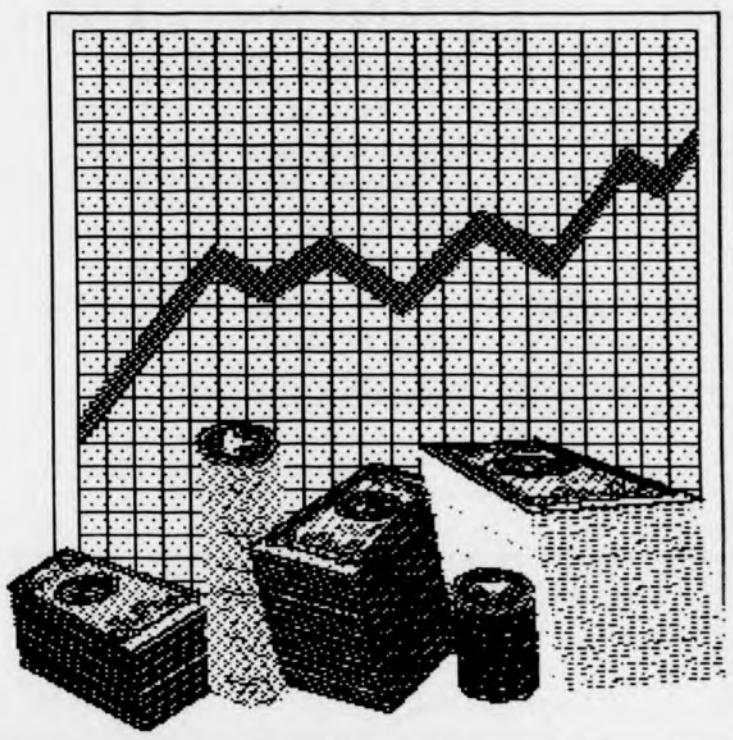
More often, it happens that one year's fund winner is the next year's loser, or at least mediocre performer, according to the Worth study that tracked how top 10 funds of a given year perform the year after stardom. Morningstar ranked diversified, equity funds; including only no-load funds, and excluding sector and international funds. Creating a mock portfolio, Worth bought the top performers of 1985 — and so on until 1995. Then it calculated the 10-year return.

The outcome wasn't a disaster: the portfolio grew 277 percent cumulatively, while the S&P 500 gained 300 percent. But the lower return came with higher risk. As measured by standard deviation, the S&P 500 had an annual risk of 14.6 percent, compared with 15.9 percent for the funds in the top-10 portfolio. In other words, you would have done better parking your money in the Vanguard Index 500 fund, which mirrors the performance of the S&P 500. Besides, you would have slept better.

High flyers tended to have roller coaster runs, since they tend to practice an extreme style. While they get lucky when that style dominates the year, they are likely to under perform when their style loses favor. Take the top 10 funds of 1991. They returned an average of 84.3 percent, nearly tripling the S&P 500's gain. In 1992, those same funds lagged the market, bringing in an anemic 3.74 percent versus 7.62 percent from the S&P 500.

Instead of last year's top 10 funds, investors might do better to buy funds in the 90th percentile (the top 10 percent of funds), because they are often less volatile, and they tend to feature skillful money managers, says Ibbotson. "Definitely do not buy the top of the list. Usually the ones at the top are more unusual," he said.

So, when you are shopping around for new mutual funds, remember there are more ingredients for long-term success than one great year. Think about how a particular investing approach might play itself out this year if, say, the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, or if Intel introduces a new computer chip. In other words, look at the big picture and don't expect simple answers. Who knows? You may find a winner.



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P.A.C. meeting

The Parents Advisory Council will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Deer Hill teachers' lounges. All parents/guardians of children receiving services under Chapter 766 are welcome.

For further details, call P.A.C. chairperson Kim Maynard at 383-2707.

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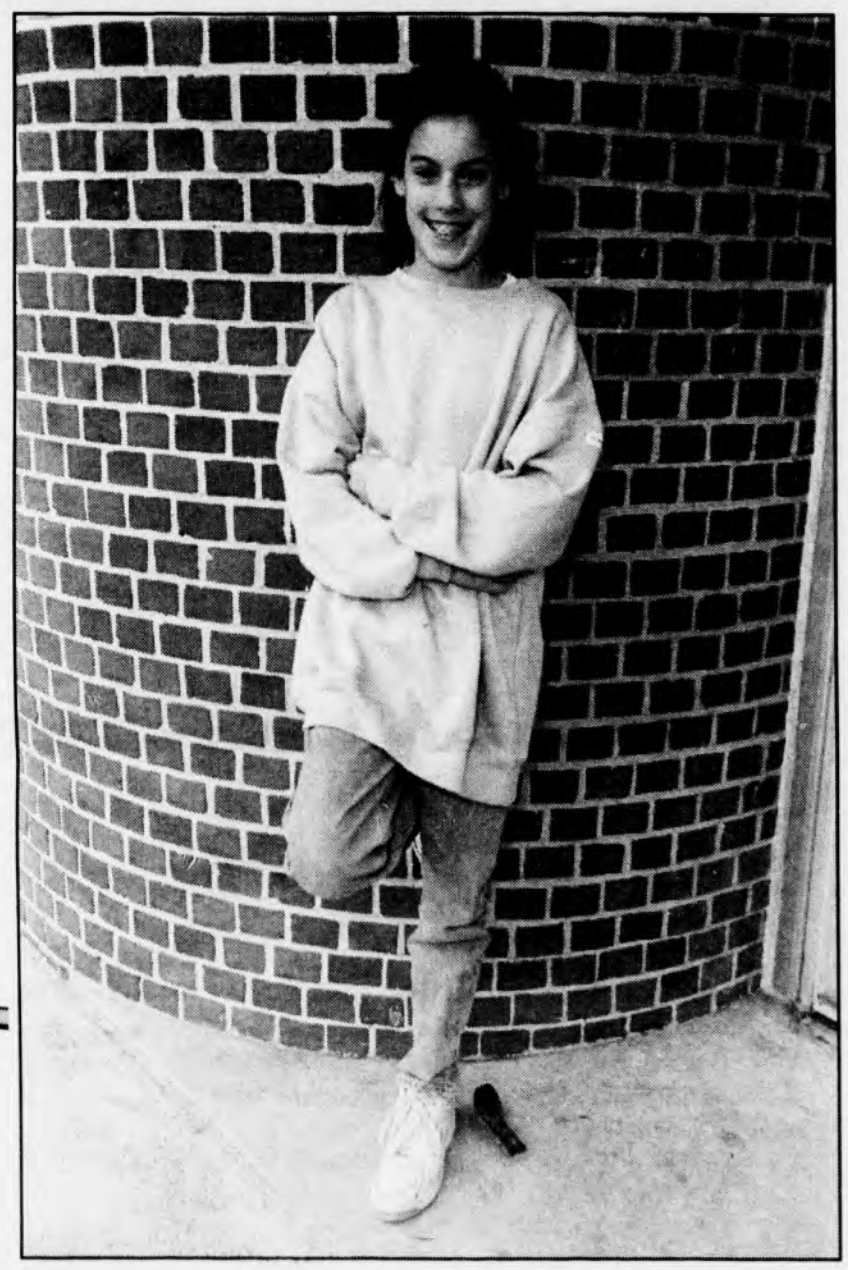
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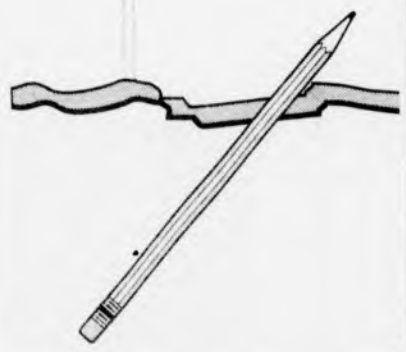
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STUDENT OF THE MONTH/K.C. Commacho

I nominate Kimberly A. Commacho (grade 7) for student of the month. 'K.C.' is a student whom every teacher would enjoy. She is strong is academics, both verbally and on paper, and she tries her best at everything she does. She is curious about learning and has a wide variety of interests. K.C. is always ready to give you a smile and a hello in the halls, showing her positive, happy-to-be-here attitude.

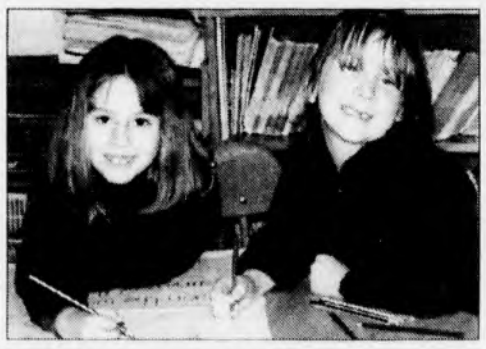
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Cohasset Plays by the Sea Presents 'The Wizard of Oz'

By Mary Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The public is enthusiastically invited to the all-children performances of "The Wizard of Oz" Friday, Jan. 31; Saturday, Feb. 1; and Sunday, Feb. 2. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's performance is at 2 p.m. Tickets are $3 at the door; general seating. Please bring your families to support the new Deer Hill School drama club and enjoy this charming production.



The Wizard (David Ingber) and Dorothy (Caroline Carr) rehearse for the Cohasset Plays by the Sea production of 'The Wizard of Oz' on stage this weekend.

Cast

Dorothy, Caroline Carr; Professor Marvel, Doorman/Guard, The Wizard, David Ingber; Hunk/Scarecrow, Brenna O'Donnell; Hickory/Tinman, David Crowley-Buck; Zeke/Lion, Marisa Mello; Miss Gulch/The Wicked Witch of the West, Maura McKenney; Glinda/The Good Witch of the West, Krista Nicynski; Auntie Em, Sera Genovese; Uncle Henry, Cosimo Cambi and Toto, Aslan.

Director, Ron Nicynsky, music director, Joan Jensen and choreographer, Sharon Weber.

Production Staff and Script Readers Needed

The Cohasset Plays by the Sea Drama Club will have scripts and audition/production information available Feb. 10 and 11 for the film project, "Anne of Green Gables." This production will involve the first act of "Anne," with a rewritten ending. Needed are child and adult actors, an adult producer, student "shadows" to assist, and high school students interested in film photography. "Anne of Green Gables" will be directed by Sharon Weber, and will be filmed locally. This project will culminate in June with "Film Night."

Interested persons are welcome to pick up information at the Deer Hill School front office on Sohier Street in Cohasset.



Dorothy (Caroline Carr) and Toto in Kansas. Tickets to the show are $3 at the door.

South Shore Conservatory Arts-Integrated Preschool Accepting Names for Fall '97

South Shore Conservatory in Hingham and at the Ellison Center For The Arts in Duxbury, is currently accepting names for Fall '97 for their one, two, and three-day preschool programs.

The conservatory's arts-integrated preschool program is a unique educational experience, combining all aspects of traditional preschool programs with considerable exposure to music and the arts.

Under the direction of Carol Forbes Scheig, the program emphasizes "learning by doing," or hands-on experiencing. The preschool encourages individual growth and works toward building self confidence, independence and problem solving skills.

First Time Playschool is a one-day program for children three and older who have yet to attend nursery school but are ready to start making the transition from home to school. It is a two-hour program, combining arts-related activities with music.

The conservatory's two- and three-day preschool program provides freedom within structure, so that children may choose from a number of teacher initiated arts activities or developmentally appropriate learning activities. Each child works at their own pace.

For more information about South Shore Conservatory's Preschool Program, please call (617) 749-7565 (in Hingham) or (617) 934-2731 (in Duxbury).

Summer Arts at Derby

Registration is now open for "Summer Arts at Derby 1997" at Derby Academy in Hingham. "Summer Arts at Derby" is a comprehensive arts program for ages eight to 15, that offers classes in drama, music, visual arts, dance, writing, gymnastics, martial arts, photography, and sports. Students choose their own schedules for the five-week program. Dates are June 30 to Aug. 1; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The program culminates in an arts festival Friday, Aug. 1. For more information, call Thalia McMillion, director, at (617) 740-4766.

Enroll in Erdman Preschool

Erdman Preschool is accepting applications for next year. During January, the school will enroll siblings of those who previously attended Erdman. Open enrollment will continue through February. Call 545-9309 for more information. Erdman Preschool is located at 330 First Parish Rd., in Scituate.

Public Notices

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License Application pursuant to G. L. Chapter 91
Waterways Application Number W96-5991

Notification Date: February 7, 1997

Public notice is hereby given of the application by Christopher and Karen Ford to maintain an existing pier at 145 Border Street in the municipality of Cohasset in and over the waters of the Gulf River. The proposed use of the structure is noncommercial docking and boating access to navigable waters and is a water-dependent project.

The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. A public hearing may be held upon request by the municipal official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617) 932-7600. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public viewing at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to: J. Sprague, DEP/DWW, 10 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License Application pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91
Waterways Application Number W96-6858

Notification Date; Feb. 7, 1997.

Public notice is hereby given of the application by Georgiana Massa & Charles Humphreys to maintain an existing stone retaining wall, pier, ramp and float at 51 Border Street in the municipality of Cohasset in and over the waters of Cohasset Harbor. The proposed use of the structures is noncommercial docking and boating access to navigable waters and shoreline stabilization for the protection of existing structures and is a water-dependent project.

The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. A public hearing may be held upon request by the municipal official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617) 932-7600. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public viewing at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to: J. Sprague, DEP/DWW, 10 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801.
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Artist Displays 40 Years of Growth



By Doreen Leggett
COHASSET MARINER

A day before her show was to open, Virginia Avery let her eyes travel over her 60 or so watercolor paintings hung in Cohasset's South Shore Art Center.

Her eyes first focused on her early landscape scenes, painted in traditional colors, of her childhood home on a farm in Manomet, or the farm in Framingham where she lived with her husband. They then glanced to the brighter landscape scenes of the marshes of Scituate or an old green truck at Dwyer Farm.

As her eyes continued around the room, they were met with the still lifes and floral paintings of the 1970s and 1980s. Her later paintings, abstracts, grids, a watercolor of sound, and series on water and emotions completed the circle of paintings, which were culled from over 3,000 paintings and 40 years of work.

"I've never had my own show, so it is very scary. All you've done is right there staring at you," said Avery, a resident of Furnace Road.

Her show, "40 Years with Watercolor: A Virginia Avery Retrospective," opened on Jan. 10 and will continue through Feb. 16.

Although this is her first time as a sole exhibitor, Avery's work has been on display before. She is a gallery artist at the center and a member of the American Watercolor Society in New York, the New England Watercolor Society and the Copley Society of Boston.

Unlike the work of some artists, who concentrate on one style, Avery's work depicts growth and change over the years.

"I can paint still lifes. I can paint landscapes. I want to paint something different," she said.

Although she works completely with watercolor, it hasn't always been that way. When she graduated from Boston University with a degree in art education, she had painted in oils and various other mediums, but not watercolor.

Soon after her graduation, in the mid-'50s, she stumbled upon a watercolor show.

"I really liked the look of it. It just drew me in. I was hooked," Avery, 65, said.

Because watercolor is a mixture of paint and water, the artist can achieve a transparency and fluidity.

She added that because watercolor is so fluid, it is also difficult to control, a fact she tells her students.

"To control the wash is what you are striving for," she explains.

Avery has been teaching for many years and considers it a large part of her art. For 10 years she took her students on trips to the Caribbean, Europe and Portugal, to name a few.

Encouraging her students is a large part of her success.

"Who's to be the judge if (the work) is good or bad? Art is expression. It is letting your soul out. Everybody has something to say,"Avery said.

She added she is more interested in expressing herself than the "prettiness" of the art.

"There was a metamorphosis to painting my feelings, instead of painting what I saw and being objective," Avery explained.

A series of four of her paintings, done in the '90s, exemplify this.

A bluesy "Clouds of Doubt" depicts Avery's questions in life, while a more orange "Threads of Time" says, "I'm getting older. I better get painting," said Avery.

Avery's grid, or "born again" paintings, are watercolors that didn't quite work on their own. She has torn up several different paintings and pieced them together to make compositions. Sometimes, she'll even paint over them.

Some grid paintings will take an hour. Others will take days, weeks or even months, said Avery.

Finished with her grid stage, at least for the moment, Avery has strived to capture sounds in her painting.

In "Night Sounds," one of her last paintings on display, one can almost feel the cold wind blowing and hear the sound of icicles melting.

Avery said she tried to arrange her work chronologically and by subject matter, so viewers can see a personal growth, even in the size of paper.

"When I first started I used small paper. As I became more confident I began working with larger sheets of paper," Avery said with a smile. "As we go around (the room), I'm getting more daring."

Avery, who was interested in art from a very early age, never had a time where she didn't paint.

Even when she got married and had three children, she kept painting.

"I gave them paper and we all painted together," she said.

Not surprisingly, two of her three children went into the art field. The other is an art lover.

Even her husband gets into the act. He creates the frames, and Avery confides, when they were courting, he painted two watercolors for her. He hasn't painted since.

Although spanning 40 years, the exhibit is by no means the end of the line for Avery. She is already thinking ahead to new projects, perhaps watercolors in a collage motif.

"I think I enjoy the journey. The experimentation for me is the challenge," said Avery.

"40 Years with Watercolor: A Virginia Avery Retrospective," is on display Friday, 10 to Feb. 16. The hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Call (617) 383-ARTS. Avery will also host a watercolor workshop, Feb. 1 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is $50 for non-members and $40 members. The docent gallery tour is Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.

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Gymnasts Throw Scare at Scituate

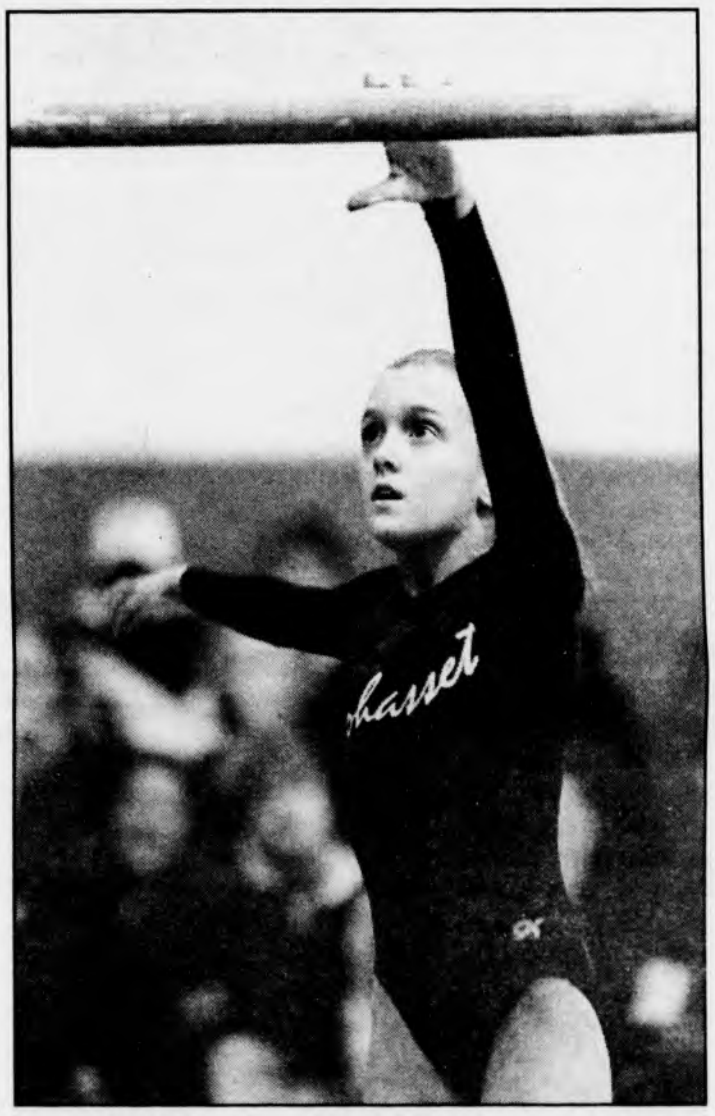
Lady Skippers Keep Champs in Check

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

There will be no fourth consecutive league championship for the Cohasset High gymnastics team.

But for a while, it looked as though the Lady Skippers might share the honor with undefeated Scituate this year.

Cohasset, who tied Scituate for the title in 1994 before winning it outright in '95 and '96, trailed Scituate by just over one point halfway through Monday's meet in its home gym. The Lady Sailors, however, put together a tremendous floor routine to all but clinch the league championship with a 127.8-125.8 win.



Kristin Sheerin gets ready for her bar routine during Cohasset's showdown against first-place Scituate.
Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Barring major upsets in the two remaining meets, the Lady Skippers could have clinched a tie for first with a victory over Scituate. Despite the loss, though, Cohasset practically guaranteed itself a rock-solid lock on second place with its 6-2 record. The Lady Skippers easily defeated their two remaining opponents, Carver and Norwell, the first time the teams met this season.

Cohasset head coach Erin Sutherland said she was pleased with the way her squad held tough with the Lady Sailors and likes the prospects for her team to possibly earn a South Sectional berth.

"I was really proud of them," Sutherland said. "We thought they could have been four points ahead. Scituate is a better team as far as scores go. They've scored a 130. We were really neck and neck going into the floor routine and they nailed their routine."

To no one's surprise, Scituate freshman star Gina Verge made a clean sweep of first place and further reaffirmed her position as the best gymnast in the conference. Verge finished with a 35.0 in the all-around. She was in complete control in every event, taking the bars (8.55), beam (9.0), vault (8.55) and floor (8.9).

The Lady Skippers, however, had several quality performances to stay well within striking distance of Scituate.

Erica and Tara Hettstrom finished second and third on the bars with scores of 7.55 and 7.45, respectively. Caitlin Flint took fourth with a 7.25. Scituate's Ginny Stone was second to Verge on the beam (8.15), but the Lady Skippers had a great night on the event, sweeping third through fifth. Jodi Colwill hit an 8.1, followed by Kristen Reynolds' 8.05 and Kristin Sheerin's 8.0 mark.

Colwill also took a second on the vault at 8.0. Tara Hettstrom was just behind, finishing third in 7.9. Sheerin and Reynolds recorded identical 7.8 scores for Cohasset.

Stone was runner-up to Verge on the floor routine (8.45) to help clinch the meet. Cohasset, however, had a strong night with Tara Hettstrom taking third in 8.35. Erica Hettstrom (8.2) Flint (8.1) and Meghan Pratt (7.6) hit strong scores as well.

Tara Hettstrom wound up in a tie for second with Stone on the all-around (31.05) and Sheerin took third (31.0).

"Our girls really pulled together and did well," Sutherland said.



Cohasset High gymnast Kristen Reynolds performs her beam routine during Monday night's meet against Scituate.
Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Cohasset Skippers Rout East Bridgewater Vikings

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In a game that was over midway through the first half, the Cohasset Skippers thrashed the East Bridgewater Vikings 73-54. Aided again by the scoring of Paul-Michael Quintin (15) and Ryan Bishop (14), this time it was J.L. Williams' 18 points, 12 of those from three-point land, which led the visitors.

But it was rock-solid Burke Davis who started the fire burning as he put the Skippers on the board with a three-pointer. Williams found Bishop down low for a couple and then stretched out the defense with a three-pointer. Davis found Jamie Buick for two points, then nailed the technical free throw, the result of a frustrated Viking slamming the ball to the floor. Williams' second trey pushed the Skippers out in front 14-2. Quintin made a nifty dribble move and found himself with an easy lefty lay-up, then nailed his first three of the game. Williams responded with one of his own. Quintin stepped into the passing lane to make a steal, hit the lay-up, got fouled, and hit the freebie to score three the old-fashioned way.

Quintin then knocked down two more technicals, these the results of the opinions being animatedly expressed from the sideline by EB's coach. Williams found Brian Kilroy underneath the hoop for two and Bishop stuck a turnaround. Buick sank a free throw and Williams' two from the line gave CHS a bulging lead of 35-12. Davis stuck a pair from the charity stripe and Buick tossed in one. Quintin and Williams both hit pull-up jumpers and the Skippers finished the half when sophomore Raheem Shepard found Davis for the lay-up.

Cohasset came out just as quickly in the second half, scoring eight straight points. Bishop took an inbounds pass from Williams to the hole for an easy deuce and Williams hit his fourth and final trey of the night. Quintin answered with one from beyond the arc himself. Bishop scored eight straight points with an eye-popping arsenal of lay-ups, turnarounds, and offensive tip-ins. Sophomore Jamie DeMichele fed Pat Hurley for two points, putting Cohasset ahead 62-35. Williams drove to the hole for a pair and DeMichele scored his first varsity points, much to the delight of the Cohasset JV squad, by icing a pair of free throws. Hurley drove baseline for a bucket and Buick did the same. Hurley picked up two more and John Kasameyer capped off the scoring for the Skippers with a free throw, bringing the final tally to 73-54.

The Skippers play host to the Abington Green Waves this Friday at 6:30 and will battle Hanover next Tuesday for first place in the South Shore League, a game which also will be played in the SkipperDome.

CHS Grapplers Pin 10-3 Record

The Cohasset High wrestling team rolled to three big wins this week in a four-team meet with North Quincy (38-14), Marshfield (45-27) and Braintree (50-16).

The three wins move the Skippers to a 10-3 record on the season.

Standout grapplers at the meet included:

Craig Sheerin at 103 pounds. He ended up with two wins.

Mike Baird at 119 pounds. He won two matches by pin.

Ben Littauer at 125 pounds. He won two matches by pin.

Kevin Duffy at 135 pounds. He won three matches by pin.

Doug Sheerin at 140 pounds. He won two matches.

Mike Rossi at 145 pounds. He won three matches.

Luke Caldwell at 152 pounds. He won two matches.

And Justin Buckley. He won two matches by pin.

The Skippers face Hanover on Wednesday and travel to Hingham Saturday morning for a 10 a.m. meet.

Pilgrim Conference Plan May Be History

Waiver Denial Could be Mortal Blow for Four League Format

By David McKee
COHASSET MARINER

Just as everybody was finally getting used to the new four-league Pilgrim Conference realignment for '97, a monkey wrench was thrown into the mix that could lead to a continuation of the old three-league format.

Last week the District C committee of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) refused to grant a needed waiver to the Pilgrim Conference realignment plan by a 3-2 vote. Now only the MIAA board of directors (scheduled to meet in early February) can save the re-alignment plan for '97 by granting a waiver.

The District C denial caught more than a few Pilgrim Conference school administrators off guard. (Under MIAA rules, any re-alignment plans require a two-year waiting period unless a waiver is granted.)

"I was totally stunned when I heard the news," said Duxbury High athletic director Debbie Brooks. Duxbury was slated to join the new Patriot League after competing the last few years in the Atlantic Coast League. "Unfortunately, it seems to me that this denial was another example of individual personalities and petty politics getting in the way of what is good for everyone. The four-league plan wasn't perfect but it was good for us and good for the majority of the schools in the Pilgrim Conference. Now I have no idea what is going on."

According to several South Shore school officials, three school administrators on the District C committee from the towns of North Attleboro, Walpole and Millis voted to deny the Pilgrim Conference waiver.

A Plymouth North administrator voted in favor of the waiver while a Weymouth High school administrator (athletic director Bob Donovan) didn't even attend the meeting.

The other favorable vote came from the committee chairman, a Hanover High administrator.

"I think more than a few phone calls were made to members of the District C committee to lobby for votes," Brooks said. "But all I know is all our re-alignment work was undone by three votes from schools that aren't even in our region. But that's the MIAA for you."

Given her choice, Brooks would disband the entire Pilgrim Conference and have the current Atlantic Coast League schools break off on their own. "But that's not going to happen," she said. "So my second choice would be to stay with the four-league plan. That's what we voted on and that's what appears best for everyone."

Donovan, who was reached at his office at Weymouth High school on Monday, said he could not attend the meeting last week because of a back injury.

"I would have supported the move but my vote didn't matter anyway because there wasn't enough support," Donovan said.

Pilgrim Conference member schools have a meeting scheduled for Jan. 30. At that meeting, the schools will decide whether to proceed with their waiver request to the MIAA board of directors. They will also decide whether Dennis-Yarmouth will move up to Old Colony League and whether Scituate and Rockland will trade places in the Atlantic Coast League and the South Shore League due to changing enrollment figures.

Scituate High athletic director and high school principal Leo Liatsos was extremely disappointed the waiver was denied.

"I was disappointed but it didn't catch me by surprise because there were a lot of contentious issues involved," he said. "But I've been around a long time and whenever you're dealing with the M.I.A.A., you can expect the unexpected. It is my view that logic did not prevail"

Liatsos also shared the opinion that the District C committee may have been swayed by politics and personalities.

"Let's just say I think the process was flawed," he said.

As for what this means for Scituate, Liatsos in uncertain.

"The Pilgrim Conference has some issues that really need to be worked out now that the waiver was turned down," he said. "We have to decide if we're going to go forward to the board of directors or take another course. Our view is that the four-league format was the way to go. We presented the four-league idea originally three years ago and it seemed that it was the best course for everyone involved."

Scituate High is scheduled to switch leagues with Rockland next year due to changing enrollment figures. However, that could change due to the District C vote.

Hingham High athletic director Bill Barges said the denial was a surprise.

"I thought the waiver would go through," he said. "I really didn't expect this. I think it's unfortunate that only five people can stop the work that all the Pilgrim Conference schools put in. If anything, maybe they could have given a conditional approval if they had some concerns. Instead they just shot it down."

Barges would like to see the four-league format in place.

"I would like to see the appeal pursued at the board of directors and the four-league format put into place," he said. "I liked the looks of the Patriot League and the flexibility it gave us for non-league games."

Norwell athletic director Bill Gerety said he was surprised as well by the waiver denial.

"This was just the second bite in the apple," Gerety said. "Things are kind of up in the air now, but a decision will have to be made soon because we have a lot of work to do on the schedules and the more we wait, the worse it will get."

Marshfield athletic director Ed Miller, who did not support the Pilgrim re-alignment plan, said staying with the three-league format next year would be fine with him.

He said any conference re-alignment should take more than just school enrollment into consideration. (The four-league Pilgrim plan was based totally on enrollment.)

"There are still too many problems with this move," he said. "One of the biggest would be the Super Bowl situation in football. Under the new plan, there would be four leagues and only three guaranteed Super Bowl slots. That is a big concern for a lot of people."

However, this Super Bowl football view is not shared by Brooks.

"To me that's the tail wagging the dog," she said of the football concerns about the new conference plan. "The Bay State League has two divisions and only one Super Bowl representative. Maybe something could be worked out to create another Super Bowl match-up with them."

Brooks also pointed out that two of the voters on District C committee are John Lee of Walpole (current athletic director and former Super Bowl winning football coach) and Ray Beaupre (current athletic director and also Super Bowl winning football coach at North Attleboro.)

"You have to think of the big picture and think of the kids," she said. "That's what I believe, at least. I'm certainly not in this for the money or the glory."

Current Pilgrim Conference

Old Colony League
Weymouth - 1,727 (enrollment)
Barnstable - 1,706
Taunton - 1,619
Silver Lake - 1,615
Falmouth - 1,471
B-R - 1,425
Plymouth South - 1,338
North Quincy - 1,265
Quincy - 1,236

Atlantic Coast League
Dennis-Yarmouth - 1,143
Marshfield - 1,083
Plymouth North - 1,074
Whitman-Hanson - 1,003
Randolph - 914
Sandwich - 908
Hingham - 822
Middleboro - 819
Duxbury - 806
Rockland - 623

South Shore League
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Cohasset Skippers Drop Norwell Clippers

Cohasset hosted a tough Norwell team last Tuesday and beat the Clippers, winning a 69-59 decision. Led by Paul-Michael Quintin's 17 points and Ryan Bishop's 16 and the good all-around play of Jamie Buick, the Skippers overcame a Norwell run late in the game.

Bishop started the game with an offensive putback and J.L. Williams popped a deep three-pointer. Buick grabbed an offensive board and laid it in for two more, and Quintin's jumper made it 9-2 in favor of the Skippers. Senior point guard and captain Burke Davis hit a trey and Quintin got two more with a lay-up. Buick's free throw and Bishop's tip-in put the Skippers ahead 17-4, but Norwell fought back. Despite a bucket by Pat Hurley and a free throw by Quintin, the Clippers went on a 14-3 run, stopped only when Jamie Buick made a nice move to the hoop for a pair. Quintin stuck one from beyond the arc and Bishop took a nice pass from Buick to the rack for a basket. Cohasset finished the half when Buick made a nice steal and laid it in and when Davis found Hurley for two, making the halftime score 31-25.

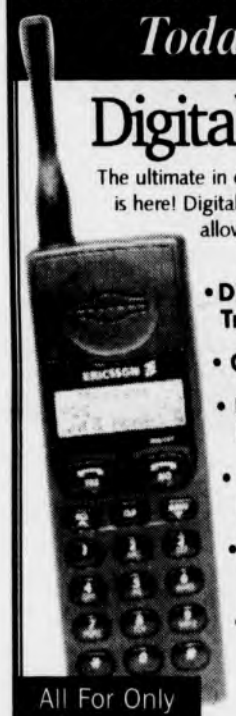
Davis led off the second half kissing the ball in off the glass and then knocking down a three pointer. Bishop muscled his way under the hoop for a reverse lay-up and Buick nailed two free throws. Bishop took an offensive charge which gave CHS the ball back and led to Buick's free throw. However, Norwell showed their heart by coming back and actually taking the lead, 45-43 with six minutes to go. But Bishop tied it up and Buick pushed Cohasset ahead with a free throw. Hurley drove for a nice hoop and Quintin nailed another three. Bishop hit a freebie and Williams knocked down a three, his second of the night. Davis drove to the hole for two more and backcourt mate Quintin hit a runner in the paint. Bishop's turnaround over 6'9" Norwell center Matt Lewis was the clincher for Cohasset and Quintin followed that with a lay-up. Williams nailed his third and final trey of the game and the Skippers finished off with free throws from Hurley and Bishop, making the final score of the game 69-59, in Cohasset's favor.

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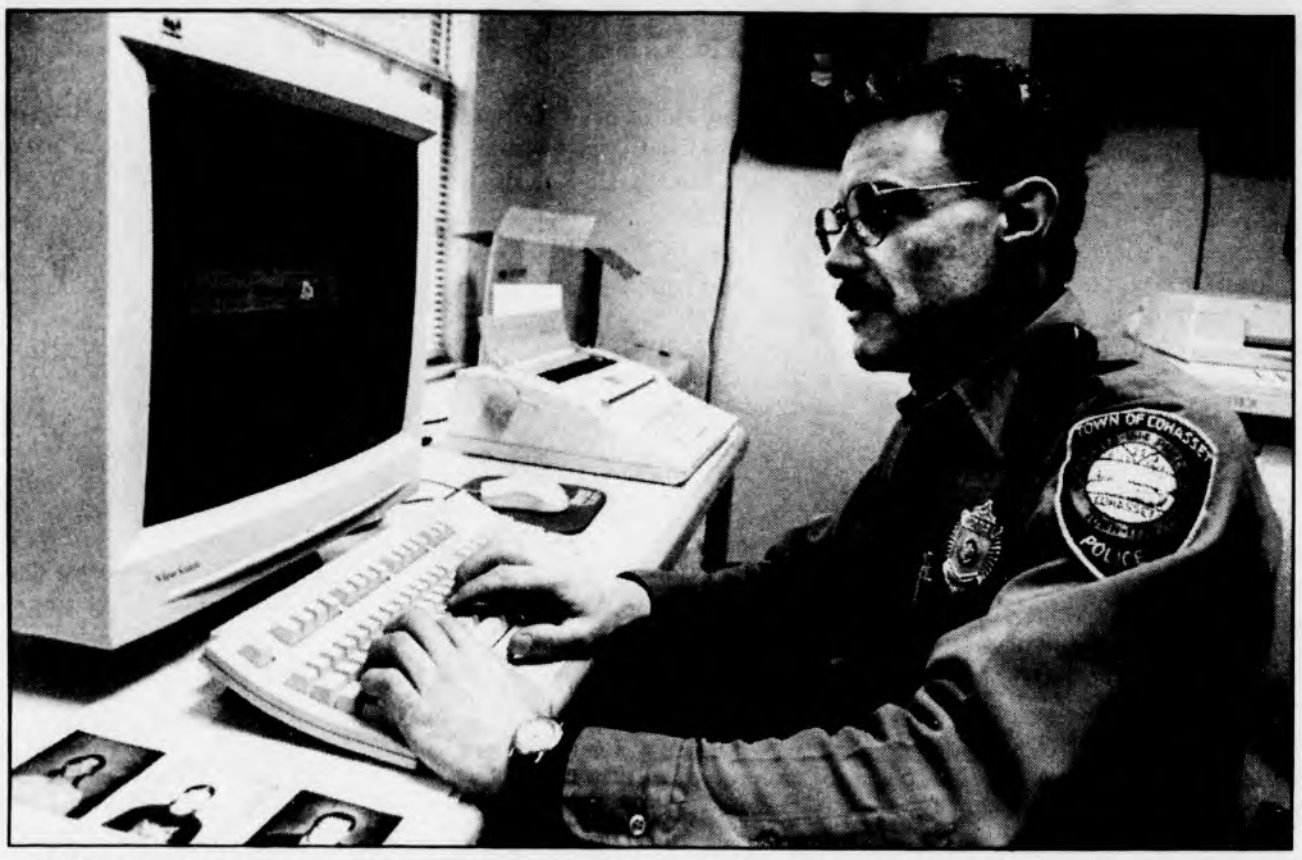
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Officer Rick Yocum works on the new computer at the police station. The computer system was paid for through a federal grant.

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Federal Grant Pays for Computers

Thanks to a $27,500 federal grant, the police department has been outfitted with a new state-of-the-art computer system that includes digital imaging cameras and a lap-top computer.

Police Chief Brian Noonan explained that the purpose of the COPS MORE grant is to get more police out on the street. He said the computer system drastically reduces the paperwork for officers. An arrest for "operating under the influence," for example required that nine or ten forms be filled out. Now that task is all computerized.

The digital camera does not use film and therefore eliminates the use of a photo lab. The image is imported right into the computer and can be pulled up on the screen.

The computer center at the police station includes two work stations, a scanner and color printer.

Officer Rick Yocum helped write the grant application.

Theft at Sunoco Station

Police say a theft at the Sunoco Station across from Stop & Shop on Route 3A may be related to similar incidents in Scituate and Hingham because the perpetrators used the same modus operandi.

The Cohasset incident was reported at 6:10 a.m., Monday when the business owner discovered the break.

Police Sgt. Robert Jackson said the thieves smashed the glass on the door to gain entry and made off with an undetermined amount of cash and cigarettes. The burglary occurred between 2 and 6 a.m., Jackson said.

Hingham officers responded to an alarm at the Hingham Harbor Sunoco at 2 a.m. Monday. A window had been smashed, but no entry was gained. The owner was able to determine that nothing was missing.

Jackson said there were two similar incidents in Scituate.

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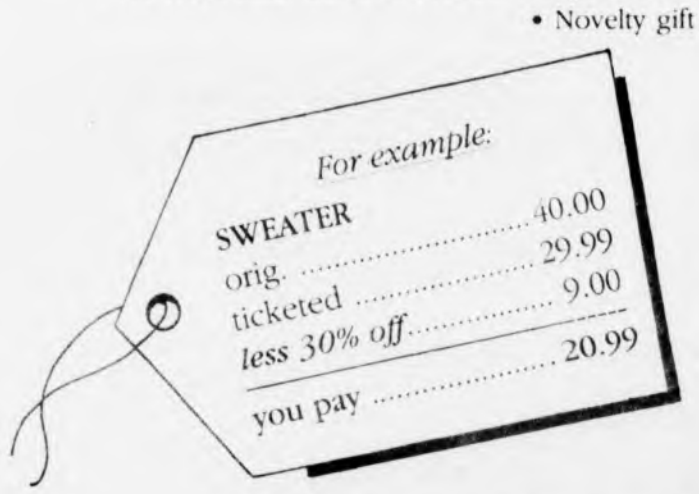
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Police Report

Monday, Jan. 20

12:30 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:39 p.m., animal complaint, Lantern Ln.
1:10 a.m., assist citizen, N. Main St.
6:35 a.m., assist other agency, CJC Hwy.
11:30 a.m., officer wanted, King St.
3:11 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
4:07 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
4:24 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
4:30 p.m., property (lost), Joy Pl.
5:56 p.m., well being check, Border St.
6:21 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:10 p.m., general services, Windsor Rd.
7:27 p.m., well being check, Border St.
8:26 p.m., parking violation, N. Main St.
8:38 p.m., MV violations, Highland Ave.
11:56 p.m., fire, structure, Samoset Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

1:02 a.m., assist other PD, School St.
1:16 a.m., MV stop, Cedar Acres Ln.
1:22 a.m., general services, Cushing Rd.
1:31 a.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.
1:34 a.m., MV stop, King St.
6:17 a.m., medical aid, Bayberry Ln.
7:28 a.m., animal complaint, Parker Ave.
3:50 p.m., officer wanted, James Ln.
4:10 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
4:32 p.m., officer wanted, King St.
5:58 p.m., officer wanted, Hammond

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Police Report

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Ave.
7:00 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:33 p.m., MV stop, Elm St.
11:21 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:50 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

12:53 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
2:20 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
2:30 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
6:00 a.m., burglary B&E, Pond St.
6:33 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:20 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.
10:45 .am., general services, CJC Hwy.
11:24 a.m., wires down, N. Main St.
11:33 a.m., medical aid, Joy Pl.
12:43 p.m., parking violation, CJC Hwy.
1:03 p.m., animal complaint, Ripley Rd.
1:15 p.m., general services, Otis Ave.
1:44 p.m., MV vehicle stop, S. Main St.
2:01 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
2:31 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
2:56 p.m., well being check, S. Main St.
3:33 p.m., general services, King St.
3:43 p.m., assist citizen, Elm St.
4:35 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
7:09 p.m., assist other agency, Lamberts Ln.
7:33 p.m., arrest, Lamberts Ln.: Curry, Paula M., 22 Lamberts Ln., DOB: 6/06/58, default warrant shoplifting.
10:22 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
10:41 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.
11:38 p.m., suspicious auto, Cushing Plaza.

Thursday, Jan. 23

8:23 a.m., transport, from HQ to Hingham District Ct.
10:49 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:54 p.m., MV stop, King St.
3:10 p.m., MV accident, Ripley Rd.
3:45 p.m., property (found), N. Main St.
4:23 p.m., property (lost), Atlantic Ave.
5:07 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
8:10 p.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.
9:10 p.m., officer wanted, Mill Ln.
9:35 p.m., annoying phone calls, Mill Ln.
10:28 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.

Friday, Jan. 24

2:50 a.m., general services, S. Main St.
10:22 a.m., MV stop, 3A by Pond St.
5:34 p.m., well being check, Elm St.
6:29 p.m., robbery, armed, CJC Hwy.
7:06 p.m., medical aid, Wilshire Dr.
11:34 p.m., disturbance, Beechwood St.
11:35 p.m., suspicious auto, White Head Rd.
11:50 p.m., MV accident, Beechwood St.

Saturday, Jan. 25

12:50 a.m., animal complaint, Highland Ave.
12:52 a.m., general services, Beach St.
12:57 a.m., disturbance, Beechwood St.
1:16 a.m., arrest, Beechwood St.: Madge, Peter K., 43 Beechwood St., DOB: 3/04/65, charges: assault by dangerous weapon., poss. firearm, no license, violation of a protective order, armed assault w/intent to murder.
2:12 a.m., suspicious person, King St.
2:48 a.m., assist other PD, Forest Notch.
9:00 a.m., MV stop, S. Main by Spring St.
9:40 a.m., larceny, King St.
11:07 a.m., transport, police HQ to Plymouth County Jail.
12:56 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
5:05 p.m., larceny, Nichols Rd.
6:51 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
8:38 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:43 p.m., MV stop, Rocky Ln.
8:47 p.m.., MV stop, Margin St.
9:08 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:23 p.m., investigation, Lighthouse Ln.
11:08 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
11:22 p.m, MV stop, S. Main St.

Sunday, Jan. 26

12:04 a.m., suspicious (other), Beechwood St.
12:05 p.m.., medical aid, Windy Hill Rd.,
3:06 p.m., property damage, Beechwood St.
3:56 p.m., assist motorist, Elm St.
4:11 p.m., medical aid, Bow St.
4:40 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
10:21 p.m., transport, S. Main St.
10:45 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.

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Enrollment has also begun for a new class on Unitarian Universalism, which will commence on Sunday, March 9. The book study course, meeting on three consecutive Sunday mornings, 9 to 10 a.m., is also open to both parishioners and the community. The book to be studied is "Our Chosen Faith," by the Rev. John A. Beuhrens and the Rev. F. Forrester Church, written when they were co-ministers at the Unitarian Universalist All Souls Church in New York City. The Rev. Buehrens is currently president of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The books will be available before the course starts Sunday, March 9. It will meet again at the same time March 16 and 23 in the Unitarian Parish House at 23 N. Main St. To register and order a copy of the book, call the parish office at 383-1100 during office hours.

The "Rev. Jenny" says that she is offering the course for those who seek enlightenment "perhaps to better understand a religion that has been hailed as one that challenges the mind, touches the heart and awakens the soul, or perhaps to reexamine their own responses to the only two basic facts that all humanity knows for certain — that each of us exists and that each of us will die."

Encore! Concert Feb. 8

It's *ENCORE!* time again! The pops-style choral concert is being presented by the Unicorn Singers and Broad Cove Chorale Feb. 8 at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in So. Hingham.

ENCORE! has sold out for the past three years on Saturday evening; patrons are urged to get their tables for six together immediately! Highlights of this year's concert will be staged and costumed medleys from "A Chorus Line" and "Kismet", and a Valentine sing-along of Gershwin classics with orchestra.

ENCORE! reprises many of the two choral groups' best-loved selections from their popular fall galas, and combines a great variety of music (spirituals, folksongs, close harmony, madrigals, jazz, barbershop, opera and Broadway) with humorous, original segments written especially for the group.

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Gary Ritts is Citizen of the Year

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

This has been a big week for the Rev. Gary Ritts.

He celebrated his 10th anniversary as minister of the Second Congregational Church and was selected as the Cohasset Mariner 1996 Citizen of the Year.

And although after many years in the pulpit, Ritts is used to the limelight, he is humble about all this attention.

"It is embarrassing and certainly flattering," he said. "I don't think I deserve it alone. So many people have been a part of what people say is my success."

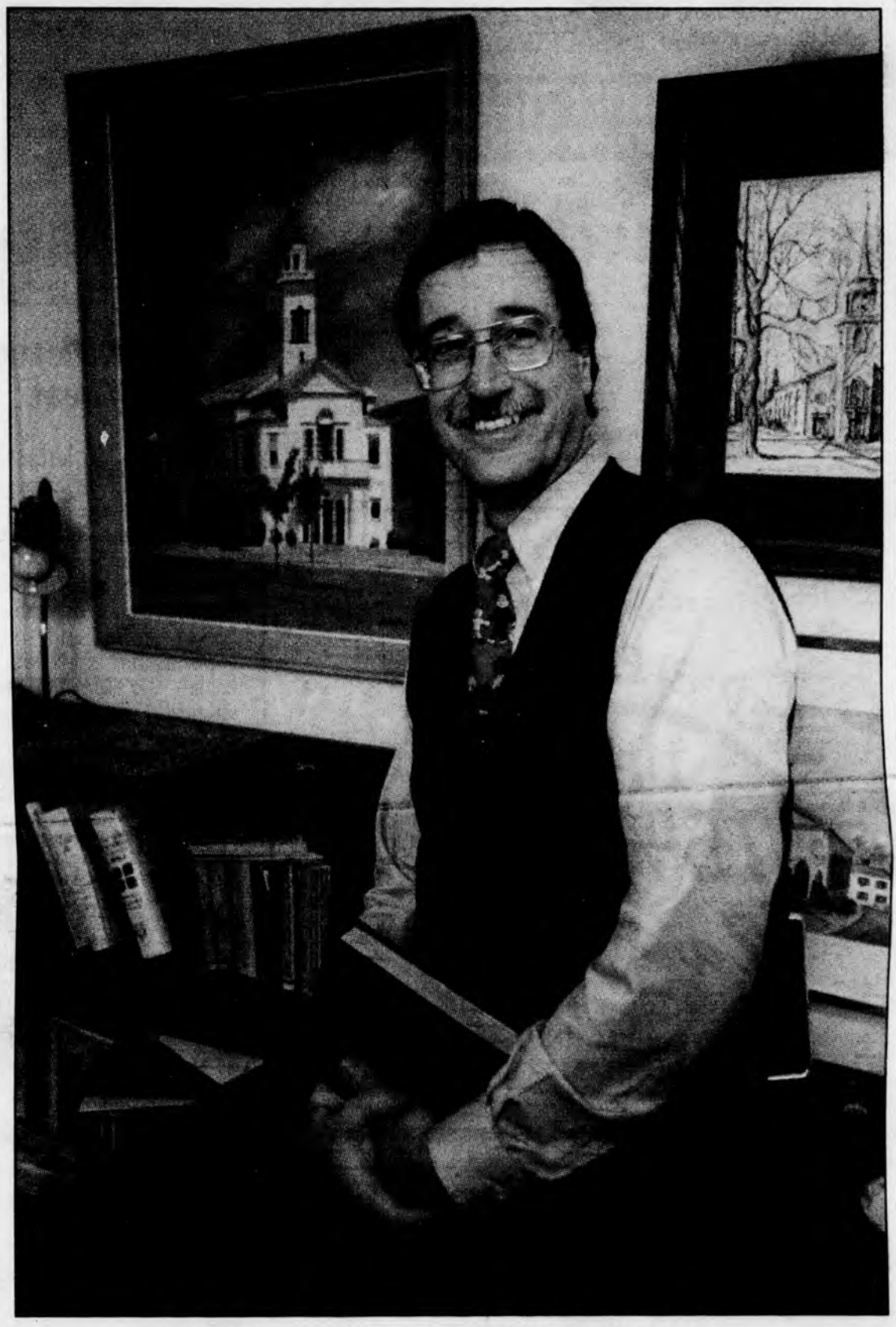
It is Ritts' work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) — an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers — that led to his selection as the Citizen of the Year.

The five-member selection committee, consisting of residents Martha Gjesteby, Marion Douglas, Clark Chatterton, Osborne Ingram and Cohasset Mariner editor, Mary Ford selected Ritts from 14 nominees submitted by 33 local citizens and families.

In their nomination of Ritts, Bob and Jean Thompson of Reservoir Road said Ritts has made a difference.

"He instituted the involvement of Cohasset young people from all churches in the Appalachia Service Project. We feel that in addition to helping people in need, these young people

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The Rev. Gary Ritts is the 1996 Citizen of the Year.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Non-Compliance Does Not Pay

Merchants Penalized for Tobacco Sales to Minors

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The health board handed out warnings to four businesses caught selling cigarettes to minors in a compliance check conducted by the South Shore Tobacco Collaborative Jan. 24, and imposed a fine and a license suspension on one business that committed its second violation in the last 12 months.

Susan Cronin of the Tobacco Collaborative said four businesses committed first -time violations: CVS in Tedeschi Plaza, Verc Mobil station on Route 3A at Sohier Street, Walgreen's in the former Cushing Plaza and Tedeschi's Market on South Main Street in Cohasset Village.

Cronin said Cohasset Sunoco station on Route 3A at King Street committed its second offense in the last 12 months.

'I'm very disheartened by this. It's not only against the law; it's just not right. But I can't be there 24 hours a day.'
—Jerry Freeman, who runs Cohasset Sunoco

The collaborative conducts three compliance checks per year to ensure that businesses are not selling cigarettes to minors.

In the latest compliance check, two 16-year-old girls tried to buy cigarettes at the 14 Cohasset stores that sell tobacco products. The collaborative's under-age confederates are instructed to give an ID to merchants if asked to provide proof of age. Both girls carried IDs that showed they were born in 1980.

"I'm very disappointed that these stores sold cigarettes to minors," said Health Agent Joseph Godzik. "When we started the program, nobody sold the first time. The next time, two stores sold to minors and now it's up to five. There is a merchant education program; they're not in a vacuum. I don't know what more we can do."

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Cohasset's Week

Town Census Mailed

The Town Census for 1997 has been mailed to all Cohasset households, the town clerk said this week.

The local census is primarily used to maintain voting and jury lists but it is also used for school enrollment projections and public safety and senior center needs. The local census also establishes proof of residency which is often needed for certain privileges, such as transfer station stickers and cemetery rights, certain veterans benefits and reduced tuition rates at state colleges and universities.

Dog forms were enclosed with the census. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 1997. If you did not receive a census form, call 383-9900. The census must be returned by Feb. 21.

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Sat. 8	11:24	12.2	5:11	11:58	11.3	5:44
Sun. 9	——	——	6:30	12:16	12.1	6:34
Mon. 10	12:48	11.5	6:56	1:09	11.8	7:24
Tues. 11	1:39	11.4	7:49	2:02	11.3	8:15
Wed. 12	2:32	11.2	8:44	2:58	10.6	9:07
Thurs. 13	3:26	10.8	9:41	3:56	9.9	10:02

Tides at all ports from Annisquam to Wellfleet are within 10 minutes of the above.

Town Won't Buy Pompeo Property

Selectmen agreed with the Open Space Committee and will not recommend the town buy the Pompeo property off Forest Avenue.

In a memo to selectmen, Susan Cope of the Open Space Committee said the committee recommends the town exercise its right of first refusal.

"The committee is involved with the current acquisition of the Turkey Hill property which requires the expenditure of both town and state monies, and is unable to determine a source for the money that would be needed for this second acquisition project."

Sidewalk Looks Great

In a Jan. 20 letter to selectmen, Ham Tewksbury, 81 Elm St., praised the job that's been done on the small section of sidewalk on South Main Street below St. Stephen's Church.

"Just clearing the brush, leaves, stones and some small saplings has done wonders. It makes the sidewalk more of a sidewalk without even touching the ledge.

"So — good job!!!" he said.

Upcoming Meetings are Noted

The following meetings have been posted outside the town clerk's office at town hall:

- Advisory Committee, 8 p.m., Feb. 11.
- Board of Health, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 11.
- Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 20.
- Greenbush Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 11 & 27.
- Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 10
- Library Trustees, 8 p.m., Feb. 12.
- Planning Board, 8 p.m., Jan. 29.
- School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 6, AV room at the high school.
- School Facilities Committee, 7 p.m., Feb. 12.
- Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 10..
- Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. March 12.
- Water Commission, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6.
- Water Resources Protection Committee, 8 p.m., Feb. 26.

All meetings are at town hall unless otherwise noted. Room locations are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule at town hall on the day of the meeting. Check with the town clerk or the particular board's office at town hall (383-9900) for any cancellations.

Nomination Papers are Ready

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election are available at the town clerk's office and must be turned in by March 17.

The following positions will be available: Selectmen — one for three years; School Committee — two for three years; Trustee Paul Pratt Memorial Library — three for three years; Assessor one for three years; Board of Health — one for three years; Cohasset Housing Authority — one for five years; Planning Board - one for five years; Recreation Commission — three for five years; Sewer Commission — one for three years; and Water Commission — one for three years.

Wednesday, March 19, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election. Registration forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before the deadline.

Osgood Committee has Vacancies

The Osgood School Reuse Committee has been expanded to nine members and needs some recruits, Selectman Peter Pratt said Monday. The charge town meeting gave to the committee is to maximize the sale value of the property and to bring it onto the tax rolls, Pratt pointed out. Up to three more members are needed. Interested citizens should contact the selectmen's office at 383-9900.

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Jerusalem Road Project Put On Ice

By Jason Bouffard
COHASSET MARINER

Neighbors, who oppose, the proposed Jerusalem Road development can rest easy – for now.

The plan, which calls for the construction of a 45-acre, 28-lot housing complex in the existing Curtis Estate woods and wetlands, was "withdrawn without prejudice," according to Planning Board Chairman Al Moore. He said that developer Steve Corey is not ready to present a definitive plan to the board.

Moore supported the move as the right thing to do for the sake of the community.

"It isn't fair to those people coming to town hall and waiting to hear of the fate of their neighborhood," he said.

A public hearing planned in December to discuss the proposal had been cancelled at the request of the developer, who has reported needing more time to comprise an adequate plan.

"We'll talk about setting a date in the future (to resume discussions)," Moore said. "They'll come back when they're ready."

The news should bring temporary relief to the neighbors of the proposed complex, most of whom came out in opposition to the development at both public hearings held in the fall.

Residents near or abutting the proposed site expressed concerns about the increase in traffic that would result from an additional 28 families.

Others have talked about inadequate sidewalks along the streets that surround the site, and, should the development proceed, the compounded safety concerns for children who wait along area roads for school buses.

Still others have expressed concerns regarding flooding and the potential displacement of wildlife, including deer, foxes and coyotes. During the September public hearing, one man pointed out that the current plans would leave a 12-foot cliff along his driveway, due to alterations in terrain necessary for proper drainage.

At that hearing, the planning board first took notice that the presented plan appeared incomplete, lacking the definitive figures which would allow the board to make a judgment. At a later hearing held in November, Moore suggested that the plan had not progressed enough since September to move the project along.

After extension requests by the developer forced the postponement of any further hearings, Corey decided to go back to the drawing board to iron out the issues that are holding up the process.

"There are serious issues with regard to the proposed access road," Moore said, offering a brief explanation of the nature of the delays.

It is unclear as to when the talks can be expected to resume.

Private Trust Lends Money for Land Purchase

Directors of the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private nonprofit environmental group, last week (Jan. 28) voted to lend the Town of Cohasset $174,960 toward the purchase of Turkey Hill. The loan bridges a gap that remains in funding joint acquisition of the property by the towns of Cohasset and Hingham pending release of money from State "Self-Help" grants to both towns. The Trustees of Reservations, which will manage the open-space property, has loaned the Town of Hingham $262,440 for the same purpose.

State grant money is expected before the end of the state's fiscal year, June 30. Closing on the purchase of the Turkey Hill property from the Saponaro family is scheduled for late March.

In other actions, the Cohasset Conservation Trust Board elected three new director/trustees and made two grants for environmental education programs to Cohasset public schools.

The newly-elected directors are Richard J. Avery, Ellen M. Freda and Jeffrey C. Waal, all Cohasset residents.

The trust board voted an $8,000 grant to allow naturalist Ellyn Einhorn of Massachusetts Audubon's Marshfield Sanctuary staff to continue working this year with students and teachers of the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools, utilizing classrooms and nature trails between the two schools, as she did last year, also on a Conservation Trust grant.

In addition, the trust voted $500 to fund a Cohasset High School program enabling David Clapp, Mass. Audubon's Marshfield Sanctuary Director, to lecture and lead student field trips through local conservation properties to observe birds and other wildlife in natural habitats.

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Non-Compliance

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Merchants that commit first-time violations are subject to up to a $100 fine, a warning, and participation in a mandatory merchant education program for all employees. Merchants that commit a second violation are subject to a $200 fine, a suspension of their license to sell tobacco products for up to seven days, and participation in the education program.

Each merchant was asked to send a representative to the health board to explain the reasons for the violation.

Members of the health board voted unanimously to impose the maximum penalty on Cohasset Sunoco for its second violation.

"I'm very disheartened by this," said Jerry Freeman, who runs Cohasset Sunoco. "It's not only against the law; it's just not right. But I can't be there 24 hours a day."

Freeman said the employee who sold the cigarettes no longer works at the station. He also asked the health board to reduce the fine to $100, but members felt the wording of the regulation would not allow a reduction.

"This is very difficult for us," Freeman said.

The board also suspended Cohasset Sunoco's license to sell tobacco products for seven days. Freeman must remove all tobacco products from his station Feb. 10 through Feb. 16.

Members of the health board waived the $100 fine for the other four businesses, issued verbal warnings, and ordered them to participate in the collaborative's merchant education program for employees.

Paul Vercollone, the owner of Verc Mobil, said his employee asked the girl for her ID., but miscalculated her age. Vercollone added that he admires the work the collaborative performs.

"They keep businesses on their toes," Vercollone said.

Bob Mahoney, a field representative for Tedeschi, said he was disheartened by the violation.

"We work hard as far as sales of cigarettes to minors," Mahoney said. "None of us at Tedeschi are proud of this; there's no excuse."

Cronin said the clerk at Tedeschi's looked at the girl's ID, but still sold her the cigarettes.

"The person who sold the cigarettes told the girl 'I don't know where to find the birth date', and when the girl pointed out the birth date, still sold her the cigarettes," Cronin said.

"The troubling thing about this case is the clerk actually looked at the ID," said health board member Alix White.

Mahoney said all Tedeschi employees are educated about tobacco laws, and the worker who sold the cigarettes had been reprimanded.

Cronin said a CVS employee also sold cigarettes to one of the girls after looking at her ID. CVS Manager Brian Foley said the employee who sold the cigarettes had been suspended for two weeks.

"We have a lot of built-in systems to defend against this," Cronin said. "The register alerts employees to check IDs on all cigarette sales if the customer appears younger than 25. The employee must perform a key sequence to complete all tobacco sales."

Cronin said the Walgreen's employee who sold the cigarettes also looked at the girl's ID, but still sold her the cigarettes.

Collaborative member Dawn Sibor also warned merchants that teenagers have been stealing nicotine gum and patches from drug stores. Nicotine patches have recently been made available without a prescription, Sibor said.

Sibor said teens like to combine patches, gum and cigarettes for a more intense, and potentially lethal, effect. She advised managers from both CVS and Walgreen's to move patches and nicotine gum from shelves to glass cases.

Despite the increased number of violations, Godzik said the town would continue the merchant education program.

The collaborative is funded by a 25-cent per pack cigarette tax and offers an on-going program of education. Merchant training sessions have been held throughout the South Shore to update retailers on the law and how to comply with it. Correct signage and information about methods to identify teens are also provided.

The organization shares a state-wide tobacco control goal of decreasing tobacco use 50 percent by 1999.

Carol Meyer contributed material to this story.

Public Forum on Lobster Lab Tomorrow

Educators, parents, grandparents, students, friends of students and concerned citizens are invited to a public information forum to discuss the proposed Learning Laboratory for Marine Biology and Genetic Research, to be held in the cafeteria of the Cohasset High School at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7.

Questions raised by the selectmen and attendees will be addressed. The potential benefits of encouraging student interest in science and research, and the considerable impact that genetics will have on world food supply and on medical diagnosis and treatment, are strong arguments against letting the proposal expire. Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation therefore has voted to adopt and implement the Learning Lab project, which was conceived by Dr. Kevin Ulmer, a scientist well versed in genetics and biology. It is proposed to lease the former Cohasset Colonials showroom on Parker Avenue (the Hagerty Building) from the town at $1 per year on a 10 year renewable lease. Cost of establishing and operating the lab would be borne by donations and grants from educational and scientific foundations, not from town revenues.

Other forums will be provided at the same place on Feb. 25 and March 5, so that voters should be well prepared to vote on issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to lease the building at the Special Town Meeting March 29.

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Future Sewer Users Want Fairness

How Projects Will Be Paid For Explained

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Fairness seemed to be the recurring theme at a public forum on the proposed Central Cohasset sewer project Tuesday.

About 70 residents attended the two-plus hour meeting to air their concerns mostly about how deep they'll have to reach into their pockets to pay for the $13.4 million sewer expansion.

Plans are to ask town meeting to approve the Central Cohasset project with an opportunity for a 50 percent subsidy from the town contingent on a successful debt exclusion Proposition 2-1/2 override ballot question that would be put before voters sometime after town meeting.

An override is needed because half the cost of the project cannot be absorbed within the tax limits set by Proposition 2-1/2, a state law limiting the amount a town can raise its tax levy without an override.

If the project is approved at town meeting, but the override fails, sewer users would be assessed 100 percent of the project's costs.

With the 50 percent subsidy, all taxpayers would pay about $117 a year over 20 years based on a mean home assessment of $308,000. Existing users would pay an additional $88 and new users would pay an additional $431. Users would also pay operating and maintenance fees of about $400 a year.

Without the subsidy, existing users would pay $175 a year for 20 years and new users would pay $863 in addition to the $400 estimated in annual operating and maintenance fees.

Last March, the north Cohasset project was approved with the 50 percent shared town/user payment plan contingent on an override vote. That override narrowly failed at the ballot box leaving the 345 homeowners in north Cohasset with the prospect of paying 100 percent of the $6.6 million project which hooks them up to the sewer treatment plant in Hull. The central Cohasset project upgrades Cohasset's wastewater treatment plant and extends service to about 600 homes not currently on the sewer.

The town is under a court order to solve its sewer and septic problems and will face fines of as much as $10,000 a day if it doesn't comply, Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild said.

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Officials say they will ask next month's annual town meeting in a joint "catch-all" warrant article to approve shared town/user funding, contingent on an override, for both the central and north Cohasset projects and to replace some on-site septic systems in critical environmental areas.

This would give north Cohasset another bite of the apple, so to speak, and provide the homeowners in central Cohasset with the opportunity to seek a 50 percent town subsidy for the project. Selectmen and sewer commissioners say they are optimistic that a joint override would pass because it would benefit both areas.

Guild said he is virtually certain town meeting will approve the projects but if it shouldn't, a special town meeting would be scheduled to address the issue again because of the specter of the steep fines.

Diane Sullivan, 708 Jerusalem Rd,; Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Rd.; and James "Russ" Lennon, 20 Tad Lane have appeared before innumerable selectmen's and sewer meetings to keep the issue of north Cohasset, being saddled with the entire cost of the sewer project in their part of town, before the public.

They were on hand again Tuesday to talk about fairness and to urge their counterparts in central Cohasset to get educated on the sewer issue.

"When you support the town meeting article, it is incumbent that you remember to support the Prop. 2-1/2 override," Sullivan said or the 50/50 shared payment plan will not go through.

If approved at town meeting, design specifications can be ready by June 30, the contract awarded by Nov 30, 1998 and the system operational by June 30, 2000, town engineers said Tuesday.

Arne Gjesteby, 81 Old Pasture Rd., pointed out that it is not fair for central Cohasset residents to have to pay for adding sewer service to the new Osgood School and Deer Hill School which should be paid for by all taxpayers. Ed Goff, 4 Ledgewood Drive, said it is unfair that existing users have been heavily subsidized by the town for nearly three decades. He suggested they be charged more to make up for it but was told that was impossible for legal reasons.

Guild explained that the pipes already run by those houses and homeowners cannot be assessed betterments for something they already have. Existing sewer users, however, will pay for the upgrades to the treatment plant.

A special public forum on the north/central Cohasset sewer warrant article and other sewer articles is slated for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 12 at the town hall auditorium. Other articles include approving an inter-municipal agreement with Hingham to share their pumping station and force main at West Corner which is part of the north Cohasset project; taking of easements on private ways; and appropriating money for legal expenses, water proofing of man holes, and rewriting the sewer rules and regulations.

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Many Fine Citizens Nominated for Annual Award

The Cohasset Mariner received 14 nominees for its annual Citizen of the Year Award from 33 individuals and families.

The Rev. Gary Ritts minister of the Second Congregational Church was selected by a committee of five consisting of Martha Gjesteby, 81 Old Pasture Rd.; Town Clerk Marion Douglas, 404 Beechwood St.; Clark Chatterton, 9 Red Gate Lane; Osborne Ingram, 274 Beechwood St.; and Mary Ford — editor of the Cohasset Mariner.

The other nominees were:

• Anna Abbruzzese, for giving so much of herself to the senior citizens, the Farmer's Market, church, the revitalization and beautification of the village, and other civic and community endeavors.

• Tom Cook & Alix White, for voting to deny the proposed expansion of Cohasset Heights Landfill after sitting through three months of site assignment hearings.

• Herb Jason, for working diligently in many projects for the citizens of Cohasset including the Minot Ledge Light Replica and for collecting for the Toys for Tots, which helps needy children.

• Rose Kierce, for her overall commitment to both the community and her family, including driving the bus for senior citizens, helping out at senior citizen lunches, working with the S.H.A.R.E. program, and her work at the Pine Street Inn, all while raising eight children and helping out with six grandchildren.

• Bob Martin, a fine, helpful gentleman, who is one of many wonderful people who give of themselves whole heartedly.

• John K. McNabb, Jr., and the volunteers of SAFE, including Kevin O'Donnell, Jim Kinch, and Linda Keller, for their outstanding work on behalf of protecting Cohasset's watershed and environment.

• Marjorie Murphy, Deer Hill School librarian, for her love and concern for every child passing through the doors of the school and that they will all leave with a love of reading.

• Kevin O'Keeffe, for working harder and longer than anyone to dig up facts regarding air quality issues surrounding restoration of the train.

• Glenn Pratt, for his devotion to veterans with the Vietnam war memorial, renaming the town squares for these same veterans, his work on the cemetery committee, and his invaluable assistance to the Community Center.

• Ralph Peroncello, a member of the Housing Authority and retired fire-fighter, for organizing the Cohasset chapter of the VFW and for his many hours behind the scenes getting ready for Memorial Day, and as caretaker of Central Cemetery.

• John Small, for his 10-year involvement with the Toys for Tots which provides toys to needy children, for delivering Santa by boat for the Jingle Bell Walk, his work on the Minot Light Replica and bell restoration, and for the benefit auto show for the family of a Scituate accident victim.

• Marjorie Steele, for her cheerful and unflagging leadership of the Cohasset Food Pantry.

• David H. Wadsworth, for translating his enthusiasm for the history of Cohasset into engrossing accounts of our town's beginnings and its journey to the present and for being ever ready to discuss these events.

Citizen of the Year

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have undergone significant personal growth.

"In many obvious ways, and some that are not well known, Gary is a positive force for good in this town," they wrote.

Ritts, a native of Ohio, explained that he and his wife, Judy, "brought" ASP with them from Connecticut, where Ritts had served as youth minister for 4-1/2 years before coming to Cohasset.

ASP, a non-profit organization founded in 1969, is a home repair and home building ministry serving central Appalachia that annually attracts 7,000 volunteers from across the country.

In 1988, the Rittses took seven Cohasset teens to Presque Isle, Maine to work with two native American families.

This year 84 volunteers have signed up and there's a waiting list for the week-long trip to Campbell County, Tennessee.

The program has become so well known that it has "sold itself," Ritts said, noting ASP has 180 alumni in town.

"All we did was introduce it. The power of the experience itself has touched a lot of people," he said.

Ritts said he finds the success of ASP in Cohasset to be very rewarding. He points out that in an affluent town, the experience can have a profound effect on its volunteers, who sleep on the floors in the school gym during the project.

"I think if nothing else, it gives them a picture of whom many think are ignorant and have nothing. They go down and meet these people and find they are intelligent in a different way.

"They know how to put roofs on houses, and they are not poor in relationships. Some of the families are much richer in their support of each other and their caring," Ritts said.

Ritts is also well-known around town for his involvement with Harborfest, which is part of the annual Festival on the Common in June. Ritts presides over the Blessing of the Fleet, marches with a glockenspiel in the Harborfest parade, and organizes the acts for Center Stage. And the church courtyard becomes a wonderful retreat from all the excitement where the public can enjoy fresh strawberry shortcake smothered with whipped cream.

Making the church available to all is important, Ritts said. The church hall has been used for debates, as a voting site, and for meetings when the town hall is unavailable.

"I see this as an open place," said Ritts, adding that maybe someone who comes for a non-church activity will come another time for worship.

His ministry style is one of inclusion and sharing.

"I've added committees," he said about the administrative structure of the church, "to help build the church to where it is today.

"I've tried to build a structure so that tasks are shared by all. I pride myself on being an enabler."

But most of all, Ritts is proud of ASP and he shares that pride with everyone.

"Of all the things we've done here, the thing Judy and I are most proud of is the way the community embraced ASP and lifted it up.

"I hope Cohasset is proud of ASP, our humble attempt at a youth program in town."

Gary and Judy, who is a special needs teacher at Deer Hill School, live on Red Gate Lane and have two children: Steven, 25, and Alli, 18.

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AROUND TOWN/Sallyann Chatterton

Happy Birthday Wishes to Bob Leonard, Sr.!

❑

Hip Hip Hooray, that good old groundhog saved our day! Weren't you just thrilled when he didn't see his shadow? That means spring is right around the corner! Yes! Because the years that he does see his shadow, we make sure that it doesn't count — this year it does!

❑

Feb. 8 is a big day for **Bob Leonard Sr.** (Bing) he will be 81 years young! Lots remember him as the former plumbing and gas inspector for Cohasset, or as a plumber extraordinaire! In any case, be sure to give him a big birthday hug when you see him! Oh, guess how he spent his pre-birthday time? He went to Marco Island with his son, **Bob,** and daughter-in-law, **Mary** — we'll bet that the sun and warmth felt sooo good! Hope you loved your trip, and that your birthday was the best one yet!

❑

Ran into **(Captain) Hugh Morgan** the other day; he is still overwhelmed at the kind folks who remembered him at Christmas. Hugh drives Bus Two, and lots of appreciative students and their parents wanted him to be sure that he knew how much he meant to them — thus the presents! Anyway, Captain Morgan extends a huge thanks to you all!

❑

Linc Bloomfield will be a regular panelist on the EcoForum, a new national TV program featuring a weekly discussion of a wide range of environment-related issues. It will be carried on the new Outdoor Life Network (locally cable channel 40) starting Sunday, Feb. 2, at both 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Linc's latest book, entitled "Managing International Conflict" (including his CASCON computer program) has just been published by St. Martin's Press in New York.

❑

Ira and **Peg Stoughton** sure are happy, and here is the reason for the huge grins — their daughter, **Jeannie**, along with her husband, **Drew,** and daughters, **Caitlin** and **Rachel**, have moved back to Cohasset from Connecticut! Drew grew up here too, so they are both thrilled to be back — surely their daughters will feel the same (Caitlin is 14, Rachel is 12-1/2). Please be sure to give the **Quigley** family a giant Cohasset welcome when you see them!

❑

The Second Congregational Church held a surprise celebration for the **Rev. Gary Ritts** last Sunday, to honor his 10 years of being their minister. What a wonderful man, and how lucky the church, and the town, are that we have him! Hope your surprise party was a great one, Gary, and here's to the next 10 (or 20) years!

❑

Tom and **Barbara Piepenbrink** have marvelous news to share with all of us, they are brand new parents! They are in China, getting their wonderful little girl, **Taylor Shirley Piepenbrink**, who is 15 months old! Isn't that just so exciting? They will be back Feb. 8; and you had better believe that **Fred Piepenbrink** and **Dianne** and **John Mello**, Taylor's grandparents, cannot wait to see her! And, isn't it nice that she will carry her late grandmother, **Shirley Piepenbrink's**, name — such a fine lady, such an honor! Tom and Barbara and Taylor will live in Hull, but you know that they will spend lots of time with all of their relatives here, so yes, we will get to see lots of Taylor!

❑

The reviews are in, and from all accounts it is a hit! The new England Premier of London's #l comedy hit, "Funny

Money," put on by Darling Productions in Association with Rural Lodge AF/ AM. The Quincy Center Dinner Theatre is located in the Masonic Building on 1170 Hancock St. in Quincy. Why am I telling you all of this? Cohasset's own **Molly Hochkeppel** is one of the stars! And does a wonderful job at it!! There are two performances left, Feb. 8 and 9. Saturday the doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner starts at 7 p.m., and the show begins at 8:30; Sunday, Feb. 9, the doors open at 4:30 p.m., dinner starts at 5 p.m., and the show begins at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $29.95 which includes dinner, show, tax and tip! Call 843-5862 for reservations and info. And, go see Molly perform! Have fun!

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Polly Doggett has news of two former Cohasset families, the **Turners** who lived off Forest Avenue, and the **Woodburys** who lived on a new lane off of King Street. **Beau** and **Kathy Woodbury** have been chosen to serve as Mission President in Tacoma, Washington, for the next three years. They love the area, and enjoy overseeing the work of some 200 missionaries. Kathy sends a recipe that they use on many occasions, called POSSE STEW. She says you can have a party, ask everyone to bring the beans, you do the rest! Brown 1 lb. hamburger in large pan, add chopped onion and one can drained chopped chilies. Add large can crushed tomatoes and four cups water, one tsp. salt and one tbsp. Worcestershire sauce. Add one can white shoe peg corn, drained, and one can yellow corn, drained. Now add beans, any and all kinds. The only can of beans you don't drain are pork and beans. The more beans, the larger group you serve. Ready in 15 minutes, serve with bread.

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The other family, **Tom** and **Zella Turner**, are living in Roy, Utah. Their daughter, **Cheryl,** was active at CHS. Now Cheryl has graduated from BYU, served a mission (1-1/2 yrs.) in Anaheim, Calif., married, and is the mother of three beautiful children. She is a ward leader and loves being a wife and mom. She adds that she misses Cohasset, its beauty and especially "the little white lights at Christmas. I think that a part of my heart will always be there."

❑

That's it for this week, hope to hear from you with your news!

Sallyann
383-0560



Mar[illegible] Migliaccio reads to Deer Hill pupils as Mary Steele, activity director at Cohasset Knoll Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility looks on. The visit was part of an intergenerational program.

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OBITUARIES

Alexander Fulton

Alexander MacFarlane Fulton, 72, of Cohasset, a regional sales manager for the Millipore Corp. of Bedford and an Army veteran of World War II, died at New England Medical Center after a brief illness.

Mr. Fulton worked at the high-tech Millipore Corp. for many years before retiring in 1987. He was a pure water specialist and spent much of his time working in laboratories.

He later became regional sales manager for the company, a position that required extensive travel. He earned a regional manager of the year award and was named to the company's Golden Circle club.

During World War II, Mr. Fulton served as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne Division. He was badly wounded in the Philippines and spent two years in a military hospital while doctors worked to mend his leg and foot.

He was an avid jazz fan and played jazz piano at his home almost every day.

Mr. Fulton sang for several years in the Canton Baystate Men's Barbershop Quartet, mostly in the 1970s. He was a longtime member of the Hatherly Country Club.

He graduated from Boston University's School of Business in 1950.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Boston University Alumni Association.

Born in Ansonia, Conn., Mr. Fulton lived in Canton and New Seabury before moving to Cohasset 17 years ago.

He leaves his wife, Donna; two sons, Bruce A. Fulton of Cape Cod and Kenneth E. Fulton of Sandwich; one daughter, Debra Zildjian of Duxbury; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted Feb. 3 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate. The Rev. Raymond A. Low officiated.

Burial was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

The Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, 382 First Parish Road, Scituate, handled the arrangements.

William E. Haynes

William E. Haynes, 64, of Cohasset, a certified public accountant and a partner in Livingstone & Haynes, died Jan. 22 at home following an illness of several months.

Mr. Haynes, a 1954 graduate of Notre Dame University, earned a master's degree in 1958 from Babson College.

He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants.

A Cohasset resident for 25 years, Mr. Haynes was a member of the Cohasset Yacht Club and the Cohasset Golf Club. He was also a member of the World Affairs Council and of the Algonquin Club of Boston.

He served as a lieutenant in the Navy.

He was born in Boston, raised in West Roxbury and lived in Westwood before moving to Cohasset.

Mr. Haynes leaves his wife, JoAnn (Lane) Haynes; three daughters, Hilary Haynes and Robin Haynes, both of Cohasset, and Lauren Concannon of Hingham; two brothers, James M. Haynes of New Hampshire and Frederick D. Haynes of Wellesley; a sister, Ann Hennessey of Boston; two granddaughters and several nephews and nieces. He was also the father of the late Leslie A. Haynes.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 25 in St. Anthony's Church. Burial will be in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset, handled the arrangements.

Donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree, 02184.

Hortense S. Janitschke

Hortense S. Janitschke, 88, of Cohasset, died Jan. 31 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Miss Janitschke was born in Norfolk and had lived in Hyde Park and Norwell before moving to Cohasset 12 years ago.

She leaves a sister, Christine Janitschke of Cohasset. She was also the sister of the late Mina Lache, formerly of Norwell.

A funeral service was conducted Feb. 4 at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St. Burial was in Blue Hill Cemetery in Braintree.

Donations may be made to the Park Street Church in Boston.

Audrey M. Shaw

Audrey M. (Klepper) Shaw, 87, formerly of Boxford, Mass., and Sarasota, Florida, died Jan. 30 at the Life Care Center in Scituate after a long illness.

Mrs. Shaw was born and raised in Bronx, New York, and graduated from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley at the age of 20 with a degree in zoology. In 1942, she gained her pilot's license and radio telephone operator permit, becoming part of the Civil Air Patrol in the office of Civilian Defense during World War II. In addition, Mrs. Shaw tracked tornadoes and weather conditions for a weather service. She was very active also in the St. Joseph Valley Rifle Association of Bristol, Indiana, earning numerous Sharp Shooters Medals.

After moving to Boxford, Mass., Mrs. Shaw became active in the Boxford Historical Society and the Community Garden Club. She volunteered her time to her church where she was a deaconess. Mrs. Shaw served as a substitute teacher in the Boxford and Topsfield school systems and also worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Boxford from 1954 to 1968.

When it became evident that her elderly parents needed her care, she, and they, moved to Florida where, again, she volunteered her services to her church. She returned to Massachusetts in the 1980s to be closer to her family.

Mrs. Shaw leaves her children, Gordon D. Shaw of Ballwin, Missouri, Ronald K. Shaw of Peak's Island, Maine, and Valerie A. Lipsett of Cohasset, eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted in Valhalla, NY, at a later date. Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Mount Holyoke College, 50 College St., South Hadley, MA 01075-1486.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Citizen of the Year

As editor of the Cohasset Mariner, it is my pleasure to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Gary Ritts on his selection as the 1996 Citizen of the Year.

The Rev. Ritts, minister of the Second Congregational Church, brought the Appalachia Service Project to Cohasset. The ecumenical program has grown and enriched many young lives.

In their nomination of the Rev. Ritts, Bob and Jean Thompson of Reservoir Road said it best.

"He instituted the involvement of Cohasset young people from all churches in the Appalachia Service Project. We feel that in addition to helping people in need, these young people have undergone significant personal growth.

"In many obvious ways, and some that are not well known, Gary is a positive force for good in this town," they wrote.

As Kim Maynard of King Street said in her nomination:

"You can always count on Gary when you need him. He gives without expecting anything in return."

While nominations were open, nearly three dozen citizens and families took the time to nominate someone, detailing his or her contributions to help make this town one we all love.

Our thanks to residents Martha Gjesteby, Marion Douglas, Clark Chatterton, and Osborne Ingram for joining me at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham for the challenging and pleasurable task of poring over the nominations.

Regrettably, we can't recognize each of the 14 nominees with the Citizen of the Year Award. And we thank all those who wrote such thoughtful letters and notes nominating their fellow citizens.

The selection committee narrowed the field to six, then four and finally to two. The final decision — although not reached without considerable discussion — was unanimous.

With this award, we offer recognition for making a difference. In our society too many role models go unrecognized. Too often people today look to the sports, rock or movie star with envy when the real hero is the local police officer, firefighter, parent, teacher, church leader or government official.

The annual Citizen of the Year award is our way of taking our hats off to a person among us who goes that extra mile without asking for anything but the intrinsic reward of helping to make Cohasset a better place.

— Mary Ford
Editor.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Guild Responds to Pierson's Letter

To the Editor:

In response to Wigmore Pierson's factually inaccurate and highly pejorative letter in last week's Mariner, his call for my resignation and his implication that he speaks for all Cohasset citizens would seem ill advised from someone who was soundly defeated in the last election.

Now to the various points in his letter:

• The sewer commission is charged with the sewering program in the Town of Cohasset. At the insistence of the Attorney General's office, one person was to negotiate the 1994 agreement, and I, as chairman of the commission, was that person (aided, of course, by Special Town Counsel and the town's engineer). The resulting agreement was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Special Town Meeting on October 24, 1994. The sewer commissioners believe that the new agreement is in the town's best interest, and we shall recommend it to the Special Town Meeting on March 29, 1997.

• I expect that copies of the new agreement will be available within a few days for examination and study by anyone at the office of the Town Clerk and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

• In response to Mr. Pierson's primary concern, namely the Title V requirement in the new agreement, the sewer commissioners submitted a proposed plan based upon a town-wide "needs analysis," to the Commonwealth in June 1996 (several months before Mr. Pierson commenced his holy war against the town's on-site wastewater management program). We have had verbal approval of this very limited Title V program from the Commonwealth which requires the plan to be implemented in only two priority areas: namely an area north of Lily Pond and an area adjacent to Nichols Road on Little Harbor, a total of about 150 homes. These areas are summarized in that June 1996 Report and in the recently completed "Draft Evaluation of the Alternatives." Copies of the latter will be available to anyone for study at the office of the Town Clerk and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library within a few days, not "just before the March 29 Town Meeting" as Mr. Pierson assumed.

People should understand that the position of sewer commissioner is "pro bono." I have never received any compensation whatsoever from it. My objective has been and continues to be to work in the best interests of our beautiful town.

Finally, I agree with Mr. Pierson's call for "an extensive period of healing and reconciliation" and suggest that we all resolve to address one another in a civil manner when expressing our differences on the many important issues facing our town.

Edward M. Guild, Chairman
Cohasset Sewer Commission

Guild's Efforts Praised

To the Editor:

One of our usually generous, talented and public-minded citizens of the South Shore, Mr. Wigmore Pearson, has apparently seen fit, in a Cohasset Mariner letter to the editor to acerbically censure another of our highly contributive gentlemen, the Chairman of the Sewer Commission, Mr. Edward Guild.

On the subject of Mr. Pearson's contretemps, I know nothing. However, I do know that since 1983 — for 13 years, Ted Guild has labored in Cohasset's behalf, with unusual dedication and professional expertise on a highly technical subject. His career specialty and experience has not only been with water constituents, but also with an interface of town, state and governmental authorities — varying from our Statehouse in Boston to the royalty of Saudi Arabia.

While Mr. Guild may not be as close to God as his wife suggests, he should be applauded for years and years of conscientious, aggressive, often unheralded care, skill and judgment dealing with one of our main town concerns, while shepherding the interests, environmentally and financially, of Cohasset citizens.

Edward F. Woods, D.M.D., F.A.G.D.
69 Ripley Rd.

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Second-Graders Thank Firefighters

To the Editor:
The fire at the Sacks' home affected us deeply. Megan Sacks is a student in our second-grade class, at the Osgood School.
The following letters were written by the children, in appreciation of the efforts of the Cohasset Fire Department.

Mrs. Lauren Cook

Dear Fire Fighters,
We're sorry that a fire fighter got hurt. I hope no one will get hurt next time. I am in second grade and Megan Sacks is in my class. Thank you for saving Megan's house.

Your friend,
Christopher Ackley

Dear Fire Fighters,
Thank you for saving Megan Sacks' house. I am in second grade and in Megan's class. We are all thankful for the good work you do.

From,
Justin Alexander

Dear Fire Fighters,
I like you and thank you for saving Megan's house. I am happy. Be careful because I like you. I am in Mrs. Cook's class, in Osgood School. Megan is in my class. I hope you will come back to our class. You are nice people. I hope you don't jump out of the window. I really like you. I hope your friend is O.K. in the hospital. Will you tell me what his name is? Thank you.

From,
Davis Brown

Dear Fire Fighters,
Thank you for saving Megan's house. I am sorry one of your men got hurt.

Love,
Taylor Bukowski

P.S. Be careful!

Dear Fire Fighters,
Thank you for saving my friend Megan Sacks' house. I am very thankful to you. I am in her class. We are very sorry one of your men got hurt. I hope he feels better. You're nice.

Your Friend,
Alyssa Campbell

Dear Fire Fighters,
Thank you for saving Megan Sacks' house. You're very nice to save her house. Come and visit some time. I am sorry one of your men got hurt. You did your best! Tell the fire fighter who hurt his back that he did his best, too.

Your Friend,
Laura Campedelli

Dear Fire Fighters,
Thank you for saving Megan's house. I hope the one who got hurt is getting better and better. You are really nice for saving her house. I hope you have a nice day. Goodbye.

From,
Corey Chase

Dear Fire Fighters,
I am in second grade in Mrs. Cook's class, at Osgood School. Megan Sacks is in my class. Thank you for saving Megan's house.

Your Friend,
Andrew Clark

Dear Fire Fighters,
Thank you for saving my friend Megan's house. I am sorry one of your men got hurt. It is a very dangerous job for brave people. Thanks to you she still has a house! She is in my class. Please visit our class.

Your Friend,
Michael Corry

P.S. Mr. Silvia is my soccer coach.
Question: What happened when the fire fighter went down the pole? Answer: He got a rash.

Dear Fire Fighters,
I am in second grade and my teacher's name is Mrs. Cook. Thank you for saving Megan Sacks' house. I'm sorry one of your men got hurt. How is he doing? I hope he is better soon.

From,
Kristen Dooley

Dear Fire Fighters,
Thank you for saving Megan Sacks' house. You're very nice. Thank you for putting the fire out.

Your Friend,
Aisling Guinee

Dear Fire Fighters,
Thank you for saving Megan Sacks' house. Megan is in my class. She is a very nice girl. I am sorry for the fire fighter who got hurt. You guys are very, very nice to do that.

From,
John Harrington

Dear Fire Fighters,
I have an uncle who is a fire fighter. I am a friend of Megan Sacks. I am in her class. Thank you for helping her house. I think putting out fires is better than arresting people. We're lucky to have you protect our town from fires.

Sincerely,
Jared Kinch

Dear Fire Fighters,
Thank you for saving Megan's house. I am sorry for the fire fighter whoever got hurt. I liked you for saving Megan's house. She is in my class. She is a good friend. You are nice. You do a lot for our town.

Your Friend,
Kevin Lewis

Dear Fire Fighters,
Thank you for saving my friend, Megan Sacks', house. I'm in second grade. My name is Sarah A. Malone. Megan is my best friend.

Your Friend,
Sarah Malone

Dear Fire Fighters,
I am a student in Megan's class. Thank you for putting out the fire. Here is a joke . . . Why did the fire fighter wear suspenders? To keep up his pants!

Your Friend,
Michael McCue

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Continued from page 10

Hagerty Boat Launch Space Needed

To the board of selectmen:
A good many years ago I was asked by the Recreation Commission to compile a report on the status of Cohasset Harbor in terms of identifying any possible ways to allow more access to our waterways by residents. It may have been that the Commissioners, at that time were looking for input from someone relatively new to town, who might view the problems of limited access to our waterways from a different perspective.
Fundamentally, it was concluded and reaffirmed by the Recreation Commission that there was really only one viable and pragmatically affordable way to increase access to residents to our harbor and waterways. Blasting and dredging to increase harbor size did not appear either practical or affordable in relation to what area more might be gained. Rather, it was suggested that residents could be afforded more access only if they restricted themselves to craft that were easy enough to launch and haul each time the craft were used.
Both then and now, our launch and parking facilities are extremely limited. It is recognized that launch facilities require parking facilities and both launch and parking facilities need both improvement and expansion to offer greater use by residents.
Ideally, a launch facility needs to be of dimensions capable of handling all sized craft, lighted for night use and kept in repair. Parking facilities for both vehicles and trailers are necessary and restroom facilities, along with access to running water would be of general benefit to all.
With the recent purchase of the Hagerty property, all of the above could be realized at relatively low cost to taxpayers, or users as the case might be.
The Recreation Commissioner's proposal for uses of the Hagerty property as an improved boat launch, waterfront park, etc., was not made simply as an alternative to other proposed uses, but rather as a solution to a problem of long-standing recognition. That is, improving accessibility to our waterways for the advantage to all residents, the only pragmatic, possible way.
Coexistence with other uses is, of course, another question and one that needs to be examined in more detail. However, the Commission feels that improved and expanded water access is of primary importance to the greatest number of residents and should be viewed from that perspective relative to any and/or other uses of this area.

Jack Worley
Recreation Director

Editor's note: A copy of this letter was provided to the Mariner for publication.

Lobster Lab Is Worthy Project

To the Editor:
At the tender age of 5, our eldest daughter announced to us that she'd like to be President of the United States. As she grew older her ability to be a shrewd negotiator began to show itself with a vengeance and we all decided that she had litigator written all over her. While some people live by the motto, "Seize the day," hers was "Seize the gray." She would be dangerous as a defense attorney.
In reality, it takes time for talent and true interests to emerge and over time she has developed a passion for the sciences. As a high school junior and studying both marine biology and anatomy and physiology she has discovered a deep interest in science at the molecular level.
As a parent watching a child grow up, I have rejoiced when she has connected with a true mentor. Whether it is a coach who helped her develop skills, or a teacher with a particular love for a subject which is transferred to her students, or a community activist who stands up and gets involved when they believe that things can be better. We as a community are looking at such a mentor in Kevin Ulmer. This brilliant man is offering to be a resource to our community to enrich the lives of our youth in the context of the Lobster Lab project. This experience for children could be a catapult into the world of science and biology.
My child probably will not get to benefit from this opportunity, but I know that what she could learn with Kevin Ulmer is not in any high school science book. Parents, grandparents, please listen. Today your child may want to be a pro basketball player or a movie star or even President but tomorrow there might be a spark of interest in science. You can trust this interest to fate or you can provide these children with the chance to ignite their interests by participating in the Lobster Lab project.
We have been blessed with this opportunity. It is not hard to say yes. There are no costs to the town, and the alternative is six parking spaces. I urge you to support this worthy project.

Linda Keller
2 Cushing Road

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School Notebook

STUDENT OF THE MONTH/Nicole Santoro



Nicole Santoro is, as everyone at CHS knows, the most positive student in the school. She demonstrated this attitude in helping the Social Studies department successfully carry out its student election on Nov. 6.

Due to Nicole's pre-planning, working with members of the Student Council, and her work on the actual day of the voting, generously giving nearly her whole day to assisting the Social Studies teachers, the student election went off without a hitch.

During the day of voting, Nicole made sure that all periods requiring help got Student Council assistance or help from Nicole herself.

In true Nicole fashion she has down played her very vital role played in the student election, giving credit to others whom she feels deserve as much credit as she does. Everyone on the Student Council including the advisor, Mrs. Duffy, deserve a great deal of thanks. Without Nicole Santoro playing her key role in Student Election Day, however Student Election Day 1996 probably would have been less than the success it was.

— Mr. Fitzgerald
Social Studies Chairman

Support Deer Hill Band

Please come to the Deer Hill band's Papa Gino's night Monday, Feb. 10, between 4 and 9 p.m. Papa Gino's has agreed to donate 15 percent of its sales to the Deer Hill School band T-shirt fund. Please don't miss this fun opportunity to get together!

Established in 1994, the Friends of Deer Hill Music would like to thank Papa Gino's for its generosity and for becoming a Deer Hill School band sponsor this year.

Scholarship Applications at Credit Union

Applications for Hingham Federal Credit Union 1997 Scholarships are now available for graduating high school senior members. Four $500 scholarships will be awarded based on need and merit.

To be considered a candidate, student or parent must be current credit union member; student must be in graduating class of 1997; and student must plan on attending an accredited college.

For complete information, call or visit Hingham Federal Credit Union, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham, (617) 749-2026; 788 Country Way, No. Scituate, (617) 545-2344; or at either Hingham or Scituate High School branch.

Conservatory Arts-Integrated Preschool

South Shore Conservatory in Hingham and at the Ellison Center For The Arts in Duxbury, is currently accepting names for Fall '97 for their one, two, and three-day preschool programs.

The conservatory's arts-integrated preschool program is a unique educational experience, combining all aspects of traditional preschool programs with considerable exposure to music and the arts.

Under the direction of Carol Forbes Scheig, the program emphasizes "learning by doing," or hands-on experiencing. The preschool encourages individual growth and works toward building self confidence, independence and problem solving skills.

First Time Playschool is a one-day program for children three and older who have yet to attend nursery school but are ready to start making the transition from home to school. It is a two-hour program, combining arts-related activities with music.

The conservatory's two- and three-day preschool program provides freedom within structure, so that children may choose from a number of teacher initiated arts activities or developmentally appropriate learning activities. Each child works at their own pace.

For more information about South Shore Conservatory's Preschool Program, please call (617) 749-7565 (in Hingham) or (617) 934-2731 (in Duxbury).

Summer Arts at Derby

Registration is now open for "Summer Arts at Derby 1997" at Derby Academy in Hingham. "Summer Arts at Derby" is a comprehensive arts program for ages eight to 15, that offers classes in drama, music, visual arts, dance, writing, gymnastics, martial arts, photography, and sports. Students choose their own schedules for the five-week program. Dates are June 30 to Aug. 1; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The program culminates in an arts festival Friday, Aug. 1. For more information, call Thalia McMillion, director, at (617) 740-4766.

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The raffle, sponsored by the Cohasset Education Foundation, is limited to 500 tickets and at $20 each it's about the cost of a meal. So buy several and increase your chances. This will be the trip to remember and you will be helping to fund the new language lab at the high school.

The drawing will be held at the CEF Spelling BEE March 5. So call Pam Speed (383-2572), Jim Kinch (383-2948) or the CEF Ticket Hotline at 383-2833 to take your chance to have April in Paris!

Warm Up at the CHS Valentine Cabaret

A festive evening awaits you Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Kimball's By The Sea at the annual Cohasset High School Cabaret.

From 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., a selection of snacks and sweets will be served and student designed artwork, coordinated by art teachers Tom Sippel and Eileen Rohrer, will be available for sale.

From 7:30 to 9 p.m., emcee and choral director Bryan Marks and band director Marcia Lajoie will present student singers, dancers, musicians and comedians in a variety of solo and ensemble performances. There is sure to be something to please everyone.

Tickets are $8. Space is limited and reservations are necessary, so do not delay. Make checks payable to the Cohasset Arts Boosters Club and send them c/o Susan Pile, 65 Elm Street, by Feb. 7. For further information call Susan Pile at 383-6088 or Therese D'Urso at 383-1143. Proceeds will benefit the music and art curriculum enrichment.

Winter Aerobics Offered

Keep your resolution to stay fit at the South Shore Community Center Gym Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. For just a $5 drop-in fee, you can receive professional instruction from Fitness First Plus experts. All classes are one hour long, include abdominals and stretching and encourage multi-level training. Active Fitness First Plus members go free. For more information regarding these four unique aerobic classes, call the center at (617) 383-0088.

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Annual Cohasset Spelling Bee March 5

A Call for Teams

The annual CEF Spelling Bee will be held in the Cohasset High School cafeteria Wednesday evening, March 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. Curt Collins, Cohasset's High School principal will be the moderator for the event.

The format will be round-robin, single elimination style. Every team will have a chance during each round until the field is narrowed to a grand prize winner. Teams will consist of three members. Team sponsorship is set at $150. All proceeds will go to the projects fund of the CEF. This competition is limited to adult team members. Refreshments will be provided by local business sponsors. This year we hope to have live cable TV coverage.

Last year's event was a raucous and freewheeling affair that was highlighted by costumes and a spontaneous audience. This year for added excitement, the Paris raffle winner will be drawn at the close of the bee. So bee prepared, get involved, buy some raffle tickets, support your team and help raise money for a great cause: Cohasset's school children. All contributions and fees are tax deductible. For all interested, the form below covers all the facts. Completed forms can be sent to Jack McCarthy at Cohasset Education Foundation, Box 224, Cohasset, MA 02025. Questions can be directed to Pam Speed at 383-2572 or the CEF Hotline 383-2833.

Annual Cohasset Spelling Bee

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TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

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Phone – day/evening: _____

Other Team Members:

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Name: _____

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Captain's Signature

---------- **Date** ----------

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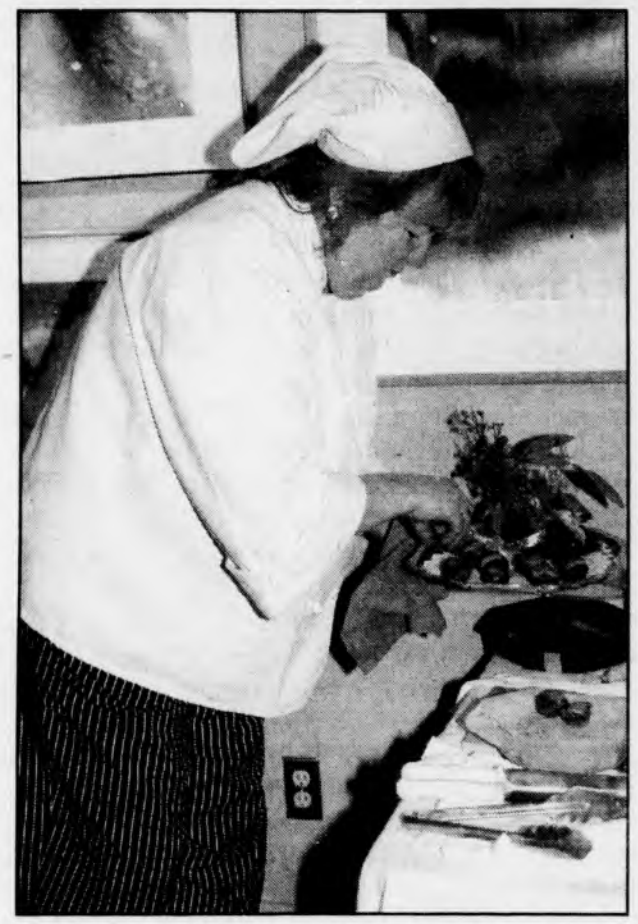
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Food Blends With Art at Center's Gala

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A delicious dessert courtesy of Fireking Baking Company in Hingham.



K.T. Leary of Seasons' Cafe arranges a dish for guests at the South Shore Art Center's gourmet wine and cheese night.



Nina Farrell of 'The Catered Affair' prepares to serve roasted swordfish.



Many attended the event held Jan. 24 at the Art Center.



A glass of wine for Louise Littlehale and Bud Railsback, served by Carol Russell of West Port Rivers Vineyard and Winery.

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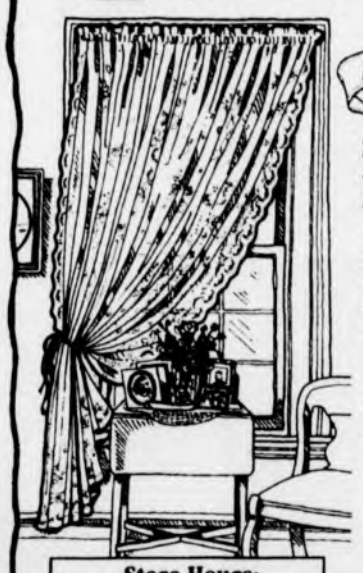
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Cohasset's Early Homes — Part of Our Unique Heritage

By David H. Wadsworth
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Cohasset's earliest homes were built shortly after the 1670 Land Division of the Conahasset Uplands. In that year, the vacant pastureland of Hingham's eastern part had been surveyed and parceled out to qualified Hingham property owners. Previously uninhabited land became the site of the first farms and homesteads for second-generation Hingham families.

Of the very first homes in Cohasset, today none remain extant. Clement Bates' small-house of about 1676 near Lily Pond has vanished, as has Cornelius Canterbury's. Of Daniel Lincoln's 1685 home near the "Plain," or Common, no trace remains, nor is there any remaining of Israel Nichols' near Strait's Pond — the one moved across the ice of Strait's Pond from Green Hill, Nantasket, in the 1690s. Likewise, John Jacob's first house near the meadow named for him has long since disappeared, as also have those of Aaron Pratt and Hezekiah Tower near Lily Pond. The old well of Hezekiah's father, Ibrook Tower, lies beneath a paved parking area near the junction of Sohier Street and old King Street, and the foundation stones of this home have long since been dispersed.

Cohasset houses dating from 1700 or earlier today number but two. The earliest extant, and best documented, is the one built by Joshua Bates in 1695 on South Main Street. From the same period, at least within a few years, is the Richard Tower House, originally located at the west side of the Common but moved to Elm Street in the mid-1800s. Both of these early dwellings are Cape Cod Cottages, a low and compact style that evolved early in areas often buffeted by severe ocean storms. By the second decade of the 1700s, larger and more elaborate homes were being constructed in the Georgian style, perhaps inspired by the numerous architectural plan books of the day.

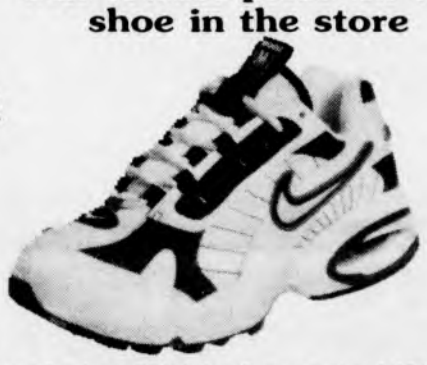
Thomas James' 1704 farmhouse "near the brook" may have been the first substantial structure at the site of today's village center. That early farmhouse remains as a part of the large inn first operated on the stagecoach line by Thomas' grandson Christopher. In 1712, Hezekiah Lincoln Jr. built a home on the highway leading from Hingham to Scituate west of the Common, just across the street from today's Little League baseball field. In the following year, Joseph Bates constructed a Georgian mansion house at the north end of the Common, where Deer Hill Land (today's Sohier Street) joined that early highway. Within the next 15 years, homesteads were seen along the several original highways in Conahasset, from Israel Nichols' on the north to Rev. Nehemiah Hobart's 1722 house at the Common, to those lining King Street, and Prince Joy's house near the distant part of the road leading to the Beech Woods.

Conahasset's earliest highways were those planned by Lieut. Joshua Fisher in the survey of the uplands made in 1670, plus several preexisting cart paths that became traveled ways. Fisher's proposed highways included today's King Street, intended to be the main thoroughfare, and today's Sohier, Pond and the east part of Beechwood Street, called "Wood Street."

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By the mid-1700s, a number of newer connecting roads of the town had become populated with the same types of sturdy, functional but aesthetically pleasing houses, as could be found on the earlier ways. The strong post and beam frames of these early homes were destined to last for centuries, barring accident or purposeful destruction. The earliest homes of Cohasset form a unique and valuable part of the historical heritage of our town. They deserve our continued efforts to preserve them.

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It's Happening

Keep Well Clinics Slated

The Social Service League of Cohasset and the Board of Health will hold two Adult Keep Well clinics this month, Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Senior Luncheon at the Cohasset Community Center, 3 North Main St., and Friday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to noon, at Harborview Senior Housing, 60 Elm St.

Both clinics are free of charge to all Cohasset residents. No appointments are necessary. For more information, call the Social Service League office at 383-0771 or 383-0821, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Exploring the Local UU Tradition

During early February, Unitarian Universalists and others of whatever outlook, belief or background, will have opportunities for enlightenment about how this free and inclusive movement, which planted early roots in New England and in Cohasset, came to be. This Sunday, Feb. 9, the Rev. Jenny Rankin, interim minister at First Parish, will preach on "The Origins of Unitarianism." Music by the senior choir, under the direction of Carolyn Curtis, will include Barnby's "Holy Lord," first performed in 1892 on the 50th anniversary of Rev. Joseph Osgood's ministry at First Parish. Sunday, Feb. 23, the Rev. Jenny Rankin's sermon topic will be "The Origins of Universalism." Services commence at 10:30 a.m. in the meeting house on Cohasset Common.

Child care is available in the parish house across the street. After the worship services, members and visitors are invited for refreshments and fellowship in the parish house.

Folk Music at Old Ship

Coffee House Off the Square presents Steve Schuch, guitar, fiddle and singer; and Scott Alarik, folksinger and songwriter, Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8 to 10:30 p.m., at Old Ship Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham.

Tickets are $10 at the door, to benefit Central-American Medical Relief.

There also will be open microphone and refreshments.

For further information, call Sue Krueger, (617) 545-2798.

Folk Music at British Relief

British Relief Coffeehouse presents Rick Tarquinio, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m., at British Relief Restaurant, 152 North St. MacIsaac and Ross will be hosts. Also, open microphone.

Admission is $5 at the door. The building is wheelchair accessible. For further information, call (617) 749-4697.

Artist Call for Entries

The South Shore Art Center has announced a Call for Entries for the Annual "Black, White and Shades of Gray," the All New England Black and White Juried Show. Entries will be received Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the gallery at 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. The exhibition is open to all media in black and white and will run from Feb. 21 to March 29.

Work must be original and not previously exhibited at the South Shore Art Center or its June Festival on the Common. Artwork must be securely framed and wired, ready for hanging. Sculpture and 3-D entries must be accompanied by their own pedestal. No clamped glass will be accepted. Please bring your artist's resume or statement, neatly typed or printed and ready to insert into a biographical notebook that will be part of the accepted work at the exhibit. For further information call the center at (617) 383-ARTS (2787).

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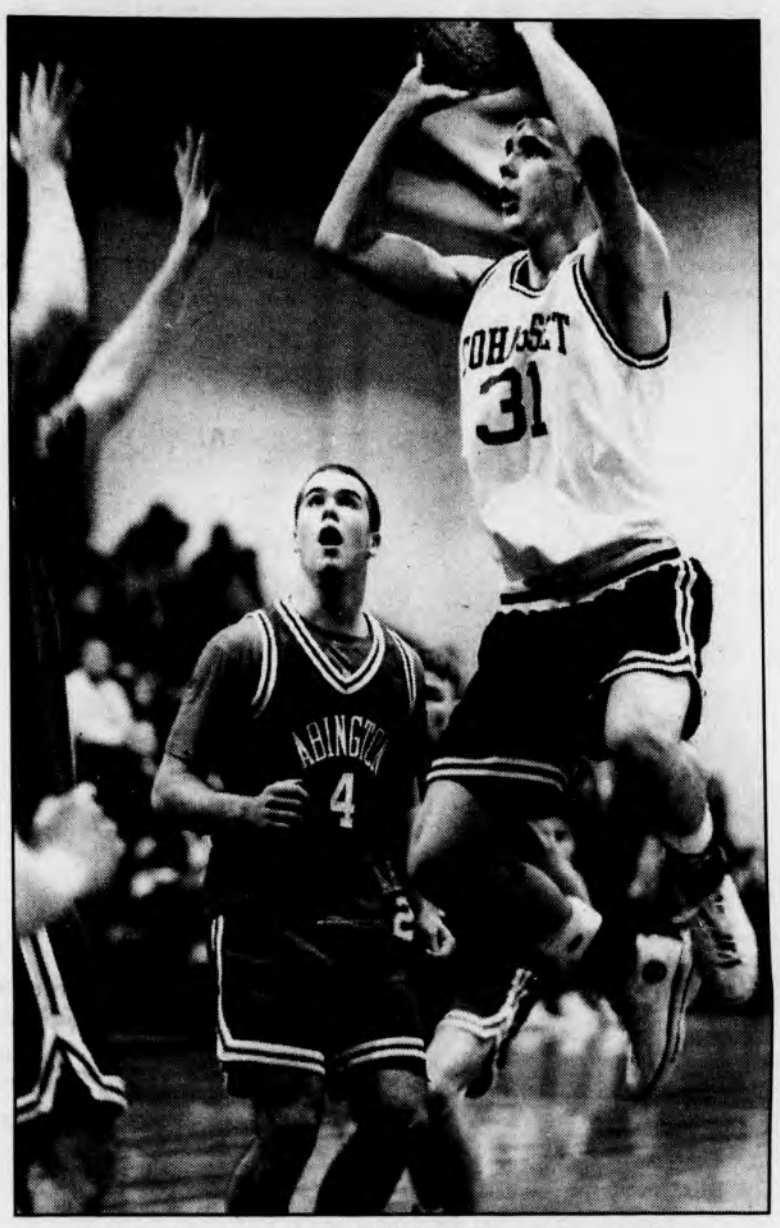
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J.L. Sparks Hoopsters Over Abington

Williams' Offense Does the Trick



Abington High's Tim Walls (4) watches as Paul-Michael Quintin (31) of Cohasset leaps to take a shot.
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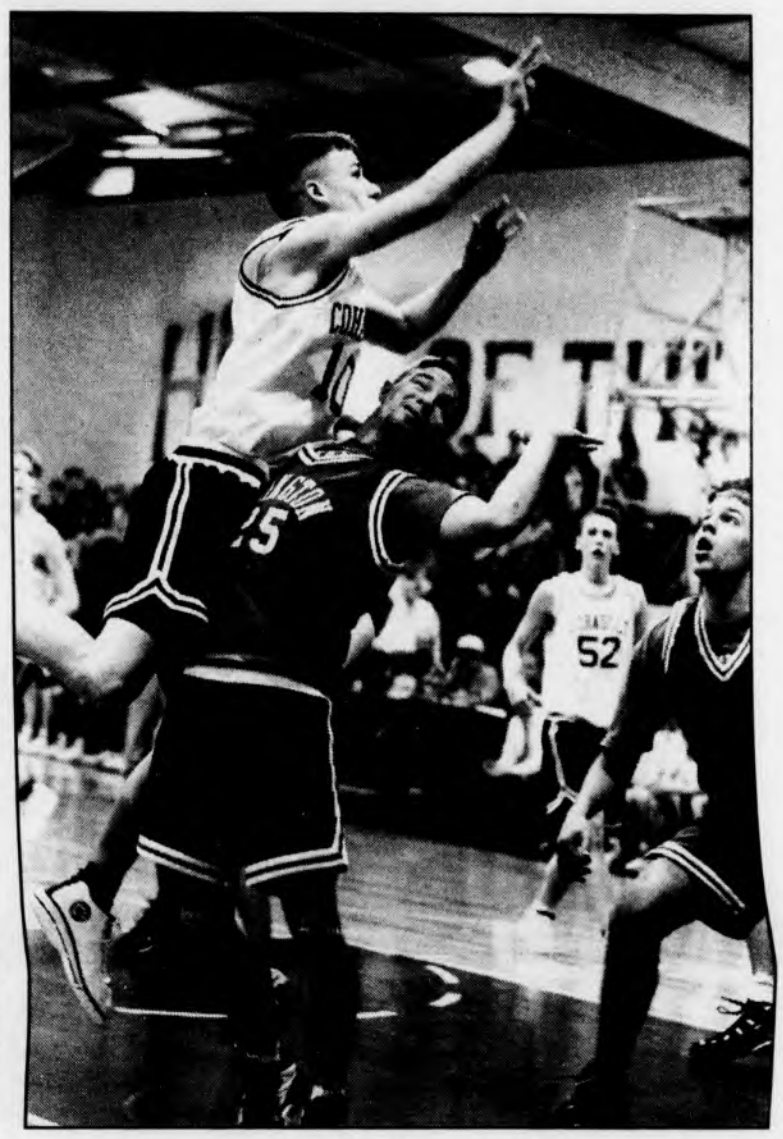
By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Skippers avenged one of their four losses of the season with a 61-54 home victory over Abington High. Led by J.L. Williams' 22 points, Cohasset posted the win despite playing without center Ryan Bishop.

Fittingly, Williams started the game by hitting a jump shot for his first score of the night. After the Green Wave put together an 8-0 run, Williams nailed a jumper and then stuck a pull-up jumper. Sophomore Raheem Shepard netted a free throw then banked a basket off the glass after making a steal. Burke Davis sank a free throw, but Abington still led by 10, 20-10. Paul-Michael Quintin hit a three pointer and Shepard stepped in for another steal and the easy layup. Williams tossed in his first three-point shot of the game to bring the Skippers within two points, 20-18. Davis proceeded to reel off three quick points with a free throw then another hoop. Quintin threw a vicious upfake then took it from the baseline for two more. Davis hit two free throws to tie the score 25-25 at the half.

Davis opened the second half with a three pointer, which was then matched by Pat Hurley. Hurley stuck a runner and Williams put home a layup. Quintin knocked down a three pointer and Cohasset led 38-30. Brian Kilroy ripped down an offensive rebound, muscled it back in for two. He drew the foul on the play and made the free throw. Quintin pumped in a pull-up jumper and Williams pulled a nifty reverse move that earned him a bucket. Davis' drive and layup, and Williams' pull-up jumper gave the home team a 49-43

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The Green Wave's Chris Byrne holds his position as Cohasset High basketball captain Burke Davis drives to the hoop.
Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Lady Hoopsters Show Hanover Different Side

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

A team can be the most dangerous when it has absolutely nothing to lose.

When you've won only two games with two to play, there's really no reason to hold anything back from playing all-out basketball for as long as possible.

The Cohasset High girls basketball team battled second-place Hanover shot for shot through an entire half and trailed by just seven points.

But the Lady Indians' overall depth proved to be too much for the Lady Skippers in Tuesday's 71-42 South Shore League loss.

"We really played well," said Cohasset head coach Cori Hughes, "but we couldn't handle their pressure in the second half. Hanover's a bigger teams and they really pressed us."

The loss, however, was hardly a disappointment for Hughes and her young squad. Cohasset played its most physical game of the season against a tournament-bound team known for its physical play. The Lady Skippers weren't intimidated by Hanover the way they were in the first meeting of the two teams and it showed.

"They played tough the whole game," Hughes said. "This was a big turning point for us. Hanover did become frustrated. They're physical, but we were physical right back."

Cohasset appeared to gain confidence against the Lady Indians through the opening half. The Lady Skippers' defense played particularly well with several players picking up key steals and holding their opponents in check.

Catie Campbell, who led Cohasset with 14 points, was equally effective, defensively. Campbell held Hanover's top scorer, Jessica Sylvia, to just four first-half points. Sylvia's size began to wear Campbell down in the second, but she did the job in limiting her to 14 overall points.

Campbell, who Hughes considers to be the heart and soul of the team, showed just how important she is to the Lady Skippers' success. She missed five games because of sickness and Cohasset suffered

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Expert Tells Parents, Coaches: Youth Sports Are For Kids

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Bob Bigelow, former NBA player, father of two and youth sports expert, addressed the parents of Cohasset last Tuesday night. In an event sponsored by the Cohasset Parent School Organization, Bigelow discussed the issue of "putting the youth back in youth sports" for nearly four hours with an audience of 200 parents.

Bigelow's message was about restructuring youth sports organizations around the children instead of the parents. Armed with loads of statistics and a few wisecracks, Bigelow promised to "slay a few sacred cows," and did. He compared youth sports 30 years ago with those of today. He pointed to his son, David, as an example. When David reaches freshman year in high school, Bigelow estimates 95 percent of the sports he has played will have been organized. That estimation is in sharp contrast to Bigelow's sporting experience until that point, which he estimates had been 99 percent organized. While conceding that organized sports do indeed have their strong points, Bigelow fingered traveling "all-star" teams, playoffs and overzealous coaches and parents as detractors.

In an unscientific poll of 40 to 50 Massachusetts elementary school physical education teachers, Bigelow found that not one suggested that traveling "all-star" teams should start before the players reach 12 or 13 years old.

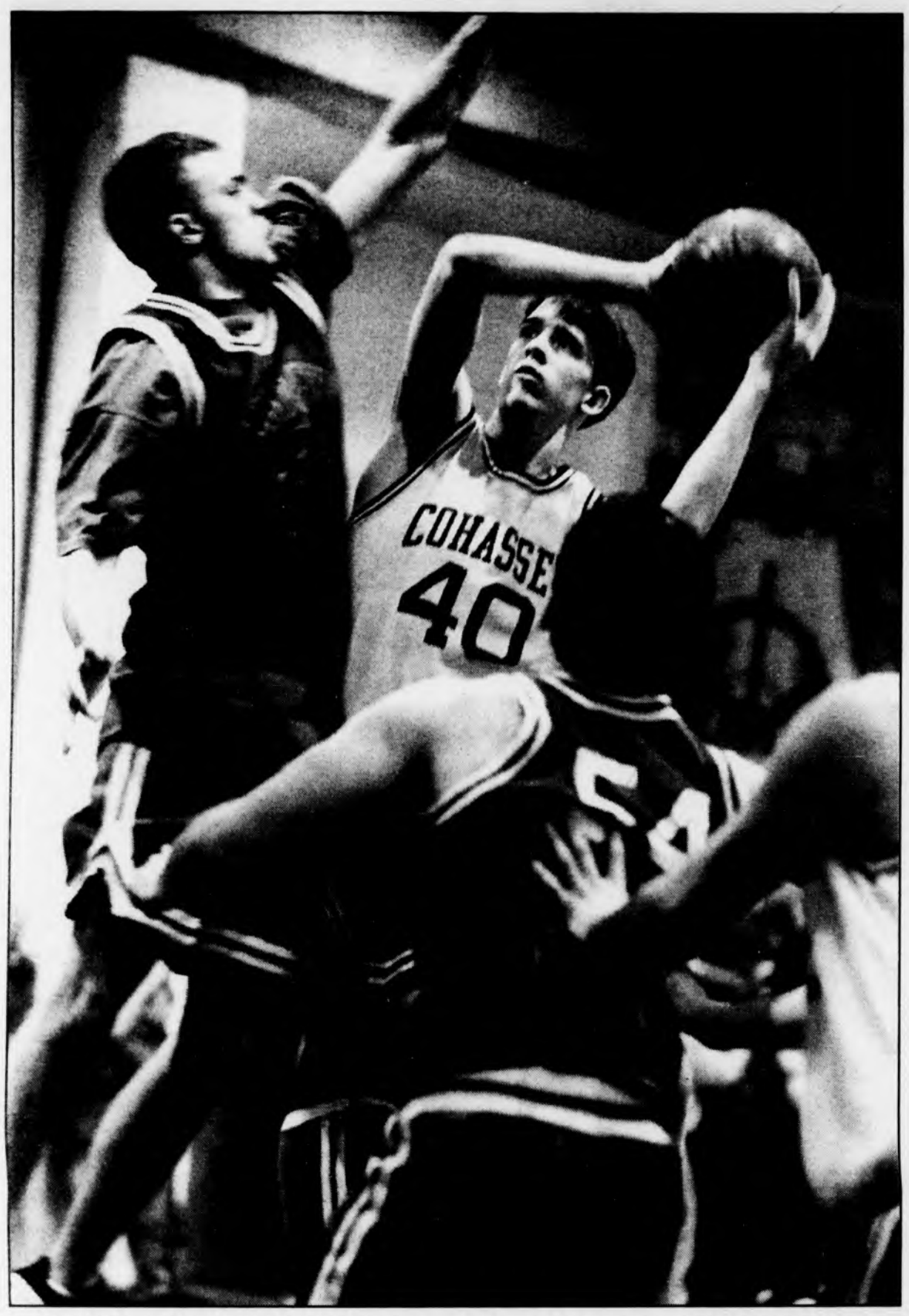
Then, Bigelow talked of these "all-star" teams, comprised of 10, 8 and even 6 year olds. When the idea of traveling soccer started about 15 years ago, these traveling squads were for 12 and 14 year olds.

"If this keeps up," Bigelow said, "within 10 years we'll have pre-natal traveling soccer."

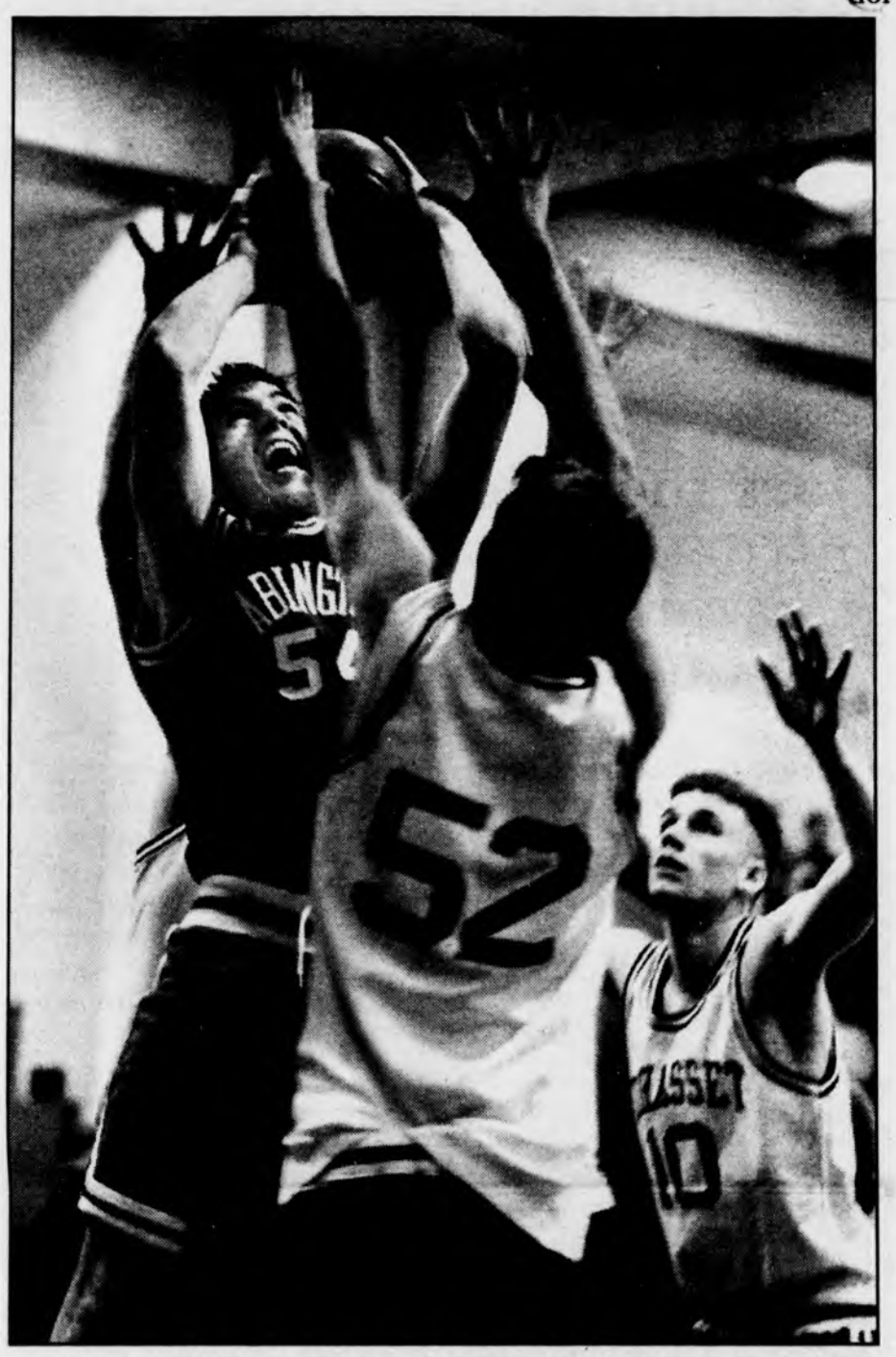
The former first-round draft pick cited evidence which proved that a child's future athletic ability could not be measured until after puberty, sometimes even later. He used Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen as examples.

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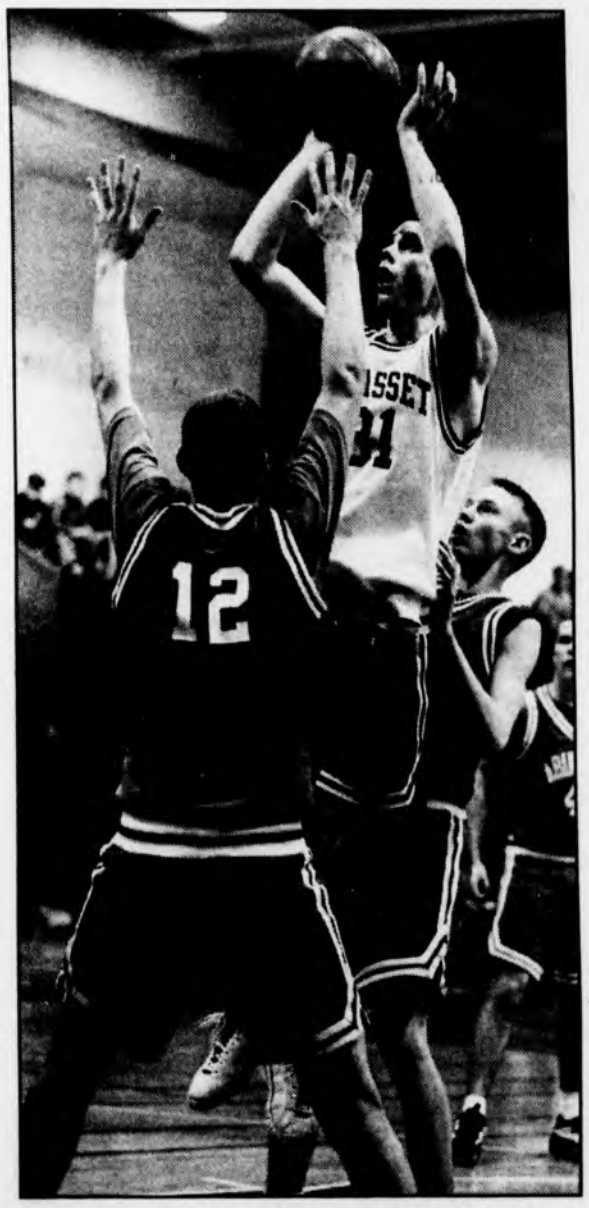
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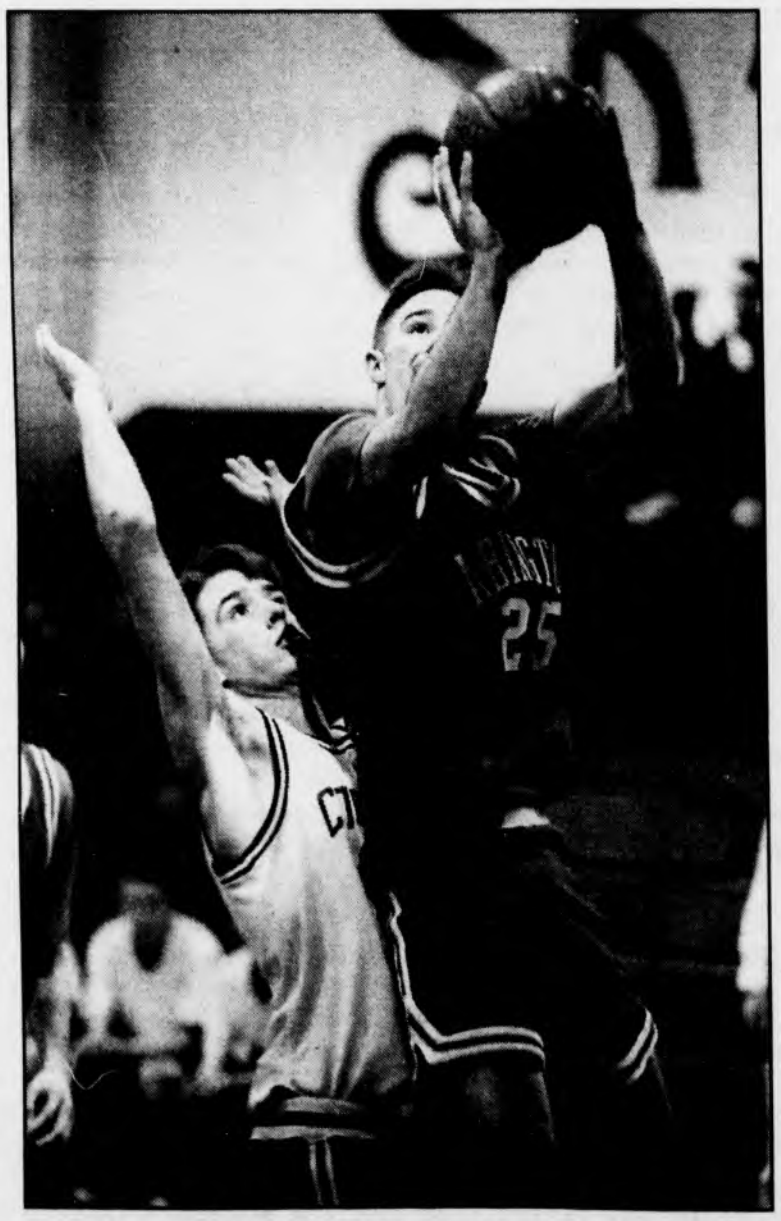
The Skippers' Jamie Buick (40) tries to avoid the tight coverage of Abington's Dennis Driscoll (35).



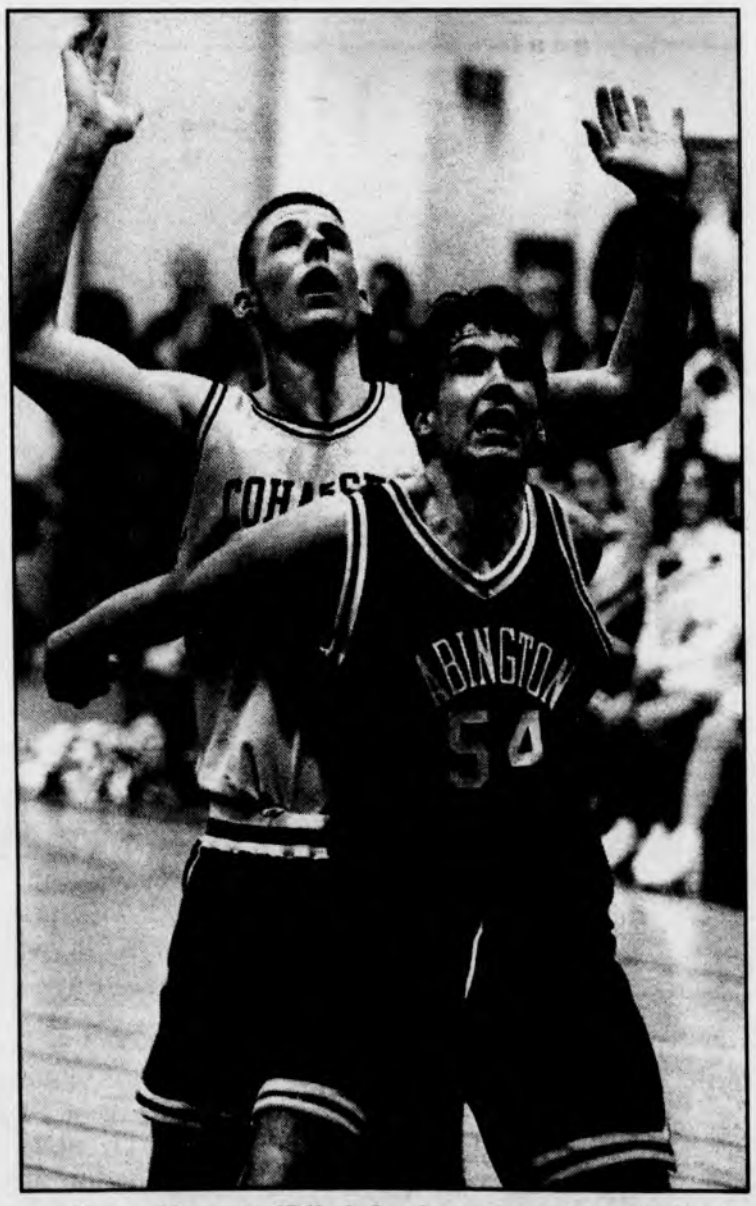
Cohasset High's J.L. Williams (52) tries to block Abington's shot put up by Kevin Norcott (54).



Abington Brian Kovalski (12) defends against Cohasset's Paul-Michael Quintin's shot.



Abington High's Chris Byrne (25) gets by Jamie Buick and takes aim at a shot.



Kevin Norcott (54) defends against Paul-Michael Quintin of Cohasset on a rebound during the South Shore League showdown.

Photos by Bill Wadsworth



Cohasset High head and assistant gymnastic coaches Erin Sutherland and Ruthann Ardizzoni are both pleased with the Lady Skippers' season.



Lady Skippers gymnastics captain Jodi Colwill shows the balance necessary for a strong routine.
Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Does the Trick

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lead and Cohasset began to pull away.

Williams' hard work under the boards paid off as he got the putback and later hit a foul shot. Quintin's three pointer proved to be the winning bucket, though Williams put it safely out of reach by making all four of his free throws in the closing minute.

The Skippers also squeezed past an overachieving Scituate team, 53-52. In their second meeting of the season, the two teams staged a near carbon copy performance of the first game. Quintin headed the Skippers with 23 points, including 15 from three-point land.

Bishop put Cohasset on the board with a layup after the Sailors jumped out to a 7-0 lead. Quintin followed with a three pointer and Williams' yeoman service underneath the offensive boards finally earned him a basket. Quintin popped in another three, embarking on a run in which he would outscore the entire Scituate team, 13-2.

Two layups and a pair of three pointers later, Quintin staked the Skippers to a 20-11 lead. Brian Kilroy took a pass from Bishop and hit the eight-foot jumper. Bishop's block set up Davis' layup on the other end and Davis duplicated his efforts on the next possession. Quintin closed out the Skippers' first-half of scoring with a three pointer and Cohasset headed to the visitors' locker room clutching a 29-19 edge.

Davis opened the second frame with a three and then fed Jamie Buick, a junior forward, for two points. Bishop tossed in a layup and Cohasset's crisp ball movement around the perimeter resulted in a Williams bucket. Davis' length-of-the-court pass set up Quintin for the easy layup. Davis' passing put the ball into Williams' hands again, and the senior forward put it through hoop. Bishop dished to Hurley for a pair and then knocked down a pair of free throws, giving Cohasset a 10-point lead, 46-36.

Quintin's upfake helped him score and he then pulled up and punched in a jumper. Scituate, though, wouldn't die and came back. A technical foul after a backboard tap sent Davis to the foul line, where he proceeded to calmly sink three shots. They proved to be the winning points as Quintin's defense was tight enough to stop a last-second Scituate effort and secure the win.

Cohasset plays at Hull on Friday and hosts Carver on Monday.

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Grapplers Outlast Hingham as Record Grows Closer

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

They were two contrasting wrestling meets. In the first, Cohasset High was able to coast to a business-as-usual 44-18 victory over Hanover. But Skipper head coach Torin Sweeney used some of his wrestling prowess to lead Cohasset to a 42-30 win over Hingham.

The victory ran the Skippers' overall record to 12-3 on the season with a Saturday meet against Rockland next on the agenda.

Cohasset looked to be in trouble early against a tough Hingham team last Saturday as the Harbormen ran out to a quick 18-0 lead. Sweeney then moved Sophomores Mike Baird and Ben Littauer to different weight classes and hoped for the best.

The strategy paid off. Baird improved his season record to 11-6 with a win and Littauer pinned his opponent, running his mark to 16-6.

"He's getting to be a kid who can cover two weights," said Sweeney of the much-improved Littauer.

Cohasset gained momentum from the move and began to close in on the Harbormen. Kevin Duffy, who is closing in on his 100th career win, wrestled at 135 pounds and took a 19-10 decision. The win was Duffy's 24th of the season against one loss. Doug Sheerin (140) battled his way to a 10-6 win in a tough weight class, bring his individual record to .500 (11-11).

Cohasset forfeited the 145-pound match, but Mike Rossi (152) and Justin Golden (162) registered consecutive pins to cut Hingham's lead to four, 28-24.

Justin Buckley improved his mark to 21-2 by winning on a technical at 171 pounds and Adam Sasso won what Sweeney called the "pivotal match" with a pin at 189 pounds in the second period. Sasso's win gave the Skippers a 39-30 lead to clinch the win. J.P. Laugelle won a 9-2 decision at 215 pounds to finish out the meet.

"I couldn't be happier," Sweeney said. "The fact we could beat Hingham without (Jordan) Fiore was a big plus. It's hard to make up for a kid who you know is going to win."

Fiore, the squad's dependable 130-pound grappler, has been battling a shoulder injury for most of the season. He recently learned it won't be healed in time for the Feb. 15 South Sectional meet at Carver.

An undermanned Hanover squad was no match for Cohasset's horses as Littauer (125), Rossi (145) and Luke Caldwell (152) all took pin victories. Duffy beat previously undefeated Scott Pettit, 15-7, for a huge win in the 135-pound division.

Sweeney is looking for his squad to continue building on its victories and peak at the All-State meet. Cohasset also has the chance to break its all-time mark of 12 wins, set in 1992. The squad has never won 13, but has an excellent chance at establishing the new standard this winter, either on Saturday or Monday night when Cohasset goes up against Duxbury at home.

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through their five worst contests of the season. Campbell showed no signs of her illness as she put up the scoring numbers and played solid defense.

"She just refuses to give up," Hughes said of Campbell.

Freshman Alex DeRosa, the team's leading scorer with a 12-point average, equaled that amount with 12 for the game, while sophomore Caitlin O'Neil started her first varsity game and contributed in the paint with nine rebounds. Junior center Whitney Cook showed she wasn't afraid to battle the Lady Indians on defense, coming down with seven rebounds of her own.

Sophomore Megan Connolly only played for a half, but she made the most of her time on the court with four rebounds and a pair of steals.

As pleased as Hughes was with the Lady Skippers' effort against Hanover, she was realistic enough to know that the Lady Indians' lineup was far too deep to expect Cohasset to pull out an upset victory.

Hughes has seen the improvement in her squad since the beginning of the season and believes the aggressiveness in which the Lady Skippers went at Hanover did affect the team's game plan.

Hughes wants to see the same type of physical play from Cohasset in the two remaining games against Hull and Carver, but has pinpointed areas where the team must improve. The Lady Skippers have to cut down on their turnovers and learn to use what height they have effectively under the basket.

"I knew we were going to take our lumps this year," said Hughes, who has just two seniors on the team. "We have a goal of reaching .500 and qualifying for the tournament next year. There are some really good sophomores and a few more on this year's JV team."

With the experience the young players have gotten this season, the Lady Skippers just may be the up-and-coming SSL squad next winter. They'll be easy to find with their physical play and go-for-broke abandon on the court.

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Jordan was cut from his varsity team as a sophomore, but six years later, not only led North Carolina to a national championship, but embarked on a hall of fame career with the Chicago Bulls.

Pippen was recruited by the University of Central Arkansas as team manager. By his senior year he was 6' 7" and also on his way to a career which will eventually land him in the hall of fame. The Chicago White Sox' Jason Bere was the third-best pitcher on Wilmington High School's baseball team, went to Middlesex Community College, where he grew three inches and added 30 pounds.

"The best athletes are late athletic bloomers," Bigelow said. "The best youth athletes are early athletic bloomers."

He warned that there was no such thing as a child prodigy in sports. Instead of calling one child "better" than another, he has settled on the terms "least worst" and "less-than-least worst."

Bigelow also discussed the culprits of all that's wrong in youth sports.

"Youth sports' dirty dark secret is that it's run by frustrated men, trying to live their second childhood at the expense of their child's first," he said. "While this is a sweeping generalization, it does hold more than a grain of truth. As a veteran of approximately 35 to 40 seasons in youth sports, this reporter has seen a large number of coaches and parents whose sense of perspective has been warped beyond belief. It is far better, and more enjoyable, for everyone concerned, if the players and coaches all work for the same goal, to win. But also if they remember that having a good time is the reason they're there."

Bigelow did not come merely to criticize, however, he also had several suggestions for improving youth sports. In his fantasy, Bigelow would be America's Czar of Youth Sports and his first two acts would be to "first eliminate all traveling teams until the seventh grade, then make a rule that all coaches and parents, before going to a youth sports event, must volunteer at a Special Olympics sporting event.

"They have a wonderful motto. 'Let me try to win, but if I cannot, let me be brave in the attempt.' "

Bigelow suggested that, midway through each game, the coaches should switch teams. "That way," he said, "the competitive egos will still be stroked. You can't lose. You'll be .500."

Bigelow also recommended that all adults play their own games before coming to their kids. This would help them recognize the children's games for just that, children's games. He issued a challenge to all youth coaches.

"Recognize tangible athletic progress in your player and reward it," Bigelow said. "Identify at least one good thing in every kid you coach. If you really want to become a great youth coach, watch recess. This is how kids play. It's pure, unfettered play. It's how they learn how to play sports."

Bigelow advises coaches to, instead of providing structured games, "encourage the kids to play, then get lost." Supply the equipment, the playing space and the time and let the kids organize their own games. He also has invented "The Bob Bigelow Smile Index," a device which provides guidelines for youth coaches.

"If you're not smiling 90 percent of the game, then you don't belong there," he said. "Find a new coach."

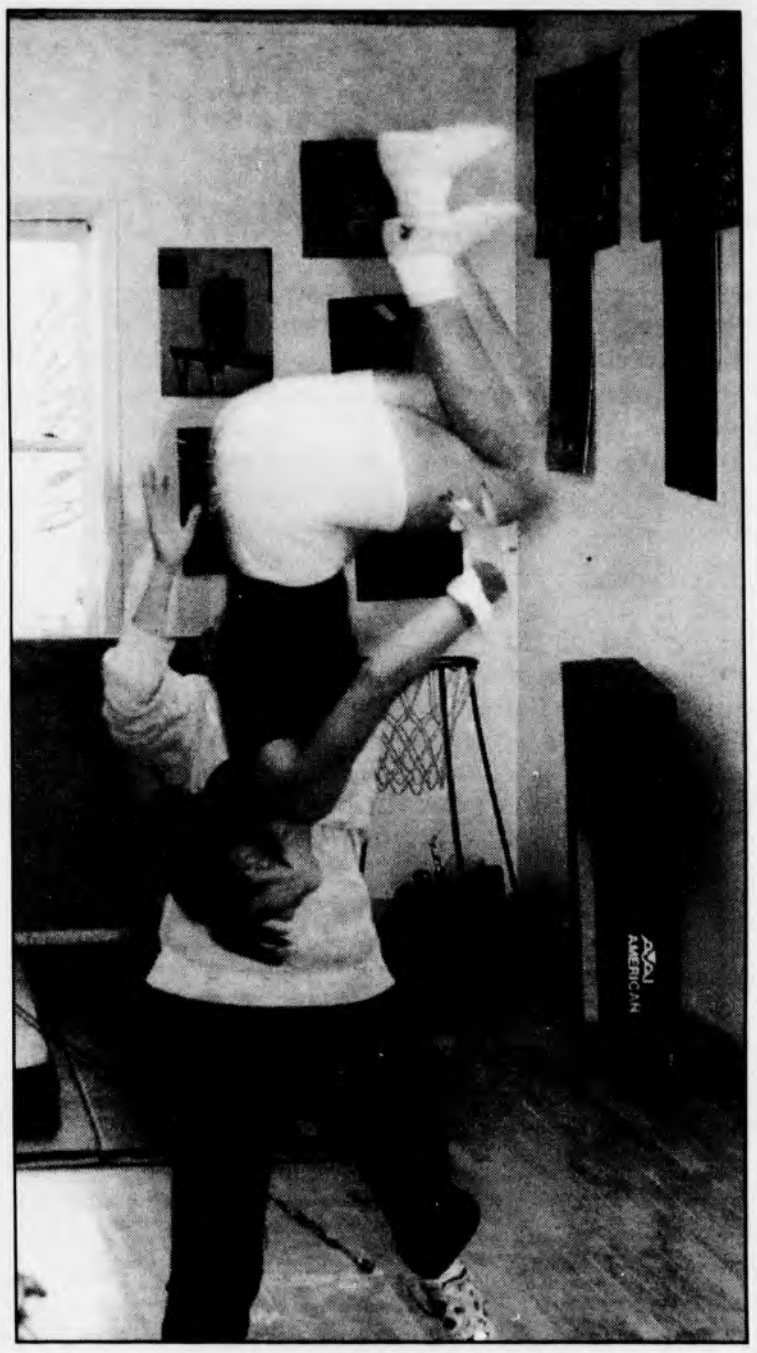
Throughout his speech, Bigelow was met with nods of agreement and murmurs of approval. Afterwards, he opened it to a question and answer session and the Cohasset parents tried to apply his words to their programs. Cohasset soccer monarch and sixth-grade teacher Larry Shultz has lived in Cohasset for 30 years and supported Bigelow's ideas.

"I think he was right on the nose," Shultz said. "Too many adults in youth sports are doing it with the wrong intentions. They're much too focused on putting their kid into a Division 1 school, instead of letting the kids have fun."

Shultz also recommended that leagues do away with playoffs and trophies. "Coaches lose perspective when there is a championship on the line," he said.

Indeed, Cohasset's fall soccer league, with Shultz as its driving force, has eliminated playoffs from its structure.

Bigelow's words fell on a community with a great number of youth sports programs, with active kids, and enthusiastic, well-meaning parents. A few adjustments, toning down the acts of coaches, eliminating playoffs, and "all-star" teams, could help turn a good sports community into a great one.



Captain Erica Hettstrom performs a bounce back dismount off the uneven bars during a recent Cohasset High gymnastics practice.

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Sale at Consignment Shop

If your New Year's resolutions included saving money and volunteering for good causes, then plan to attend the famous annual sale of the Social Service League's Cohasset Consignment Shop, Saturday, Feb. 8. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

The many treasures that will be offered at half price or less are designer dresses, sweaters, colorful vests, including a brown fox run suede vest. Other special values include a beige poplin opossum-lined coat, as well as cloth and fur coats. Shoppers will even find computers, computer stands, ice skates, champagne coolers, ice buckets and choice jewelry for your favorite valentine. Don't miss the children's and men's bargains.

Manager Andy Merrill said the shop will be closed Friday, Feb. 7 to prepare for the sale, and urged both men and women to volunteer.

The South Shore Social Service League provides money for Meals on Wheels, get-well clinics, and counseling for the towns of Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Cohasset.



Lois Griffel recently demonstrated painting from life at The Artist's Son Gallery, 130 King St., Route 3A. Patrons were invited to meet the artist and see how she works. The day was capped off with a wine and cheese reception.

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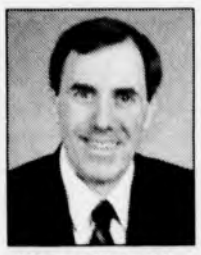
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PERSONAL FINANCE

For inexpensive travel, don't discount consolidators

Edited by Amy K. Barrett
WORTH MAGAZINE

Have you ever wanted to take a spontaneous vacation — call your travel agent a few days before departure and go where the spirit moves you?

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

That's typically a pricey way to travel. Most major airlines require that you book tickets some 14 to 21 days ahead of time to qualify for their cheaper advanced-purchase fares. But last-minute travel doesn't have to be more expensive — it sometimes can be cheaper — if you buy your tickets from consolidators.

Who are they? The companies that plaster ads on lampposts in major cities or newspapers that read 24 HR. DISCOUNT AIRFARES and that offer to fly you from, say, the East Coast to Paris round-trip for $479. You may have bypassed these ads because they never name the airline willing to fly you for discount prices. But the semi-secret world of consolidators is not a consumer hornswoggle.

Consolidators offer inexpensive fares because they buy blocks of seats ahead of time from major airlines such as TWA, United, Delta, Northwest, USAir, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, and others whose sales records show there will be a lot of unsold tickets on particular flights. Consolidators may have contracts with carriers that allow them to buy tickets that carry generous commissions — as high as 40 percent instead of the customary 10 to 12 percent. Or the airlines may sell tickets to consolidators at a fixed fare that is below the retail price. Consolidators also offer unsold tickets on low-cost charter flights. These types of deals help them sell tickets below their retail prices a week or so before the flight.

The reason you don't see "TWA" or "USAir" on the consolidators' ads is because the airlines don't allow it. They don't want to upset the passengers who have paid twice as much for a last-minute ticket bought directly from them. Because consolidators take a gamble by buying unsold seats, you can save $100 to $199 per ticket on domestic and Europe travel and $400 or more on trips to Asia, according to prices cited in "Consumer Reports Travel Letter." These discounts, however, are not set in stone because ticket prices vary all the time.

Other benefits of buying from a consolidator: They usually don't require advanced booking, and you often do not have to stay over a Saturday night or modify the length of your stay — many airlines, for example, insist on at least two days or no more than 21 days.

"Consolidators' restrictions tend to be less onerous than the airlines'," said Terence Mascarenhas, president of Up and Away Travel in New York, which has sold discounted fares for about 13 years. "A maximum stay can be 21 days on an airline versus 90 days with a consolidator. Where (airlines) may make the ticket totally non-refundable, a consolidator returns money with penalty fee taken out of it."

A consolidator may take out $200 on a canceled ticket to Africa, he said, and return the rest.

Still, consolidators have their limitations. For example, if you want a discounted ticket for a trip from Albuquerque to Alabama, you'll have a tough time. Consolidators primarily sell tickets for flights overseas or for coast-to-coast travel within the United States. The reason: U.S. airlines already hatchet down their prices enough to make it hard for consolidators to offer anything cheaper — and make money. And these bottom-fishing renegades offer mainly coach seats, although some sell first- or business-class seating for a 20 percent discount below the full fare.

Other caveats: Make sure the consolidator you buy from is legitimate — that is, accredited by the airlines. It's easy to check. If you buy your ticket from a travel agent who deals with consolidators, you're in the clear. Always use a credit card, and verify your ticket with the airline as soon as possible. Also, make sure the initials in the status box on your ticket are OK or KK.

Some consolidators, like Up and Away (800-275-8001) and Washington, D.C.-based Euram Flight Centre (800-848-6789), sell directly to the public, while others sell only through travel agents, who, of course, will tack on a few dollars to the price of the ticket for their services.

And it's important to stress that consolidator tickets work best for the last-minute traveler. If you know your itinerary months ahead of time, you may pay no more for an airline's advanced-purchase ticket than for a consolidator's short-notice ticket. So do your research.

Last-minute travel doesn't have to be more expensive — it sometimes can be cheaper — if you buy your tickets from consolidators.

For more information about the consolidator industry, buy Kelly Monaghan's "Consolidators: Air Travel's Bargain Basement." It sells for $8.95 at travel bookstores, or call the Intrepid Traveler (800-356-9315).

And if you want to keep up to date on discount fares, subscribe to Jax Fax, a monthly travel-marketing magazine that lists thousands of flights around the world (The prices quoted for the tickets are what the travel agents pay, so you are going to have to pay a little more.). A one-year subscription is a mere $15 by calling 800-952-9329. Then relax and enjoy the fruits of your bargain hunting.

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Generation X money views

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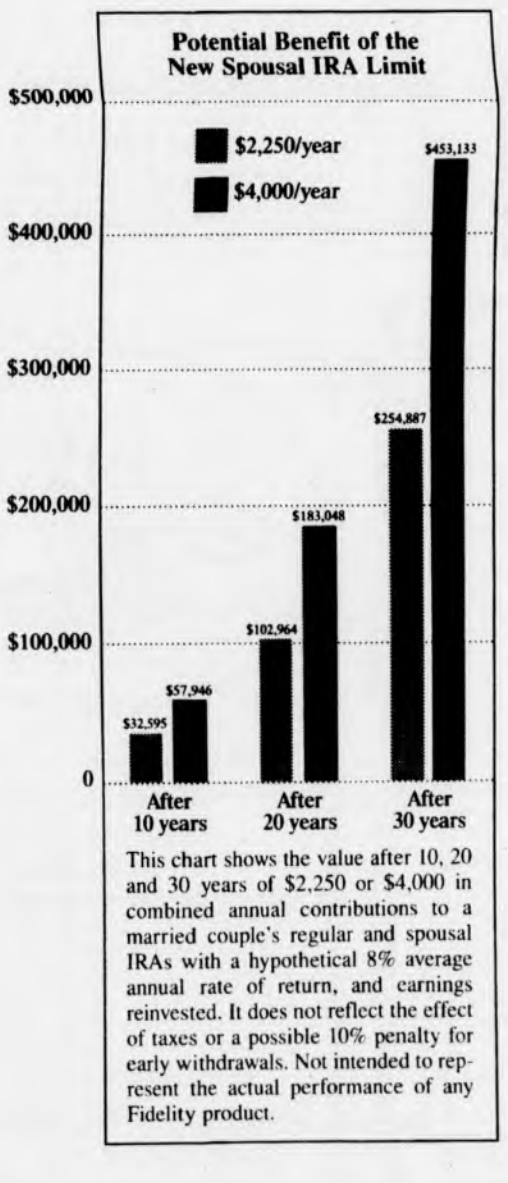
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MARINER'S GALLEY

Indulgences From the Heart

By Carole B. Carroll

Valentine's Day is but a heartbeat away. February 14th, a day to indulge your heart's desire. Mr. Webster defines the word indulge as "to allow oneself a special pleasure." The recipes that follow are special pleasures indeed. There exists a natural affinity between the taste sensations of chocolate and raspberry…the perfect marriage of seductive flavors. Treat yourself to something wonderful and make your heart smile!

CHOCOLATE GLAZED MINIATURE CHOCOLATE CAKES with RASPBERRY CREAM

YIELD: 24 Cakes

Miniature Chocolate Cakes

3 oz. best quality bittersweet chocolate (not unsweetened), chopped
6 Tbsp. unsalted butter, cut into pieces
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
1/3 cup flour
1/4 tsp. salt
3 large eggs
1/2 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees and generously butter 24 miniature muffin tins. In double boiler over simmering, not boiling, water melt butter and chocolate. Whisk until smooth. Remove from heat and using a rubber spatula scrape chocolate mixture into a large mixing bowl. Whisk sugar and vanilla into chocolate; add flour and salt. Mix until just combined. Add eggs 1 at a time, mixing well after each addition. Fill each tin about 3/4 full with batter and sprinkle each with 1 tsp. of miniature chocolate chips. Bake cakes in middle of oven for 12-15 minutes (tester need not come out clean — some crumbs should stick). Turn cakes out onto cooling rack.

Chocolate Glaze

1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
1/2 cup light cream
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup unsalted butter (1/2 stick)
1/2 tsp. vanilla

In a saucepan over low heat stir together all the ingredients. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, for about 5 minutes, or until glaze is very shiny and thickened. Allow to cool slightly. Pour a small amount of glaze over each cake, covering top. Allow glaze to set before handling.

Raspberry Cream

1 cup heavy cream
2 Tbsp. seedless raspberry jam
2 Tbsp. sugar
1 Tbsp. Framboise (raspberry liqueur)
or Creme De Cassis (black currant liqueur)

In a chilled small bowl, beat the cream with the jam and sugar until soft peaks form. Add liqueur and beat a minute or two longer. Place a small dollop on the side of each cake.

Fresh raspberries for garnish.

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From the annals of Gourmet magazine, three seductive flavors in one. For the ultimate indulgence, serve with chocolate raspberry sauce.

RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE BROWNIES

YIELD: 2 dozen

Brownie Batter

4 oz. best quality bittersweet chocolate, chopped
2 oz. unsweetened chocolate, chopped
1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter
1 1/4 cups sugar
3 large eggs
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
3/4 tsp. salt
3/4 cup flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and butter and flour a 13 x 9 inch baking pan. In a metal bowl set over a pan of barely simmering water melt chocolates with butter, stirring, and cool. Whisk in sugar and eggs, 1 at a time, then whisk in vanilla and salt. Whisk in flour until just combined and spread batter evenly in prepared pan.

Cheesecake topping

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
2/3 cup sugar
1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
1 large egg
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. flour

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1 1/2 cups fresh raspberries
1 Tbsp. sugar

In a bowl using electric mixer, cream together cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in lemon juice, egg, vanilla, and salt. Beat in flour and spread mixture evenly over brownie batter. Scatter raspberries over cheesecake topping and sprinkle with sugar. Bake brownies in middle of oven 35-40 minutes or until top is puffed and pale golden. Cool brownies in pan set on wire rack. Chill brownies, covered, at least 6 hours or overnight. Serve at room temperature.

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If serving this sauce with the raspberry cheesecake brownies, drizzle sauce in a zig-zag pattern, or better yet, in the shape of a heart on the bottom of a dessert plate. Place brownie on top of sauce and garnish with fresh raspberries.

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Police Report

Jan. 27, Monday

12:42 a.m., general services, Nantasket Ave.

6:10 a.m., burglary (B&E), CJC Hwy.

8:56 a.m., larceny, King St.

11:55 a.m., fire, structure, Whitney Woods Lane.

1:13 p.m., general services, Black ⁄se Ln.

3:33 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

4:33 p.m., threats, Sohier St.

5:12 p.m., fire, outside, Re: Tracks behind Red Lion Inn.

5:43 p.m., info, general, Jerusalem Rd. by Whites Farm.

7:26 p.m., disturbance, S. Main St.

10:35 p.m., animal complaint, S. Main St.

Jan. 28, Tuesday

12:01 a.m., general services, S. Main St.

12:28 a.m., assist other agency, all over town.

1:06 a.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

4:04 a.m., general services, Cushing Rd.

4:52 a.m., MV accident, Highland Ave.

5:05 a.m., assist other police department, CJC Hwy.

5:27 a.m., general services, Beechwood St.

5:50 a.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.

8:18 a.m., assist motorist, Ripley Rd.

8:59 a.m., well being check, Clay Spring Rd.

11:58 a.m., MV accident, Blackrock Rd.

12:55 p.m.., MV stop, Sandy Beach.

5:27 p.m., MV accident, N. Main St.

6:39 p.m.., general services, Smith Pl.

7:00 p.m.., general services, unknown.

7:51 p.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.

10:00 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.

11:24 p.m., general services, Hull St.

11:35 p.m., general services, coastal roads.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

12:45 a.m., info, general, Rte. 3A south of Stop & Shop.

1:42 a.m., assist other PD, S. Main St.

7:31 a.m., medical aid, Grace Dr.

8:22 a.m., serve restraining order, Elm St.

9:10 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

9:49 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

9:59 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

12:34 p.m., medical aid, Tad Ln.

6:30 p.m., missing person, Highland Ct.

7:44 p.m., noise complaint, Cushing Rd.

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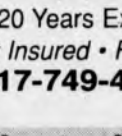
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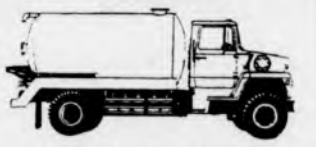
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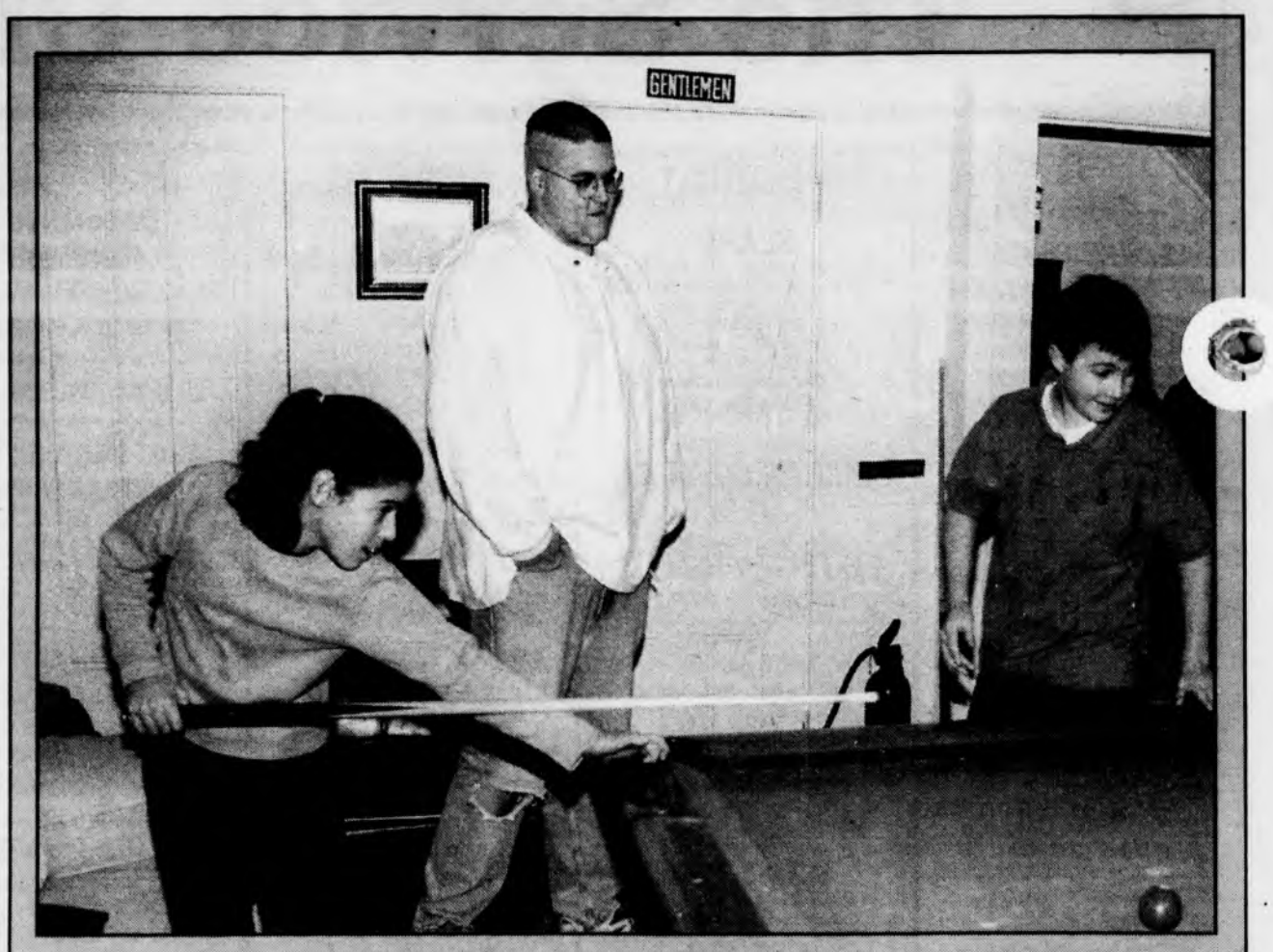
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By David Tibbetts
COHASSETT MARINER

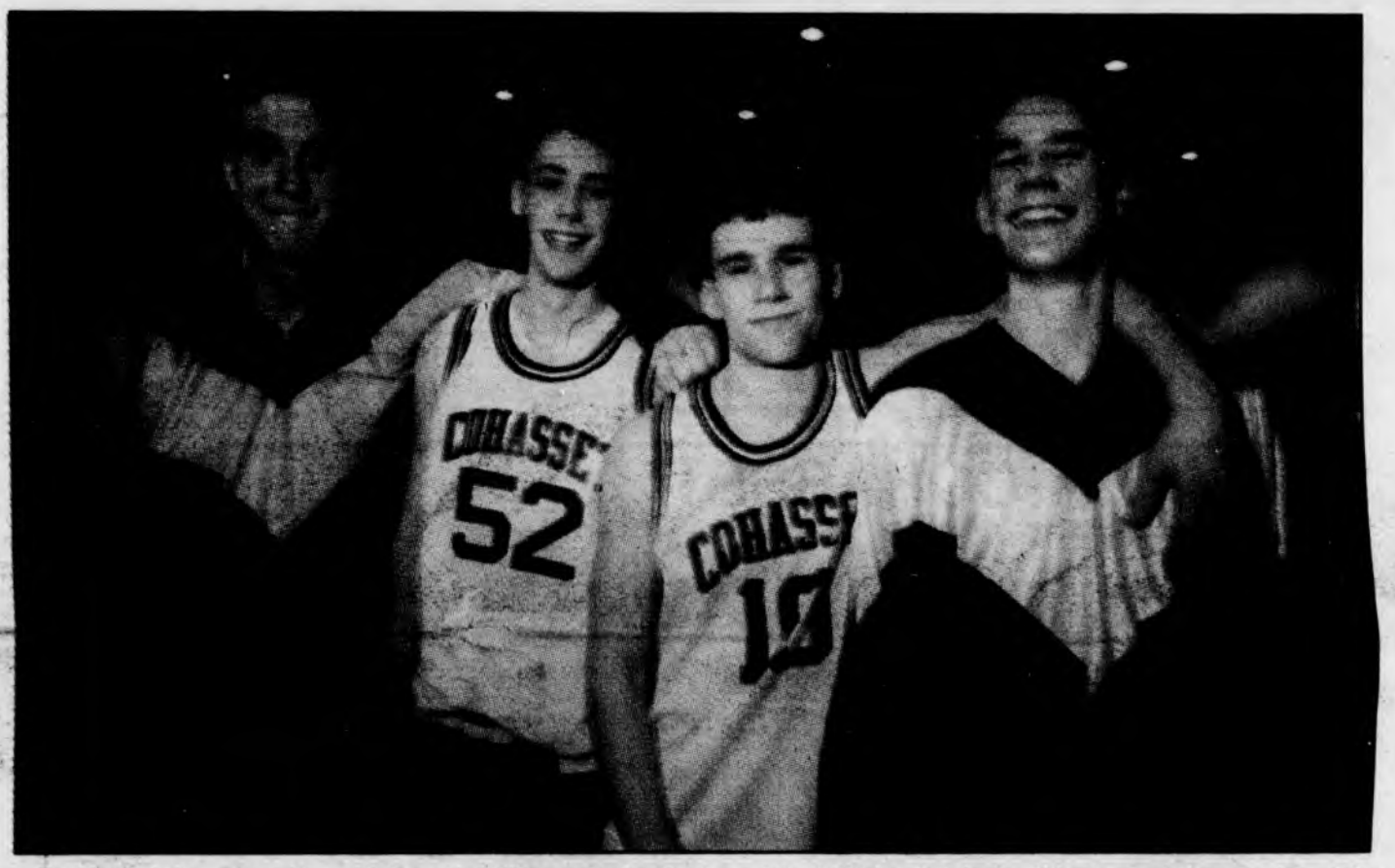
The health board's latest draft of an on-site waste water management plan was met with a mixture of skepticism and curiosity by a small group of residents who attended a workshop on Tuesday. Only about 10 people braved icy road conditions to attend the latest working session.

Members of the health board unveiled detailed cost estimates of a 12-year management plan that would also create a $12.2 million revolving loan fund for homeowners with failing septic systems.

The town is under a court order to address failing septic systems and sewer problems. Town officials knew that whatever plan they proposed would be controversial. They got a taste of that controversy at the workshop.

The proposed management plan would cost $405,125 per year to operate. Each of the 1,500 homes with a septic system would pay an annual fee of $270, which would cover mandatory annual function inspections, pumping costs, the

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Cohasset High hoopsters Ryan Bishop, J.L. Williams, Burke Davis and Paul-Michael Quintin all have special memories of the Boston Garden and FleetCenter. The foursome is hoping to lead the Skippers further west this season to the Division 3 State title game.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Leaping for Gold

Memories of Garden Inspire Cohasset Hoopsters

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

He was lacing up his high-tops in the small, visitors' locker room, deep in the catacombs of the old building. The simple wooden lockers bore no resemblance to the slick, metal lockers of modern arenas. The facilities were straight out of the dark ages.

But for Cohasset High basketball player Ryan Bishop, playing in the Boston Garden for the Division 3 EMass title, two years ago, was an experience he'll not soon forget.

"It didn't really hit me until we got there," said Ryan. "I realized I was in the locker room where legends got

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Red Lion Roars With Pride

Historic Renovations Near Completion

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The future of the Red Lion Inn looked bleak when the historic building was sold at auction for $300,000 in January, 1996. The new owner, Carl Akerblom of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, promised no changes to the business. But then the front door was locked last fall, restaurant hours were reduced, and access was restricted through the pub. Residents began to worry that the inn would close forever.

Michael Anderson, general manager of the inn, wants to allay residents' fears.

"This building has been here for almost 300 years and we hope it stays open for another 300 years," Anderson said. "Business dropped of after the summer so we cut back our hours. But we've been doing a lot of work over the winter to build it up."

Anderson has worked for Akerblom for ten years doing maintenance and carpentry work. Last June Akerblom

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Cohasset's Week

Chittick, Carroll Won't Seek Re-election

School committee member JoAnn Chittick and recreation commissioner Ted Carroll both announced this week that they will not be candidates for re-election to their respective boards.

Chittick said after more than 20 years of working for the schools as a volunteer and elected school committee member it was time for her to turn to other personal and professional pursuits.

Carroll said between his jobs at the South Shore Sports Center and Hingham Recreation Department, continuing to hold elected office proved to be "too much to juggle."

Taking out papers this week were Joseph P. McElroy, 59 Windy Hill, for school committee; Raimund G. Vanderweil, Jr., 500 Jerusalem Rd. for reelection to the board of sewer commissioners; Alfred S. Moore,Jr. 101 Fair Oaks Lane, for reelection to the planning board; Anne C. Bowdoin, 131 Nichols Rd., for reelection to the board of library trustees; Michael C. Patrolia, 15 Cushing Rd., for reelection to the board of assessors; and Mary K. Muncey, 377 S. Main St., for reelection to the recreation commission.

Nomination papers for the May 3 Annual Town Election are available at the town clerk's office and must be turned in by March 17.

The following positions will be available: Selectmen — one for three years; School Committee — two for three years; Trustee Paul Pratt Memorial Library — three for three years; Assessor one for three years; Board of Health — one for three years; Cohasset Housing Authority — one for five years; Planning Board - one for five years; Recreation Commission — three for five years; Sewer Commission — one for three years; and Water Commission — one for three years.

Wednesday, March 19, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election. Registration forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before the deadline.

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Sun. 16	6:25	9.7	12:00	7:07	8.5	12:50
Mon. 17	7:26	9.6	1:01	8:08	8.5	1:52
Tues. 18	8:23	9.6	2:00	9:02	8.7	2:47
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Public Forum on Lobster Lab Feb. 25

Educators, parents, grandparents, students, friends of students and concerned citizens are invited to a public information forum to discuss the proposed Learning Laboratory for Marine Biology and Genetic Research, to be held in the cafeteria of the Cohasset High School at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25.

Questions raised by the selectmen and attendees will be addressed. The potential benefits of encouraging student interest in science and research, and the considerable impact that genetics will have on world food supply and on medical diagnosis and treatment, are strong arguments against letting the proposal expire. Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation therefore has voted to adopt and implement the Learning Lab project, which was conceived by Dr. Kevin Ulmer, a scientist well versed in genetics and biology. It is proposed to lease the former Cohasset Colonials showroom on Parker Avenue (the Hagerty Building) from the town at $1 per year on a 10 year renewable lease. Cost of establishing and operating the lab would be borne by donations and grants from educational and scientific foundations, not from town revenues.

Another forum will be provided at the same place on March 5, so that voters should be well prepared to vote on issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to lease the building at the Special Town Meeting March 29.

For further information, call R.M. Campbell at 383-1379.

Town Census Mailed

The Town Census for 1997 has been mailed to all Cohasset households, the town clerk said this week.

The local census is primarily used to maintain voting and jury lists but it is also used for school enrollment projections and public safety and senior center needs. The local census also establishes proof of residency which is often needed for certain privileges, such as transfer station stickers and cemetery rights, certain veterans benefits and reduced tuition rates at state colleges and universities.

Dog forms were enclosed with the census. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 1997. If you did not receive a census form, call 383-9900. The census must be returned by Feb. 21.

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Home Prices in Cohasset are All Over the Map

Four-Bedroom Homes are Popular

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

It's hard to talk about average real estate sales in Cohasset.

The least expensive house that sold last year was on Beechwood Street . It went for $120,000.

But there were four sales along the so-called "Gold Coast" of $1.1 million or higher, according to figures obtained from the Plymouth County Board of Realtors. The top price-getter on Jerusalem Road sold for $1.65 million.

In all, 85 homes sold in Cohasset last year which is just one more than the amount sold in 1995.

Twelve two-bedroom homes sold in 1996 for an average price of $197,145; 29 three-bedrooms sold for an average price of $247,372; 35 four-bedrooms averaged $329,807; and nine five-or-more-bedrooms averaged $357,111.

There were 14 permits issued for new dwellings last year, said Building Inspector Bob Egan.

Gail Bell, president of the Plymouth County Board of Realtors, said last year was a sellers' market. Due to low inventory there were more buyers than sellers, she explained.

But she predicts more houses to come on the market this spring.

"The amount of property on the market is determined by the comfort level people have with their job and the economy," she said. "Many waited for the election. Interest rates have held.

"There is more confidence in the economy."

While Title V, the state environmental code governing septic systems, is still a factor, homeowners have a better understanding of it today, Bell said.

"The big thing last year was fear of the unknown," she said.

In neighboring Hingha, there were 167 home sales in 1996 for an average price of $257,175. Five homes sold for less than $100,000 in Hingham and five sold in the $600,000s.

Toto Look-alikes Wanted

Know of any small dogs with a hankering for the limelight?

The Cohasset Dramatic Club is having a dog-gone time finding a Toto look-alike for the club's upcoming production of 'The Wizard of Oz.'

"A mutt will do," said Cindy Donovan, publicity chairman for the club.

The dog should weigh about 20 pounds or less and have a good personality.

Doggie auditions are 2 p.m., Feb. 23 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at the corner of First Parish Road and Route 3A.

Donovan said all dogs must be on a leash and attendance at rehearsals will be necessary.

"We're looking," she said. "We need a small dog, one that's not too hyper."

She explained that in some of the scenes a stuffed animal will be used but in others, a live dog is needed. The dog will perform with Sarah Garland, who plays Dorothy.

Donovan is optimistic that a star will come forward.

"There could be some dogs that can handle the stage," she said.

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Red Lion Roars

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transferred Anderson to the inn to perform renovations. Last month Anderson was given the general manager's job.

Once Anderson was named manager, he assembled a team of workers from the inn to help him revitalize the historic business. Anderson credits bar manager Renee Gaudet, her mother Dorothy, and cook Richard Joseph for helping rebuild the business.

"Everybody has a say in the work that goes on here," Anderson said. "People feel good when they have a say in what happens at their job."

The first thing Anderson set out to do last June was renovate the inside of the building. Enormous cracks laced the ancient plaster walls. A thick layer of old, white paint covered all the trim. Much of the wiring dated back to the 1940s and earlier. The fire alarm system needed to be replaced.

The three story inn has a restaurant and pub on the first floor, short-term inn rooms on the second floor, and long-term rentals on the third floor. Most of the work has been focused on the second floor where the short-term guest rooms are located.

Four of the seven bedrooms on the second floor have been completely renovated. Three of the rooms have private bathrooms which have also been renovated. Two common bathrooms await Anderson's attention.

Workers stripped thick layers of paint off railings and replaced it with a quality varnish that shows off the dark, natural wood underneath. The floors on the second floor were sanded and sealed. Cracked plaster was replaced with a new layer of plaster similar to the original composition, but sturdier.

Every effort has been made to maintain the original materials in the building, Anderson said.

"Some new trim was matched to the original trim," Anderson said. "The second floor is about 80 percent complete. We've also added a new fire alarm system which is wired into the fire department, we've replaced some of the wiring, and we're going to add cable and telephone lines to the short term rentals."

Some of the quirks of the building, which has had three additions, will be maintained. The kitchen area was an addition which has left the floor on the second floor warped into a pyramid shape. Anderson said it was a unique feature of the old building that would be preserved. He added that it would also be expensive to repair.

"This will always be a work in progress," Anderson said. "You have to think long-term with a big place like this."

Room Three on the second floor is a source of great pride for Anderson. Two twin beds with colonial-style quilts sit at t he center of the room. The walls are smooth and clean, and the floors gleam softly in the dim light. Some of the original inn furniture has been refurbished and placed in the room. The private bathroom looks new and clean.

As Anderson admires the finished product, Gaudet and Joseph enter the room with broad grins.

"Isn't this room just great," Gaudet says enthusiastically.

Anderson admits that there is still a lot of work to be done before the inn is completely renovated. His budget is tight so the work is progressing slowly.

Anderson estimated that it will be three more years before the inn is a big success, and another nine months before it turns a profit. But he believes he is uniquely suited to revitalize the inn.

Six permanent residents live on the third floor, which has one bathroom and eight units.

"One gentleman has lived up there for 45 years," Anderson said.

Eventually, the entire third floor will have to be redone. Anderson said he would maintain the third floor as long-term rentals as long as he had interested renters.

"I am just so in love with this place," Anderson said. "I would love to live here until I retire."

Part of the revitalization plan includes the creation of an Internet home page so people from around the world can learn about the inn in cyberspace. Anderson also plans to advertise locally, and he has other plans to make the inn more attractive to tourists. He is also planning to write a book about the inn detailing its rich history.

"I am thinking of adding a bike rack so visitors could lock up their bikes and cycle through town," Anderson said. "We'll also extend our hours in the spring, do some landscaping, and bring back patio dining, which was very popular."

The inn has a rich history steeped in Cohasset's past, a past which fascinates Anderson. Thomas James built the large colonial house in 1704. James' grandson Christopher converted it into an inn about 50 years later. The James family owned the property until Eleazer James died in 1871.

The third floor was added sometime after the Civil War.

A coastal stage coach route between Hingham and Scituate made it an attractive stop for travelers seeking to rest their horses and refresh themselves. Anderson said there is a rumor that there is a secret tunnel in the basement that leads to the Cohassett harbor and was used as part of the underground railroad for slaves. However, he hasn't found any signs of a tunnel.

Anderson hopes to make the inn as attractive to people in cars as it once was to people in stage coaches.

"I want people to come to Cohassett so they can see the Red Lion Inn," Anderson said. "I want this to eventually be a five-star establishment that is an integral part of the community. I want the people of Cohassett to be proud of the Red Lion Inn."

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Police Shut Gate on Crime Spree

By Jennifer R. Horan
COHASSET MARINER

Scituate Police arrested a Scituate man Tuesday involved in stealing thousands of dollars worth of decorative and antique property from homes and cemeteries on the South Shore, said Scituate Police Lt. Brian Stewart.

Police recovered an estimated $50,000 worth of property stolen from the South Shore at Boston antique stores in the Beacon Hill area.

After several months of an ongoing joint investigation by Marshfield, Scituate and Cohasset police, Scituate Detective W. Michael Stewart arrested James B. Stuart, 37, at his home at 138 Old Oaken Bucket Road in Scituate just after 9 a.m. Tuesday (Feb. 11), Lt. Stewart said.

Stuart has been charged with nine counts of receiving stolen property: four in Scituate, two in Cohasset, two in Marshfield and one in Norwell.

For each count, Stuart faces a maximum jail sentence of five years, Plymouth County District Attorney Michael Sullivan said.

Police have a warrant out for the arrest of another individual allegedly involved in the property thefts, Lt. Stewart said. As of Wednesday morning, she had not yet been arrested, Sgt. John C. Rooney said. Stuart was arraigned in Hingham District Court yesterday (Feb. 12) and was held on $1,000 cash bail at the Plymouth House of Correction, DetectiveStewart said.

Since the summer, thefts of gates, yard ornaments, urns, statues and bird baths made of wrought iron, marble, granite and cast iron have been reported in Scituate, Marshfield, Cohasset, Hingham and Norwell, Lt. Stewart said. Police have stored more than a pick-up truck-load of the stolen merchandise at the Scituate police station. Most of the recovered property has already been matched to its original owners, he said.

DetectiveStewart, who has spent the past several days canvasing about 40 antique shops in the Boston area with Marshfield DetectiveSteven Marcolini, said residents bolstered the investigation by supplying photographs and drawings of their missing property.

Antique shop owners assisted them in identifying the stolen goods in their stores as well as the antique dealer who provided them, he said. The two detectives traced the rest of the recovered items through receipts and other paper work tying the Scituate suspects to the crimes, he said. Shopkeepers are not being charged, he said.

DetectiveStewart described Stuart as knowledgeable about antiques — aware of the difference between valuable artifacts and replicas — and that the antique shops he dealt with considered him an expert in the field.

"The suspect knew the value and the market that the average person wouldn't," he said.

DetectiveStewart said the rash of thefts all over the South Shore is an isolated crime and he believes the suspect dealt in antiques to support a drug habit.

An estimated $25,000 set of iron gates stolen from a Cohasset home topped the list of recovered items.

Cohasset resident Polly Logan, whose five-foot high garden gates were stolen last month from her Nichols Road home, said she was ecstatic that police recovered her valuable property.

"What a great Valentine's gift," she said, complimenting the police for "fine detective work."

Also recovered were an estimated $1,000 gate that was stolen from a home on First Parish Road last month, a $750 urn stolen from Hingham, a lavabo and urn valued at $1,800 stolen from a home in Scituate as well as many artifacts that police believe were taken from grave sites.

During the next few days, police expect to identify more of the stolen items and return them to their rightful owners within the next few weeks, they said.

Antique shopkeepers allowed police to take any merchandise from their stores linked to the suspect for the purposes of identification. Any items they are unable to identify will be returned to the antique shops they were recovered from.

DetectiveStewart said police were unsure whether some of the property reported stolen from the area during the past few months had already been sold. He said police would continue to track down missing property — including property that may have been sold — through antique dealers and retrieve it.

Because the antique business is not regulated like pawn shops and jewelry outlets, shopkeepers are not required to keep extensive records.

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Septic Plan

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salary for a program coordinator, and any other operational or administrative costs.

Each home would be assigned to a priority category. Title V inspections of on-site systems would be performed over a seven year period based on the preassigned categories. Homes that pose the greatest potential risk to public health would receive first priority for Title V inspections.

Homeowners who failed Title V inspections would have two years to upgrade their systems.

The management system would not be responsible for repairing failing or broken systems.

The loan program would be funded over 12 years with a $3.2 million loan from the state, and $9 million from the town, possibly through a Proposition 2-1/2 override. If this draft was adopted, the town would contribute $500,000 a year for the first six years into the revolving account. In the seventh through 12th years, tax payers would be asked to contribute $1 million per year into the fund.

The plan has two variations for the loan structure. Under one option, a resident with a failing system could borrow up to $40,000 at 5 percent interest for repairs and replacement. If the repair or replacement cost exceeded $40,000, the homeowner would have to seek additional outside funding.

Town officials would like voters to agree to pay 50 percent of the cost of failing or broken systems. If this resolution passed at town meeting, a homeowner could borrow 50 percent of the cost to replace or repair a system up to $20,000 at five percent interest. The town would match repair or replacement costs up to $20,000. If the repair or replacement exceeded $40,000, the homeowner would be responsible for the additional cost.

"Our intent is to have the town pay half the cost even in the first year of the program," said health board Chairman Tom Cook. "We need an override or the owner will have to pay all the costs."

Using figures based on annual sales of homes with septic systems, the health board estimates that approximately 50 systems would have to be repaired or upgraded each year at an average cost of $20,000.

Cook said the plan was an attempt to create parity for homeowners with septic systems by relieving some of the costs and providing low interest loans.

But several residents felt the plan actually created additional costs to homeowners.

"You're creating more bureaucracy that must be sustained with our tax money ," said Wigmore Pierson. "What kind of public input have you incorporated into this plan? When will I get the answers I need?"

Other residents also rejected to the creation of a new town agency. Wigmore referred to the new agency as the "septic police."

One resident pointed out that it currently cost him $150 to pump out his septic system every three years. The town's plan would cost him $810 over three years.

Additionally, residents currently do not have to get a Title V inspection unless they sell their homes. The proposed plan would mandate annual service inspections, and Title V inspections of all homes over a seven year period. Residents could be forced to replace their systems even if they had no intention of selling their homes.

Residents were also concerned with what the town would do if more than 50 systems failed in a year.

"I think the perception of a mandatory bureaucracy is scary to people," said selectman Peter Pratt.

Pratt suggested a voluntary management option for residents who are not in areas of critical environmental concern.

"We have to have a town-wide plan to address environmental areas," Cook said. "Unless a management plan is approved, we have to find a way to implement the mandate, which is why we were directed to come up with a parity plan. If we don't come up with something, then those key areas are going to get a letter from the board of health."

One woman wanted to know why town officials couldn't agree to sewer the entire town.

"You'll have to speak to another town agency about that," Cook replied.

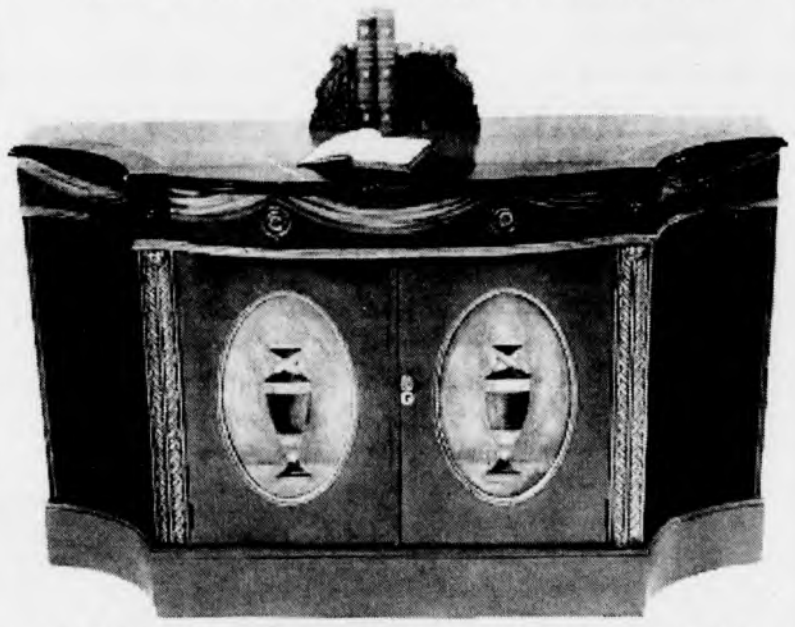
Residents were also angry because a modification to the consent agreement with the state had not yet been made public. Pratt said he would work to have the document released immediately.

Cook added that he felt the health board would have the management plan ready for the annual spring town meeting. He also suggested that the plan may have to be voted on at a later special town meeting.

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Say It With Roses

By Carol Britton Meyer
COHASSET MARINER

"Valentine — a gift or greeting sent or given especially to a sweetheart on St. Valentine's Day." (Webster's Dictionary)

Lovers and friends will celebrate St. Valentine's Day for years to come, but as time goes on, traditions change. While roses are still the most popular flower to send to loved ones on that special day, other flowers are gaining in popularity. More and more women are also sending flowers to men on Valentine's Day, according to local florists.

Ann Brandon, manager of Hingham Square Florists on South Street, said the shop's floral designers usually choose more masculine flowers for women to send to men.

"We often include twig formations to help accomplish that goal," she said. "Women are also giving roses more often to men. Valentine's Day is a rose day, whether a single red rose or a dozen long-stemmed roses."

"The holiday has expanded over the years," said Paul Trifiro, manager of Exotic Flowers and Gifts on Route 3A in Cohasset.

"About 60 percent of those sending flowers on Valentine's Day are men, and 40 percent are women," he said. "It is becoming more of a family-type holiday, and children are sending flowers to their parents more often.

"Cohasset is a small town, and people who used to live here but have had to move away for one reason or another often send flowers to special people back in Cohasset," Trifiro said.

While florists appreciate the business, Valentine's Day is one of the hectic of the year. Most orders for flowers are placed the same week or on the actual day.

Prices range from $65 to $75 for a dozen long-stemmed roses. In Boston, the price can run as high as $85. To qualify as a long-stemmed rose, the flower's stem must be longer than 22 inches.

Wholesalers charge more for their flowers during this busy season, which results in higher costs to the consumer. The fact that Californian wholesalers had their flowers washed out in recent floods also contributes to higher costs. Another source of flowers is Ecuador.

"Valentine's Day has traditionally been the one day of the year when people express their feelings to their significant other," Trifiro said. "It's a day set aside for dinner, chocolates and flowers to show a special person you care."

Trifiro names a dozen long-stemmed roses as "the flower of choice for Valentine's Day," although individuals are "getting away from tradition and becoming more creative in mixing colors," he said. His shop has ordered 12,000 roses for the special day.

"A florist is entrusted with expressing people's feelings for each other," he said.

Brandon, like Trifiro, expects business to be good this Valentine's Day. "Even though flowers are wickedly expensive, roses are less expensive than a dinner for two," she said.

Hingham Square Florists also offers luscious short-stemmed pastel roses, including an unusual peach color. Rose bouquets are less expensive than long-stemmed roses, which take longer to grow.

"On Valentine's Day, we suggest 'Romeos' create a magical moment for their 'Juliets' by sending them a beautiful creation of colored roses. More traditional lovers may want to send their friends a dozen long-stemmed red roses, boxed prettily with a big red bow." said Brandon.



Marie Curtin prepares a Valentine arrangement at Exotic Flowers of Cohasset
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High School Swim Team Makes Waves at Championships!

Hip, Hip Horray! Kudos to the **Cohasset High Swim Team** — all members of the team recently participated in the Pilgrim Conference Championships held at the Lincoln Hancock pool in Quincy. The evening before the meet a "Spirit Dinner" was hosted by the co-captains, **Patrick Leahy** and **Ashley Brister.**

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Congratulations go to **Aimee Mitchell**, the daughter of **Ann** and **Larry Mitchell**. Aimee made the dean's list at Lynn University, and we are all proud of her and her efforts!

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Mary Jane (Cotton) Low was in town a few weeks ago, heading up the plans for the Class reunion for the class of 1962, to be held this summer.

Lynn Palmiter hosted the "Planning Group," and such fun was had visiting with each other that we almost forgot what we were there for! We are making great strides in our efforts to reach everyone, if you know of a class member that has not been notified please be kind enough to give me a call — we want everyone there!

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Word comes from Noble and Greenough School that the headmaster, Richard H. Baker, has announced, the following Cohasset residents have achieved academic honors for their first semester grades. Earning academic distinction were: **Geoffrey Chamberlain**, senior; **Taylor Devin** and **Maura MacLeod**, juniors; **William MacPherson,** sophomore; **Meghan O'Sullivan,** freshman; and, **Joseph Palone**, eighth grade.

Academic high distinction went to **Rachel Eisenhaure,** a junior; **Margaret Goedecke, Stefanie Noering** and **Annie Palone**, members of the sophomore class!

Hats off to all of you for hard work that you did.

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WWW.COHASSETMA.COM The Cohasset Harborfest committee is inching forward on the introduction of the Town of Cohasset to the Internet. At this point they are actively searching for volunteers who can devote the necessary time to complete the introduction of this project. They need volunteers for the input of a lot of data and for the jobs of Web Page Master and Site Masters. If the phrase "to cover the waterfront" had not already been coined they would coin it. They are going to cover the waterfront, the Harbor, Route 3A and all of the Town of Cohasset. Please EMAIL them at HOMEPAGE @ COHASSETMA.COM with your name, address, telephone number and computer experience or call 383-0787. As **Bob Martin** said in closing, "see you in Cyber Space!"



Members of the Cohasset High School Swim Team recently excelled at the Pilgrim Conference Championships held at the Lincoln Hancock pool in Quincy. The night before the event, team co-captains, Patrick Leahy and Ashley Brister, hosted a "Spirit Dinner".

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Boy, has the **Cohasset Education Foundation** (CEF) come up with an awesome fund-raiser — "Paris Pour Deux!" That is a trip to Paris for two, including round trip airfare and hotel stay for three nights (at a luxurious one) — how about that for your valentine — you can tuck one of the raffle tickets in the Valentine then just wait until March 5 for the drawing. This is all going to benefit the CEF's Language Lab Project, what a worthy cause! To get a ticket call the ticket hotline at 383-2833 or see any CEF member. The drawing will take place at CHS at the Spelling Bee at 9 p.m. Good luck! Cost is $20 per ticket.

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Kathryn Ross, daughter of **James** and **Susan Ross** and a member of the class of 2000 at Skidmore College, earned honors during the fall semester at that college. Skidmore is a coeducational, liberal arts institution with an enrollment of approximately 2,150 students.

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According to an announcement by Dean Francis L. Donelan, two Cohasset students have been named to the dean's list at Newman Preparatory School in Boston. In order to receive this honor, a student must maintain an average of 85 or higher in each major subject for an entire academic semester. The following students have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester, Sept. 9 to Jan. 17: **Erin L. Johnson,** daughter of **Dr.** and **Mrs. Walter Johnson** of Jerusalem Road, and **Joanna M. Larrabee,** daughter of **Joseph** and **Joan Larrabee** of Hammond Avenue. Congrats to both of you for a job well done!

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The following "Cohassetites" have earned academic honors for the fall trimester at Northfield Mount Hermon School:

Abigail Kornet, a junior and the daughter of **Diana D.** and **John L. Kornet Jr.,** also known for being an assistant director in the 1996 Theatre Program one-Act Play Festival; she performed in the 1996 major production of "The Cinderella Waltz."

She participated in crew, the concert choir, and the Select Women's Ensemble.

Brett MacQuarrie is a senior and the son of **Jane** and **Chris Kyricos.** Brett is a student leader, has served as co-captain of the varsity soccer team, participating in the 1996 New England Prep Schools Tournament. A member of the varsity lacrosse team, he was co-captain of the Southeast Team in the 1995 Bay State Games. A member of the NMH "As Schools Match Wits" academic quiz, he has studied Advanced Placement economics. Brett has been accepted at Trinity College in Hartford and will be going there in the fall.

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That's the news from here, hopefully your news will be in print next week — if you call me, it will be!

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and received a BA in Special Education from Anna Maria College and a M/Ed in School Librarianship from Bridgewater State College. She is employed as a distributor for Dorling Kindersley Family Learning in Cohasset.

Her finance is a graduate of Brookline High School and received a BS in History from Boston State College. He is a federal policeman in Boston.

The wedding will take place September 20.

Valentine's Gala to Benefit Kids

The third annual Valentine's Gala to benefit South Shore Day Care Services will be held this Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8 p.m. to midnight at South Shore Country Club. Hingham resident Gayle Doucette is chairing the event.

There will be an auction of items including a chair from the legendary Boston Garden; a life-size children's playhouse; autographed children's books by Marc Brown, Norman Bridwell and Carly Simon; an autographed New England Patriot's football; Vineyard getaways; merchandise and gift certificates from local merchants. Ron Hobson will serve as auctioneer, accompanied by comedian Jimmy Dunn. Tickets are $10 at the door.

For further information, call 331-8505.

OBITUARIES

James A. Litchfield

James A. Litchfield, 76, of Scituate, a builder for most of his life and a former Cohasset building inspector, died Feb. 1 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth following a brief illness.

Mr. Litchfield was an Army-Air Corps veteran of World War II and served in the European Theater.

He was a life member of the Cohasset Veterans of Foreign War Post, a life member and past commander of the George F. Mealy American Legion Post in Cohasset, a member of the Second Air Force Division Association and a life member of the 8th Air Force Historical Society.

He was born in Scituate and was raised and educated in Cohasset. He lived in Cohasset for 19 years before moving back to Scituate.

Mr. Litchfield leaves his wife, Brenda (Burton) Litchfield, two daughters, Beryl Cummings of Cedarville and Jill Cronin of Cohasset; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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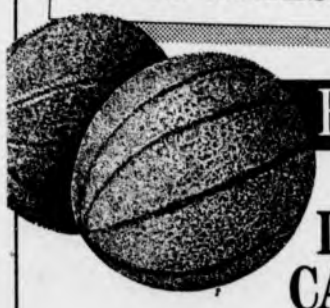
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We Need Sewers

The sewer is badly needed.

Don't let any of the 'confusion' surrounding the project cloud that simple fact.

Objections from north Cohasset residents are related to how the sewer is going to be paid for — few question the need for it.

As it stands now, the 345 homeowners in north Cohasset face the prospect of paying for 100 percent of sewering their part of town which will be hooked up to the sewer plant in Hull.

They are angry because they think being asked to pay for all of a major public works project is unfair and unprecedented.

Last year town meeting voted to subsidize 50 percent of the project with taxpayer dollars contingent on a debt exclusion override which subsequently failed.

This year, if north and central Cohasset, which includes about 600 homes, join together, there's a good chance the override asking for 50 percent taxpayer subsidy will pass.

But there's no chance the sewer projects will even pass town meeting unless selectmen have a clear understanding of what's at stake.

This week, some selectmen seem to think the project should go down in flames unless the 50/50, taxpayer/user payment plan is approved and the override passes.

While we think fairness is a legitimate issue and support the residents in north and central Cohasset seeking shared-funding — the sewer projects should go forward regardless.

It is fair to give north Cohasset another "bite of the apple," so to speak, and to let central Cohasset have the opportunity for help with the sewer costs through a debt exclusion override.

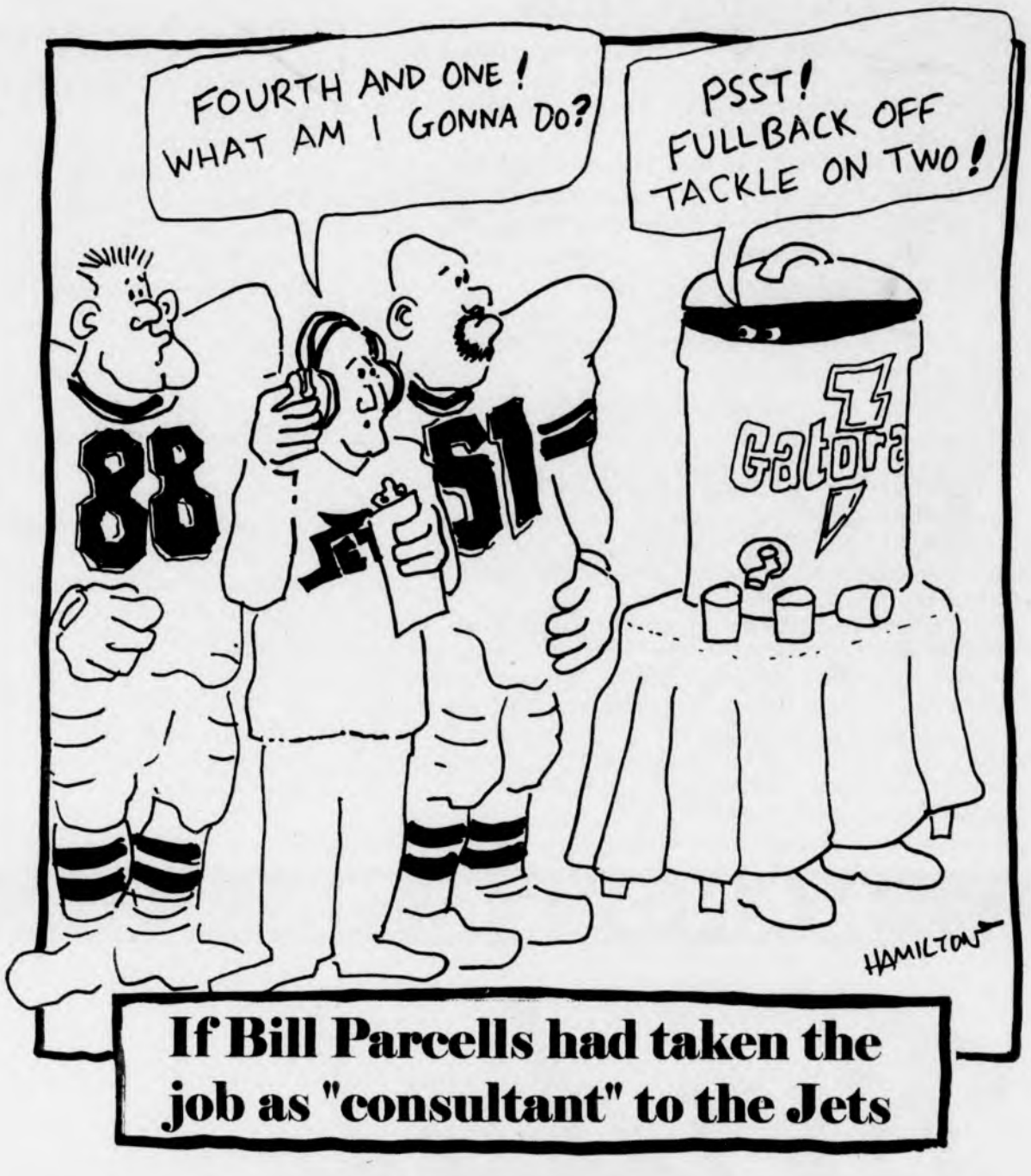
Selectmen should support this effort and help get the vote out.

But it would be grossly unfair to the town and the environment to stop these projects.

Some say the court order forcing the town to upgrade its sewer system or face the specter of huge fines is a paper tiger and is meaningless. We'd hate to test the state's legal resolve on this matter.

The environmental arm of the state is different in the 90s. Just ask anyone who's confronted a Title V upgrade.

— Mary Ford
Editor



If Bill Parcells had taken the job as "consultant" to the Jets

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cohasset Fire Fighters Thanked

Dear Fire Fighters,

Thank you for saving my house. You are nice. I got to see the kitchen. When the hurt fire fighter gets out of bed, please tell him thank you. Thank you for doing you best.

Your Friend,
Megan Sacks

P.S. I was the person who lived there!

Dear Fire Fighters,

Thank you for saving Megan Sack's house. You are the best. I hope the other fireman is O.K.

Your Friend,
Sheelah Scott

Dear Fire Fighters,

Thank you for putting the fire out at Megan's house.

From,
Nick Sida

Dear Fire Fighters,

Thanks for saving Megan's house. I hope the fire fighter who got hurt is okay. Our class thanks you a bunch.

From,
Tim Smith

P.S. You're cool!

Dear Fire Fighters,

Megan Sacks is in my class. I'm sorry one of your men got hurt. Thank you for saving Megan's house.

Your Friend,
Rob St. John

(Written by students in Mrs. Cook's grade 2 classroom at the Osgood School, in appreciation of the Fire Fighters in Cohasset.)

Personal Attacks are Inappropriate

To the Editor:

Cohasset has many civic-minded residents who give of themselves to keep our town rolling. These individuals get nothing and expect nothing for their efforts and each of us should be deeply grateful for their efforts.

It is very unfair if personal attacks are directed at any one individual. We all have a right to disagree with viewpoints expressed. It is our right and obligation to educate ourselves on the issues and express ourselves in the proper forum.

Not many are willing to give so tirelessly as Cohasset's volunteers do. Let's all applaud their efforts and thank them.

Diane Sullivan
708 Jerusalem Rd.

Swim Team Support Appreciated

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Cohasset High School swim team, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the parents for all of their support and dedication in making this such a successful and enjoyable season for the swimmers on the team.

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to the Athletic Director, Clark Chatterton, for all of his hard work and special attention given to the team.

This season would not have been such a success without all of this support.

Kyle Browning
Head Swim Coach

Consignment Shop Holds Bonanza Sale



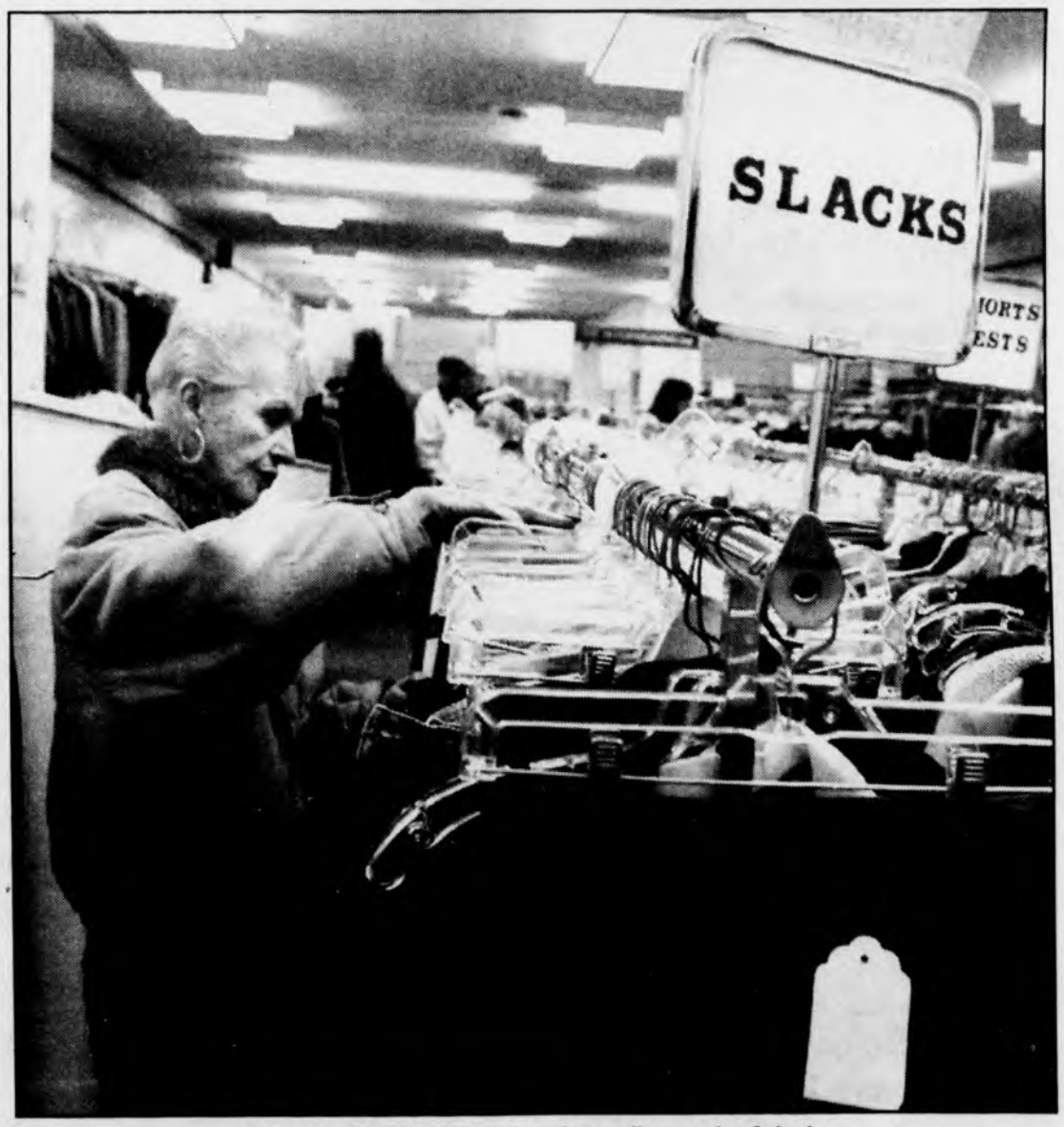
Decisions, decisions: Amelia Silvia, 8, contemplates the vast selection of jewelry during the giant sale last weekend at Social Service League's Cohasset Consignment Shop. Proceeds from the store provide money for Meals on Wheels, get-well clinics and counseling for the towns of Hingham, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Cohasset.



Anne Downes tries on a fur coat with the help of Andrea Merrill, store manager.



Loaded down with great buys, Tom Smith waits patiently while his wife shops.



Georgette Mullen examines the endless rack of slacks.

Staff Photos/Bill Wadsworth

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lightkeepers' Response to Rec Letter

Mr. John M. Worley, Director
Recreation Commission
Town of Cohasset

Dear Mr. Worley:

Educational benefit is of considerable interest to many Cohasset voters, including those who are day sailors.

The Recreation Commission seems to be staking out a position of opposition to a significant development in educational benefit (the proposed Learning Laboratory for Marine Biology and Genetic Research), instead of reasonable compromise. Recreation and education need not be mutually exclusive.

After all, the footprint of the Hagerty building is only 2 percent of the 2-1/2 acres of the property. Surely a year-round educational facility, which will be available to all students who choose to use it, warrants giving up a few parking spaces for boat trailers that would be used on a few summer weekends.

An improved launching ramp and parking area is a laudable objective, but credibility is not enhanced by suggesting that the area could be in great demand for picnics and athletics, nor by suggesting that the lab is incompatible with improving the ramp and parking lot.

R.M. Campbell, President
Cohasset Lightkeepers Corp.

A copy of this letter was provided to the Mariner for publication.

Town Manager Position Supported

To the Editor:

A group of citizens have submitted a petition before Town Meeting to consider a change to Town Manager form of government. What precisely does this petition ask our town to consider?

In general:

The town manager reports to the selectmen, and is a full time town employee with the skills and the experience to properly oversee and direct the daily operation of Cohasset, consistent with goals and policies set by the selectmen, and by-laws and other action of Town Meeting.

Specifically:

The selectmen become the chief goal-setting and policy-making body of the town. (Similar to the board of directors of a corporation.) The ultimate authority of our open Town Meeting is unchanged.

The selectmen and all elected town personnel, boards, commissions and authorities remain exactly as they are today. (This is a wise move since the town manager will clearly need the collective guidance of these individuals, boards, and commissions.)

The selectmen will also appoint the town counsel, and any committees, boards and commissions that they appoint today. The selectmen will continue to grant licenses and will have the authority to both hire and fire the town manager, as today.

Duties and responsibilities of the town manager include:

- Acts as the chief administrative and financial officer of Cohasset responsible for day to day operation of the town, reporting to the selectmen.
- Develops the town budget, working with all town boards, officers, and committees, and submits it to the selectmen for approval and forwarding to the advisory committee and capital budget committee. The budget of the school department remains under the jurisdiction of the school committee.
- Supervises all town departments.
- Responsible for coordination of operational and strategic planning of Cohasset.
- Responsible for hiring and firing all town employees, subject to civil service or union contract, as appropriate.
- Attends selectmen meetings.
- Administers all provisions of law and regulations approved by the selectmen.
- Administers the town budget.
- Keeps the selectmen informed about federal and state funds availability and all departmental operations.
- Signs routine town vendor and payroll warrants, functions as chief purchasing officer and negotiates contracts.
- Cannot engage in any other business activity while town manager.

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New Voting System Previewed

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

The vote was 12-2 to put the IRS out of existence. And Jay Leno and David Letterman both won seats on the board of comedy Monday night.

The votes were part of a light-hearted demonstration of a new voting system to be tried out at the May 3 town election.

Voters in May will trade in their stylus and punch card for a paper ballot with circles that can be filled in with a pencil or pen.

Cohasset was one of several towns in the 10th Congressional District last fall that became embroiled in a recount due to an unusually high number of blank votes cast in the primary race between Democrats William Delahunt and Philip Johnston.

The blanks were blamed on the punch-card system in which the voter must push the stylus so it punches a hole through the voting card so light shines through and the ballot can be read by the machine. In the recount that was later appealed, a judge decided that dimples showed voter intent.

Ken Hajjar of LHS Associates, Inc., which rents or sells Accu-Vote voting scanners to interested communities, conducted a mock election that included ballot questions at the selectmen's meeting.

He said Marshfield uses the Accu-Vote system and Weymouth, which was one of the recount towns last fall, just bought 20.

For the May 3 trial, LHS will provide two machines, one for each precinct, at no cost to the town.

If the town decides to switch to the optical scanners, it can buy the machines for $6,000 each. After the first two years, the maintenance contract would be $125 per year. Programming costs are $350 per election.

Election warden Domenic Baccari said lighting could be a problem because the punch-card machines have their own lighting source.

Hajjar suggested clear Christmas lights be strung along the voting booths.

Selectmen said they would check with wire department head Steve Wigmore about any lighting problems.

Baccari said he particularly liked that the Accu-Vote machines accept the ballots in any orientation, even if they are inserted backwards.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said she is looking forward to the trial.

"I think they will work out well," she said.

Informational Meeting on the 'Pay-Per-Bag' Program

The Recycling Committee will hold a public informational meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20, in the Town Hall auditorium, on the "pay-per-bag" program to be implemented in Cohasset later this year.

"We are holding this meeting to explain the 'pay-per-bag' program to interested residents, and to answer questions about the program," said Arthur Lehr, chairman of the recycling committee.

In the "pay-per-bag" program, people pay for only the amount of refuse they actually dispose of, instead of the current flat fee, which would be eliminated, said Lehr. Since there is no charge to bring recyclables to the town Recycling Transfer Station (RTF), residents can save money for themselves and the town by separating their recyclables, he said.

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Be a Winner for Cabaret '97

The First Parish Church in Cohasset is preparing for another outrageous midwinter extravaganza — Cabaret '97 — "Those Fabulous Fifties" to be held on March 15 and 16. Celebrating its fifth year, Cabaret promises to be "brighter, bolder, and more hilarious" than ever before. Members of the church are currently selling raffle tickets for the event which is always a sell out. For $2 you can win two reserved seats for the Saturday evening performance and buffet or Sunday afternoon matinee. Call the church office, 383-1100, for further information.

Astrologers on the Mark

Please tune in to channels 3 and 53 Wednesday night, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m., when "On the Mark with Ilana Marks" will feature psychics and astrologers. Is there life after death? What is karma? Get these and other questions answered as they discuss new age issues. Please call in with your questions, or if you'd prefer, mail questions or comments to: "On the Mark with Ilana Marks," P.O. Box 717, Scituate, MA 02066. Our E-mail address is ILANAMARKS@AOL.COM.

Cohasset Blue & Gold Banquet

Each year, early in February, Cub Scout packs across the country hold Blue and Gold Banquets to celebrate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America Feb. 8, 1910.

Sunday, Cohasset's Pack 38 held its Blue and Gold Banquet at the High School cafeteria. Forty-five Wolf, Bear and Webelo Scouts gathered with their families to eat and receive well-earned recognition for the tasks they've achieved this year.

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray spoke to the group about her years as a Scout leader, and urged the Cubs to stay with the program into Boy Scouts.

After the banquet, Doug Sheerin and Kevin Duffy, representatives from the successful Cohasset High School wrestling team, showed highlights from a recent meet with Middleboro High.



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2. **Your car must have brakes and lights. Which of the following is not a necessity?**
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   D. 5 years

Source: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Drivers' License Manual

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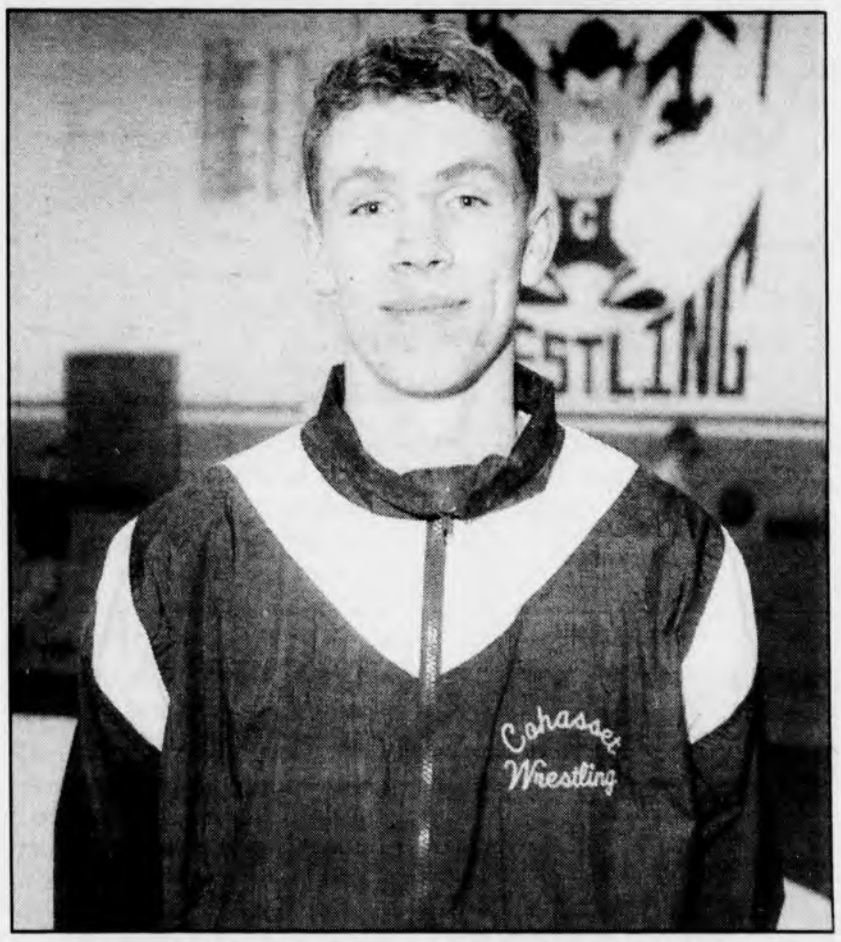
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100-Match Winner Is Just Warming Up

Duffy's Focus Is On State Title



Cohasset High wrestler Kevin Duffy has his sights set on winning a state championship. The relentless wrestler recently became just the third in Cohasset High history to break the 100-win mark.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

He has the ability to give his opponent a sense of confidence in the early stages of a wrestling match. Opposing wrestlers come to believe they actually have a chance at defeating Cohasset's Kevin Duffy.

But if he doesn't wind up pinning his opponent, the 135-pound Duffy simply wears him down in the latter stages, sapping the once-confident opposition's strength right out of him.

Head coach Torin Sweeney says it's the extra work Duffy puts in during the offseason that makes him extremely tough to beat.

"They may be close in the first and second period," said Sweeney, "but Kevin wears them out in the third. He has worked so hard. His mental toughness and intensity on the mat really just wears people out."

Duffy has been "wearing out" opponents consistently now for four years. By the time he reached last Saturday's meet against Middleboro, Duffy had come face to face to the record books. He easily won his match and joined former teammates Ryan Freeman and Nate Fiore as the only Skipper wrestlers to break the 100-win mark.

For Duffy, he knew at the beginning of the season he was on pace to reach the prestigious mark. He won 29 matches last year, en route to taking third at the Division 3 South Sectionals in the 125-pound division. Barring an injury or sickness, Duffy was confident he could reach No. 100.

"I was really confident coming into this season because I had high expectations," Duffy said. "I felt good before the match and it's been something I've been looking forward to."

It was the example Fiore and Freeman set that motivated Duffy to work for the 100 wins. He saw the effort they put into their training and matches. Duffy realized he had to follow a steady, training regiment in the offseason if he wanted to accomplish the goal.

Duffy joined the Orange Crush Wrestling Team out of Weymouth and trained with some of the best wrestlers on the South Shore. He followed a lifting program and bought a mat in order to work on his moves.

The offseason work certainly paid off, not only physically but on the mental side as well. "I feel a lot more confident on my feet this year than in the past," Duffy said. "To reach 100 wins means I'm at the level (Fiore and Freeman) were."

One reason for Duffy's success is his ability and desire to test himself in what he considers to be a very difficult sport to dominate. Just one bad move in a match can turn the momentum the other way in only a second or two.

"The difficulty and level of competition have been great motivators," Duffy said. "Of all the sports I've competed in, this competition is the most difficult."

As tough as the competition has been though, Duffy has handled it just fine. As a freshman, Duffy proved he was for

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Sheerin Shines at All-League Championship

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Scituate may have taken the Pilgrim Conference gymnastics title with an undefeated record, but second-place Cohasset shined just as brightly at last Wednesday's league meet.

The Lady Skippers had four girls named to the All-Star team, the most of any team, and seven medals awarded in the individual event competition.

Erica Hettstrom (Bars), Jodi Colwill and Kristin Sheerin (Beam), and Tara Hettstrom (Floor) were all voted league All-Stars prior to the start of the competition.

The Skippers didn't lose a step in the meet itself, placing in top six in every event. Just a seventh-grader, Sheerin came away with three medals, thanks to an impressive first place on the bars and finished third on both the beam and floor.

Fellow seventh-grader Caitlin Flint was third on bars, while Carolyn Pratt and Kristen Reynolds took third and fifth on the beam and vault, respectively. Colwill was sixth on the vault and earned a medal.

Pratt's performance was especially gratifying for head coach Erin Sutherland. She had perfect attendance for the season and is considered the "hardest worker" on the team by Sutherland.

"She has really worked hard on all her

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All-Star and All-League winners for Cohasset at the Pilgrim Conference meet include (Left to Right) Tara Hettstrom, Jodi Colwill, Erica Hettstrom and Kristin Sheerin (Front). Assistant Ruthann Ardizzoni (Sweater) and head coach Erin Sutherland are obviously pleased with the Lady Skippers' performances.

Hoopsters Sink Non-League Harwich

By Jim O'Sullivan
Special to the Mariner

Cohasset dribbled in some non-league action on Monday and came away with a solid 67-54 basketball triumph over Harwich. Cohasset's Paul-Michael Quintin led all scorers with 22 points and Ryan Bishop followed with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

Despite giving Harwich 14 of its first 20 points from three-point land, and the absence of forward J.L. Williams, the Skippers were still able to notch their 14th win.

Bishop scored the game's first points, taking an inbounds pass from Quintin to the hole. Brian Kilroy, who tore down nine rebounds, swished a turnaround from the right block. Bishop kissed a fadeaway off the glass and went to the line. He then continued his scoring run, hitting the ensuing free throw and, on the nest possession, knocked down a runner. Burke Davis sneaked in for the steal and dished to Quintin, who got on the board with a jumper. Kilroy took advantage of his hot hand with a pull-up jumper and Bishop popped in a free throw, then snagged an offensive board and put it back for two. Jamie Buick picked up an assist by tossing to Kilroy, who finished, giving Cohasset an 18-13 edge.

Davis nailed a foul-line jumper and crisp passing by Quintin and Davis resulted in a Pat Hurley basket. Kilroy's rejection on the defensive end set up Hurley's trey and Cohasset led 25-15. Quintin drained a three and Davis grabbed the long offensive board and slashed to the hoop for a pair. Bishop stole an inbounds pass and somehow twisted his 6-foot-8 frame underneath the backboard for a bucket. Raheem Shepard injected defensive life into the team, grabbing a steal, then hitting Quintin, who stopped and popped for two. The Skippers headed into the locker room with a 34-22 lead.

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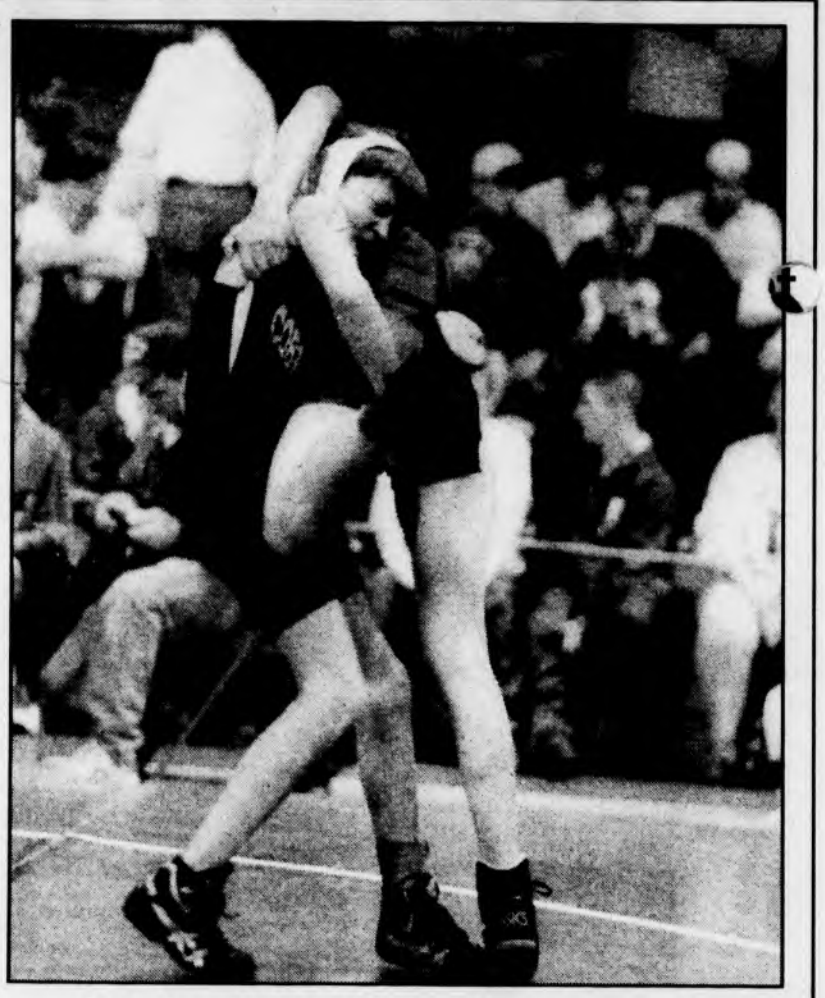
Swimmers Hit Personal Bests

The Cohasset High School swim team is a perfect example of the saying "The body achieves what the mind believes." Led by junior co-captain Pat Leahy and the lone senior co-captain Ashley Brister, the team entered every meet ready to compete and represent its school to the best of its ability. Cohasset left every meet with compliments from opposing coaches and even occasional spectators about how well they swam and how high their spirits remained throughout the meet. Even when they knew they were not going to win, they still swam their respected races to the best of their ability. Every swimmer wanted to swim faster each and every time they competed. This is why Cohasset had a very successful season. Winning swim meets is just icing on the cake. Swimming faster and giving it all you have is the name of the game in this sport.

This is the exact approach the team took into the Pilgrim Conference Championships Feb. 6 and 7. They knew they would not be competing for the title but for personal improvement and the excitement of competing in the championship meet. This team was definitely captured by the championship spirit. Cohasset posted 23 season-best times and placed high enough to score points in seven of the 12 events. They knew they had to step up, and they did exactly that.

Maura Duffy and Jen Meehan started Cohasset off

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Craig Sheerin (left) tries to take down a Duxbury opponent in the 103-pound division of Monday's non-league wrestling meet.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Hoopsters

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Davis pumped in two from the line to start the second half and Quintin stepped in to make the steal and breakaway layup. Bishop labored under the offensive boards, and his work earned him two more points. Kilroy continues his tenacious defense of the basket with another block and Quintin swished a three, then hit another layup off a steal. Bishop was automatic in the post and picked up two from the left block. Quintin rained down his fourth three pointer of the game. Bishop dished to Hurley for a bucket, making it 52-36. A Harwich timeout with seven minutes remaining didn't rattle the Skippers and Cohasset responded by putting in sophomore Jamie DeMichele. DeMichele pulled up at the free-throw and, switching hands in mid-air, banked in a jumper. He then forced a turnover by playing stellar defense.

Buick finished a fast break which resembled d the old Celtics, with Bishop rebounding and outletting to Davis, who fond Quintin, who then made a great transition pass to Buick for the bucket. Buick finished the play, was fouled and hit the free throw. Quintin put the Skippers back up by 10, 59-49, with a three after a brief Harwich streak. Quintin's stingy defense again earned him an easy layup, topping his scoring for the night. With just over a minute to go, Bishop charged from one side of the court to the other, intercepting a pass and dribbling from the opposite foul line all the way to the hole, drawing the foul and laying it off the glass. He calmly netted the free throw and the victory was as good as in the books. But, Cohasset still had some suprises left. Matt Belson knocked down three foul shots in the final minute and Grant Emde and Eric Wenmark both played tough defense to seal the win.

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Cohasset High gymnast Erica Hettstrom is all smiles after accepting her trophy for finishing fourth in the All-Around competition at last Wednesday's All-League meet at Carver High School.
Photo by Ruthann Ardizzoni

Sheerin Shines

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events through the season," she said. "It was our favorite performance of the meet. When she finished, we felt like we won the Olympics.

In the All-Around competition, Erica Hettstrom placed a strong fourth amidst a tough, young field.

Seventh-graders Katie Grimm and Amanda Watts both earned varsity letters this season and eighth-grader Megan Cox was indispensable as the Skippers' team manager.

Sutherland said she was pleased with her inaugural season and credited Ruthann Ardizzoni for her support and help all winter.

"I'm really pleased with the season," Sutherland said. "I owe a lot to Ruthann and the gymnasts."



The 1996-97 Cohasset High gymnastics team enjoys a relaxing moment at the Pilgrim Conference meet. The Lady Skippers wound up their successful winter campaign with a second-place finish to Scituate High in the overall league standings.
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100-Match Winner

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real by taking third place in the Division 3 South Sectionals at 103 pounds. He was third again the following year at 125 and went on to take fifth in the Division 3 State championship. This year, he wants to take his success in postseason competition one step further and nail down an All-State title.

Duffy has a smart, common sense approach when it comes to his routine in the minutes leading up to a typical match. He conserves as much mental and physical energy as possible so he is able to distribute it evenly over three rounds. Worrying, Duffy believes is a waste of time and certainly detrimental to a good performance.

"I don't try to be too serious before a match because you can tire yourself out," he said. "I focus when I'm wrestling."

As good a wrestler as Duffy is, Sweeney believes it is his fearlessness on the mats that make him all the more tougher to beat. Duffy regularly moves up a weight with an equal amount of success the result.

In a meet two weeks ago against North Quincy, Sweeney asked Duffy if he wanted to move up to 140 pounds and take on a wrestler who had lost just one match all season.

The NQ wrestler quickly took a 3-0 lead and it began to look as though Duffy was overmatched. Duffy, however, battled back to knot the score, 3-3. He continued putting pressure on the NQ wrestler and dealt him his second loss of the season by winning in overtime.

"He came back from being behind and just wore the guy out," Sweeney said.

In a meet against South Shore League opponent Hanover, the Indians bumped up their 16-0 wrestler, who placed in last year's state divisionals, to take on Duffy.

Once again, it proved to be a mistake. Duffy won 15-7, pulling the wrestler all the way in the process. "Kevin just totally beat him up," Sweeney said.

Duffy has never been so determined during his wrestling career garner a state title. Sweeney believes he'll take any pressure that comes his way and throw it right back where it came from. Duffy is used to the big meet experience and isn't likely to get rattle.

"It's nothing new to him and he knows how to prepare and what it takes to win," Sweeney said.

Duffy is very much aware this is last shot at the state title. He isn't about to give anything less than an all-out effort in every match from here on in.

"This year my back's against the wall," Duffy said. "I want to make sure I accomplish as much as I possibly can."

Duffy does have his back against the wall. But that's when true champions, the kind he proved he is, shine their brightest.

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Of course, shopping around and comparing prices of policies is the first step — one that many people bypass in haste. Automobile and home insurance plans are often chosen as an afterthought to the big purchases they protect. A person will spend months, even years, searching for, say, the right sports car. Then once they've got it, they adopt the first insurance plan that comes their way. Rarely will you hear people say they spent their Saturday shopping for insurance.

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Then there is the deductible; the more you're willing to dole out for car repairs or home damages before your insurer steps in, the less you have to pay in premiums. "Most people get $250 deductibles. You can save quite a lot if you raise (the deductible) to $500 or $1,000," says Jeanne Salvatore, director of public relations at Insurance Information Institute, a trade group in New York City.

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And higher deductibles keep you from filing as many claims; a good thing since numerous claims may lead to rate increases. "Insurance is really for the big disasters," says Salvatore.

There can be such a thing as too much coverage. When your sports car was brand new, you needed a comprehensive policy. But perhaps you've had the car for seven years, had a few accidents, and now it's worth less than $1,000. You may be paying more in premiums than you'd be reimbursed for by the insurer if your car was destroyed in a collision. Have an auto dealer or a bank appraise your car for you, and then see what type of coverage would be worthwhile.

There may also be hidden benefits you don't need. Katz recently realized there were benefits in his auto policy he would never use. His insurance plan included free car rental service if his own car was in the shop.

Because he also owns two other cars, this feature was useless to him, so he called his insurance agent and asked him to take it off the policy — a move that saved him about $30 a year. Those kinds of discounts can add up.

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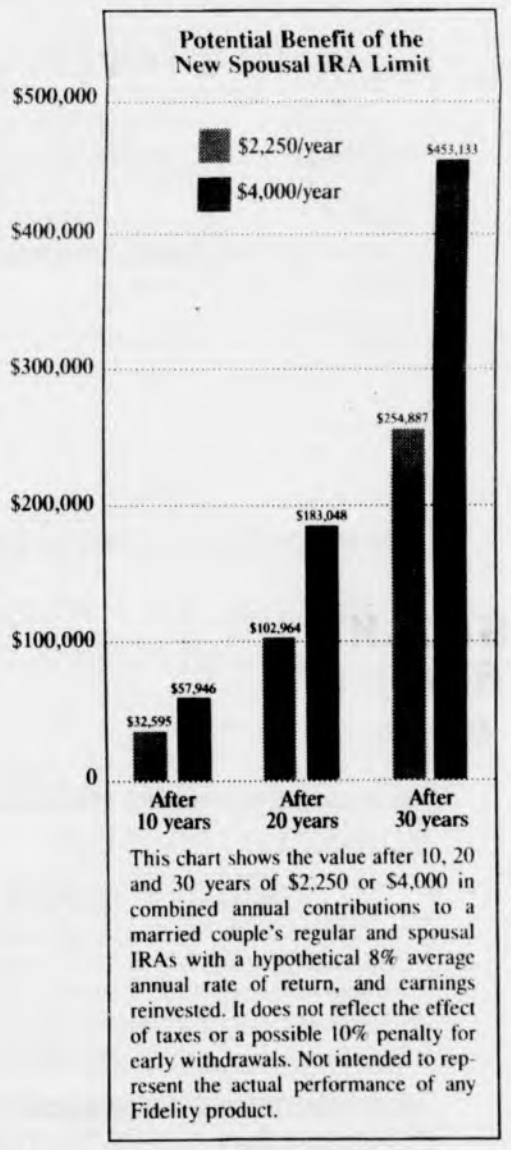
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Swimmers

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on the right foot at the diving championships Thursday. Maura placed fourth overall, earning herself Pilgrim Conference All-Star honors. Jen also dove extremely well, placing 12th overall, and also scored points for Cohasset. Cohasset's success did not stop there, though. The team carried it into the next day at the swimming championships. After the first event, the 200-medley relay, it was obvious Cohasset was there to swim and swim fast. The two Cohasset relay teams both shaved three seconds off the season-best times. The A relay of Ashley Brister, Pat Leahy, Derek Bugely and Colin Kilroy swam a 2:11.43, while the B relay of Maura Duffy, Allan Marcus, Alex Etkind and Jen Meehan swam a very surprising 2:19.59. The times just kept dropping in the very next event and every one after that. Swimming season-best times for Cohasset were Ashley Brister (200-freestyle, 400-freestyle relay), Pat Leahy (50-freestyle, 100-breastroke, 200-freestyle relay), Derek Bugely (50-freestyle, 200-freestyle relay), Colin Kilroy (50-freestyle, 200-freestyle relay), Maura Duffy (100-backstroke), Allan Marcus (100-breastroke), Alex Etkind (200-individual medley, 100-breastroke, 200-freestyle relay), Jen Meehan (100-butterfly), John Crowley (200-freestyle, 500-freestyle, 200-freestyle relay), Kelly Stone (100-butterfly, 100-backstroke, 200- and 400-freestyle relays), Ashley Leahy (200- and 400-freestyle relays) and Sue Gill (200- and 400-freestyle relays). Greatly missed by the team due to illness was Cara Foley, who is a solid freestyle sprinter.

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Leaping for Gold

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ready before playing."

Little did the 6-foot-8 Bishop know, the best was yet to come on that day against Winthrop. The Skippers got their pre-game talk from head coach Ron Ford and they proceeded through the tunnels that headed out to the court.

"Coming out of the tunnel into the Garden was the biggest thrill of my life," said Bishop. "You come out at center court and you look up and see the championship banners."

Paul-Michael Quintin was in the stands cheering Cohasset on against eventual winner, Winthrop, that day two years ago. Quintin was a key member of the JV team that season, but was still working to get his game to the varsity level.

It was when he saw the Skippers take the floor in one of the most celebrated and tradition-filled arenas in the world, Quintin made his mind up that he would be on the varsity roster the next year.

"I kind of wished I was part of the team playing in the Garden," Quintin said. "I decided I was really going to work hard and make the varsity team."

All through the game, Quintin soaked in the tradition of the Garden. The stories came flooding through his mind; Havlicek stealing the ball, Bird, Cowens, Auerbach, McHale, Cousy, D.J. The tradition of Celtics pride.

"Seeing the banners made me just think back," Quintin said. "Larry Bird was the first person I thought of."

Quintin went on to make the varsity squad last season. The Garden had since been razed and the new FleetCenter took its place. Quintin, who is currently averaging 15.5 points per game for this year's squad, still got a thrill seeing the world championship banners and the retired numbers of the Celtics' all-time greats.

He admits he got lost in a day dream prior to the game. "I imagined I was in the NBA," Quintin said.

Burke Davis, one of Cohasset's captains said there was a distinct difference between the Boston Garden and FleetCenter.

"The Garden gave you more of a feeling of the great Celtics teams," Davis said. "The FleetCenter's more real. The Garden was more of a museum. You look right up at the banners and you're in awe This is the floor you always dreamed of playing on."

Senior J.L. Williams said it was a "thrill playing on the same floor the Celtics did," but enjoyed his FleetCenter experience more because of the increased playing time he got. Williams also gave the modern facility high grades.

"It was a good time," he said. "It was exciting and the place was so big."

The memories of playing in the two arenas will always stay with the four Cohasset players. But they are all concerning themselves with running down the court of the Worcester Centrum, site of this year's Division 3 State finals.

If the Skippers play the game they are capable of through the tournament, all four players agree there is absolutely no reason why they can't end up playing on the Centrum floor.

There was a time this season, however, when Cohasset was inexplicably struggling along with a 4-4 record in the league it has owned for the past three years.

Bishop said the Skippers weren't concentrating on executing the plays that made them a good team. Too many players were standing around. Instead of passing off to an open teammate when Bishop was double, even triple covered in the low post, players would force the ball to him. The results were costly turnovers.

Bishop knew Cohasset had to run and swing the ball quick, taking the opposing defense by surprise.

Davis said the team lacked an identity early in the season. The squad's problems had nothing to do with a shortage of talent. It was more a case of players not knowing what their roles were.

Davis was embarrassed by the team's start because he knew the Skippers were loaded with the potential for a great season.

"A 4-4 start for a Cohasset basketball team is bad," he said. "The first couple of games this year we weren't playing like a team at all. Looking back now, guys were doing things on the court they normally wouldn't do."

The turning point of the season came when a team meeting was called where any gripes, ideas and suggestions the players had could be brought out into the open.

The meeting did the trick. Any fingerpointing that went on ceased and the players reaffirmed that they were all working for the same goal — a Division 3 State title.

Since that meeting, the Skippers have been among, if not the hottest team in the South. Cohasset has rattled off 11 consecutive wins to raise its record to 15-4. The confidence is flowing for the Skippers. They're playing their best ball of the year at exactly the right time.

Williams said the team must continue to stay focused and take each game one at a time. Ford and assistant coach Mark Hall have been scouting potential Division 3 opponents, looking for their strengths and weaknesses.

"They come back and will show us what we have to do to beat these teams," Williams said.

Quintin is confident the team will return to the FleetCenter for the Division 3 EMass final, but is equally as confident in the Skippers' chances of playing at the Centrum.

"We're playing good ball right now," he said. "When everyone's down we pick each other up."

Ford, too, has once again reaffirmed his reputation of being a strong motivator, able to get the best out of his players. The team believes in what he tells them because the players know *he* believes it. Ford's words are more than just words, they're his convictions.

"He tells us we have to believe in ourselves no matter what anyone else says," Quintin said.

Bishop sees the team advancing to the state finals this season, but he knows it won't be an easy task.

But when you set your goals, you see them through.

"It's my No. 1 goal this year," Bishop said.

The four players have memories of playing in the Boston Garden. Now they're looking forward to adding the memory of winning a state championship as something they can look back on many years from now.

"Last year we didn't get the job done," Quintin said.

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Notification Date: Feb. 7, 1997

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The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. A public hearing may be held upon request by the municipal official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617) 932-7600. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public viewing at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to: J. Sprague, DEP/DWW, 10 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801.
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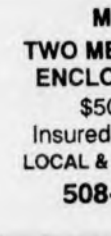
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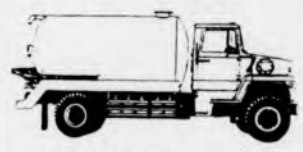
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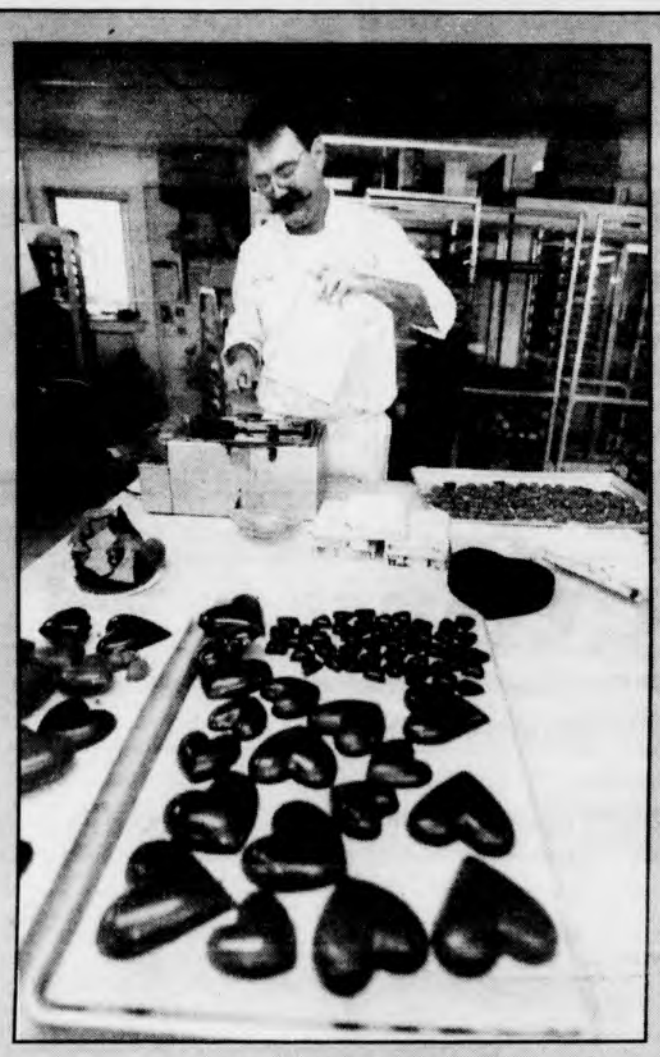
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Eric Theriault of Cohasset is appointed to the position of videoconferencing specialist at Ahern Communications Corporation. He will head the firm's newly-formed videoconferencing division which provides videoconferencing system sales and videoconferencing room rentals to businesses in the greater Boston area.

The announcement was made by Dana Ahern, president of Ahern Communications Corporation, a worldwide distributor of videoconferencing equipment and systems, conference phones and other telecommunications products, including headsets.

"I am pleased Mr. Theriault is part of our expansion into the exciting area of videoconferencing technology," Ahern said. "He is an excellent communicator with tremendous technical experience and product knowledge. Mr. Theriault understands the needs of a business and will provide the information on videoconferencing systems that is most appropriate for a business owner."

Theriault, who joined the firm in 1994, was previously employed as a regional sales representative. A graduate of Plymouth State College, he resides in Cohasset.



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Selectmen Tackle Town Meeting Articles

Midnight Debate Over Town Administrator Post

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Tuesday night selectmen wrestled with 39 draft articles proposed for inclusion in the annual town meeting warrant. Many of the articles have yet to be worded completely, and some raised serious philosophical differences among board members.

Selectman had planned to consider articles for the special town meeting as well, but the debate on the annual town meeting lasted until midnight. The board will meet again next week to finalize articles for both the annual and the special town meeting.

Selectmen did not discuss any articles related to the town's sewer and septic problems, although selectman Peter Pratt said he would present a sewer article next week. No figure was provided for the FY98 budget.

The most contentious proposal was a citizen's article to replace the executive secretary's position with a stronger town manager or town administrator position.

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CHS Language Lab Nears Completion

Training Students for Global Economy

By Kerry Herlihy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) looks forward to the June completion of its latest and largest project, the foreign language lab located at the high school. "In a growing global economy, we see the need of foreign language instruction for ourselves and more importantly for our children," said Mike Hurley, President of the CEF.

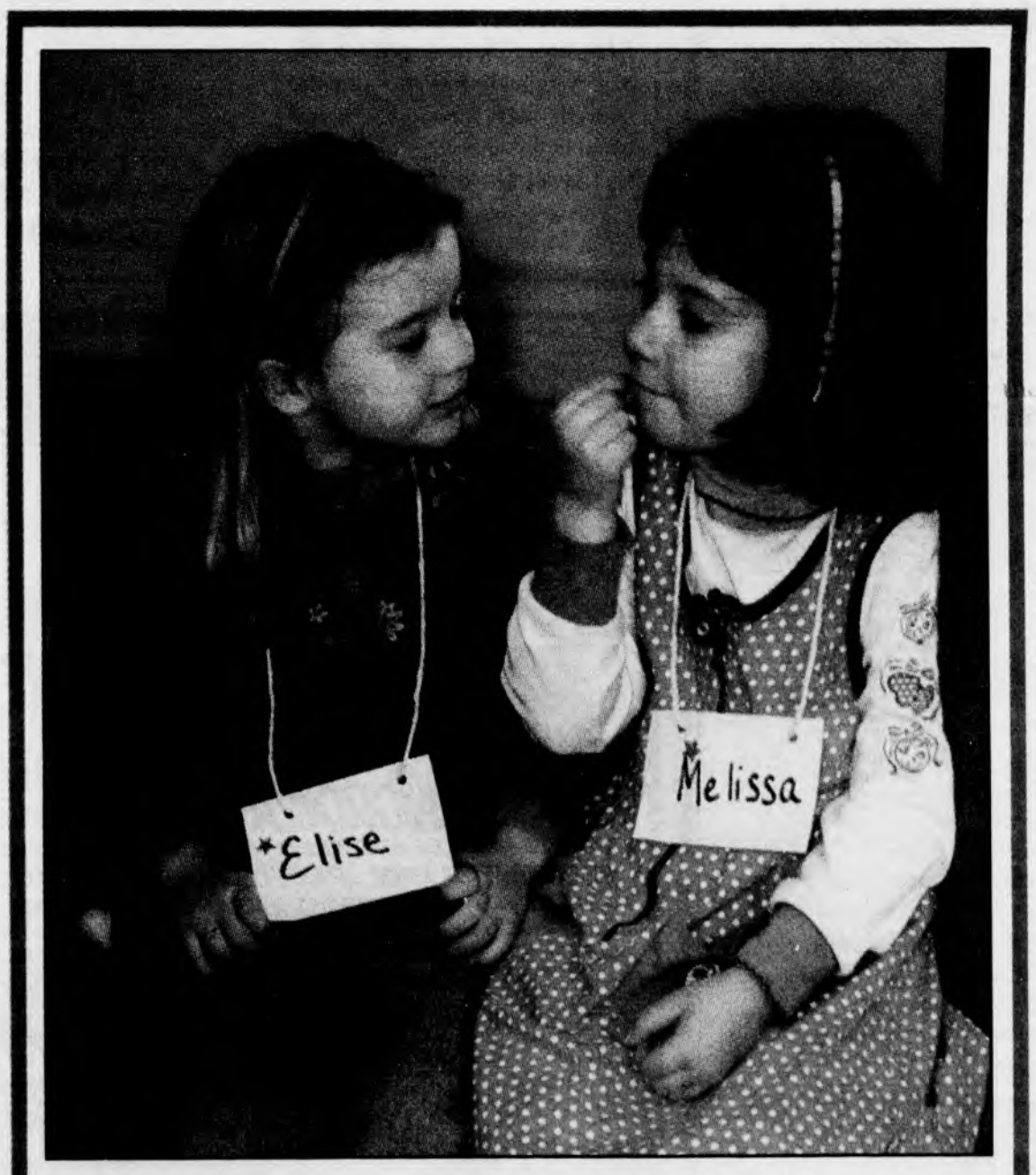
The existing lab was installed in 1968 and is a basic listen-speak system with the option to record. The only change that has been made was the upgrade from cartridge to cassette players 15 years ago.

The CEF's subcommittee including the ex-officio, Superintendent Stephen Hart, have been planning this project for over 2-1/2 years. The original plan was to include a portable version of the language lab but was ruled against due to the high risks of damage and vandalism when mobile.

Only a few manufacturers produce language labs making the search limited. Language software programs made for large groups are hard to come by as well. Sony, being a reputable manufacturer offering top of the line technology with the most back up support, will be providing the lab. This new lab is projected to last another 25-30 years.

Each new carrel will have a television monitor on which students will be able to view movies spoken in the language they are studying. The lab includes cd players to ensure high quality sound. The use of CD players also make it easier to reach a specific point of the lesson as opposed to the time consuming process of searching for each point on a cassette tape.

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Melissa Campedelli, right, reminds Elise Quebec to zip her lips during story hour at the library.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Bizarre Loss Dealt to Hoopsters

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In a tough loss which ended a bizarre day for the Cohasset High basketball team, the Skippers fell to Carver High, 69-66 last Wednesday.

Cohasset guard Justin McNamara was taken to the hospital with 103-degree temperature before the start of the game and an ambulances was called to attend to a Carver JV player, who sustained a minor neck injury. Both McNamara and the Carver player were treated and later released. However, the events of the day won't appear in the record books, and the Skippers' loss to the Crusaders will.

If Cohasset had won the game, it would have earned a home-court advantage and a higher seed in the first round of the Division 3 South Sectional tournament. The tournament

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Cohasset's Week

Selectmen OK Study of Downtown

Selectmen have given initial approval to a plan to study part of a plan to revitalize the downtown area.

The plan would address parking, sidewalks and pedestrian access downtown. The portion of the plan that was approved would study placing a sidewalk at St. Stephen's church that would extend toward the Village area.

The study could cost as much as $4,000, although the town would be eligible for a 90- percent reimbursement from the state. The town must apply for funding by Feb. 28.

Town Will Not Receive Federal Dredging Aid

Selectman Peter Pratt announced at Tuesday's selectmen meeting that Cohassett would not receive federal aid for the harbor dredging project.

Pratt said President Clinton's 1998 budget does not contain any money for small harbor dredging projects. Dredging projects are administered by the Army Corps of Engineers. Army Corps officials do not have a back-up plan.

"For three years we've been told we could get money," Pratt said. "In one day we have taken a double-hit. If it's any consolation, we are not alone in this situation."

Dog Auditions Feb. 23

The Cohasset Dramatic Club is having a dog-gone time finding a Toto look-alike for the club's upcoming production of 'The Wizard of Oz.'

Cindy Donovan, publicity chairman for the club, said the dog should weigh about 20 pounds or less and have a good personality.

Doggie auditions are 2 p.m., Feb. 23 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at the corner of First Parish Road and Route 3A.

Donovan said all dogs must be on a leash and attendance at rehearsals will be necessary.

"We're looking," she said. "We need a small dog, one that's not too hyper."

She explained that in some of the scenes a stuffed animal will be used but in others, a live dog is needed. The dog will perform with Sarah Garland, who plays Dorothy.

Donovan is optimistic that a star will come forward.

"There could be some dogs that can handle the stage," she said.

Show dates are April 4,-6, 9, & 11-13 at Scituate High School. Call Tracy Dieselman at 545-5454 with questions.

Recycling Meeting

The Recycling Committee will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20, in the Town Hall auditorium. The public is invited.

The discussion will center on the "pay-per-bag" system, to be implemented in Cohasset later this year.

Arthur Lehr, chairman of the recycling committee, said the group will welcome any public comments or questions about the program.

In the "pay-per-bag" program, people pay for only the amount of refuse they actually dispose of, instead of the current flat fee, which would be eliminated, said Lehr. Since there is no charge to bring recyclables to the town Recycling Transfer Station (RTF), residents can save money for themselves and the town by separating their recyclables, he said.

Art Students Nominated

Cohasset Junior-Senior High School is honored to have five of its talented students recognized for their outstanding art work at this year's Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards exhibition.

In the exhibit judging the following students were awarded their respective honors: Alicia Laas, Chris Pratt and Mark Whitman all received honorable mentions for their entries, while Dawn Massa-Williams was awarded a Silver Key for an outstanding photograph, and Grace Gardner was given the highest distinction of a Gold Key award for her still life painting.

In addition to these nominees, seven fellow students were chosen to submit work for consideration to this prestigious event. These seven include: Danielle Anderson, Kelsey Henderson, Doug Sheerin, Kelley O'Donnell, Haiden Hodgson, Emily Collins and Rachael Carlisle.

The Scholastic Art Awards is an annual juried art exhibit which draws student art work from both public and private schools across the state. All Gold Key and Silver Key art work is exhibited for public viewing for the month of February. The gallery is located in the Transportation Building in Park Square, Boston, and is free and open to the public.

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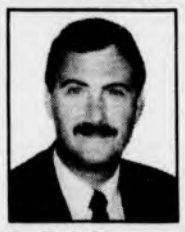
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Town Meeting

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Pratt favored the article because he felt it would allow the selectmen to focus on their legislative responsibilities.

"It's ridiculous to force town boards to sit in these chairs in front of us and present their budgets with papers flopping on the floor when we could have them go over their budgets with a town manager," Pratt said.

Selectman Nancy Roth disagreed with Pratt, saying that a town manager would just "add another layer of bureaucracy" to town government.

Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown questioned whether it would be wise to let a town manager have jurisdiction over municipal budgets.

"The town meeting proposal goes beyond our budget to all other budgets," Brown said. "I'm not recommending that the town administrator go over any budget but ours."

Other selectmen didn't think it was necessary to give so much power to one individual in town.

"Right now we can delegate expanded powers to our town administrator," said selectman Michael Sullivan.

Roth agreed with Sullivan, adding that the town could hire another town administrator with expanded powers at some point.

"To go to a stronger town administrator does not require town meeting," Roth said. "We can expand those powers."

Brown aid the town meeting proposal was modeled after the town administrator in Hull. Brown said the proposal should be more closely tailored to the needs of Cohassett.

Selectmen agreed to place the proposal on hold for one week to reexamine some of the details.

Many board members supported an article that would place a tax on new home buyers to finance a town land bank.

"I favor the concept," Roth said.

Sullivan objected strenuously to the article.

"So you're going to vote to put another tax on people who buy their homes in Cohassett," Sullivan said. "Why put it just on people who buy new homes. Let everyone contribute."

Roth disagreed, saying the tax only amounted to a few thousand dollars on each new home purchase in town.

Selectman Roseanne McMorris said there just wasn't enough money in the budget or enough support to get the entire town to pay for a land bank.

"To say the fund will be built up through taxation is to kill it," McMorris said.

Pratt said real estate transactions were driving up prices and forcing the town to take some kind of action to preserve land.

"It's essentially a user-fee," Pratt said.

Selectmen voted four-to-one to support the article, with Sullivan casting the dissenting vote.

"It's a sleazy way to approach this," Sullivan said.

Sullivan also opposed an article that would allow voters to hold a recall election to remove an undesirable elected official from office.

"I think it's unhealthy for the town and we should oppose it," Sullivan aid. "We've done perfectly [illegible] without it in the past."

McMorris strongly opposed an article that would create a new water resources protection committee. The article was placed on hold.

"This article makes them a standing committee," McMorris said. "I think our water is adequately protected by t he conservation commission. I just don't see the need for another standing committee."

Selectmen placed many articles on hold, including one that would ask voters to vote "yes" or "no" for a commuter rail station in Cohassett Village if the Greenbush Line is restored.

Also on hold are articles that would re-zone Whitney and Thayer Wood from residential to open space, an article that would create a water supply protection bylaw, an article that would require a public hearing prior to closing the Cohassett Heights landfill, a plan to fund a flood control project for downtown, and an article that would expand the planning board's jurisdiction over non-conforming parcels within the flood plain.

Selectmen rejected two articles related to the landfill: one that would freeze rates and one that would allow town meeting to determine the rate structure at the site. Sullivan said he would support the first landfill article if the word "freeze" was removed.

Selectmen are racing the clock against a Mar. 3 deadline to get the warrant to the printer and have it ready for the annual town meeting, scheduled for Mar. 29.

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Sewer Agreement Would Speed School Construction, Save Money

Faces Voters at March 29 Special Town Meeting

By David Johnson
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A new agreement between the town and the state, which faces ratification at the March 29 special town meeting, allows increased capacity at the Elm St. sewage facility, thereby facilitating construction the new elementary school and saving some $350,000.

It will also facilitate the approval of other projects, including construction of a new parish house for St. Anthony's Church and permit the Community Center to connect to the sewer.

The document also sets new, longer deadlines under which the town must fix its sewer problems.

According to Sewer Commissioner Edward "Ted" Guild, the agreement amends the existing judgment issued against Cohasset and approved by town meeting in 1994.

"I'm very pleased about it (the agreement)" Guild said. "It's a major step forward. This gives us more latitude."

He explained that special counsel Goodwin, Proctor and Hoar and Tutela Engineering negotiated the agreement with the attorney general's office and officials at the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP.)

Guild said the new agreement indicates the previous adversarial relationship between Cohasset and state officials has ended.

"We're working very well with the state," he said. "We've made good progress. Cohasset is no longer a dirty word at DEP."

Specifically, Cohasset is now allowed a capacity of 120,000 gallons per day to flow through the Elm St. facility. Currently the town is limited to 100,000 gallons and faces fines of $10,000 per month if it exceeds that limit.

Guild said the town would only exceed the capacity in the event of severe weather.

The increase in capacity allows the new elementary school to connect to the sewer in Sept., 1998, instead of June, 2000, as originally planned.

In addition, numerous private requests for additional sewage capacity from residents and businesses will also be met sooner if the new agreement is adopted.

The agreement is article 4 of the special town meeting, which will be held during the March 29 annual town meeting.

In addition, the agreement cites two priority areas, currently being evaluated by the board of health: Lily Pond and Nichols Road.

Noting that there have been problems in correcting the town's sewage problems, the document said, "None of the various delays were attributable to Cohasset."

Town meeting voters will also be asked to approve debt exclusion Proposition 2 1/2 overrides allowing the town to pay half the cost of sewer extensions both in the harbor area and in North Cohasset. Residents on the sewer lines would pay the other half of the cost.

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Charter School Enrollment Grows

By Carol Britton Meyer
HINGHAM JOURNAL/COHASSET MARINER

Enrollment at the South Shore Charter School in Hull is on the rise. The figure for next year is already up to 352, an increase of 32 over this year's number of students. Of those currently enrolled in the school, 12 are from Cohasset and eight from Hingham. Enrollment is expected to climb to 468 by 2000.

Fifteen charter schools, which were formed under the 1993 state Education Reform Act, opened throughout the state in 1995. South Shore Charter School opened with 150 students in the fall of 1995, and grew to more than 300 last September. If student requests for enrollment exceed available space, a lottery is conducted. The registration deadline is April 10 this year.

Funding remains a concern for local school systems, which are required to contribute funds toward alternative schooling tuitions. State reimbursement is based on a complicated formula in which the state determines the minimum amount a town should be spending per pupil. The formula is based on the number and type of students, wealth of the community and other factors. Tuition costs are deducted from the amount the town gets in education aid from the state. Cohasset and Hingham received 100 percent reimbursement from the state last year.

The state will kick in 50 percent reimbursement for Cohasset students attending the charter school this year, leaving a tab of about $38,000 for the town to pick up.

Hingham figures for this year are not yet available, but it is expected the town will also receive 50 percent reimbursement, or about $23,000.

Both communities are expected to receive 40 percent reimbursement from the state next year.

"Our main concern is the financial impact on the town," said Superintendent of Schools Stephen Hart. "Should we be taking money away from the education of all the (other) students? If the state wants students to have the option to attend a charter school, then (the tuition) should be completely state-funded," he said.

Of the 14 Cohasset students who enrolled in the charter school last fall, two have returned to Cohasset Public Schools.

South Shore Charter School is currently the only charter school in Massachusetts serving grades kindergarten through 12. The school is developing and piloting a model that is project based, individually paced and includes extensive parent and student involvement in the school's government and operation. The elementary program uses the Core Knowledge Sequence developed by E.D. Hirsch. The high school program includes a focus on life skills.

A student-teacher ratio of 11 to 1 is maintained. A full-day kindergarten and multi-grade classes are offered, along with world languages and physics in all grades.

The school, which is too young to be accredited, will be required to go through a self-study process prior to accreditation.

"Colleges broadly accept students with our charter school background," said Anderson.

Rick Small, a communications teacher at the secondary school, said the main difference between a charter and other schools is the "ability to adapt to an individual's needs and interests. The faculty operates as advisers, in close proximity to the school's administrators and parents," he said.

Greg Thornton of Cohasset, whose daughter, Leslie, 14, is a student in the secondary school, is co-chairman of the school's board of trustees.

"My wife, Helene, and I have been participating since the school was up and running, and we've seen some significant growth. We're very pleased with the development of the curriculum this year," he said.

"I like the school because it has hands-on activities," said Cyndie Connolly, whose three children, Jesse, 14, Kyra, [illegible] and Hannah, 7, all atten[illegible] there. Connolly teaches in the extended day program and does substitute teaching during the day.

"My children came from home schooling, and the philosophy of the charter school is close to the home teaching philosophy," she said. "I like my kids experiencing multi-age classrooms and the fact that parents can just drop in anytime."

Claire Overlee, a primary school teacher at the charter school, praises the school for "taking kids where they are and going from there. The school is based on life skills learning," she said. "There's also good communication between parents, teachers and students. We rely on parents' helping at the school."

Children involved in her Project Store, which offers school supplies and snacks to students, applied for, and received a $1,000 loan from a CEO of a local company. They will pay back the loan with profits from the store. Students sometimes sell handmade jewelry and other items on consignment there.

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Train Chugs Forward, Town Prepares

By David Tibbetts
COHASSETT MARINER

Dean Rizzo and other members of the Greenbush mitigation committee have prepared a list of items they would like to see the MBTA incorporate into its Greenbush mitigation plan. Rizzo presented the updated list to selectmen at their meeting Tuesday.

Rizzo said the items in the town's mitigation proposal are "90 percent the same as previous concerns." He emphasized that the selectmen needed to draft the proposal into a letter to the MBTA before next week's meeting between the mitigation committee and the MBTA on Thursday, Feb. 27. Rizzo said the public is invited to attend.

The current draft of the mitigation plan focuses on six major areas: the Route 3A train station, Rocky Lane, James Brook, the Village area, wetlands impact, and general concerns.

The area of greatest concern discussed at the meeting was the impact the restored rail line would have on commercial properties in the Village area.

Selectmen voted to support trains using the historic track route rather than realigning the tracks.

"Moving out of the historic track district would have the greatest impact on residential areas and require a home-taking," said selectman Peter Pratt.

Several owners of businesses at the meeting protested the vote.

"That last vote puts Strawberry Parfait out of business," said Joseph Rosano, owner of the restaurant.

Rosano said the using the historic track alignment would cut-off his business from Cohassett Village, and prevent truck deliveries because of the installation of a nine-inch berm.

Rosano asked selectmen to include the relocation of his business as part of the mitigation plan.

MBTA officials have stated that they are not required to provide mitigation for impacts on commercial areas.

CHS Language Lab *Continued from page 1*

"Languages are tough to grasp, so we looked for a lab that could juice up the lessons and vary instruction. The more interactive the lab the more students will learn, " said Hurley. Students of all levels can be working in the lab simultaneously on individual projects and assignments. Students will be encouraged to work in groups via the audio mechanism of the lab. The teacher can also audio pair students together with or without the students knowing with whom they are paired. This format aims to actively engage each students in the lab. "The activity options of the lab offer much more to the students in terms of curriculum," said Superintendent Hart.

Around 75%-80% of the students body are enrolled in a foreign language class. "Colleges look for students who have stayed with one language for three or more years, " said Paul Narkiewicz, Chairman of the Foreign Language Department. "Language is growing in importance as our students prepare to take their place in a more global society. I believe foreign language instruction should begin in kindergarten and be carried all the way through," said Narkiewicz. This lab intends to raise the interests in foreign languages by showing the students alternatives in learning.

The language lab classroom can accommodate between 40-50 students.

Initially, the lab will consist of 25 carols with the intent to add carols in the future.

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The CEF was established in 1992 when a group of people recognized the need to reach larger capital when fundraising for the schools. "With fiscal constraints, the Foundation acts as an additional source to implement activities and services that would otherwise not exist," said Superintendent Hart.

The CEF recently provided funding for the purchase of extensive computer equipment at the Osgood School. Deer Hill awaits funding for the purchase of six video disc machines, six monitors, and 12 VCR laser disc machines that will be put forth in 1998.

In the meantime, the CEF has agreed to partially fund the "Voyage of the Spray" project which includes all schools. This international project involves the reenactment of the first circumnavigation by Joshua Slocum. Three Cohasset teachers will sail a three week leg of the trip while communicating with the schools via satellite, teaching lessons from the boat. Students will be covering the trip over its two and a half year time span.

The Foundation receives ongoing donations from various sources but can't solely rely on donors. The CEF looks forward to its annual Spelling Bee on March 5. On the same night the raffle will be drawn for the winner of a four day three night trip to Paris for two. The CEF hopes to raise substantial

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Quilt Show Tickets Available

Carol Sandblom called last week with some news for all of you quilt fans — tickets for the Fourth Annual Quilt Show are available to you now! The show will take place at the Second Congregational Church, complete with a wonderful luncheon! This year's tickets will be $8 in advance or $10 at the door. They still need more quilts to display, in the four years there aren't any that have been shown twice, and they would like to keep that as a tradition — really makes it more fun, knowing you will see new (or "old-new") ones — if you have one, please call **Carol** at 383-1812. You may purchase tickets from Carol, **Annette Sawchuck** or **DeeDee Perry**, just give them a call.

❑

Ed Mulvey celebrated a unique anniversary a few days ago. Feb. 10, 1958, he started work at the Pilgrim Co-operative Bank in downtown Cohasset. Yes, that was 39 years ago and just look at Ed now! He is the president of Pilgrim Co-operative Bank, and one of Cohasset's finest gents! Congrats go out to you Ed, we are lucky to have you!

❑

Thayer Academy sends us word that **Dylan Lanzillotti,** son of **Victor** and **Jane Lanzillotti** and a member of the Class of 2003, made the honor roll for December 1996. We congratulate you for all of your hard work, and hope to write about you next semester also!

❑

Did you know that the South Shore Community Center is planning a unique event next month? Friday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to be exact! They are going to hold a tour consisting of four "dream" Cohasset kitchens, including a spotlight of an interior decorator and free samplings from some of the South Shore's finest caterers at each kitchen! Free shuttle services will depart from the Lightkeeper's residence to the homes — then, upon your return you can sip some coffee and eat some sweets while looking at a wonderful variety of kitchenware, crafts and antiques. Tickets will cost $15 per person in advance, or $20 per person the day of the tour; you can call the center or stop by — daycare will also be provided for $2 per child, reserve that while you are there too! Have a great time!

❑

Tickets are now available for the Rosemarie Mercurio Memorial Scholarship Pancake Breakfast, to be held Sunday, March 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cohasset High cafeteria. The scholarship will benefit a current graduate of Cohasset and Hull High School, and the donation is $3 per person. Please call **Anna Lucia** (925-8817) or **Melinda Bonanno** at 982-0597.

❑

Thursday, Feb. 13, was the first meeting for a most worthy project, Relay For Life. It promises to be one of the South Shore's greatest events — a 24-hour team walk, held at the new track behind the high school. There will be entertainment and refreshments, it will be held June 13 and 14, from 3 p.m. 'til 3 p.m. All money that is raised will go to the American Cancer Society. Please watch for more details, it promises to be an event not to be missed!

❑

Congratulations go to **Douglas A. Catalano**, who was recently named president and chief operating officer at Peritus Software Services, Inc. With his incredible computer background, he is a sure winner, and we will undoubtedly be hearing more about Mr. Catalano!

❑

Speaking of Cohasset's outstanding businessmen, how about **Geoffrey Nothnagle**! Mr. Nothnagle was honored by the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay recently with the organization's trademark disaster relief helmet. Mr. Nothnagle was recognized for his outstanding service to and dedication to the mission of the Red Cross! Quite an honor indeed, and a well deserved one!

❑

Many will remember the **Shea family,** they lived on Elm Street 30-odd years ago. Well, **Laurel Shea Gallivan** called me last week, she will be coming to Cohasset this summer for the class reunion — she reports that her brother, **Terry,** recently got married, she is fine, and all is well with the Sheas. Laurel lives in Virginia!

❑

That brings me to one last request for the week — last summer I received a letter from **Sharon (McEwen) Brennan,** and she said that she and her husband, **Jim**, were going to be in town for his 35th reunion. Well, I misplaced her letter, and never responded, and feel terrible about it, and want to get in touch with her so she can come to our class reunion — I know she lives in Kentucky, and that both she and Jim teach — can anyone help? Please?!

❑

That's the news for the week — this being vacation week, everyone is doing something, so please let us know what it was that you and/or your family did for excitement!

Sallyann Chatterton
383-0560

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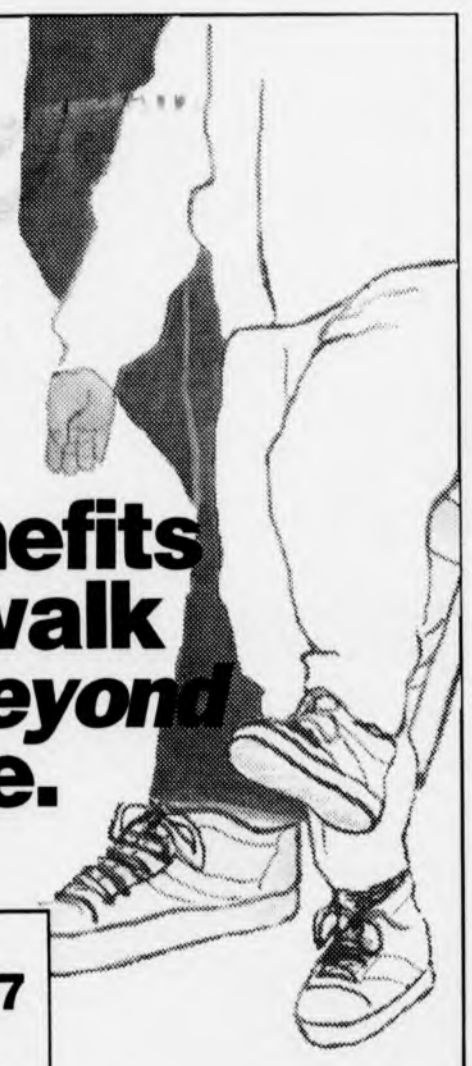
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Cohasset Has New District Attorney

By Marilyn Jackson
COHASSET MARINER

He's a prosecutor's prosecutor, a man who has spent the past 18 years fighting crime and injustice.

And last week, 43-year-old Jeffrey A. Locke of Wellesley was formally sworn in as the chief law enforcement officer of the county — district attorney.

Gov. William F. Weld administered the oath of office to Locke in the hallowed courtroom of the Norfolk County Superior Court, the same courtroom where Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were prosecuted in 1921.

Weld had appointed Locke several weeks ago to fill the vacancy created after longtime District Attorney William D. Delahunt of Quincy was elected to Congress in November. Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci had sworn Locke into office a month ago.

Former Sen. David H. Locke, a staunch Republican, served as master of ceremonies.

"I never thought I'd be so happy to see another Democrat go to Congress," said the father of the new district attorney, who also is a Republican.

But partisan politics will not be part of the district attorney's office, the younger Locke vowed, as he praised his predecessor and staff and the programs Delahunt had initiated. "It's about the administratation of justice," he said.

Marianne Hinkle, director of the domestic violence and sexual assault unit in the district attorney's office, told the audience of judges, politicians, lawyers and court personnel, told Weld he had selected a "career prosecutor dedicated to public service...committed to innovation and compassion," which have been the hallmark of the district attorney's office.

Knowing his work as an assistant district attorney and an assistant U.S. attorney, Hinkle said she was reassured that the standards of excellence set by Delahunt will endure under Locke's leadership.

But last Thursday's program was filled with gentle political nudges. Attorney General L. Scott Harshbarger told Weld, "Once again you have made a wonderful choice of a major public figure.

"When you look back and reflect on your career — in the not too distant future — I know you will be proud of this decision," said Harshbarger, who is planning a gubernatorial bid in two years.

He pointed out that Delahunt continues to represent many of the people in Norfolk County now as their congressman and that his successes in the areas of domestic violence and civil rights will continue under Locke, whom he described as an exceptional person and an outstanding, brilliant career prosecutor.

Harshbarger was the Middlesex District Attorney when Locke began his prosecutorial career, although Locke had helped prosecute his first case in Quincy District Court when he was a law student at Boston University School of Law; he handled his first criminal jury trial in Dedham District Court. Locke completed his undergraduate work at Georgetown.

He joined the Middlesex County District Attorney's office in 1980 and remained there nine years, specializing in arson prosecutions and earning the moniker "Sparky," disclosed Suffolk County District Attorney Ralph Martin, who also had worked with Locke in that office.

Locke, said Martin, "has served with distinction both as an assistant district attorney and assistant U.S. attorney." But, he advised, when heading a government agency and serving as a community leader, you are the boss and there are great expectations.

"You have awesome power and responsibility" in this job, and "it's impossible to do with perfection, but the highest standards are required. It's the best job I've had.

"And when you leave, you will have your reputation and your family."

Weld described Locke as being "tough as nails on criminals," then added that he was innovative, pointing to the time he left a leaking fountain pen in his pocket, the better to hold the jury's attention.

When it was time for Locke to speak, he paid tribute to his mentors — Harshbarger, Middlesex District Attorney Thomas Reilly, former U.S. Attorney Wayne Budd and present U.S. Attorney Donald Stern — who were in the courtroom. And he acknowledged former Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Edward McLaughlin, the parents of Paul McLaughlin, the Suffolk County assistant district attorney who was "cut down by violence" in 1995.

Taking historical note, he focused on what issues faced Norfolk County in 1793 when it separated from Suffolk County. At that time the court addressed mostly civil disputes; its criminal docket was handled in seasonal sessions.

Today, he said, criminal matters dominate the court. "A child back then who carried a pocketknife probably intended to carve his initials in a tree; today, he may be carrying a knife with the intention to harm another or protect himself.

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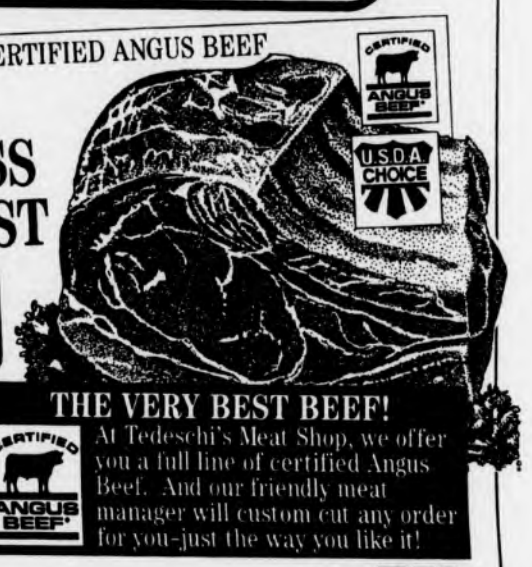
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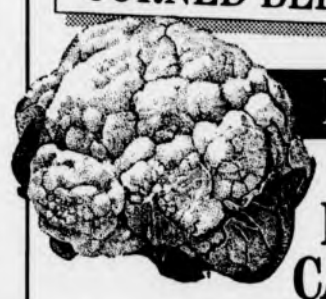
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

A Powerful Misconception

The word "power" was once used to indicate the ability or authority to get something done. For instance someone might say "Town meeting lacks the power to approve a certain article." "Power" can also mean the energy level of a particular object, such as "the power of an engine."

It is this last meaning that apparently brought us the phrase "power walking," which evidently means "energetic walking."

But now, in the form of last week's Boston Globe article on Cohasset, we have a new use of the word "power:" the power suburb!

And it seems, while no one was looking, Cohasset has turned into one, whatever it may be!

And whatever the article was, it was hardly powerful. Instead, it was downright misleading, creating stereotypes and prompting more questions than it answered.

First of all, isn't a bit odd to pick out a single house, admit that it is atypical, and then devote half the article to that family? What was served by listing family members and how much their various houses are assessed at?

Isn't that stereotyping? What about the hundreds of Cohasset houses that are modest, typical middle-class homes? Wouldn't a photo of one or two of them provide a bit of balance in any accurate article about the town?

Another odd thing about the story was the list of "movers, shakers and players." Yes, there are some very successful people in Cohasset, but they are not necessarily active in local affairs. They may be movers and shakers, but not here. Some of those on the list are unfamiliar faces at town meeting.

But what was even more strange was the glaring omission from the list: former Congressman Gerry Studds.

The list included former State Sen. William Weeks, who left Beacon Hill some 20 years ago, and New York Congressman Amory Houghton, who summers here, but did not see fit to mention a Congressman, who is actually from Cohasset and who retired only this year.

Perhaps Studds, a liberal gay, does not fit the image the article wanted to give the town.

And what about the obsessive attention given to so-called class distinctions? Is figuring out who is or isn't a "townie" worthwhile? Aren't such distinctions somewhat arbitrary and artificial in today's social fluid world? Compare the child of a professional fisherman who graduates from an Ivy League school and goes on to become a diplomat, with the child of a banker who decides to become a local carpenter. Which is the "townie?" Neither? Both? Why does it matter?

The sentence "contact with reality - substantial townie population" was particularly strange. Maybe the author of the article should stand on Rte. 3A at 6 am on some cold, snowy morning and watch the procession of cars gingerly making their way toward Boston. Are the drivers of those cars somehow out of touch with reality simply because they are heading for generally well-paying jobs? Considering the high tax bills and staggering college tuitions facing many of these people, it's a safe bet they have a pretty clear view what's going on. On the other hand, those of us who work locally can often forget how unpleasant urban life can be and are routinely horrified by the traffic on those occasions when we have to be in Boston early on a weekday morning.

Another unanswered question is that of education. According to the article, Cohasset's education spending is only average, yet the high school has the highest percentage of those going on to four-year colleges in the state. Could we not infer that the schools may just possibly be doing something right? And that the dreaded "townie" just might value education by encouraging his own children?

And what about all the non-snobby reasons a person would want to live in Cohasset - the art center, the drama group, recreational opportunities? Except for boating, these weren't mentioned.

- David Johnson

(The author is temporarily editing the Cohasset Mariner: Mary Ford returns next week.)



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pay-As-You-Throw

To the Editor:

The recycling committee has worked hard over the years to reduce the cost of disposing of our trash. We have been able to take many items out of the mainstream and recycle them. It is our desire to continue improving on this. Through many hours of study and seminars we believe (as does the state) that one of the best ways to reduce our trash and increase our recycling is with the PAY-AS-YOU-THROW system. This system will not only reduce our trash (which many studies and 75 cities and towns in the Commonwealth have shown) it is the fairest and most equitable for everyone. The person who does not dispose of much trash does not subsidize those that have much more.

At the present time it cost us approximately $75 to take each ton of trash to Semass. Some have said that we are paying to get rid of our recyclables. So why bother to recycle? Yes, at times we do pay to have our recyclable material taken away. However, it is more cost-effective to recycle. At this time we are paying $20 a ton to take our newspaper and junk mail to the mill. We had been paying $20 a ton to take our corrugated away and now we are getting $40 a ton to the mill floor.

We believe if we look at this positively, it will work to everyone's advantage. We also believe it will reduce our trash and improve our environment while reducing our cost of sending our trash to Semass.

The recycling committee is having a hearing on the PAY-AS-YOU-THROW system Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall auditorium. We urge everyone to bring their concerns or questions to this hearing.

Merle S. Brown
546 Beechwood St.

Stewardship of Mind and Land

To the Editor:

Many readers of the Mariner saw the article in the rival Boston Sunday Globe, South Weekly section, about the renewal of interest in stewardship of our seacoast and our maritime heritage. We are pleased that the article mentioned the non-profit Cohasset Lightkeepers' proposal to establish a Learning Laboratory for Marine Biology and Genetic Research.

Our primary interest is stewardship of the intellectual promise of our students by providing extra-curricular opportunities for hands-on science and mind-expanding experience with research. However, stewardship of the town's precious waterfront property is important to us also, and the laboratory establishes a worthwhile non-commercial anchor point that will help prevent the former Hagerty property from degenerating into an overflow parking lot for the marina across the street.

Students of all ages will enjoy the extra-curricular lab experience because they want to be there, and surely that experience is just as much recreation as is athletics and boating.

Conversion of the former Cohasset Colonials furniture showroom into a Learning Laboratory is consistent with and complementary to improvement of the boat-launching ramp and parking lot. Removal of the building, which occupies about 2 percent of the property, to gain a few parking spaces which might be used on summer weekends, seems a poor trade-off. The renewed interest in stewardship of our maritime heritage and of our seacoast assets may discourage those who would perpetuate the careless destructiveness of the past.

R. M. Campbell, President
Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation

Fun At Story Hour



The audience listens to Suzanne Terry rapt attention during the Paul Pratt Library's story hour for kindergarten and pre-school children.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman



What will happen next, wonder preschoolers Amy Costa, Ian McQuade, and Ana Buckley, as they listen to children's librarian Suzanne Terry read during the story hour.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman



Children's librarian Suzanne Terry recounts an especially dramatic scene during the library's popular story hour for young children.

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Andrea Wade reads to her son Jonathan before story hour begins.

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Max Shipp and Brendan Doonan share a secret before the story hour starts at the library.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Cohasset Library Story Hour

Registrations are currently being accepted for the Spring Story Hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Story hours will be held Thursday and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., beginning March 6 and March 7. The session lasts for six weeks. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, simple fingerplays, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3-1/2 to participate. To register, call the library at 383-1348.

DONATE USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Friends of the Cohasset Library need donations of used children's books (only in good condition, please) for their annual book sale this spring. Please bring your books in shopping bags to the front desk of the library. The date of the book sale, which will include all categories of used books, will be announced in this newspaper soon. If you would like to make a tax-deductible monetary donation to the library, please send a check made payable to the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library, to 106 South Main St., Cohasset, 02025.

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HOLLIS EXHIBIT CONTINUES

Landscape and still-life artist Susan A. Hollis of North Easton currently has on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Library a group of her recent paintings. The exhibit, sponsored by the South Shore Art Center and the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library, will continue through March 8.

Gourmet Dinner Will Benefit Carousel

The Friends of the Paragon Carousel, Inc. and Ed Kane of Tosca Restaurant in Hingham have announced plans for a gourmet wine dinner to be held at the restaurant to benefit the carousel. The event will take place Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m. All proceeds from the $100 per person cost will go to the carousel. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and reservations may be made by calling the restaurant at 740-0080.

The Paragon Carousel was built in Hull in 1928 and is one of only 60 grand carousels still in existence. The Friends organization was formed to preserve the carousel in its current location and to complete the restoration of the historic treasure.

For further information, call 925-0472.

Cohasset Teen Center

The Teen Center and the Cohasset Recreation Department will be sponsoring an all day Waterville Valley Ski trip on March 15. The cost is $60. The registration forms can be picked up at the Town Hall and must be returned by March 3. Also, the Teen Center will be open on Friday, Feb. 21 and Saturday, Feb 22 from 7-10 p.m.

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The whole event is within view of the boathouse, so this is a particularly enjoyable event for spectators. It is also a rare opportunity to see an amazing array of wooden pulling boats up close on the beach and in action – peapods, dories, wherries, whitehalls, ocean shells, pilot gigs, Bantry Bay gigs, and Irish curraghs.

The race, which begins at 11 a.m., March 2, at the Pemberton Point Boathouse, has five boat categories: workboats, livery boats, coxed boats, ocean kayaks and ocean shells. A few notes to all race participants: 1) all racers must be members of the USRA or the HLM Rowing Association; 2) all boats must carry PFDs, bailers, and whistles; 3) all coxed boats must begin the race bow on the beach; and 4) the HLM Race Committee reserves the right to cancel the race or keep individual boats from setting forth due to weather conditions or rower skills level.

The Snow Row's one-of-a-kind LeMans start embodies the spirit of our style of competition (organized chaos), so come out for a laugh and then step inside the boathouse to warm up with a cup of hot coffee or cocoa. The Lifesaving Museum, one mile down the beach from the boathouse, will be hosting a free open house following the race. For more information about the Snow Row, call Ed McCabe at 925-0992, 925-4826, or Box 221, Hull, 02045.

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Wrestlers March on to State Division Championships

Duffy and Buckley Earn South Sectional Titles

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Kevin Duffy didn't exactly sit back and rest on his laurels after winning his 100th career match against Middleboro. Quite the contrary.

The senior captain earned the No. 1 seed in this weekend's Division 3 State Finals when he recorded three consecutive pins and won his last match, 12-3, to dominate the 135-pound division at the Division 3 South Sectional Championships at Carver.

Duffy, who raised his record to 32-1, joined fellow teammate Justin Buckley (171), the winner of his division, in leading 11 Cohasset wrestlers to the divisional meet. Buckley moved to 30-2 on the season in nailing down his first South Sectional title. He'll be seeded second in his weight class on Friday night.

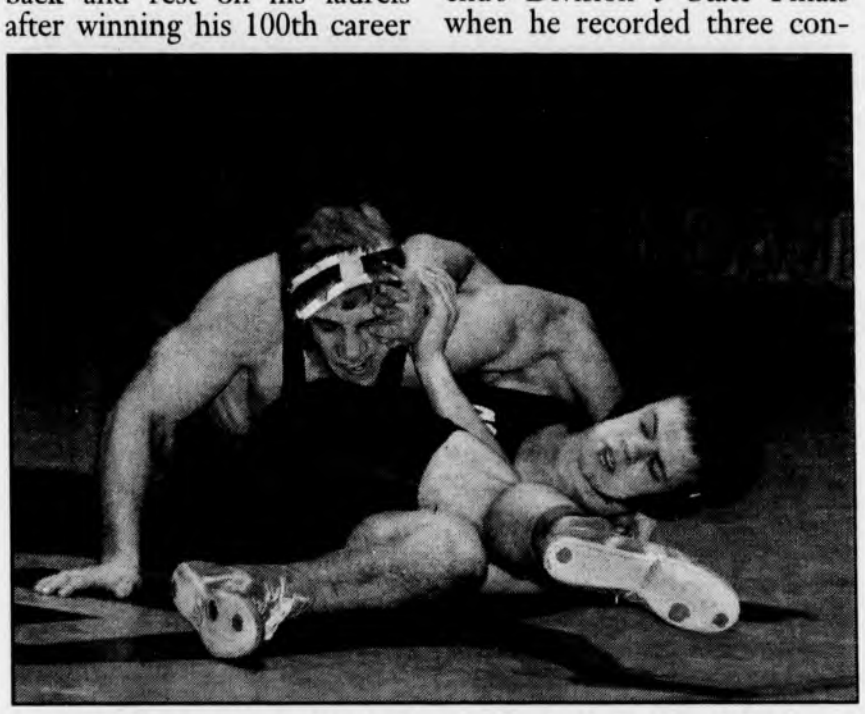
The meet was a successful one for the Skippers as the squad tied the school record of 11 qualifiers, which was set in 1988 and repeated in 1992.

"Most of the kids moved up a seed or two so you can see they really stepped it up for this meet," said Cohasset head coach Torin Sweeney.

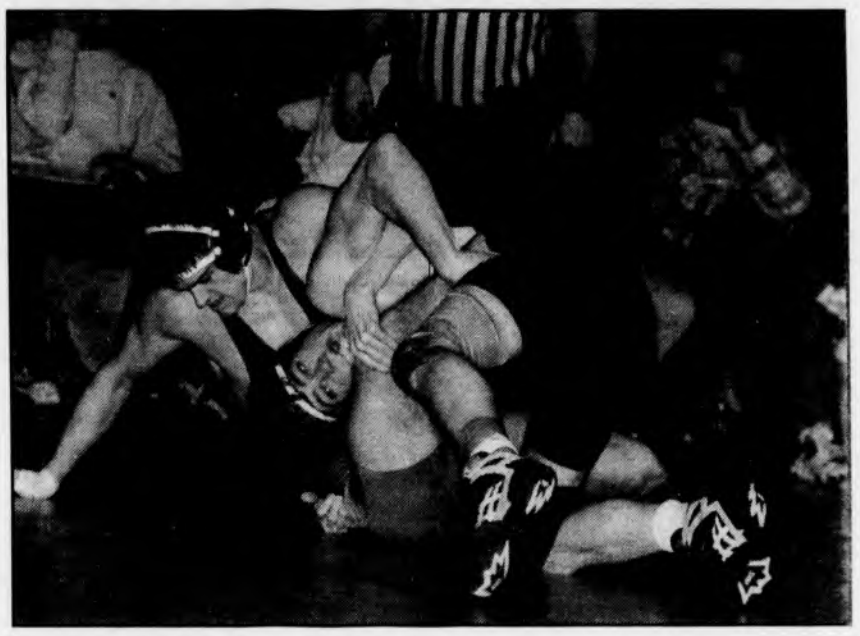
Mike Rossi garnered second place at 145, losing in an exciting final to Foxboro's Jake Leighton, voted meet's most outstanding wrestler. Mike Baird was the runner-up at 119 pounds and Ben Littauer (125) wrestled his way to a fourth-place finish.

Freshman Chris Pratt, one of the most promising young wrestlers on the Skipper squad, nailed down an impressive sixth at 112. Doug Sheerin (140) was fourth, as was Luke Caldwell (152) and Justin Golden (160). Adam Sasso qualified by working his way to fifth at 189 pounds and J.P. Laugelle (215)

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Mike Rossi (Bottom) tries to fend off Foxboro's Jack Leighton in the 145-pound division of last weekend's Division 3 South Sectional Championships.
Staff photo by Bill Wadsworth



Rockland's Ken Molloy (Left) battles Cohasset's Justin Buckley in the Division 3 South Sectional Championships.
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All-Star Game Notes

By Mike Farley
Special to the Mariner

Some odds and ends from Friday night's All-Star basketball double-feature:

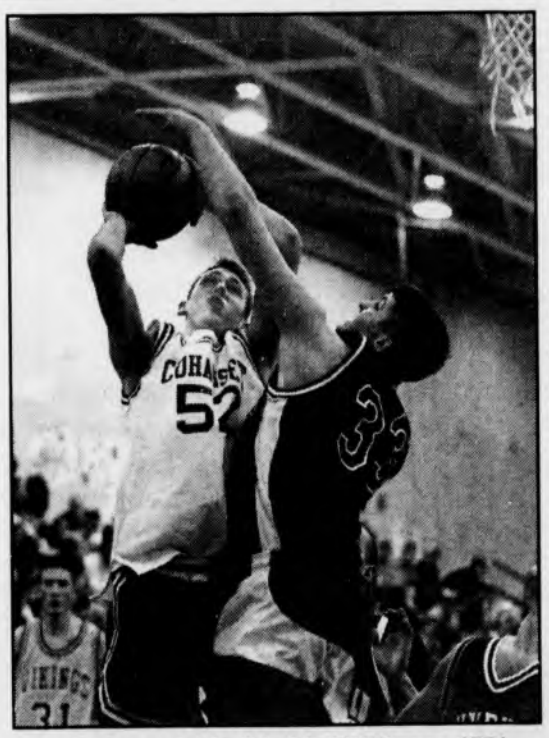
If at first you don't succeed...**Norwell's Matt Lewis,** a 6-foot-7 center, was one of several All-Stars in the boys event attempting to display his dunking skills. After missing two attempts in succession, on a double-pump and reverse, Matt came back with a resounding double-pump jam to redeem himself in front of his hometown supporters.

Up, up and away....**Marshfield's Eric Wilson**, a senior and one of four Ram players on the ACL squad, missed a dunk opportunity on a breakaway early in the second half. When he arrived back to the bench, **Marshfield and All-Star coach Paul Wholey** took advantage of the ribbing opportunity. "He's been a special player and a key to our success," said Wholey of Wilson, a major part of the team's ACL championship. "We've talked about the time to dunk, and I'm glad (the miss) happened in an All-Star game. It's something to kid about."

And the SSL is on the power play....**Simon Peters of Scituate** was on the South Shore League roster, and perhaps could have dialed his coach, John Ekstrom, head of the Scituate High School math department, for counting assistance. You see, with the SSL nursing a 10-point lead midway through the second half, ACL coach Wholey wondered aloud why an SSL player had gone unguarded by his team. Upon further review, he and the rest of the crowd, including the referees, determined that the SSL had six players on the court. A technical foul against the SSL resulted, and Wholey and **Cohasset and SSL coach Ron Ford** kidded each other on the sidelines about the unintentional mishap. Afterwards, Wholey pointed out that things like that can happen, especially with the frequency of player turnover that goes along with mass substitutions. He likened the changes to line shifts in hockey.

Not all was lost for the SSL girls...Unofficially, the SSL won the knee brace competition. Seniors **Danielle Ryan from Hanover** and **Meg Barao from Norwell** provided the SSL with a 2-0 victory in the protective gear category.

And the winner is...League championship plaques were presented prior to the start of the boys' game. Accepting as the SSL champs were coach **Bill Gerety** and his senior girls from Norwell and **Pat Shea** with her Duxbury girls captains. On the boys side, Ron Ford and five of his players from Cohasset were acknowledged as the SSL champs, while Wholey and his four-player All-Star contingent accepted for the ACL champion Marshfield Rams.



Cohasset High's J.L. Williams (52) goes up for a shot as Rockland's Pete Condon (33) prepares to block him during last Friday night's All-Star game.
Staff photo by Bill Wadsworth

SSL Throws its Winning Hand

Ford Coaches South Shore League All-Star Hoopsters Past ACL

By Mike Farley
Special to the Mariner

Hanover's Jon Peacock and Norton's Craig Wencis, both seniors sporting the number 10 on their game jerseys, teamed up for a dramatic finish to the boys' All-Star basketball game Friday night at Norwell High School.

Following an Atlantic Coast League missed chance with only seconds remaining, and the score tied at 69-69, Wencis and Peacock out-dueled an ACL opponent for possession of the ball near half-court.

Wencis managed to get the ball to an open Peacock. And Peacock, with a defender tailing him like a newspaper boy on collection day, raced to the basket to score the winning hoop on a reverse lay-up with no time left to give coach Ron Ford's South Shore League All-Stars the 71-69 victory.

Peacock finished as the game's leading scorer, tossing in 16 points, nine of which came courtesy of three three-pointers.

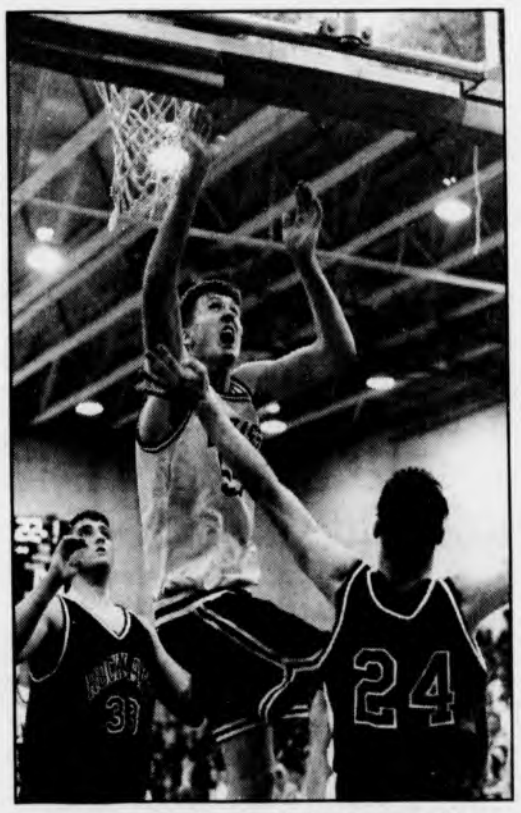
The SSL's leading scorer wasn't exactly sure how much time was left when he drove for the final hoop, saying that "It was under five seconds. I just knew I had to get the ball up quick."

The contest was close throughout most of the evening, especially in the early going, as the assembled cast representing their league's best got acquainted with each other.

Turnovers and errant passes, however, were soon replaced with a fun-filled night of basketball showcasing the local basketball elite.

The SSL established a five-point differential, 31-26, which lasted about as

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Cohasset's Ryan Bishop goes for a rebound in the All-Star game.
Staff photo by Bill Wadsworth



Thirty-one young gymnasts join the Cohasset High gymnastics team for a recent clinic.
Photo by Ruthann Ardizzoni

Youth Sports Center Opens in Pembroke

North American Sports, a youth sports center, opened in Pembroke Feb. 1. The sports center features a number of innovative ideas as well as traditional training equipment. The facility provides training in baseball, softball, basketball and soccer to children ages 5 through 18. Each sport is taught one season at a time, with group and individual lessons available as well as facility and equipment rental available to the public. From February through June, the center is set up for baseball and softball, with batting cages, screen hitting and throwing/fielding areas. A number of specialized clinics will also be held throughout the year. The center is the perfect place for teams to get in some great preseason practice!

The center is featuring a summer basketball camp and fall basketball program with special equipment for the younger child.

Starting in November, soccer will be the featured sport and includes a goalkeeping program. After soccer the center once again begins its baseball/softball programs. The public is invited to come and tour the facility. The hours are 2:30 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Expanded hours are in effect during school vacation weeks.

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gets underway next week. Instead, the Skippers (15-7) are looking ahead to a likely first-round game at Greater New Bedford.

The Skippers fell behind to Carver midway through the first half, but Cohasset's home crowd was treated to something special when senior Ryan Bishop slammed down a double-fisted dunk and Raheem Shepard made an acrobatic base-line move. The Skippers trailed 38-33 at halftime.

J.L. Williams, after netting only two points in the opening half, came out with his game face on in the second. A three pointer, an offensive putback and a four-point play tied the game for Cohasset.

The rest of the team followed Williams' lead. Bishop netted a free throw to push the Skippers ahead. However, Carver held on and the teams swapped leads throughout the second half. Bishop's layup with 2:15 remaining gave Cohasset a 62-61 edge. Just under two minutes later Paul-Michael Quintin sank two free throws to put the Skippers up by two.

Carver, though, came right back and scored five straight points and led 69-66 with 5.2 seconds left in the game.

A Cohasset timeout set up a simple, but effective inbound play. Williams fired a 65-foot pass to Bishop, who made a leaping catch and dished to Pat Hurley on the wing. Hurley fired a pass to Davis, who took an off-balance three-point shot as time expired. The shot missed and the Crusaders had dealt the Skippers their third South Shore League defeat.

Cohasset swallowed two more marks in the loss column after defeats to Hingham and Milton in the Hall of Fame Tournament at Massasoit Community College.

These losses bring the Skippers' record to 15-7, but also whets the appetite of the players who seek the state title. The book on Cohasset going into the season was that it may not overcome the loss of star Jared Hardwick. So far, the Skippers have fared well, but haven't had one player step up to deliver consistent 20-point performances. In last year's state tourney, Bishop ratcheted his game up a notch and carried more than his share of the workload. Others will need to pick up the slack if Cohasset is to win its first Division 3 State title under head coach Ron Ford.

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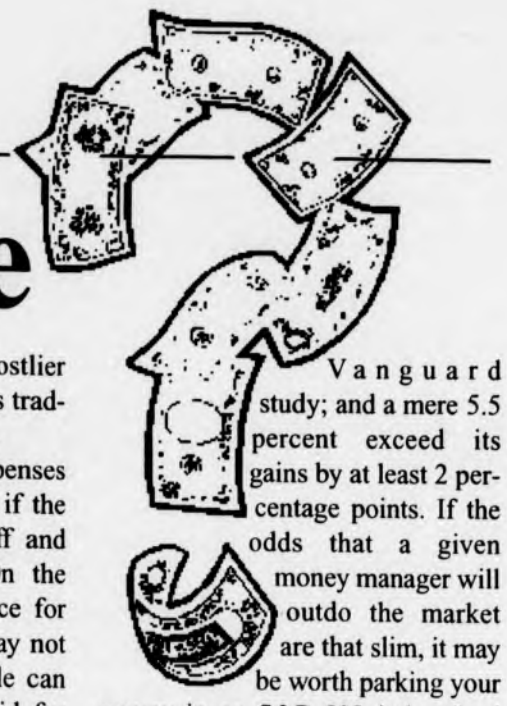
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When is a fund worth its fee



Edited by Amy K. Barrett
WORTH MAGAZINE

If an equity mutual fund has a horrible year, industry watchers say it's pulled a "Steadman." The Steadman family of funds, based in Washington, D.C., are notorious bad performers, losing around a third of their value in the middle of a market rally.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Part of the trouble may be that the stock they picked didn't do well. But what clinches the funds' losses year after year should be a caveat for all mutual fund investors: high annual fees.

"No one who charges high fees can be an above-average performer in the long run," said James Cloonan, chairman of the American Association of Individual Investors in Chicago. "Out of funds in the U.S., 1.5 percent might be the top end you'd want to pay (in annual fees), considering too there is no significant load."

Often when people shop for mutual funds, they scrutinize the funds' initial sales charges — called loads — and then ignore the companies' further costs used for advertising, research, mailings, lawyer fees, prospectus publishing, etc. It's easy to do because you don't actually have to pay the annual fee; it's deducted out of the fund's assets every year before the profits are distributed and used to pay the money manager and cover operating costs.

A percentage point — or fraction of a percentage point — difference in fees may seem insignificant at first, but the money saved by lower fees can appreciate substantially over the long term. If you invested, for example, in a $1 billion fund that carries a fee of 1.35 percent a year of the assets, instead of one that has a fee of 2.35 percent, you would own a piece a fund that was automatically $10 million richer. Say your fund goes on to gain 10 percent each year for the next five years. That $10 million would turn into almost $70 million. Distribute that amongst — for the sake of simplicity — 70,000 shareholders, and you've earned yourself $1,000 over five years because you bought the cheaper fund.

Lower annual fees, however, don't necessarily promise fat returns. In fact, they are useless if a fund doesn't profit. And it's possible for a fund that appreciates significantly to have above-average costs. More than anything, a fund's outcome is determined by how its particular investment focus fits with the current market environment. Take, for example, Vanguard index funds, which tend to have inexpensive fees. The Vanguard International Equity Index Pacific fund uses a low 0.25 percent of the fund's value, but has increased in value only an average of 3.5 percent a year over the last five years, thanks partly to Japan's economic woes. On the other hand, Vanguard's Index 500, which mirrors the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, charges 0.2 percent a year and has gained 15 percent over that period, reflecting the success of the U.S. stock market.

So, lower operating costs aren't everything, but they do help you hedge your bets.

By the same token, don't throw out all funds with higher fees. While the average annual fee for an equity fund is about 1.5 percent, you should consider the type of investment focus a fund has when judging whether it has a reasonable fee. A fund that invests in U.S. small-capitalization stocks or international stocks tends to be more expensive to run than one that holds large-cap shares. Why? Small companies and foreign companies can be more obscure and require more research. "There is more efficiency in the large-cap market," explains Brian Mattes, a spokesman for Vanguard. The corporate behemoths are closely researched, so there is not as big an element of risk or surprise.

As a result, it may be worthwhile to pay a little extra for small-cap and global funds, while making sure your large-cap funds have below-average fees, said Jeffrey Keil, vice president of Lipper Analytical. "Intuitively it really makes some sense," said Keil. "Looking at large-cap stocks there is typically a lot of analysts tracking them, and, therefore, a tighter clustering of returns. Then what makes the difference is expenses."

And the opposite holds true for smaller companies. Besides tending to require more research, they are more expensive to trade. Because fewer people trade a given small-cap stock, when a money manager goes to sell it, he may have to lower the price he's asking for to get a buyer — or vice versa if he's buying the stock, depending on the availability of shares in the market place. Funds that invest overseas can be costlier as well, due to higher overseas trading costs, among other things.

These greater risks and expenses can turn into greater rewards if the companies' business takes off and attracts investor interest. "On the small-cap side there's a chance for better returns because they may not be covered by analysts. People can be rewarded because they paid for better research," Keil said.

These distinctions are not set in stone, of course. Each fund is unique and requires particular evaluation. It's important to remember that all annual fees can make the difference between below- and above-market performance for a fund. Only about 17 percent of growth and value equity funds perform better than the S&P 500, according to a Vanguard study; and a mere 5.5 percent exceed its gains by at least 2 percentage points. If the odds that a given money manager will outdo the market are that slim, it may be worth parking your money in an S&P 500 index fund like Vanguard's. In fact, the Vanguard family of funds also contains other index funds that allow you to focus on certain stocks while paying less than 0.5 percent.

When evaluating funds, compare ones similar in investment style and see what they cost. Any annual fee above 2 percent could be a red flag that you may be looking at a so-called Steadman.

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South Sectional Titles

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guaranteed himself an extended season after taking fourth.

Sweeney said he would like to improve on the team's eighth-place finish in 1993, but admitted it will be no easy task to move up.

"We'll have to wrestle very well," he said.

With the South Sectionals behind them, the Skippers will be working out with several wrestling teams in the area in preparation for this weekend. Boston College High, Hanover and Scituate were just a few of the teams Sweeney said Cohasset would be practicing with.

Working out with the other teams, Sweeney said, serves a valuable purpose. Wrestlers don't get stale practicing with the same partner and they are challenged more by other athletes who have similar goals. A bond forms between the South teams and the wrestlers cheer each other on at the Division 3 meet.

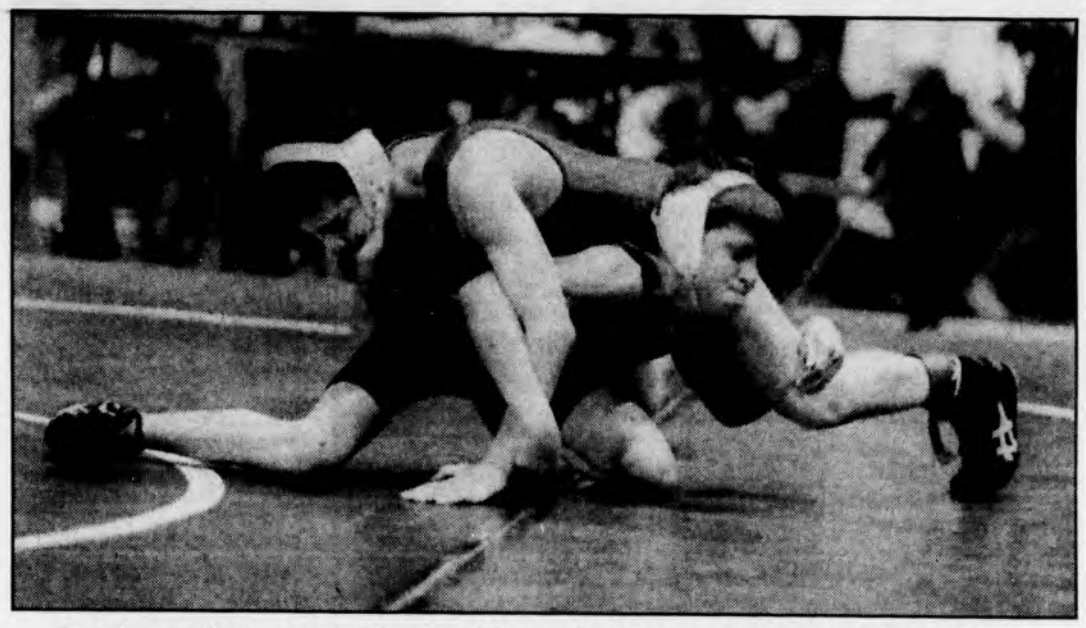
"You get the opportunity to wrestle different guys," Sweeney said. "The wrestlers pull for one another because they are all representing the South."

Leading up to the South Sectional meet, Sweeney concentrated on repetitive drills during the workouts. He said earlier that week he had no specific plans to introduce new moves or escapes. "The instruction is pretty much done at this point," he said.

Sweeney expected defending Division 2 State Champion Foxboro to be the odds-on favorite to capture first place. He did say, however, that many of the teams were pretty evenly matched, making the battle to secure the second through fifth place a "real dogfight."

Cohasset recently found itself at the losing end of its dual meet against the tough Foxboro team, dropping a 51-23. The competition against the Warriors, and their four wrestlers who placed in last year's New England championships, was a good feeler for the Skippers heading into the South Sectionals.

Cohasset had five winners, three of whom won by pin. Craig Sheerin (103), Baird (119) and Buckley (171) took pin victories, while Littauer (125) and Duffy (135) won on points.



Duxbury High wrestler Kevin Flaherty (top) tries to pin his Cohasset opponent, Craig Sheerin, in the 103-pound division in the Skippers' victory.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

The Skippers had little problem with win No. 16, taking the final regular season meet against Duxbury, 52-12. The Skippers smothered the Green Dragons by running out to an insurmountable 52-0 lead before Duxbury recorded its first victory. Seventh-grader Paul Previte wrestled impressively in defeating Green Dragon eighth-grader Ian Stewart by pin. Doug Sheerin, Caldwell and Buckley defeated their respective opponents by pin as well.

Winning Hand

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long as it took for players to enter and leave the court on the ensuing mass substitution at the 4:12 mark of the first half.

At that point, seniors Pete Condon (eight points) and Jeff Gannon (six points) from Rockland scored the ACL's next six points to give their team a 32-31 lead.

The ACL maintained the lead until the closing seconds of the opening half, when East Bridgewater's Marc Taylor unloaded a three-point bomb to give the SSL a 36-35 lead at the break.

The second half featured an array of three-pointers from the SSL, which built a 12-point lead midway through with the two sides preparing for another round of subs. Contributing to the trifecta shower were Cohasset's Paul-Michael Quintin with one and Peacock, who had two from beyond the line and another as a result of being fouled on a double-pump score in the key and a free throw.

The ACL would then begin its comeback, chipping away on the strength of some fine play from Marshfield senior Eric Wilson, who finished with 12 points.

Wilson would score six of the ACL's next 14 points, including two consecutive baskets to knot the game at 63-63. Ram center Ryan Kent also played a solid inside game for the ACL stars.

The two units exchanged baskets until 69-69 and the fantastic finish at the buzzer.

It was a fitting conclusion to a night meant for fun.

As ACL coach Paul Wholey explained, "It's nice to get (the kids) together in a more relaxed atmosphere. They're usually competing against each other (and now get a chance) to play with each other.

"It's an opportunity to have some fun and for the South Shore area to see some of its better players," added the coach of the 1996-1997 ACL champion Rams.

Wholey also joked about losing the game to coach Ford.

"I think Ron had six players on the court a couple times and that last Peacock hoop definitely came after the buzzer," Wholey laughed. "I blame Ron and I'm filing a protest tomorrow. Let's suit up and play the game again."

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Docket No. 97E0012-PP1

To Robert Davenport and James Michael Davenport of Cohasset and the Town of Cohasset and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Vincent Sestito of Dorchester, Mass. in the County of Suffolk representing that he holds a part or share of certain land lying in Cohasset in said County of Norfolk and briefly described as follows: a certain lot of land being contiguous with land known and numbered as 135 Sohier Street, Cohasset, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, as further described on an unrecorded plan entitled "Plan of Land Sohier Street, Cohasset, Mass. June 12, 1996. Scale 1"=40'. Eng. Surveyor: Neil J. Murphy, Assoc. P.C. 231 C.J.C. Highway Cohasset, MA 02025. Owner: Estate of E.E. Sestito, P.O. Box 338, Cohasset, MA 02025", a true copy of which is annexed hereto, consisting according to said plan of 4.1 acres of land more or less, and bounded and described as follows:

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Being a portion of the real estate property described in the deed from John M. Bready to Elena E. Sestito dated November 28, 1968, recorded with Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 4589, at Page 329; see also Estate of Elena S. Sestito, Norfolk Probate Court No. 93P0905-E1 setting forth that he desires that pursuant to the third clause of Elena E. Sestito's will, that he be granted so much vacant land on Sohier Street in Cohasset...as meets lot requirements for building a home. And praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham/649 High St. P.O. Box 269, Dedham, MA 02027-0269 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the nineteenth day of March 1997, the return day of this citation.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this seventh day of February 1997.

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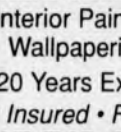
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Community Garden Club Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be held at St. Stephen's Church Tuesday, Feb. 25. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m.; the meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m.

The topic this month is "Pollution and Its Effect on Habitat and Environment." Greg Mertz, from the New England Wildlife Center, will define the many faces of pollution and ways in which we can improve our habitat and the larger environment.

Be a Winner for Cabaret '97

The First Parish Church in Cohasset is preparing for another outrageous midwinter extravaganza — Cabaret '97 — "Those Fabulous Fifties" to be held on March 15 and 16. Celebrating its fifth year, Cabaret promises to be "brighter, bolder, and more hilarious" than ever before. Members of the church are currently selling raffle tickets for the event which is always a sell out. For $2 you can win two reserved seats for the Saturday evening performance and buffet or Sunday afternoon matinee. Call the church office, 383-1100, for further information.

South Shore Spinners Guild

The South Shore Spinners Guild will meet Thursday, Feb. 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Second Parish Church, 685 Main St. (Route 228), Hingham. After a business meeting and light refreshments, the meeting will be devoted to learning to spin cotton by three different methods. Members are requested to bring their spinning wheels and cards for an exciting, hands-on lesson in spinning this natural fiber. Questions? Call (617) 545-1880. Visitors are welcome.



"Cohasset Works": Victoria Chin, left, owner of Victoria's by the Sea Antiques, Cohasset Harbor, chats with high school friend Diane McLaughlin, owner of Echo Lake Antiques in Scituate. They sit amid the Colonial comfort of Chin's store. Both live in Scituate.

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The beginners' bridge will be preceded by luncheon at 12:30 p.m. followed by bridge lessons Monday afternoons, commencing March 3, 10, 17 and 24. An intermediate bridge course will be held from 9:45 a.m. to noon followed by luncheon Friday, March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Classes are limited, so reserve enrollment by calling 749-1720.

Alzheimer's Support Group

"Making It Manageable: Treating the Symptoms and Problem Behaviour" will be presented by Susan R. Donaldson, M.D. at the Feb. 26 meeting, 7:30 p.m., of the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore.

Dr. Donaldson will speak on the importance of a thorough diagnosis and how it benefits the patient and the patient's family. Dr. Donaldson is the division director of psychiatry at Quincy Hospital and director of the recently opened outpatient clinic for cognitive disorders. The clinic provides diagnostic and assessment services for older adults suffering from memory loss or cognitive impairment.

Dr. Donaldson is on the faculty of Tufts University Medical School and has published her research in psychiatric journals.

Meetings are held at Thaxter Community Center, 30 Thaxter St., Hingham. Complimentary respite care is available during the meeting at Harbor House Day Health Center, 11 Condito Road, Hingham. Please call Gervaise Haley at (617) 749-4774 by 3 p.m. on Feb. 26 for a respite reservation.

Meetings are free and open to the public. For further information, call (617) 749-5417.

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Channel Dredging Money Dries Up

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Money to pay for dredging the town's outer harbor has dried up, officials learned last week.

The Army Corps of Engineers, the lead federal agency on the project, found out that funds for the estimated $1.5 million harbor dredging project in Cohasset is not in President Clinton's proposed fiscal year 1998 budget.

> 'Little old Cohasset is on the cutting edge of a bad multi-level government problem.'
> — Selectman Peter Pratt.

And because of a derth of small harbor dredging projects, Cohasset is not on the list for "reprogrammed" money — funds that can be redirected if other projects come in under budget.

That means the about $300,000 remaining of the original $400,000 in state/town funds for dredging of the inner harbor might have to be redirected

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Seventh-graders Nick Bolster, Peter Whoriskey, Chris Caron and David DeVito cruise around the town common during school vacation last week.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Everyone Benefits From Advanced Life Support

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

When a Linden Drive woman suffered a serious brain hemorrhage, she needed immediate expert medical service. EMTs on the scene stabilized her and called for paramedics from the South Shore Hospital's Advanced Life Support Unit. The paramedics recognized the seriousness of the her condition and immediately called for a Med-Flight helicopter to take her to a Boston Hospital.

A neurosurgeon who worked on the woman later credited the paramedics with saving her life.

The ALS unit that operates out of the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth provides expert paramedic care to 16 South Shore communities at no cost to taxpayers, according to Peggy Cass, paramedic services coordinator for SSH.

ALS paramedics receive 6,000 requests for service each year and treat more than 3,600 patients per year.

Cass said the program began five years ago as a way of providing cost-effective paramedics to a number of communities serviced by SSH.



South Shore Hospital paramedic Chris Grazioso of Abington aboard one of the two advanced life support vehicles.

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Hagerty Group Wrestles with Uses for Property

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

While a majority of the board of selectmen want to tear down the Hagerty house rather than turn it into a lobster lab, the Hagerty committee is continuing to study viable recreational uses for the entire site.

Members of the Hagerty committee met Tuesday night to examine the latest engineer's drawings for a proposed public recreation area at the site.

The latest drawings, created by John Modzelewski of Civil Designs Inc. Consulting Engineers, show parking for six cars with trailers between the Hagerty house and the shoreline, a 135-foot-long boat dock, and a rebuilt path on the west side of the property that crosses over the creek.

The Hagerty house was not addressed in the latest drawing because of its uncertain future.

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Cohasset's Week

Pratt to Seek Re-Election; Ofsthun to Run for School Board

Selectman Peter Pratt, 75 Ripley Rd., has taken out papers to seek a second term on the board of selectmen and Kathleen A. Ofsthun, 45 Fair Oaks Lane, plans to run for the school committee. Ralph Perroncello, 10 Pleasant Lane, will seek re-election to the Cohasset Housing Authority; and library trustees Anne C. Bowdoin, 131 Nichols Rd., Patience C. Towle, 180 Lamberts Lane, and Agnes McCann, 104 Doane St., all plan to seek re-election to that board.

Also in the running are: Joseph P. McElroy, 59 Windy Hill, for school committee; Raimund G. Vanderweil, Jr., 500 Jerusalem Rd. for reelection to the board of sewer commissioners; Alfred S. Moore,Jr. 101 Fair Oaks Lane, for reelection to the planning board; Anne C. Bowdoin, 131 Nichols Rd., for reelection to the board of library trustees; Michael C. Patrolia, 15 Cushing Rd., for reelection to the board of assessors; and Mary K. Muncey, 377 S. Main St., for reelection to the recreation commission.

School Committee members JoAnne Chittick and Jim Kirk are not seeking re-election. Recreation commissioner Ted Carroll also said he will step down at the end of his term this spring.

Nomination papers for the May 3 Annual Town Election are available at the town clerk's office and must be turned in by March 17.

The following positions will be available: Selectmen — one for three years; School Committee — two for three years; Trustee Paul Pratt Memorial Library — three for three years; Assessor one for three years; Board of Health — one for three years; Cohasset Housing Authority — one for five years; Planning Board - one for five years; Recreation Commission — three for five years; Sewer Commission — one for three years; and Water Commission — one for three years.

Wednesday, March 19, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election. Registration forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before the deadline.

Cohasset Heroes Donate Blood

The Cohasset Community Red Cross thanks the following heroes who have probably saved a life by donating a pint of blood at the last Cohasset Community Blood Drive Jan. 15: Bill Adams, Connie Afshar, Joan Allen, Debbie Anderson, Gary Anderson, Amy Argus, Gloria Bamford of Scituate, Ellen Bash of Hull, Elizabeth Bates, Janice, Jarrod and Mark Batts, Robert Beggan, Victoria Berger, Nancy Burns, Susan Carter, John Chapman, Ryan and Shirley Cibelli, Joseph Curley, Rev. E. Cliff Cutler, Robert Dennis, Matt Dillon, Margo Doherty, Michael Doherty, John and Retta Dwyer, Gerry Earle, Pam Earle, Louis Eaton Jr., Grace Evans, Elaine Fahey, Phil Faulkner, John Flanagan, Garry Gardner, Linda Gardner, Andrew Glutting of Hull, Jane Goedecke, Galt Grant, Susan Grant, Ken Greer, David Hammond of Rockland, Don Harrold, Susan Henrichsen of Norwell, Jane Higgins of Scituate, Jean Higgins, Stephen Ingram, Edward Karcher, Angelina Kelley, Keith Knowles, Janet Konkle of Scituate, Diana Kornet, Jeanpier Leger, R. Stephen Lilly of Scituate, Jeffrey Ludlow, Mary Ellen Maich, Nancy Marks, Steve Maynard, Joan McDonald, Mary McElroy, Robert Meegan of Scituate, Barbara Mirabito of Norwell, Ann and Larry Mitchell, Craig Muir, Charles Mundhenk of Hingham, F. Wisner Murray, Michael Myers, Kevin O'Connor, Robert O'Hayre, Elizabeth Richardson, Carol Riley, the Rev. Gary Ritts, Wayne Robbins, John Roy, Nicholas Salerno, Nicole Santoro, John Seavey, Diane Shipp, Larry Shultz, Richard Silvia, Wallace St. John, Harry St. Onge, Helene Thornton, Hubert Vanderlugt, Dan Volungis, John Walsh of Marshfield, Susan Watrous, Eric Weld of Hingham and Douglas Yeager.

The Red Cross and the Cohasset community would especially like to recognize Louis F. Eaton of 30 Beach St. for his latest donation. According to Red Cross records, this was Louis' 119th blood donation. At the rate of three donations in Cohasset each year — this marks nearly 40 years of helping others.

The Red Cross welcomes any new individuals who would like to donate blood, or any organizations which would like to work with the Cohasset Community Blood Drive to organize their own donors for each blood drive. Call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290 for more information. The next blood drive will take place in early June. You can be a hero too by donating the gift of life!

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Sun. 2	4:23	9.6	10:49	4:59	8.7	11:07
Mon. 3	5:19	9.7	11:48	5:59	8.7	——
Tues. 4	6:19	10.0	12:06	7:01	9.0	12:49
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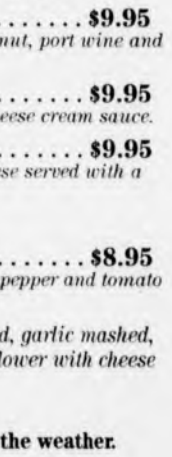
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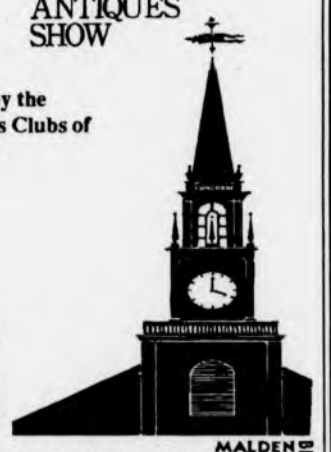
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Duxbury Dog to Star in Wizard of Oz

Wins Role Over Seven Toto Hopefuls



Sara Garland, who portrays Dorothy in the upcoming Cohasset Dramatic Club production of 'The Wizard of Oz,' tries out Toto of Duxbury for the part of Toto.

Staff photo/Carrie C. Marden

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

They came from all over the South Shore to audition for a starring role in the Cohasset Dramatic Club's upcoming production of 'The Wizard of Oz' at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Scituate on Sunday.

And after walking, sitting, a ride in a basket and a cuddle with Dorothy — the producers made their decision.

Toto — yes that's his real name — beat out seven other hopefuls to portray the dog that has won the hearts of innumerable children ever since Judy Garland took Toto with her to the land of Oz in the musical film of 1939.

Coincidentally, Toto's co-star shares a surname with the actress who played the same role in the movie classic. Sara Garland, 16, a junior at Marshfield High School, will play Dorothy in the show.

The Cohasset Dramatic Club, in its 75th year, put out a casting call for Toto look-alikes after producers were having a dog-gone time finding the right dog for the role.

Although this will be his first stage appearance, Toto is used to lots of distractions.

The 12-pound Yorkshire terrier lives with 80 cats at the Standish Humane Society cat shelter on Congress Street in Duxbury.

His owner, Julia Fratalia, heard about the try-outs from a friend who read the notice in the newspaper.

She said Toto, who attended his first rehearsal Monday, is taking all the attention in stride.

"He's just wonderful," said Fratalia, who works at the David Jon Louison Child Center in Brockton where she adopted Toto 4-1/2 years ago.

"He loves everybody. He's supposed to hate the wicked witch and that will be really hard for him."

Fratalia said the three-times-per-week rehearsals will be harder on her than Toto. She drives him to Scituate and back but, at the director's request, can't stay to watch so she doesn't distract him.

This isn't Toto's first exposure to the limelight. In September, he was the poster dog for the Standish Humane Society benefit walk.

The Wizard of Oz will feature 60 children in the performances scheduled for April 4-6, 9, 11-13 at the Scituate High School auditorium. Tickets are $10 and will be available at the door or by calling Tracy Dieselman at 545-5454. The 75-year-old Cohasset Dramatic Club's usual venue is the stage at Cohasset Town Hall but the size of this production necessitated use of a larger facility.

Upcoming Meetings are Noted

The following meetings have been posted outside the town clerk's office at town hall:

- Advisory Committee, 8 p.m., Feb. 27.
- Assessors, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 27.
- Board of Health, 7:00 p.m., March 11.
- Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., March 6 & 20.
- Drug & Alcohol Committee, 7:30 p.m., March 12.
- Greenbush Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 27.
- Harbor Committee, 7 p.m., March 6.
- School Facilities Committee, 7 p.m., March 5.
- School Committee, 7:30 p.m., March 6, AV room at the high school.
- Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., March 3.
- Sewer Commission, 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. March 12.
- Water Commission, 7:30 p.m., March 6.
- Water Resources Protection Committee, 8 p.m., Feb. 26.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, 8 p.m., March 5.

All meetings are at town hall unless otherwise noted. Room locations are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule at town hall on the day of the meeting. Check with the town clerk or the particular board's office at town hall (383-9900) for any cancellations.

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Life Support

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"In late 1990 we formed an ALS study committee and met with fire chiefs and town officials from towns serviced by the hospital to develop a plan to provide better emergency medical coverage to the region," Cass said. "It was the consensus of that group that the most cost effective and efficient solution was to provide paramedics to the towns through a regional service operating out of the hospital."

ALS began operating in May, 1992.

Cass said it would be extremely expensive for towns to maintain their own paramedics. A town would have to hire eight paramedics to maintain 24-hour coverage. Paramedics receive 1,000 hours of basic training, plus an additional 56 hours of refresher courses each year.

Then there are equipment costs and payroll considerations.

"The committee felt there were many benefits to a regional hospital-based service," Cass said. "The patient benefits from the advanced skills of the paramedic. The region benefits as a whole because many towns don't have enough calls to warrant full-time paramedics. The individual towns benefit because the tax base is not affected by ALS service."

Most towns employ a group of emergency medical technicians rather than paramedics. EMTs receive 110 hours of basic training with 21 hours of annual refresher training. EMTs are trained to do all of the functions necessary to stabilize a patient for the trip to the hospital.

The towns serviced by the hospital pay nothing for ALS. All paramedic fees and costs are billed to patients and their insurance companies. Occasionally the paramedics will be called to an incident where they are not really needed. Cass said the hospital doesn't usually charge for those incidents, which make up about 15 percent of all the paramedics' runs.

According to Cass, only about 20 percent of all ambulance calls actually require paramedics. The remaining 80 percent can be handled by EMTs.

The ALS committee felt that a regional service would provide paramedic care where none existed while keeping costs to a minimum.

SSH currently operates two groups of paramedics using two vehicles. The hospital employs 16 full-time paramedics and 14 per diem paramedics. The two vehicles, Chevrolet Blazers, contain ALS equipment but do not have transport capabilities. Two paramedics go out on each call.

Members of the ALS committee said each town already had ambulances that could take people to the hospital, so it was not necessary to use the paramedics for transport. The paramedics would also be free to respond to multiple calls rather than driving patients to SSH.

One of the vehicles is stationed at the hospital and serves 10 communities: Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Holbrook, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate, and Whitman. A second vehicle stationed in Hanson serves Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanson and Pembroke.

The hospital has also provided free defibrillator training to the towns served by ALS, as well as training with epinephrine pens-- a device used to inject an anti-allergy drug into patients suffering from severe allergic reactions.

Cass said the additional training ensures residents of outlying communities that a team of expert emergency workers who can handle any emergency will arrive in minutes.

"People in these communities should know that a well-trained team of emergency personnel will be on the scene in a few minutes, whether it's the paramedics or local EMTs," Cass said. "Emergency workers have four to six minutes to restart the heart after someone has suffered cardiac arrest. EMTs with defibrillators and proper training can save a patient's life while the paramedics are on the way."

Town officials and local officials feel the service is invaluable. ALS paramedics have treated more than 500 people in Cohasset over the last five years.

Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown said he liked the program because it is cost effective and efficient.

"It is cheaper for us, which is important because our municipal budget is so tight," Brown said. "We don't have to pay for training or additional employees. The paramedics are well trained and professional and they do a good job of complementing our EMTs."

Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said ALS was extremely effective.

"Prior to this program we had no paramedics at all," Lincoln said. "Paramedics are trained to a higher level than EMTs and are very valuable. It would be nice to have paramedics on my department but the costs are too high."

Lincoln said his EMTs have benefited greatly from the defibrillator and epi-pen training offered by the hospital.

"Our EMTs can deal with serious injuries, heart attacks, cardiac arrest, bee stings and other allergic reactions, and just about any situation imaginable," Lincoln said. "What the paramedics provide is an extra edge because of their advanced training."

Lincoln said many fire-fighters are becoming certified paramedics because it gives them an edge when they go out on calls. He added that some fire-fighters also want to be paramedics in case towns decide to provide the service locally.

"The future will bring a higher level of training to all emergency personnel," Lincoln said.

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Best day of your life: The day may only child, my daughter Barbara was born.

Biggest worry: The women still struggling with the professional, financial, and credibility gender gap in this country.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Spring.

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Favorite movie: Any movie with Paul Newman or Meg Ryan.

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The race, which begins at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 1, at the Pemberton Point Boathouse, has five boat categories: workboats, livery boats, coxed boats, ocean kayaks and ocean shells. A few notes to all race participants: 1) all racers must be members of the USRA or the HLM Rowing Association; 2) all boats must carry PFDs, bailers, and whistles; 3) all coxed boats must begin the race bow on the beach; and 4) the HLM Race Committee reserves the right to cancel the race or keep individual boats from setting forth due to weather conditions or rower skills level.

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Town Manager Proposal on the Table

Selectmen Split on Need for Position

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Beefing up the job description for the town administrator is preferable to switching to a town manager, some selectmen say.

But town meeting will have the final say so when voters will get the chance to decide on the citizens petition article creating the town manager's position.

The town manager would be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the town including handling departmental budgets which would free selectmen up to establish public policy and long-range planning goals.

The Government Structure Committee backs the proposal.

"We agree the time has come to create a town manager's position," Louis Simeone said.

He explained that selectmen are still in charge but would be able to leave the day-to-day operations up to one individual.

Proponent Tom Gruber of Pratt Court said the town manager would do all the budgetary leg work.

"There would be no worry that at the 11th hour, there would be pieces out in left field," he said.

While a majority selectmen said they agree that in light of former town administrator Greg Doyon's resignation, this is an opportune time to make changes, the town manager's position may be going too far.

"We could move to a town administrator with more responsibility or the more drastic (step) of town manager which requires an act of the legislature," Selectman Ronnie McMorris said.

McMorris said there should be some middle ground.

Diana Kornet of the Government Structure Committee said the bottom line is "accountability." She said the position can be tailored to fit the community.

"This would take the board out of the tedium so you could look at the bigger picture," she said.

A frustrated Selectman Peter Pratt, who strongly endorses the town manager concept, said the time for study has passed and urged his counterparts to back the proposal.

Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Rd., agreed. She noted that the town is facing a $10 million school project, $18 million in sewers and has a $17 million annual budget and needs someone to provide oversight.

"We need someone to coordinate efforts," she said. "I'd like to be able to address our concerns with one leader who could help us understand our problems and help us come to a solution working with all the town boards."

Gruber, spokesman for the proponents, and the Government Structure Committee, agreed to work together to further study the proposal and fine-tune the job description for the text of the article.

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Dredging *Continued from page 1*

to provide emergency dredging of outer channel which is getting narrower due to silt buildup. The town has spent about 1/4 of the money for engineering costs and silt testing.

But it would take an act of the legislature to take state money and slam it into the federal channel, Pratt explained.

The federal channel hasn't been fully dredged in 35 years. As it stands now, the entire fishing fleet cannot travel in and out of the harbor for two hours on either side of a very low tide. With the state's financial help, the town is responsible for dredging areas in the harbor while the Army Corps of Engineers is supposed to tackle the harbor channel, which falls under federal jurisdiction.

Due to the entangled environmental permitting process, the two projects — town and federal — actually piggy-back onto one another. The same contractor and same equipment would be used for both projects. But now there's a chance that the state will be nervous about going into the project without being "piggy-backed" onto the larger project, Pratt explained.

Pratt has asked Congressman William Delahunt to work with Senators John Kerry and Ted Kennedy to file federal legislation to fund the Cohasset dredging project; to see that the permitting moves forward; and for emergency authorization to remove the shoaling condition in the outer channel.

He said state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray has filed legislation for Cohasset to get $1.5 million in state funds for dredging and state Sen. Robert Hedlund is working on the senate side.

The lack of federal funding could have strong budgetary implications for the state as towns clamor for money. There are two other towns in the state, Dennis and Chatham, that did not appear in the President's budget.

"Little old Cohasset is on the cutting edge of a bad multi-level government problem," Pratt said.

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Selectmen Cool to Lobster Lab

Hagerty House May be Demolished

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

A majority of selectmen will not back the lobster lab proposal for the Hagerty house at town meeting.

And if the lobster lab does not move forward, the board will ask town meeting to approve demolishing the building and the cutting room, which also remains on the 2.2 acre harbor-front parcel.

At their meeting Monday, selectmen Michael Sullivan, Nan Roth and Ronnie McMorris said they would not support the citizens petition article asking the board to issue a request for proposal to lease the former Cohasset Colonials showroom to establish an educational research facility in the building.

The vote came without discussion towards the end of a marathon meeting in which selectmen discussed a range of town meeting business.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Sullivan — who has been a vocal opponent of the lobster lab use of the building — said he felt the town did not buy the land for that purpose.

He said the land should be used for a recreational park and place where families can park their trailers and launch their boats. He fears that if the lobster lab went in and grew in use, it could ultimately take over the entire parcel.

"It's the wrong place to put it," Sullivan said. "It's the last (harbor-front) parcel we have. Why should we give it away for $1?"

The article asks the terms of the lease be 10 years renewable at $1 a year.

Sullivan suggested the lobster lab use the north Cohasset fire station site or the high school. He pointed out that parking is limited on the Hagerty parcel.

Proponents say that few would use the harbor-front park in the winter months and in the summer, hours and activities at the lobster lab could be adjusted to accommodate those periods of heavy use of the boat ramp.



A view of the Hagerty property from the harbor.

Selectman Peter Pratt supports the lobster lab concept. And Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown said he preferred the lobster lab use over demolishing the house. Brown abstained from voting on the lobster lab because he is a member of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation, a non-profit group, that wants to renovate the structure.

The town bought the Hagerty property nearly four years ago with the understanding that it would be turned into a passive recreational area for all town citizens to use.

Local resident and health board member Kevin Ulmer, a marine biologist, came up the the lobster lab concept. A majority of the Hagerty Property Committee, charged with developing a plan for the parcel, back Ulmer's proposal.

Hagerty Group

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Members of the committee will include the building in their plans once town meeting decides the fate of the structure.

Also excluded from Tuesday night's plan was a metal building which is scheduled to be razed at some point.

The plans also call for the land between the house and the shore to be filled to prevent flooding of the proposed parking lot during highest tides.

Some members of the committee were unhappy with the parking layout shown in the latest drawing. The current design shows six double-length spots that would accommodate twelve cars or six cars with boat trailers. Committee members were worried that parking cars in the middle of the property would interfere with tractor trailers trying to deliver large boats.

"We're going to need at least a 35 to 40 foot opening so a trailer with a boat can come down Parker Avenue, turn into the lot and back the boat into position," said committee member Joe Migliacco.

Migliacco offered to have a boat transporter bring a truck to the site and demonstrate what kind of room would be needed to turn around.

Committee member Robert Davenport was also unhappy with the parking layout.

"Ask John [Modzelewski] to come to our next meeting with some blank designs and we'll draw in what we want," Davenport said.

Committee member Max Pounder said he would ask Modzelewski to come with some overlay designs so the committee could examine several different design ideas.

There was also some concern about the width of a proposed boat dock. In the design, the first 80 feet of the deck were drawn in at a 20-foot width. Pounder said he would ask Modzelewski to reduce the width to ten feet. The remainder of the 135-foot dock would lead to an area for smaller boats, and would be only ten-feet wide.

Vice-chairman Vee Roebuck said the committee would spend the next couple of months focusing on obtaining permits from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers to rebuild the deteriorating rip-rap, and fill and develop the land on the site.

Roebuck said the stone rip-rap that wraps around the shoreline would have to be reconstructed in some areas, while a soft bank would have to be added to the area not made of stone.

The committee authorized Modzelewski to proceed with the engineering of the water's edge beginning with the ramp to the boat house and the west side of the creek to the path and the sailor's club turn-around.

Members also want Modzelewski to design the wooden walkway in a more northerly direction to reduce material costs if it is ever built.

Roebuck said she hopes the committee can come up with a final design that would address the needs of all members of the community including boaters, residents, families and children.

The committee will meet with Modzelewski on Tuesday, Mar. 4, or Monday, Mar. 3 if there are scheduling conflicts.



GOING PLACES

with Linda Tomasi and Nancy Comperchio



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AROUND TOWN/Sallyann Chatterton

Rosemary Murphy is a New Great-Grandmother!

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There is a new great-grandmother in our fair town, and is she ever excited about it! **Rosemary Murphy** is the lady we are talking about and her brand new bouncing baby girl is her grandson's — remember **Philip Arbury**? Well, he and his wife, **Charlotte**, had a baby girl, **Madeline Anne Arbury**, Feb. 10.

We have to tell you — Madeline's grandmother, **Andrea Powning**, is just so excited, she cannot wait to see her! She does have pictures if you run into her be sure to ask her to see them!

Naturally, **Aunt Caroline Arbury** cannot wait to get to see her little niece! One thing is for certain, little Madeline will be surrounded with love! Hopefully we will be able to see her this spring!

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Rose Collins had a memorable birthday recently; we will only tell you that it is a milestone, then let you figure out the rest! Suffice it to say that you will never be able to tell by looking at her, she stays the same and always looks grand! Anyway, hope that you enjoyed your birthday bash, and that your day was a happy one.

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Here's some great news from Florida, via Maine! Confused? Well, **Sue Fone** called to tell that she and **Ken** have wonderful news to report about their daughter, **Joanna**. Joanna lives in Florida, and she got engaged last week. Joanna will become **Mrs. Henry T. Aman** Aug. 31. She and **Tommy** will be married in Maine. Everyone is just so excited! And, you know Sue and Joanna, they will make sure that everything is perfect for the event! We will keep you informed of major developments as we hear about them, stay tuned! And, congrats to you, Jo and Tommy!

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News flash — *last week I asked for Sharon McEwan Brennan's address, and this week I not only got it, I talked to Sharon! She sounded great, reports that all of her family is fine, and that she will be here for the 35th class reunion. Sharon also told me that her dad gets the Mariner sent to him every week, so hello, Mr. McEwan!*

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Jack Creamer, Jack McGinnis, and **Dennis** and **Midge Kuntz** went into Boston Feb. 8 to see **John Kuntz's** one-man show "Party Poopers." Ten different people are invited to a party, they come with different problems and dreams. John played all of the parts and wrote all of the dialogue. The reviews are in and all said that he did an awesome job. John phased in and out of the characters with amazing versatility — Dennis and Midge said they were extremely proud (but exhausted) during the 90-minute show! This all took place at the Boston Center for the Arts. John has been acting and writing there for more than five years. His one-man show, "Freaks," played to sold-out houses in Boston last winter and spring as well as in Provincetown this past summer. John's credits are too numerous to mention, let us just hope that he will let us know about his next performance before it shows, so that we all can go! Needless to say, Dennis and Midge are extremely proud of their son!

They also have more reason for pride, they are about to become grandparents for the third time! Their daughter **Nancy** is expecting in August, and baby will join siblings **Nicole** (who is 5) and **Alexis** (who is 2). Nancy and her family live in North Carolina, and they are always a main topic of conversation for Dennis and Midge!

❑

Here is good news for bridge players or "wannabes." Bronze Life master bridge director **Anne Bell** of Milton (formerly of Cohasset) will teach a series of lessons during March in conjunction with a luncheon at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham. The beginner's bridge will be preceded by luncheon at 12:30 p.m., followed by bridge lessons commencing March 3, 10, 17 and 24. Intermediate bridge will be held at 9:45 a.m. to noon, followed by luncheon Friday, March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Classes are limited so reserve enrollment by calling 749-1720. Anne Bell is a renowned teacher throughout the state; be sure to take advantage of this opportunity!

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Guess whom I saw while on a walk last Sunday — **Bill Enos**! He reports that he had a knee replacement last December and he was driving when I saw him! And he looked marvelous! Guess he would be a great ad for the procedure, and I am so happy to give such a good report!

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Okay everyone, it's your turn to let us know what is going on in your life — or your children's — or friends or relatives! What did you do for the vacation? Let us in on your good times, we all love to hear it! Give me a call!

– Sallyann
383-0560

Watch for survey results on Channel 5's HealthBeat Project Special, Smoke and Mirrors, on Tuesday, April 8th at 8:30 p.m. and in Community Newspaper Company's Health and Wellness section the week of April 7, 1997.

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1. Would you favor or oppose a statewide smoking ban in restaurants?
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2. Do you feel tobacco companies should be allowed to offer promotional items (such as t-shirts, lighters, etc.) in exchange for cigarette coupons on packs of cigarettes?
   Yes No
3. Currently, cigarettes can be purchased from vending machines, do you favor or oppose a ban on selling cigarettes this way?
   Favor Oppose
4. Should retailers be subject to a fine if they sell cigarettes to minors?
   Yes No
5. Should cigarettes be labeled as "addictive"?
   Yes No
6. Do you feel the sale of cigarettes should be gradually phased out?
   Yes No
7. Should tobacco companies be held responsible for smoking-related illnesses affecting individuals on Medicare?
   Yes No
8. Do you feel that smokers are being treated unfairly by the current restrictions on smoking?
   Yes No
9. Should cigarette taxes be increased in order to fund anti-smoking efforts?
   Yes No

Mail entries to HealthBeat Survey, c/o Community Newspaper Company, P.O. Box 9113, Needham, MA 02192-9113. Deadline for entries is Tuesday, March 4, 1997.

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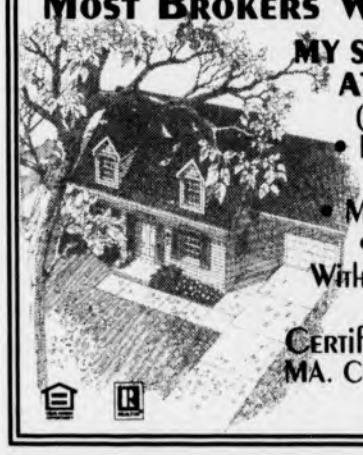
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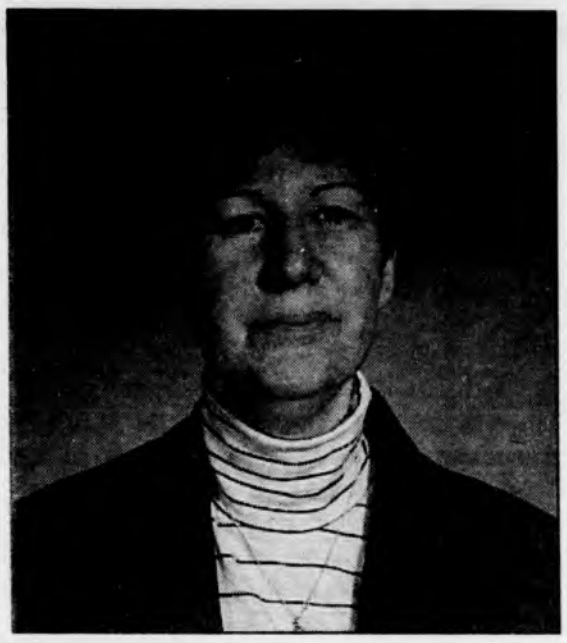
Froio/Brogna

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brogna of Kingston announce the engagement of their daughter Kim Brogna to Paul Froio, the son of Dr. Ralph Froio of Cohasset, and Agnese Froio of Cohasset.

The bridge-to-be is a graduate of Silver Lake Regional High School in Kingston and Aquinas College at Milton. She is employed as an Operations Group Manager at Federated Shareholder Services Company in Rockland.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Colby College in Waterville, Maine. He is employed as a Domestic Operations Specialist with the Greg Norman Collection, Division of Reebok International Limited, Stoughton.

A June 21, 1997 wedding is planned.



Michele Buckley

Buckley/Mills

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gerard Buckley announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Anne Buckley, to Lawrence Dennis Mills, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and received a BA in Special Education from Anna Maria College and a M/Ed in School Librarianship from Bridgewater State College. She is employed as a distributor for Dorling Kindersley Family Learning in Cohasset.

Her finance is a graduate of Brookline High School and received a BS in History from Boston State College. He is a federal policeman in Boston.

The wedding will take place September 20.

Tickets on Sale for Cabaret

If you're walking by the First Parish Sunday or Wednesday evenings and hear strains of "Love Me Tender," "Chantilly Lace," "Gonna Get Along Without You Now," or "Chanson d'Amor" it's a preview of what's to come March 15 and 16 at Cabaret '97.

Well-known town residents will become Elvis, Peggy Lee and the Big Bopper that weekend as they take us back to "Those Fabulous Fifties." Join the fun and purchase your tickets before they're sold out. Call the First Parish box office at 383-1100 for further information.

OBITUARIES

Jacob Perry Hague

A private funeral service will be held for Jacob "Jake" Perry Hague, four-day-old son of Keith and Angela (Archambault) Hague of Cohasset, who died Feb. 11 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Jacob also leaves his grandparents, Ronald and Angela Hague of Colorado, formerly of Dennis, Catherine Archambault of Middlebury, Conn., and David Archambault of Watertown, Conn.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to Brigham and Women's Hospital, c/o the Newborn Intensive Care Unit, 75 Francis St., Boston 02115.

Rotary Phone Plans

The Cohasset Rotary Club announces that the 1997 Cohasset phone book is being assembled. The Cohasset phone book is a service provided to the community by the club annually. All proceeds from the phone book are used for scholarships for Cohasset High School seniors. The Rotary Club also supplements the fund and accepts donations from the Cohasset community.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Foreign Languages for Fun and Profit

Bravo for the Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) which is paying for the new foreign language laboratory for the high school.

Paul Narkiewicz, chairman of the high school's foreign language department believes languages should be taught at kindergarten and continued until graduation.

He couldn't be more right.

America's foreign language failure is a national scandal, embarrassing countless US travelers overseas, who can't conduct simple transactions in any language but their own, and costing millions of dollars in lost business.

The examples are many.

The Chevrolet Nova, a popular automobile in the 1970's, was sold in Mexico under that name.

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In Spanish, "No va" means won't go.

Pepsi suffered an even greater disaster when the slogan, "It Brings Good Things to Life," was improperly transalted into Korean as: "Pepsi Brings Your Ancestors Back From the Dead."

Not the best marketing tool in a Buddhist, ancestor-worshipping culture.

Some people have an almost unbelievable language ability. I once interviewed a man who was conversant in 11 languages.

As a boy growing up in Poland, he spoke Polish, Russian and Yiddish (a mixture of Hebrew, Polish and German.)

After five years in a concentration camp, he picked up German.

In Israel after World War II, the man was required to study Hebrew, Arabic and English.

His first wife was Hungarian and she taught him her native language.

Deciding to become a chef, he studied cuisine in Paris, learning French along the way.

Finally accepting a job with the Israeli cruise ship line, the man had to learn enough Spanish and Italian to buy supplies and deal with authorities in Mediterranean and South American ports.

So, Cohasset High School students, see what you can achieve if you apply yourself? Enjoy your new lab and make languages a life-long hobby!

-- David Johnson



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Globe Article Disappointing

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the recent article in The Boston Globe about the town of Cohasset. As a citizen, I must honestly say that I was extremely disappointed in this article and shocked as well. I became very excited when I heard that there would be a story on Cohasset in the Globe, but never expected this outcome. The article described Cohasset as a town of primarily wealthy, snobbish and greedy people, who are more interested in flaunting their money rather than the well-being of the town. Well, I totally disagree with that. Instead of looking at the strengths of the town, the Globe focused on specific people and how much money their "mansions" were worth.

Cohasset happens to be a town that consists of several wealthy people, that have worked hard for their money and have earned their success. Some of these people have donated their time, money and effort into benefiting the school system as well as town organizations. Often times the power of money can influence positive changes and I think that there has been many examples of this within the town. I believe and know that my family has chosen to live here because it has high standards of values, a strong school system and, most of all, the citizens take pride in Cohasset because it has so much to offer. Many people have chosen this town because they feel as though their private life is well respected and people accept them for whom they are and not what they have.

By writing this piece, the readers were misled. I thought that newspapers, especially The Boston Globe, gave all the facts, but I was obviously wrong. I chose to respond because I was hurt and embarrassed by the impression shown in this article about what Cohasset is like. The Boston Globe has given a negative impression of this town, and should be ashamed of its weak job reporting it.

Kelly Stone
Age 12
7th Grade, Jr./Sr. High School

More Study on Village Station Warranted

It seems to be settled that the Greenbush train line is going to be restored. The location of the Cohasset train station will be a very important decision for the future of our town. Last fall, the selectmen made a decision about the train station's location, based on a "straw vote" prior to a relatively small town meeting, as well as other comments made to them. It was apparently believed that a December deadline existed for the selectmen's decision.

We understand that, in fact, the MBTA will consider a different decision about the station location. We therefore hope the selectmen will now retain an independent consultant to analyze relevant facts concerning traffic patterns, parking, aesthetics, impacts on adjacent property, and effects on local business and residents. Such an analysis would provide an informed, independent opinion regarding the merits of a train station on Route 3A or in the Village.

We believe an independent analysis would be extremely useful in deciding this important matter. If other Cohasset voters agree with us, we hope they will make the effort — before March 9 — to sign a petition to the selectmen to that effect, copies of which are at the Log 'n' Line Restaurant on Ripley Road, French Memories, and the Silver Spoon Cafe, both on South Main Street in the Village.

Lincoln P. Bloomfield
Daniel C. Cotton
Sheila S. Evans
Jane O. Goedecke
Dean Rizzo
James M. Sandell
James Shipsky

See more letters on page 11

ASK THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Breakdown of School Budget

The Cohasset School Committee will recommend a budget of about $7.6 million for 1997-1998, up 5.6 percent from this year's $7.2 million. Under Education Reform, about 1.1 percent of that increase will be covered by new per pupil funding from the state, resulting in a net increase to the town of 4.5 percent. This increase is well below the 5 percent requested by the advisory committee. Enrollment is expected to increase by about 30 students next year to a total of 1270. We estimate that this will result in a per pupil expenditure which is almost exactly the state average as it has been in recent years.

Before describing the major components of our budget, you should know that next year will represent the biggest impact from Education Reform to date; the average high school student will spend 35 percent more time in core subjects than they did this year, and the average high school teacher will teach 20 additional hours. These changes were accomplished so cost-effectively through the collaboration and hard work of our teaching and administrative staffs.

Teaching salaries make up the lion's share of the budget; about $4.5 million of the total, or 59.1 percent. Other student services, such as library and health, make up another 13.4 percent. Utilities, maintenance and custodial services represent 8.3 percent of the budget; replacing or acquiring equipment such as microscopes, 1.0 percent; administration, including the superintendent's office, business office and three principal's offices, 11.0 percent; and buses and contracted transportation, 2.2 percent. As mandated by state law, the town also will allocate 5.0 percent of the budget ($378,000) for special needs education programs that must be provided outside the town.

So what makes up the 5.6 percent (or 4.5 percent net to the town) budget increase? In total, staff salaries account for 5.0 percent of the 5.6 percent. Salaries for teachers are going up 3.5 percent, and, to allow for Cohasset to compete with neighboring school systems, we have also added one seniority "step" for those with an advanced degree. New aide/teaching support positions, expansion of one part-time teacher to full time and one new part-time teacher account for the rest of the 5.0 percent increase. The remaining 0.6 percent is about evenly divided between special education, transportation and the various operating expenses. Again, about 1.1 percent is offset by new Education Reform funding.

If you would like more information about the budget, please refer to the town warrant, call the superintendent's office, or call a member of the school committee. We look forward to seeing you at town meeting March 29.

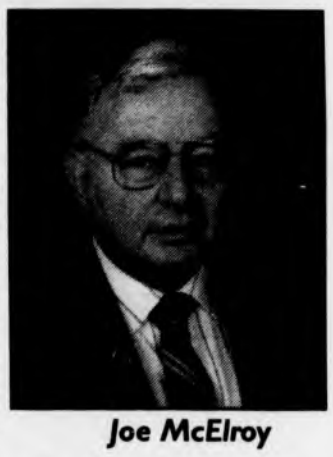
McElroy Announces Candidacy for School Board

Joe McElroy, 59 Windy Hill Rd., has filed as a candidate for the Cohasset school committee. McElroy holds a bachelor of arts from Boston University and a master of education from State College at Boston. He was the United States Army Security Agency's "Instructor of the Year" and he has taught as an Adjunct Professor at Bridgewater State College.

A 13-year resident of Cohasset, he has served on the town's capital budget committee, been a director of the Cohasset Historical Society and is past President of the Cohasset Lightkeepers' Corporation. McElroy has certifications in purchasing, inventory control as well as software analysis and design. He is a licensed real estate salesperson and notary public.

Currently, McElroy is the North American footwear-buying manager for REEBOK; previously he was director of material management for ETONIC-TRETORN-PUMA. He retired from military service as a lieutenant colonel with citations to include the Bronze Star, five Meritorious Service medals and two Army Commendation Medals. While in the military, his duties included facilities management, base master planning, management information systems project officer for United States Army Europe, instructor and course director at Fort Devens, and Pentagon project officer for Department of Defense implementation of bar code technology.

McElroy says that he made the decision to run for school committee because of his concern that all students have the best possible opportunity for a quality public education and because he wants to help heal recent rifts that have arisen within the Cohasset community. He has stated that he will give special emphasis to parental involvement, long-range budget planning, and putting technology implementation on a fast track within the Cohasset school system.



Joe McElroy

He and his wife, Mary (formerly a teacher in the Boston school system and currently a computer instructor), have three children: Mary-Catherine and Christopher are graduates of Cohasset High School and Rachel is a sixth-grader at the Deer Hill elementary school.

Gerard T. Keating and Fred Koed are his co-chairpersons and Nancy Snowdale is treasurer. His campaign committee includes Barbara Dillon, Mary Brennock, Patricia (Pat) Buckley, Daniel (Dan) Cotton, Elaine Coyne, Jonathan (Jack) Creighton, Charles Douglas, Anthony (Toni) Finegan, Gordon and Louise Flint, Doris Golden, Bettie Grassie, Angie Kelley, Keith Knowles, Patricia (Pat) Laugelle, Shirley Marten, Donna Morgan, Elizabeth (Peg) Stoughton, and Patricia (Pat) Anne Walsh. Inquiries and offers of assistance may be made by calling Joe at 383-0505 (Fax: 383-9762/Internet CohJoe@aol.com). Correspondence may be addressed to either his home address or the Committee to Elect Joe McElroy (Cohasset school committee), c/o P.O. Box 242, Cohasset, 02025.

Democrats to Caucus Statewide

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will hold a caucus Saturday, March 8, at 10 a.m. to elect delegates to the 1997 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

Cohasset will elect four delegates and four alternates equally divided between men and women, to send to the convention. The apportioned number of delegates has been allocated on the basis of a formula giving equal weight to the Democratic Party registration and the average vote for Democratic candidates in the last general elections for Governor and President for which figures were available at the time delegate tabulations were prepared.

Ronnie McMorris, chairman, will call the caucus at Cohasset Town Hall.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats, persons ineligible to register and media representatives. The only persons eligible to participate in any portion of the caucus are those who are registered Democrats in the ward or town as of February 19, 1997. There will be no absentee or proxy voting.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must also be present, voting and give his or her written consent to be nominated and that nomination must be seconded by two persons present at the local caucus.

All ballots will be written and secret. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot will be elected.

Each candidate will be allowed to make a two-minute speech and to distribute material on their behalf.

Slate-making is allowed, but no special preference shall be given to slates. There is no quorum requirement for the caucus.

There will be no admission or expense charge at the caucus, although donations may be solicited.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, philosophical persuasion or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited.

Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed in writing with the Compliance Review Commission, c/o The Massachusetts Democratic Party, 129 Portland Street, Boston, MA 02114, no later than March 10.

Globe Story Off Base

To the Editor:

Thanks to Mariner acting editor David Johnson for setting the record straight with regard to Cohasset in his editorial of Feb. 20. As Mary Ford once so aptly said, "Cohasset is an economically diverse town."

It's sad, indeed pathetic, that The Globe evaluated our town on one characteristic — money.

Robert M. Davenport
17 Black Horse Lane

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Continued from page 10

No Comingling of Learning Lab Funds

To the Editor:

Some of the generous people who supported the renovation of the Lightkeepers House may wonder if some of the funds will be diverted to the proposed Learning Laboratory for Marine Biology and Genetic Research. No, only donations and grants specifically intended for the lab project will be used for the lab. Nor will proceeds from operation of the Lightkeepers House be used for the lab project. The vote to adopt the lab project was conditioned on keeping the finances entirely separate from the original project. A separate bank account has been established, and each project has its own treasurer. We did vote to allow a loan up to $10,000 from the original project to the lab project, but probably this provision will not be exercised.

We continue to be encouraged by the broad support from people interested in learning opportunities for students. Our biggest problem isn't what people don't know, but rather what they "know" that isn't so! Taking the trouble to become properly informed always seems to prompt people to become supportive.

Our last scheduled public information forum is March 5 in the high school, but one or two more may be provided before the town meeting March 29. There will be a warrant article to require the town to issue a request for proposal to lease the Hagerty building for a Learning Laboratory. There will be another, less constructive, article to require that the building be removed. People with vision should vote yes on the first and no on the second. There is no article to permit selling the building in situ with the real estate on which it sits.

R.M. Campbell, President
P.O. Box 514

'Citizen' Honor is Appreciated

To the Editor:

I just wanted to express my most humble gratitude for the honor bestowed upon me.

Special thanks to you, Mary Ford, to your committee and to those who submitted my efforts. A deep bow to the other 13 nominees as each of you have also given of yourselves for the benefit of others.

Again I would reiterate what Ms. Ford so accurately reported: The success awarded me is not mine alone. I share most of this honor with my wife, Judy, whose energy and unflagging commitment to the Appalachia Service Project has kept me in forward motion over the years.

Also, with the project itself, with all the adults and parents, with our families and with those willing teenage volunteers over these nine years - I share this honor.

And I thank God for the spirit of service that is alive and well in our community (the abundance of that spirit is the "wealth" that makes this a "power suburb," Mr. Cobb!). (See editorial.)

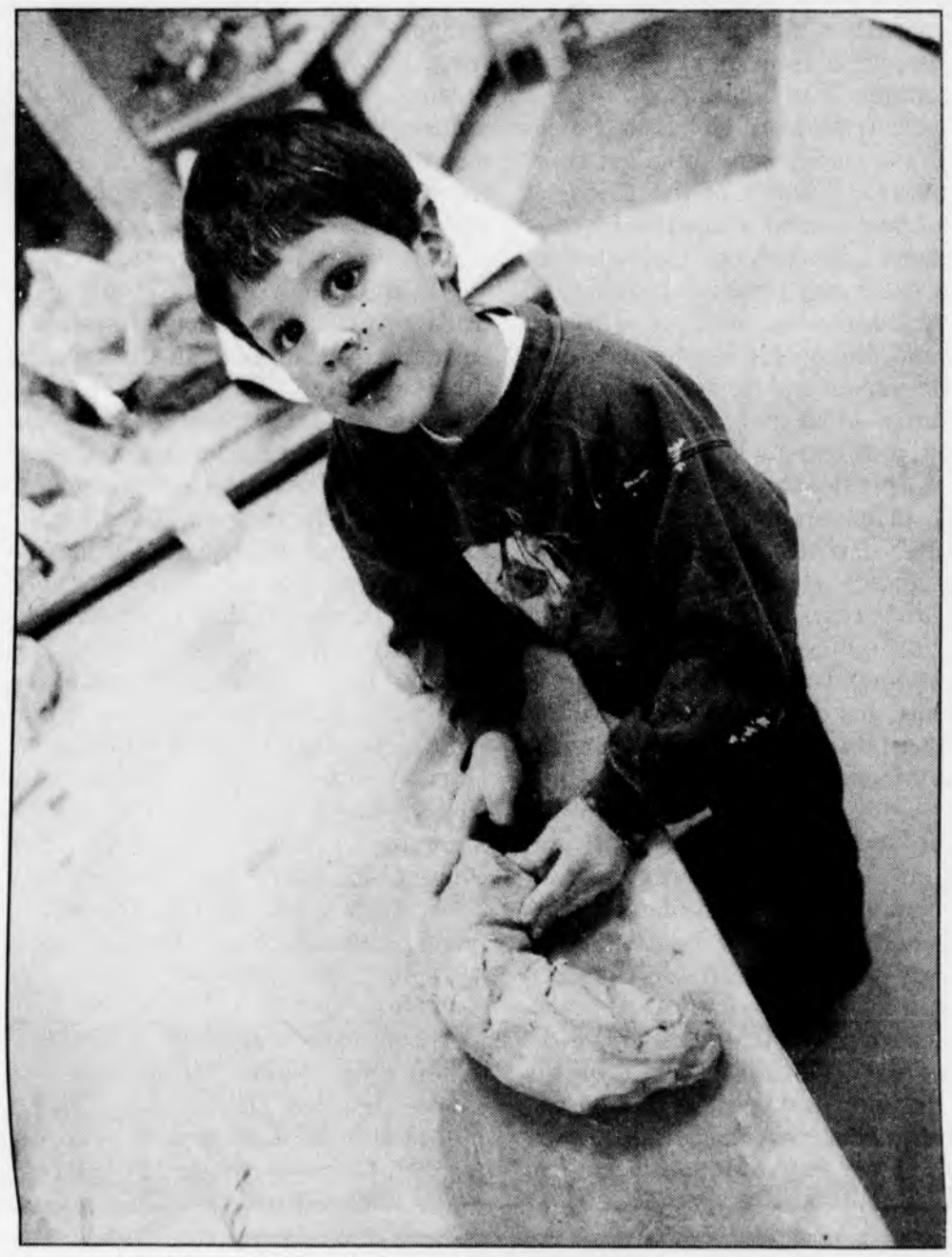
Thank you Mary Ford, the Cohasset Mariner, and the friends of A.S.P. for this honor.

Rev. Gary Ritts

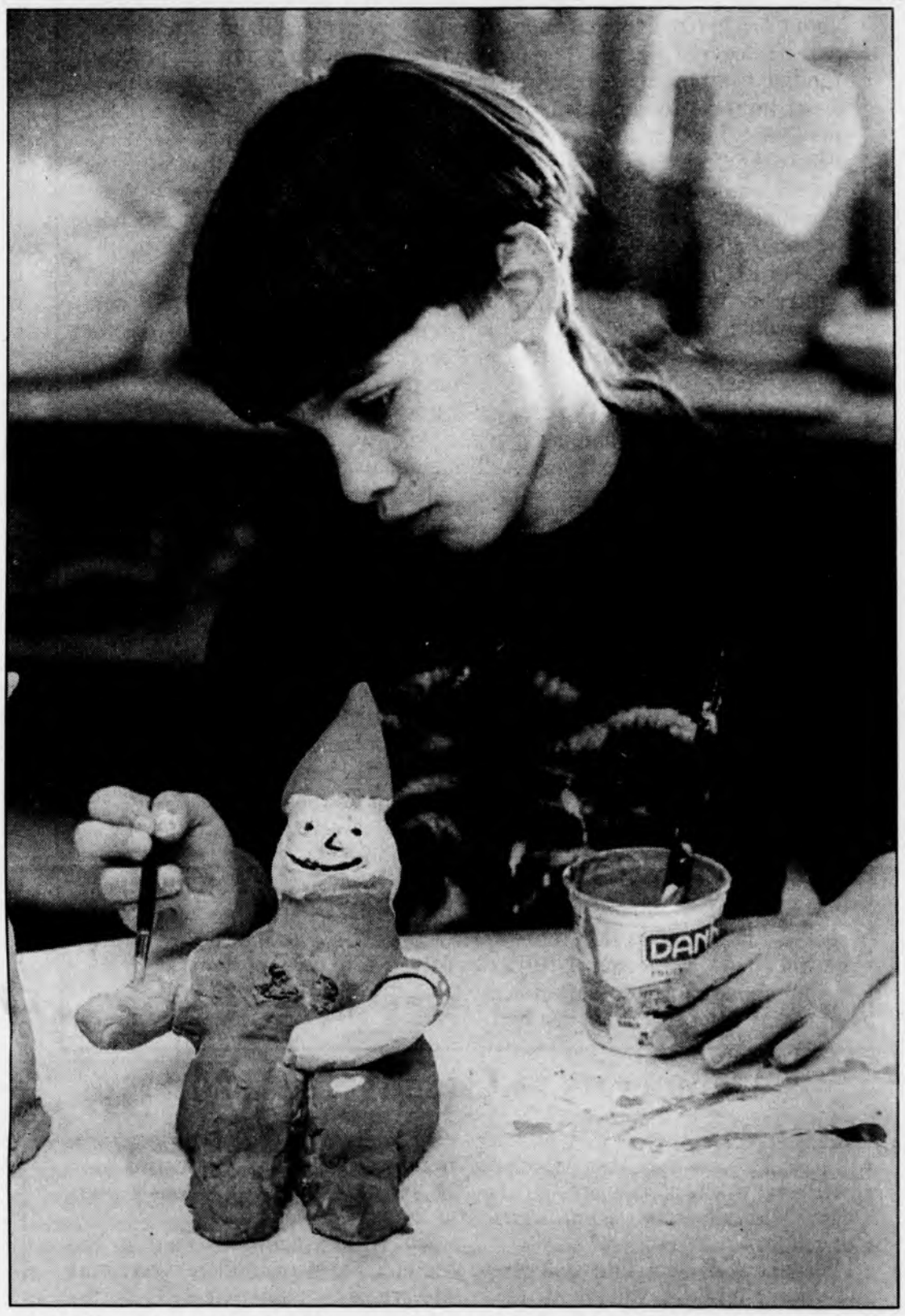
P.S. - Forms to buy stock in our Cohasset Appalachia Service Project are now available at $20 per share!

Clay Molds Young Artists

Art Center Class a Hit With Kids



Cliff Musto kneads clay into what will become a dragon.



Zach Dwyer puts the finishing touches on his piece in the Wizards of Clay class at the South Shore Art Center.



John Geany works on his wizard in clay during class taught by Julie Hawkins-Burnham.

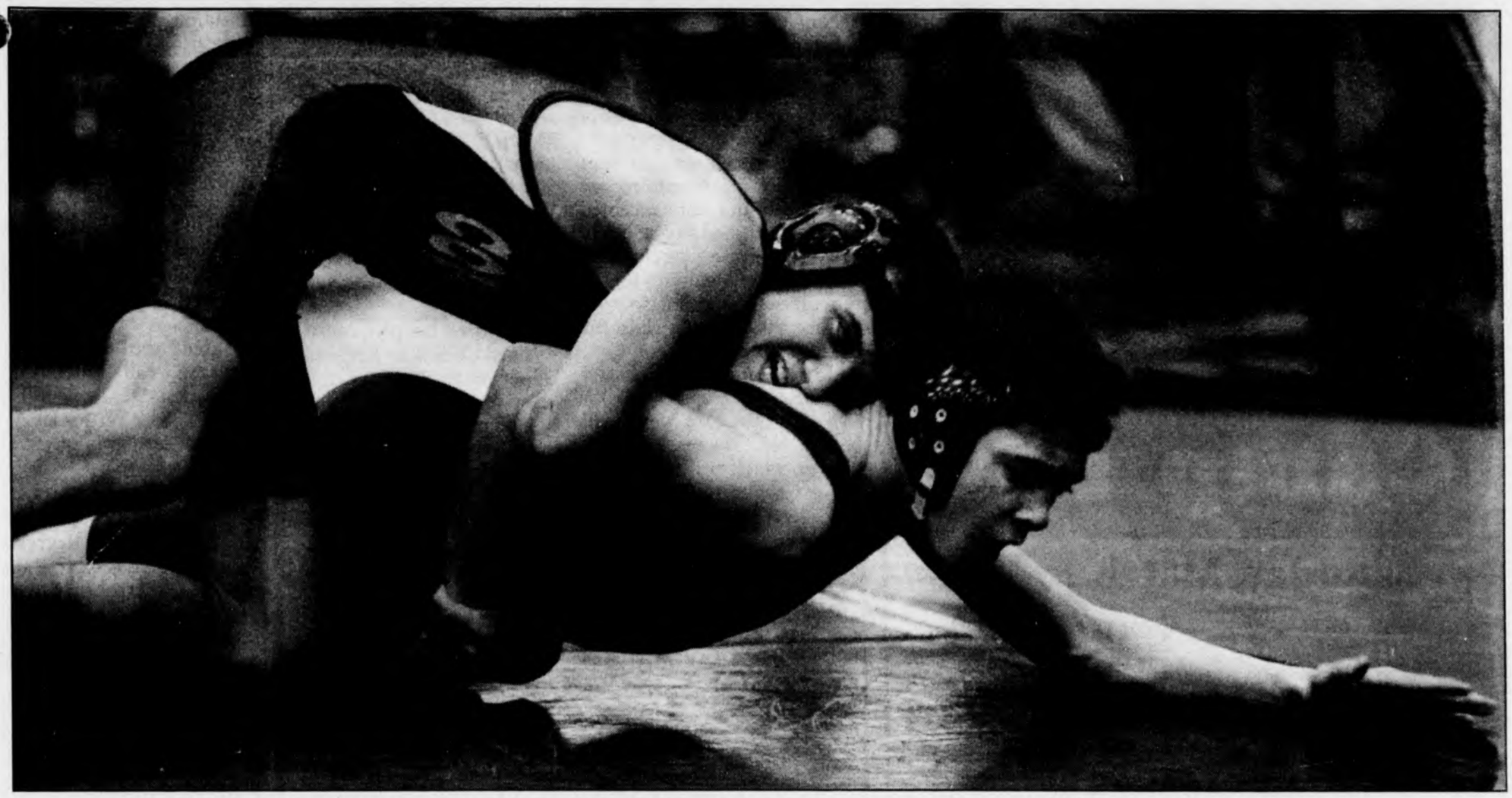


Casey Cavanaro and Gina Guiggio team up in the Wizards of Clay class.

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Cohasset's Mike Baird, on top, gets the better of Weston's Ryan McGowan during the 119-pound competition at the Division III state championships at Foxboro.

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Skippers Grapple to 8th Place in Div. III

Kevin Duffy Claims 135-Pound Crown

By David McKee
COHASSET MARINER

It was quite a performance for the Cohasset High wrestling team at the Division III state championships at Foxboro.

The Skippers, under the direction of coach Torin Sweeney, battled to an eighth place finish out of 43 teams and qualified three wrestlers in this week's all-state championships.

"This ties our best finish since the '93 season and makes it four top ten finishes in the Division III championships in this decade," Sweeney said. "I think we've put Cohasset on the wrestling map and earned a lot of respect for the smallest school in the Division."

The Skippers were led by the first place finish of senior Kevin Duffy in the 135-pound class.

Duffy was the top seed going in and did not disappoint.

"Kevin dominated everyone he faced and had a great tourney," Sweeney said. "He has an excellent chance of doing well at the all-states."

Senior Justin Buckley finished second in the 171-pound class.

"Justin dominated everyone until he went against the three-time state champ," Sweeney said. "Overall, he had an excellent tourney."

Sophomore Mike Rossi claimed fifth place in the 145-pound class.

"Mike lost to the eventual state champ in the semi's in probably the best match of the day," Sweeney said.

The top four finishers in each weight class, plus the fifth place alternate, move on to all-states at Salem on Friday.

Sophomore Mike Baird just missed advancing to the all-states as he took sixth place in the 119-pound division.

The Skippers finished the regular season with a 16-4 overall record and placed third in the Division III South Sectionals two weeks ago at Carver.

Tough Tourney Road for Skippers

Two-Time South Champs on the Road

By David McKee
COHASSET MARINER

Experience counts for something.

At least that's the hope of Cohasset boys' basketball coach Ron Ford on the eve of the Division III state tournament.

The Skippers, who are the two-time defending Division III South champs, begin their quest to three-peat on Wednesday night on the road against Greater New Bedford Voke.

"We have four players who were a big part of our championship teams and I'm hoping that will give us a big-time boost this year," said CHS coach Ron Ford. "We kind of shot ourselves in the foot by losing our last three regular season games, but this is a new season and we have a lot of tourney experience."

Those four Skipper Ford spoke of are:

Senior forward J. L. Williams.

Senior guard Burke Davis.

Senior center Ryan Bishop.

And junior guard Paul-Michael Quintin.

The Skippers wrapped up the regular season with a 15-7 record.

"If we had finished stronger, we could have been seeded two, three or four instead of nine," Ford said. "Now we have to go on the road and face a really strong Greater New Bedford team. They are a team that likes to play man-to-man and they have some good athletes. It will be a challenge to go in there and win at their place."

Since the regular season ended, the Skippers have been busy in practice.

"We had a week of good practices and worked out some of the kinks," Ford said. "We did a lot of conditioning work and fundamentals."

If Cohasset can beat Greater New Bedford Voke, they will face the winner of top seed Bishop Feehan and Westport.

"We certainly didn't receive any favors in the draw but all we can do is go out and play well and see what happens," Ford said.

EXTRA POINTS/Dave McKee

Fearless State Tourney Predictions

It's that time of the year.

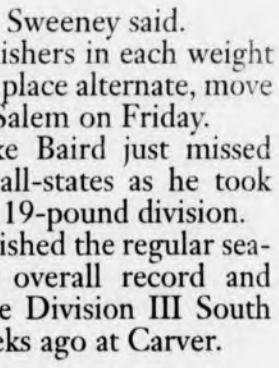
No, I'm not talking about a pay-per-view, no holds-barred, fist fight between Will McDonough and Bob Kraft, but the winter high school state tournament.

And with the hoops and hockey tourney pairings finally out, the following are a few fearless predictions.

Boys' Basketball

While I love the Marshfield High boys' team and its 20-0 record in winning the Atlantic Coast League, the Rams will have an extremely tough road to climb in Division I South.

Under the MIAA enrollment set-up, the Rams are the smallest team playing in the Division I tourney. (The MIAA goes by the number of male students and Marshfield, with 362, missed the Div. II cut-off by two boys.) Some of their potential Div. I hoop opponents, New Bedford, Brockton have more than 1,000 males.



Dave McKee

Oh well, maybe the Rams (led by Ryan Kent and Eric Wilson up front and Ben Loomis in the backcourt) will get hot and make this area proud. Both Kent and Loomis have two Ram Super Bowl titles on their resumes, so they know a little something about playing in pressure situa-

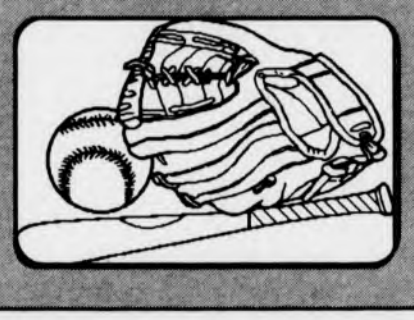
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Cohasset Little League Sign-Ups

Registration for 1997 Little League baseball will be held Saturday, March 1, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Cohasset High School. All players (including players who are already on a major league team) must register. In addition to completing a registration form and paying the registration fee, parents are also required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate.

Registration is open to all children who will be at least 5 years old by August 1, 1997.

Call Mark or Lynne at 383-6413 with any questions.



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RECREATION NOTES

Indoor Golf Lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Scituate Recreation Department, will accept registrations via phone for adult indoor golf lessons, scheduled to begin Thursday evening, March 6.

Lessons are five weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly and cost $65 per person. Classes are limited to eight individuals maximum in size and registrations are accepted on a first enrolled basis. Should you require use of golf clubs for the classes, indicate this at the time of your registration and we will loan you clubs for the classes free of charge.

To register call the Cohasset Registration Department at 383-6791. Mr. Dan Neary will be the golf pro teaching this session, which will be held at the Cushing Elementary School, off Route 3A, Scituate. Class times are 6 and 7 p.m.

Ski Waterville Valley Grades 6 to 9

$60 per person, Saturday, March 15. Motor coach leaves from town hall at 5:30 a.m., returns at about 7 p.m.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-6791, before Monday, March 3. Ski equipment and snow board rentals available. Ski lessons also available at Waterville Valley.

Ski equipment rental: $18, snow board rental: $25, and ski lessons: $18.

Summer Employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for playground program counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 30 through Aug. 15 plus a one-day orientation during late June. CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school half-day program and the 5- to 12-year-old, full-day programs.

The recreation commission conducts a seven-week day camp structured program for children 3-1/2 through 12 years of age.

Should you be interested in applying, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 for an application or further information.

Pre-School Program Coordinator

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is accepting applications for a pre-school program coordinator for their summer playground program for children ages 3-1/2 through 5.

Candidates should have experience working with preschool age children and a degree in Early Childhood Education or related fields would be an asset. The preschool program coordinator reports directly to the playground director and is responsible for program development and staff direction.

The position is for an eight-week period working 3-1/2 hours daily Mondays through Fridays. The rate of compensation is $8 per hour. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 if interested.

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Cohasset Ski Team News

❑ The Cohasset High Ski Team congratulates three of its members who qualified for the Massachusetts State Ski Championship to be held at Berkshire East Ski Area in Charlemont, Mass., Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Freshman **Caitlin Stansell** finished first overall for the girls in the small school league.

Freshman **Liz Myers** finished 10th in the league.

Senior **Bobby Stansell** finished third in the small school league for the boys.

We wish these skiers well as they compete statewide Wednesday.

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EXTRA POINTS

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tions.

Silver Lake and coach Dick Arrieta won their last two games to sneak into the Division I bracket. The Lakers are hot and with 6'6" center and Laker football QB Jon Bond averaging a double-double, the Lake could make some noise.

In Division II boys, I would like Hingham's chances a whole lot better if the ACL top scorer, Dennis Desmond, didn't have a broken hand. But the Harbormen are also on fire and have a chance to go far in the post-season, especially with guard Pat Durgin and forward Jimmy Humphrey playing well.

But overall, I look for Duxbury and hot shot Eric Simonelli to make a run at the South title.

In Division III boys, there are strong teams like Rockland, Cohasset and hot teams like Norwell, Norton and Hanover who could all go very far.

A lot depends on the bracket, but I think a South Shore based team has a great chance of winning the South title.

Watch out for Norwell's Matt Lewis and Hanover's Jon Peacock. These two seniors could carry their teams a long way.

However, if you're a betting man (Hello all you Boston College grads) then take the Rockland Bulldogs and the points. Overall, Division III South looks to be the most interesting.

Girls' Basketball

In Division I girls, Silver Lake will ride 1,000 point-scoring junior Marche Strickland as far as it can. Marche (30 points per game) is the best female basketball player in EMass and could be playing for number one UConn in two years.

But Marche and her awesome jumper will need some help from the rest of the Laker line-up to go very far.

In Division II girls', I really like Duxbury and Hingham. Duxbury won the ACL crown and has all-stars Sarah Morgan, Marie Murphy and Lauren Fuller. But Hingham is a ten-deep team (with all-stars Jan St. Pierre, Stacey Saggese and Megan Aucoin) and that should really help in the post-season. Plus you gotta love a team with a head coach nick-named "Skip".

In Division III girls, Norwell, the South Shore League champs, look solid.

The 19-1 Lady Clippers have twin, 1,000 point-scoring senior all-stars Meg and Amy Barao and this dynamic duo is on a post-season mission. Westwood in the 900-pound gorilla in Division III but you never know what can happen in 32 minutes.

Ice Hockey

In hockey, Hingham was under Super Eight consideration, but a 2-2 tie to Marshfield and a non-league loss 2-1 to Brockton pretty much wiped out the Harbormen's FleetCenter plans.

But with the Harbormen pack in the regular group, they should be considered the favorites to win the Div. II crown. Last year they lost in the finals and have most of their top players back.

As for Division I, Silver Lake rolled to their third straight post-season berth under coach Bill Donovan. But they will be on the road against Brockton in the pre-lims and will have to get hot in a hurry. Division I is really deep and the Lake might not have enough to go far.

In Division II, Marshfield may be have been rebuilding earlier this year, but they have 200-point scorer Evan Crockford and could put a scare into a few teams. They are hot after tying Hingham and devouring Sandwich.

And in Division III, this may finally be the year for the Hanover Indians and coach Jim Sylvia.

The Indians easily skated through the South Shore League this winter and could have the numbers to win the South title and beyond in the post-season.

Junior Chris Carr, a former Catholic Memorial player, has 40 goals for the Indians.

Hanover's past tourney problems have been reliance upon one or two top lines. That works in the early rounds, but as the tourney grinds on, you can't keep doubling shifting three guys. There's only so much gas in the tank.

Scituate is also back in Division III after last year's wondrous tourney run. But Peter Cooney and the Sailors don't have the horses they did last year.

Anyway, all you BC grads, take the Indians and the points. They are the closest thing to a lock in hockey.

21st Annual Road Race By-the-Sea and Road Walk

The Cohasset Rotary Club would like to announce that the 21st Annual 10K Road Race By-the-Sea and Walk will be held Sunday, April 6.

This year's race is under the direction of Tom Gruber and Roy Fitzsimmons. The proceeds go to the many intown projects that Rotary supports. More than 800 runners are expected from all over New England. The start of the road race will be at 1 p.m. from the Cohasset Common. There will be free T-shirts and refreshments for all registered runners.

The road walk starts at 10 a.m. from Sandy Beach. The race is sanctioned by USATF-NE. Applications are available at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shops or from the Cohasset Rotary, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The deadline for pre-registration is April 1. Pre-registration fee is $12. Post-registration fee is $15. For race questions, call Austin Lyne at (617) 383-6550. Residents are urged to restrain dogs and to discourage children from skateboarding or riding bikes along the route since they present hazards to the runners.

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Vermont lodge highlights famous family's history

By Joanne M. Coletta-Levine



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STOWE, Vt. — Vermont's hills are alive with the sound of music.

Most people are familiar with Rodgers & Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music," but what many do not know is that the von Trapp family — the inspiration for the movie — has made Stowe, Vt., their home since the early 1940s.

The Trapp Family Lodge, described as a mountain resort in the European tradition, has been open to visitors since 1948. Johannes von Trapp, the youngest of the von Trapp children, is now president of the family-run lodge.

"We attract a huge cross-section of the population," said von Trapp. "Families, couples, people from close by and far away."

He said some people are familiar with the family's history, while others are not: "There are some people who would like to see all the children lined up at the door of the lodge; that's the image they have of it."

While echoes of "Edelweiss" will not be heard at the lodge, the history of the von Trapp family can be easily experienced by visitors.

"We deal more with the history of my family rather than the film myth," said von Trapp. "It was our home, not Hollywood."

Those familiar with the story remember it well. Maria was a young nun who fell in love with a widowed Austrian aristocrat, Baron Georg von Trapp, who had a large family of his own. Maria and Georg married in 1927, and the entire family eventually fled from Nazi-occupied Austria in 1938. They supported themselves through singing engagements in Europe and the United States, calling themselves the Trapp Family Singers.

While on tour in 1941, the Trapp Family Singers traveled to Stowe, where the countryside reminded them of Austria. Maria named the old farmhouse they purchased "Cor Unum," which means "One Heart." They continued touring until 1956, all the while calling Stowe their home.

"We have a room on the third floor which is the family living room. It has portraits and a painting of the family tree. (Visitors) can get a good feel of the history there," said von Trapp.

He also said that the main sun room includes a series of paintings taken from a children's book about the family.

With their own strong feelings about family, the von Trapps believed it was important to make the lodge a relaxing and enjoyable place for other families to visit.

"I think it's a great place for families. There's over 2,000 acres to tire the kids out," said von Trapp.

He said that the Trapp Family Lodge is the kind of place where you can do everything, or nothing at all.

"You can do absolutely nothing but enjoy the view, or you can enjoy cross-country skiing on our many trails, downhill skiing on Mt. Mansfield, play on the four clay tennis courts, mountain biking, and swimming."

The Trapp Family Lodge the home to the top cross-country ski center in America. Designed by Johannes, it has terrain suitable for every level of skier or snowshoer. "This is a total cross-country facility with over 60 kilometers of trails," said von Trapp.

After "Snow Country" magazine named the Trapp Family Lodge the "finest cross-country ski resort in the United States," von Trapp said, "We were the first to open a cross-country ski center in the United States, in 1968 when most people had never heard of the sport. As a family we loved to cross-country ski, and wanted to share it with our guests. It is rewarding to me personally to see people going out on our trails and having as much fun as they do. You feel you've done something useful."

'I think it's a great place for families. There's over 2,000 acres to tire the kids out.'

Johannes von Trapp
Trapp Family Lodge

The "Cabin in the Woods" is a favorite destination for skiers. There, they can stop and get warm by a fire while enjoying hot chocolate and lunch.

"Mt. Mansfield is a short distance away," said von Trapp. "It's the highest mountain in Vermont, and an easy place for hiking."

Other activities at the lodge include croquet, shuffleboard, special programs for children, and workshops for adults. "In April we have maple-sugaring that families can come and learn more about," he said.

"We have just a wonderful mountainside location with beautiful meadows, the herd of highland cattle with baby calves in the springtime," said von Trapp. "There's great harmony in this glorious setting."

During the spring and summer months, the cross-county trails become trails for guided nature walks where walkers and hikers can enjoy the wildlife and flora that call the forest and meadows home, said von Trapp.

In recent years, the lodge has experienced updating and renovation. "We've done complete redecorating of all the rooms, the interior is much nicer. We also have a new sugar house and ski center," he said.

The Trapp Family Lodge, which features 93 guest rooms and 100 time-share guest chalets, is about a three-hour drive from Greater Boston. For more information on the Trapp Family Lodge, accommodations, and activities, call (800) 826-7000, or visit http://www.trappfamily.com on the World Wide Web.

(Joanne M. Coletta-Levine is a staff writer for Community Newspaper Company.)

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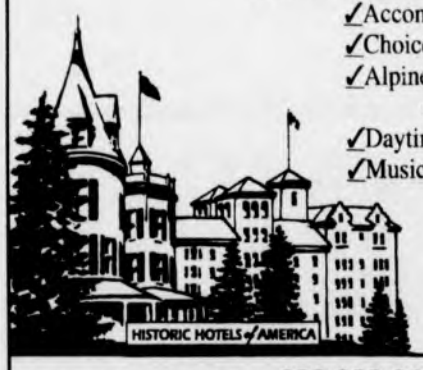
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Florida spas offer fitness and family fun

By Marci Bailey

A new breed of spas caters not only to the whole person, but the entire family. In addition to the traditional exercise programs, massages and facials, popular resort spas offer activities for children and significant others who might not be as enthusiastic about the spa experience as you are.

Spas fall into three broad categories. As their name implies, destination spas are the point of the entire trip — to travel to the spa and soak up the healthy culture and cuisine. Day spas, bridging the beauty salon and spa businesses, are the fastest-growing segment of the industry. Finally, resort spas offer traditional spa programs, but feature a variety of other diversions.

Resort spas are enjoying a surge in popularity. These facilities fit the bill for spa-goers reluctant to leave family and friends at home, according to Kim Marshall, spokeswoman for the International Spa & Fitness Association. "I think (resort spas) really answer what the market is looking for," Marshall says.

Spa-Finders, a travel agency specializing in spa vacations, reports that 59 percent of spa-goers travel with friends or family. The agency calculates the average spa stay as 5.9 nights, with rates ranging from $72 to $840 nightly. About 75 percent of spa vacationers are women.

For spa-goers who want to be get fit and be pampered while making the rest of the family happy, several Florida resort spas have an answer. With spa services offered a la carte at each resort, guests can customize their programs. Amusement parks, golf courses, and the beach offer welcome diversions for kids and significant others. And better yet, all three are within a short drive from major airports.

Tell your kids you're vacationing at a spa, and wait for the groans. Tell them the spa is part of Walt Disney World, and watch them pack. The Buena Vista Palace Resort and Spa fulfills fantasies for parents and children alike. Located in the Walt Disney World Village, resort guests can indulge in a massage and visit Mickey Mouse in a single morning.

When it opened last May, the Buena Vista Palace offered the first spa in central Florida, according to Laura M. Mancine, public relations manager. The settings and amenities echo the trend toward luxury resort spas, with the focus on pampering and relaxation in addition to health enrichment. The 10,200-square-foot, European-style spa and fitness center boasts a lap pool with resistance jet stream, a wealth of fitness equipment, body treatments, facials, massages, and hydrotherapy.

Save the surrounding theme parks for family fun; while you indulge at the spa, the younger set can enjoy the Palace's Kids' Stuff activity program for ages 4-12. If Space Mountain isn't enough of a thrill for the kids, they can enjoy activities like Dive-In Movies, where kids can watch films while floating in an inner tube; game shows; and Banana Rama, featuring banana-themed games and dinner. Parents can enjoy a worry-free massage knowing that college-trained staff are supervising the activities. Fees are $5 per hour per child, with a small discount for siblings.

For those who can't leave work behind, the Buena Vista Palace recently installed a direct phone system that allows guests to receive faxes directly into their rooms. In-room speakerphones afford the ability to conduct business conference calls, and entire families can tell their grandparents about the fun.

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Kim Marshall
International Spa & Fitness Association

In addition to 1,014 rooms and suites, 65 specially designed Spa EverGreen guest rooms, offer a smoke-free, odor-free environment. The rooms feature filtered tap water, an air filter system, non-allergenic pillows and blankets, and dye-free bathroom tissue, towels, and linens. There is a $15 surcharge for these rooms. The Palace is located within walking distance of shops and restaurants at Disney's Pleasure Island, home to five restaurants of its own.

If it's not the kids you're trying to occupy, hand your golf-crazed partner a brochure for the PGA National Resort & Spa. The resort, located in Palm Beach Gardens, is home to five 18-hole tournament golf courses and a 15,000-square-foot spa. The spa's signature is the relaxing "Waters of the World," a collection of mineral pools with salts imported from around the globe.



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Guests can get in the swim at the Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa.

If you feel the need to work hard before relaxing in the waters, take advantage of individualized health and fitness training, including a nutrition consultation and personalized take-home exercise program. The spa also offers lifestyle enhancement services. In the Stress Management Consultation, guests can explore alternative ways of coping with stress. The Wellness Lifestyle Consultation helps guests explore to better achieve their goals, resolve problems, and enhance their quality of life.

While you find inner peace, your golfing partners can find their peace of mind on the links. Golfers can stroll the greens of the Champion Course, host to several tournaments, including the annual PGA Senior Championships. After opening in 1981, the course was redesigned by Jack Nicklaus in 1990.

After buffing and golfing, guests can select from six resort restaurants, featuring cuisine from seafood to salsa, and retire to one of 339 guests rooms or 80 cottage suites.

For those looking for sand and light surf, head to the Sanibel Harbour Resort & spa on Florida's Gulf Coast. The resort occupies Punta Rassa, where the Caloosahatchee River meets the Gulf of Mexico. At 40,000 square feet, Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa is the largest of the three, and was chosen by Conde Nast Traveler readers in November as one of the top 10 U.S. spas.

Spa services are offered a la carte or as part of resort packages that allow guests to choose spa services based on a point system. If massages and facials have not relaxed you enough, try the Swiss showers or BETAR Relaxation Experience. In case you wondered, BETAR stands for the Bio Energetic Transduction Aided Resonance. But by the time you've finish a BETAR session, you're unlikely to care much about that or anything else, for that matter. A disc jockey queues up your favorite music — jazz, classical, New Age, or rock and roll. Then lie on a bed inside what looks like a copper jungle gym, and let pulses of the bass in the music provide a relaxing massage.

Guests already relaxed enough can enjoy the beach or nearby attractions like Thomas Edison's winter estate, or the Shell Museum on Sanibel Island. A Kids Klub program is available to entertain youngsters ages 5-12. The resort features 320 hotel rooms, suites, and full-service condominiums, as well as three restaurants.

Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, 1900 Buena Vista Dr., Lake Buena Vista, (800) 327-2990; PGA National Resort & Spa, 400 Avenue Of The Champions, Palm Beach Gardens, (800) 633-9150; Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa, 17260 Harbour Pointe Dr., Fort Myers, (800) 767-7777.

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A free shuttle service will depart regularly from the lightkeeper's residence to the homes. At the lightkeeper's residence there will also be free coffee and sweets along with a wonderful variety of kitchen ware, crafts, and antiques for home enthusiasts.

Advanced tickets may be purchased at the center or by calling the center at (617) 383-0088. Tickets are $15 per person in advance, and $20 per person the day of the tour.

Babysitting will also be provided at the center's nursery school for $2 per child for up to two hours. Daycare reservations must be made in advance by calling the center.

The South Shore Community Center is a nonprofit organization founded 54 years ago dedicated to a wide range of educational and entertaining programs for infants to seniors. Programming ranges from aerobics to gym dandy for toddlers, gourmet cooking to cooking for kids, nursery school to continuing education. For more information or a free program schedule call (617) 383-0088.



Stephanie Church admires the view from the Wade home which has one of four spectacular kitchens featured on March 7 The Kitchen Tour, sponsored by the South Shore Community Center.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

It's Happening

Annual Spelling Bee is March 5

The annual Cohasset Education Foundation Spelling Bee will be held in the high school cafeteria Wednesday, March 5, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Curt Collins, the high school principal, will moderate the event.

The round robin single elimination format will give every team a chance during each round until the field is narrowed to a grand prize winner. At least 25 teams will vie for the grand prize of 30 day passes and free physical evaluation at Cohasset's Fitness First Plus. Second prize will be gift certificates to Tosca's of Hingham. Special award prizes will include gift certificates to Buttonwood Books. The competition proved fierce last year and the triumphant soccer club team will be returning to defend their title.

This year come early to enjoy a special treat for at 6:30 p.m. a gourmet menu will be offered by Denise and Gary of the Silver Spoon, Cohasset Village's specialty Restaurant. So bring your hungry family and dine on a fare ranging from gourmet hot-dogs to home baked calzones, lasagna and vegetable rollups. The Silver Spoon has gained a well-deserved reputation for tasteful quality since its opening last year and one look at the scrumptious array of home baked desserts should convince even the fussiest palate.

Last year's event was a raucous and freewheeling affair highlighted by costumes and a spontaneous audience. This year for added excitement the CEF "Paris Pour Deux" trip raffle winner will be drawn at 9 p.m. Continental Cablevision will be capturing the show for delayed broadcast on Cable Channel 3.

So Bee prepared, support your team and help raise money for a great cause: Cohasset's new language lab. The festivities start at 6:30 p.m. with competition beginning at 7 p.m. sharp. All contributions and fees are tax deductible. Cohasset Education Foundation, Box 224, Cohasset, 02025. Questions can be directed to Pam Speed at 383-2572 or the CEF hotline at 383-2833.

Festive Dinner to Benefit Carousel

A six-course seasonal gourmet menu created by chef Doug Seaver and music by the Joe Micarelli Jazz Trio will highlight the festive dinner to be held at the Tosca restaurant in Hingham to benefit the Friends of the Paragon Carousel Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m.

"Last year Ed Kane put on a beautiful evening with delicious wines. The dinner was sold out and some disappointed carousel supporters were turned away. We are excited that Ed has offered us the opportunity for another wonderful party and we encourage people to make their reservations soon," said Susan Fleck, president of the Friends.

Guests at the dinner will have the first glimpse at the magnificent carousel horse most recently restored by James Hardison, Paragon Carousel artisan. The horse, the 24th of 66 horses to be restored, will be moved to the restaurant to reign over the festivities.

Proceeds from the dinner will go toward meeting the Challenge Grant offered by the Massachusetts Historical Commission to keep the carousel in Hull and complete its restoration. Tickets are $100 per person ($55, tax deductible) and may be obtained by calling 740-0080 or 925-0472.

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PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting has been scheduled by the Sewer Commission to provide information and solicit responses from concerned residents regarding sewer warrant articles to be presented at the upcoming Town Meeting. The proposed warrant articles include the approval of a revised Amended Final Judgement with the State; the design and construction of the proposed Central Cohasset Wastewater Collection System; funding issues for the North Cohasset (Straits Pond) Wastewater Collection System; a related Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Hingham; and a limited on-site wastewater management system and homeowner loan program. Other warrant articles for discussion will be the implementation of additional Infiltration/Inflow repairs to the existing collection system and the development of new Sewer Use Rules and Regulations for the management and support of the future wastewater system expansions and improvements. Copies of the warrant articles and related exhibits may be examined prior to Town Meeting at the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

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Improving your home may not be wise business move



By Amy K. Barrett
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My parents always told me: "Never own the most expensive house on the street."

I assumed the maxim was a matter of tact and style. But it turns out to be sound real estate advice to keep in mind when renovating your house.

Building a two-story addition or a new kitchen may boost the value of your house, but it can be a potentially costly investment that makes it harder to sell if all the other houses on the block go for less. Renovations may be invaluable to your family's quality of life; they are not necessarily good financial investments.

"Don't think about doing an addition and getting your money back unless you start off with the smallest, least expensive house in the neighborhood," said Paul Maxim, project designer at Case Design/Remodeling in Bethesda, Md. If your house has fewer bedrooms than others in the area or if it doesn't already have a family room, then a two-story addition could pay off.

Most people have the following priorities when buying a house: Location, the amount of space in square footage, and, of course, price. A brand-new kitchen or additional living and family rooms are often secondary priorities.

While making the house more expensive, making your place a luxurious nest may attract professional types who have more money than time to spare and, hence, will pay extra for creature comforts. But for the most part a more expensive house means that you lose out if someone down the block is selling theirs for less.

That's not to say, however, that all work on your house is money down the drain. When it comes to renovations, less is more — to use another wise adage. By making less expensive — yet tasteful — alterations such as repainting and refinishing counters, for example, you have a better chance of getting back the money you put in. "Homeowners who remodel wisely can count on recouping much or all of their investment — and often more — when they resell their homes," said Remodeling Magazine in its "Cost vs. Value" report, which shows how remodeling projects affect the houses' resale values.

So how do you improve your house and not lose money? Instead of building a new kitchen, for example, simply update your appliances, especially those avocado green and harvest gold ones from the 1970s. Paint walls and cabinets, and replace counter tops and floors.

"Minor kitchen and bathroom upgrades will give you the best return on your money," said Maxim. "In a kitchen you should spend from $4,000 to $10,000, and in a bathroom spend $2,000 to $4,000." Those costs are a lot easier to recoup than, say, the $25,000 you would have spent building a kitchen from scratch.

And instead of building an addition onto your house, you may be able to get extra mileage out of your attic and basement by giving them a facelift.

The cost of materials can be another source of overspending. Granite kitchen counters, brass faucet handles, and certain ceramic tiles, though nice touches, are expensive. Researching the wide array of synthetic materials available for lower prices would be worthwhile — and it doesn't have to mean giving up your aesthetic. One of Maxim's customers who renovated five houses he owned in Rockville, Md., adding solid brass hinges and pine wood doors, had to file for bankruptcy. The high-end materials added $8,000 to the cost of the $140,000 houses and frightened away prospective home buyers.

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Case Design/Remodeling

Still, renovations are rewarded differently, depending on the part of the country in which you live. In Austin, for example, home owners get an average 126 percent return on a two-story addition, while people in Boise, Idaho get back a little over half of the cost, according to the 1996-97 "Cost Vs. Value." Redoing your whole kitchen is probably worth it when you live in Washington, D.C., because on average you reclaim 136 percent of the cost when you sell the house. The Remodeling Report can also help you assess the average cost of various remodeling jobs in your area. Call (202) 736-3418 for more information on how to get a copy.

No matter how much remodeling costs, or how much you lose or gain when you sell your house, you can always save on taxes. Anything you do to increase your house's life, or to change its use or appearance counts as an improvement, and can be added to the "cost basis" of the house. When you sell the house, the cost basis is subtracted from the price of the house, and you are taxed only on the difference.

Don't confuse improvements and maintenance, though. "If you repaint your interior, that's maintenance. If you put in wood paneling, then you have changed the nature of the walls, and that's an improvement," said professional accountant Walter Deyhle.

And don't in your renovation enthusiasm forget to keep up the outside of your house — retiling the roof, replacing the house's siding, repainting, etc. The view from the curb matters when you're trying to sell a house.

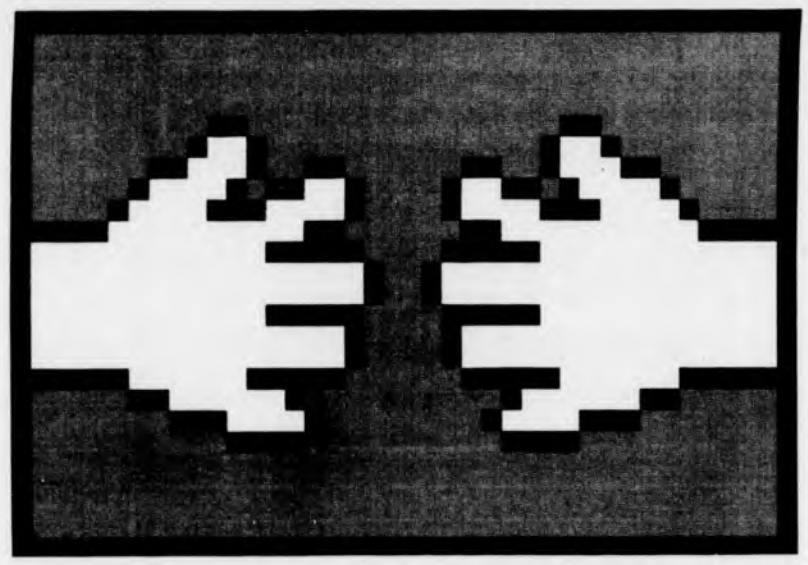
Plus, the outside is the protective skin of the house, keeping everything safe inside. "A guy who doesn't take care of his roof — well, you canbet he doesn't take care of anything else in the house," said Maxim. "That old saying, 'You can't judge a book by its cover' — well, I guess that isn't true."

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Wright on Tufts' Board of Overseers

Norman R. Wright, president of Mahoney & Wright, Allied American, a Boston-based insurance agency and brokerage firm, has been appointed to Tufts University's Board of Overseers for athletics. He resides in Cohasset.

Tufts' overseers are national and international leaders from business, academia and other fields who provide assistance and guidance to the university's president and board of trustees. A 1957 graduate of Tufts College of Liberal Arts, Wright is a life member of the Tufts Alumni Council and has been active in the Jumbo Club, the university's athletics booster organization. As a student at Tufts, Wright majored in economics and was a standout fullback and linebacker and a member of the basketball, track and golf teams.

Mahoney & Wright, which was acquired by Allied American Agency of Natick last year, was founded in 1926 by Wright's father-in-law, the late Joseph W. Mahoney, who graduated from Tufts in 1924.

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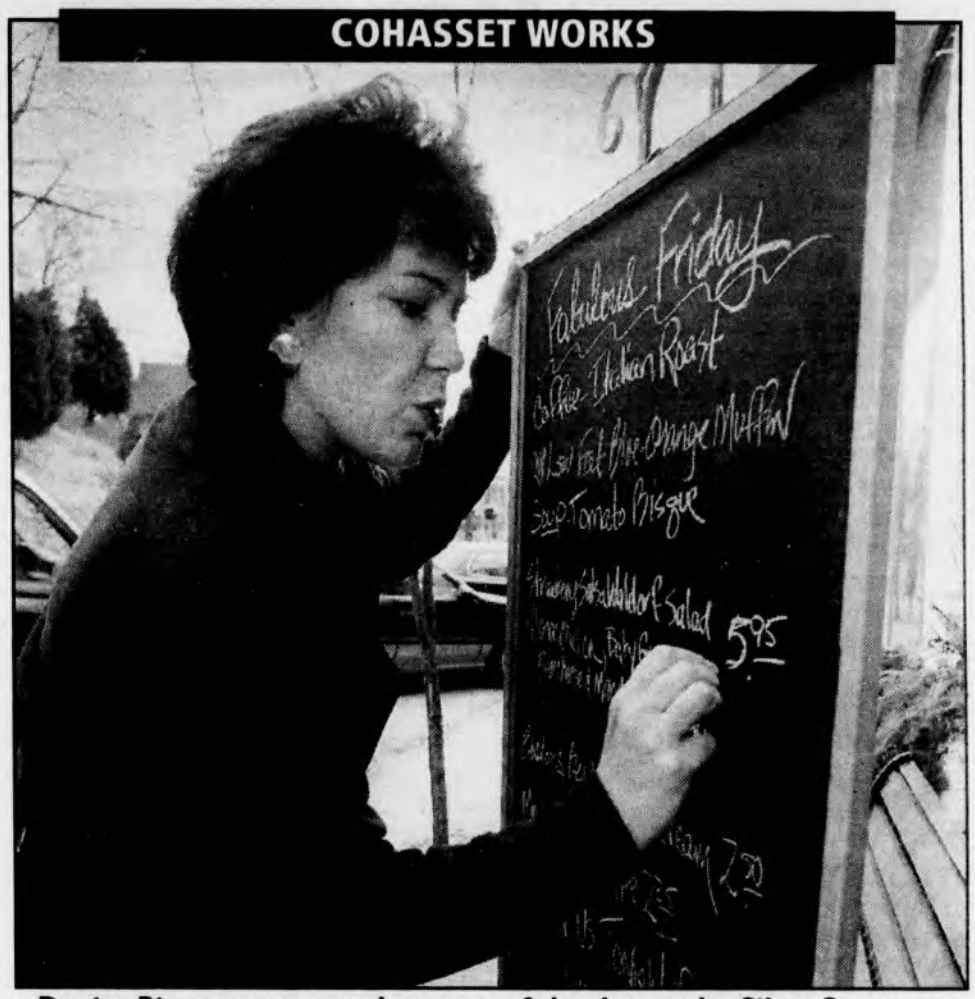
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Both seminars will be held at the Days Inn, Route 228, 850 Hingham St., Rockland. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served.

Seating is limited. To reserve seating or for more information, call Judith Peacock at 749-2606.

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Denise Bismore sets out the menu of the day at the Silver Spoon on Main Street.

Police Report

MONDAY, FEB. 10

9:51 a.m. Annoying phone calls, Fairoaks Lane.

9:56 a.m. Fire, oil burner inspection, Beechwood St.

11:46 a.m. Larceny, Lighthouse Lane.

Noon, Accident, motor vehicle, Ripley Rd.

12:37 p.m. Assist other agency, Windy Hill Rd.

12:51 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, South Main St.

1:08 p.m. Officer wanted, Church St.

2:17 p.m. Investigation, Beach St.

5:11 p.m. Disabled auto, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

5:14 p.m. Fire, carbon monoxide incident, Forest Ave.

7:47 p.m. Assist citizen, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

7:20 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Route 3A, Pond St.

9:05 a.m. Fire alarm, Linden Dr.

10:04 a.m. Fire, oil burner inspection, Nichols Rd.

10:24 a.m. Fire, tank removal, inspection, King St.

10:51 a.m. Larceny, Wheelwright Farm.

11:36 a.m. E911 call verification, Black Horse Lane.

12:48 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Brook St.

1:29 p.m. E911 call verification, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

2:24 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, North Main St. by Dolan Ave.

2:32 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Forest Ave. by #100.

3:30 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, N. Main St. by Joy Place.

5:03 p.m. Officer wanted, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

7:57 p.m. Assist citizen, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

8:36 p.m. Disturbance, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

12:10 a.m. Assist other police dept., School St.

2:41 a.m. Assist other agency, All over town.

8:49 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, King St.

9:06 a.m. Fire, oil burner inspection, Cedar St.

9:23 a.m. Fire, smoke detector inspection, Elm St.

10:06 a.m. General services, Stockbridge St.

1:28 p.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

1:33 p.m. E911 call verification, N. Main St.

2:01 p.m. Fire, carbon monoxide incident, North Main St.

3:20 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, South Main St.

4:51 p.m. Assault, Grace Dr.

5:59 p.m. Medical aid, Pond St.

6:13 p.m. Medical aid, Pond St.

10:51 p.m. Disturbance, family, Grace Dr.

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

1:49 a.m. Suspicious auto, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

2:48 a.m. General services, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

2:53 a.m. Open door, window, Pond St.

5:57 a.m. Alarm, burglar, South Main St.

Public Notices

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Docket No. 97E0012-PP1

To Robert Davenport and James Michael Davenport of Cohasset and the Town of Cohasset and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Vincent Sestito of Dorchester, Mass. in the County of Suffolk representing that he holds a part or share of certain land lying in Cohasset in said County of Norfolk and briefly described as follows: a certain lot of land being contiguous with land known and numbered as 135 Sohier Street, Cohasset, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, as further described on an unrecorded plan entitled "Plan of Land Sohier Street, Cohasset, Mass. June 12, 1996. Scale 1"=40'. Eng. Surveyor: Neil J. Murphy, Assoc. P.C. 231 C.J.C. Highway Cohasset, MA 02025. Owner: Estate of E.E. Sestito, P.O. Box 338, Cohasset, MA 02025", a true copy of which is annexed hereto, consisting according to said plan of 4.1 acres of land more or less, and bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHEASTERLY along Sohier Street, three hundred six and 00/100 (306.00) feet;

WESTERLY by land owned by Robert V. and Barbara T. Davenport, one hundred sixty-one and 00/100 (161.00) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY along land owned by Robert V. and Barbara T. Davenport, one hundred twenty-five and 00/100 (125.00) feet;

NORTHWESTERLY by land of Philomena and Barbara A. Conte, two hundred ninety-five and 00/100 (295.00) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by land of Town of Cohasset, one hundred ninety-two and 00/100 (192.00) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by land formerly a New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Right of Way, three hundred ninety-four and 00/100 (394.00) feet; and

SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly owned by John E. and Patricia A. Conway, two hundred ninety-six and 41/100 (296.41) feet.

Being a portion of the real estate property described in the deed from John M. Bready to Elena E. Sestito dated November 28, 1968, recorded with Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 4589, at Page 329; see also Estate of Elena S. Sestito, Norfolk Probate Court No. 93P0905-E1 setting forth that he desires that pursuant to the third clause of Elena E. Sestito's will, that he be granted so much vacant land on Sohier Street in Cohasset...as meets lot requirements for building a home. And praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham/649 High St. P.O. Box 269, Dedham, MA 02027-0269 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the nineteenth day of March 1997, the return day of this citation.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this seventh day of February 1997.

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School Notebook

P.A.C. Meeting Set

The Parents Advisory Council will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Deer Hill teachers lounge. All parents/guardians of children receiving services under Chapter 766 are welcome.

For details call P.A.C. chairperson Kim Maynard at 383-2707.

Teen Center News

The Teen Center will be open this Friday, Feb. 28, from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday night is poker night from 7 to 10 p.m. Don't forget the Waterville Valley ski trip March 15. To register, call the teen center at 383-2492. Registration forms are due by Monday, March 3.

Pilgrim Arena Offers Scholarships

Applications for fifteen, $1,500 scholarships are available (starting Friday, Feb. 14) at the Pilgrim Skating Arena, 75 Recreation Park Drive in Hingham.

This is the 24th consecutive year that the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding college scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application **in person** at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Saturday, March 29.

Applicants will be judged by members of the scholarship committee of the board of directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, (617) 749-6660.

Family Sock Hop

Mark the evening of March 21 on your calendars. A family sock ho at the Deer Hill School is being planned. The dance will run from 7 to 10 p.m. and promises to be fun for the entire family. Fifties dress is optional. So ... kids grab your parents, and parents grab your kids to come twist the night away March 21. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

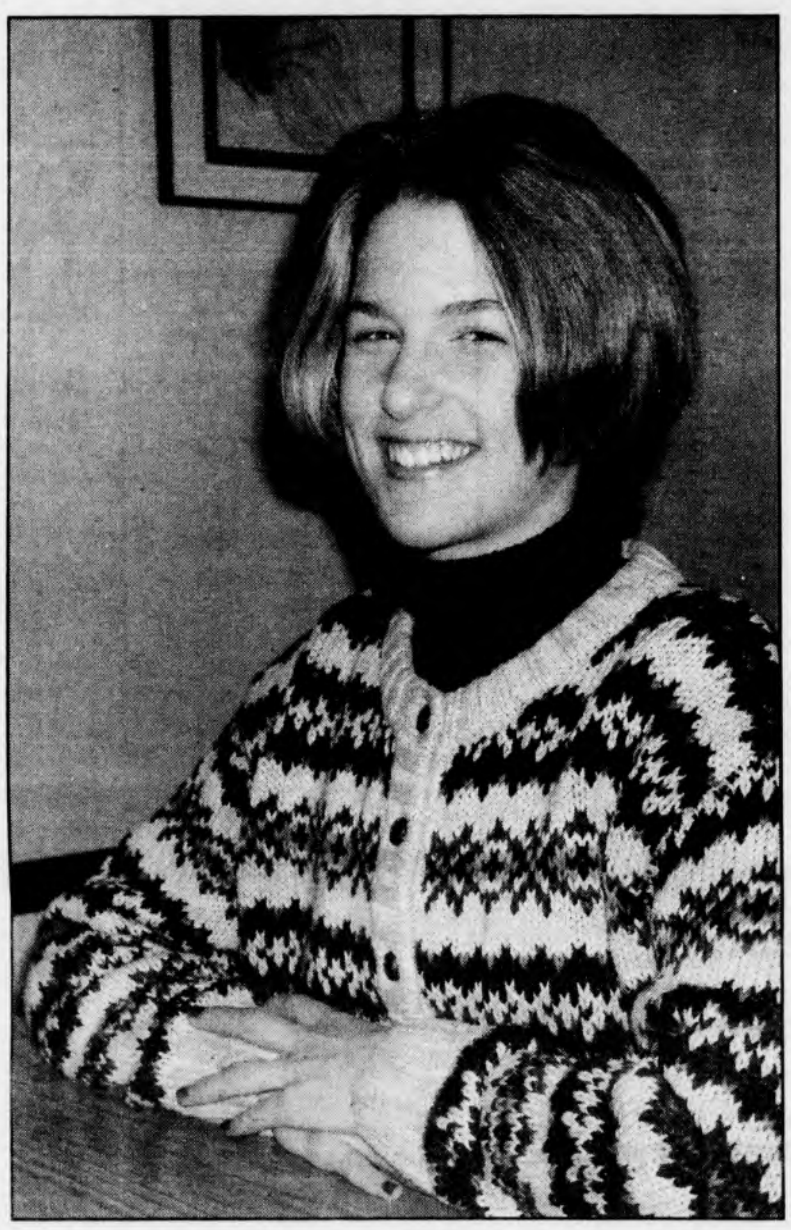
Conservatory Arts-Integrated Preschool

South Shore Conservatory in Hingham and at the Ellison Center For The Arts in Duxbury, is currently accepting names for Fall '97 for their one, two, and three-day preschool programs.

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For more information about South Shore Conservatory's Preschool Program, please call (617) 749-7565 (in Hingham) or (617) 934-2731 (in Duxbury).

STUDENT OF THE MONTH/Corey Sullivan



Corey Sullivan serves as a positive role model for students in grades seven and eight. We nominate her for student of the month for the following specific reasons.

During the months of November and December, Corey rehearsed and participated in the Boston production of The Nutcracker. Practicing ballet 12 hours per week is part of her normal routine. She also practices playing her clarinet and participates in the school band. Corey also enjoys tennis.

In addition to these demanding extracurricular activities, she made the high honor roll during term 1 and continues to maintain a a high academic average in all her subjects. Personally, she displayed a high degree of humility and cooperation and asked for no special considerations during this demanding time. In addition to the above, her unassuming and pleasant nature make her a candidate for Student of the Month.

— Grade Seven Team.

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Norfolk County engineering technician, Richard Genitti, gets ready to survey North Main Street near Ripley Road where a sidewalk is proposed.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Norfolk County Engineers is a Bright Spot

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

When town officials needed to locate the exact property lines for the Hagerty property, they called on the Norfolk County Engineers to survey the site. When selectmen wanted to survey the town common with the intention of widening North Main Street to accommodate more parking, they called the Norfolk County engineers.

At a time when Governor William Weld is pushing to abolish county government, the Norfolk County engineers stand out as an example of one of the benefits of regional public service.

"You don't hear much about the county engineers, but they do a lot of work for Cohasset," said selectmen Chairman Merle Brown. "We don't have our own town engineer. We can call on the engineers to help us with any type of public project."

Brown said the town has used the county engineers

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MBTA Cancels Cohasset Village Station

Mitigation Concerns Aired at Train Forum

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Supporters of a new commuter rail station in Cohasset Village will have to take their fight to the floor of town meeting. At a Greenbush mitigation forum held Thursday, Feb., 27, Andrew Brennan, manager of environmental affairs for the MBTA, said the T would plan only for a Route 3A station because selectmen opposed the Village site.

There is not a need for the T to take on a fight over a station in Cohasset Village.'
— Andrew Brennan, MBTA.

"There is not a need for the T to take on a fight over a station in Cohasset Village," Brennan said. "The T will only plan for a station on Route 3A at the Barry Waste Services site."

But some residents in the audience clearly still wanted the station built in the Village. Even Dean Rizzo, chairman of the town's mitigation committee, said he personally supports the Village site.

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Shaw's Plaza Moves Along

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

"Shaw's mountain" — a three-story high pile of rubble — in the former Cushing Plaza on Route 3A will be coming down bit by bit soon, officials say.

And behind it, the public will be surprised at just how far along construction of the new shopping center is.

By mid-April, plans are to move Buttonwood Books, the Cohasset Consignment Shop, BayBank, Walgreens and The American Image beauty salon into their new retail spaces where work is now underway on plumbing and electrical wiring.

The 40,000-square-foot supermarket will be the last piece of the puzzle and will open this summer, Shaw's spokesman Bernie Rogan said.

Most of the work on the septic system at the site has been completed with the exception of the leaching beds which will be constructed under the new parking lot at the front of the plaza.

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Cohasset's Week

Hagerty Committee Reverses Lobster Lab Vote

The proposed Lobster Lab for the Hagerty house off Parker Avenue was dealt another blow Monday when the Hagerty Property Committee voted 5-3 not to support it.

Last month, in a close vote the group backed the proposal.

Three voting members were absent for Monday's vote, including Fritz Pfaffman and chairman Alfred Moore, who both supported the proposal previously.

Vice Chairman Veneta Roebuck said the vote followed a working session Monday in which members looked at site drawings depicting a recreational area with overlays with and without the house.

Roebuck, who had previously voted in favor of the lobster lab use for the site said she changed her mind because of questions about the adequacy of parking and the use of federal and state grant money. She is concerned that grants may come with strings attached.

Roebuck pointed out that the town bought the harborfront 2.2 acre site four years ago with the idea that it would become a passive recreational area for all townspeople to use. Although she backs the concept of a marine research facility, she no longer believes the lobster lab fits into recreational plan the voters had in mind when they okayed purchasing the parcel.

In a majority vote, selectmen decided last month not to back the lobster lab proposal which is on the town meeting warrant.

But town meeting voters will have the ultimate say later this month on the fate of the lobster lab. Cohasset Lightkeepers Corp., a non-profit group, has offered to lease the house from the town and refurbish it. The lobster lab is the brainchild of health board member Kevin Ulmer, a marine biologist, who would serve as director of the marine research facility.

Students to Serve on D & A Committee

Anthony Bramblett and Jami Butman, both sophomores at Cohasset High School, were appointed to the town's Drug & Alcohol Committee this week.

Selectmen made the appointments. The students, who asked to be appointed, also had the backing of D&A committee chairman Craig Muir.

"We are deeply devoted to supporting the Drug & Alcohol program and its purpose," the students wrote. "And with any good cause, great leadership is required to obtain results. It is our opinion that student involvement is required to procure student interest in the program."

Farmers' Market to Return

The Farmers' Market, which is sponsored by the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, will be back on Thursdays in the village this spring but in a new spot. The Market will be on the town common near the veterans memorial.

Selectmen approved the organizers' request to close off Howard Jason Road in the common from 3 to 7 p.m. on market days.

The second annual Harvest Folk Festival will be Oct. 9 on South Main Street in the village.

The Farmers' Market is part of an on-going effort to revitalize the village. The Chamber of Commerce and interested merchants and residents. are leading the effort.



Sara Murphy gives her son Christopher a push on the swing behind the community center.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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Fri. 7	9:19	11.4	3:05	9:54	10.8	3:40
Sat. 8	10:14	11.8	4:00	10:46	11.3	4:32
Sun. 9	11:07	12.0	4:54	11:36	11.7	5:22
Mon. 10	11:59	11.9	5:46	——	——	6:11
Tues. 11	12:25	11.9	6:37	12:51	11.6	7:00
Wed. 12	1:14	11.7	7:28	1:43	11.1	7:49
Thurs. 13	2:05	11.4	8:21	2:36	10.4	8:40

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March is Red Cross Month

Selectmen endorsed a notice this week proclaiming March as Red Cross Month.

Beer, Wine at Zinnia's

A second restaurant in the village has obtained permission for patrons to bring their own beer and wine during the dinner hours.

Zinnia's follows The Silver Spoon which won approval last month from selectmen. Neither establishment holds a liquor license and for both places the addition of alcohol, which customers supply themselves, is being allowed on a six-month trial basis.

Upcoming Meetings are Noted

The following meetings have been posted outside the town clerk's office at town hall:

- Board of Health, 7:00 p.m., March 11.
- Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., March 6 & 20.
- Drug & Alcohol Committee, 7:30 p.m., March 12.
- Harbor Committee, 7 p.m., March 6.
- Recycling Committe, 7:30 p.m., March 13.
- School Committee, 7:30 p.m., March 6, AV room at the high school.
- Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., March 10.
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Crystal Spray Takes Cohasset Schools Aboard

By Kerry Herlihy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset schools plan to take part in the educational centennial circumnavigation, reenacting Joshua Slocum's epic voyage around the world titled, "Voyage of the Spray." With $15,000 needed and final approval by the school committee awaiting, the development of this educational adventure moves forward.

The project, established through a cooperative partnership including the University of Alabama, is teacher-centered, as opposed to traditional student-centered, with a mission to improve education by expanding experiential learning. The premise is that teachers are the center of the educational process; administrators guide the process; parents and community facilitate and students are the product.

The first phase of the project is currently under way at Winter Island in Salem, where a replica of Slocum's Spray, Crystal Spray, is being constructed. An expert team of shipwrights are building the vessel as an in-house project. The second phase of the project is the voyage by teachers from all over the world who will sail the replica vessel, Crystal Spray. This voyage will start from Boston this summer and end in Newport, R.I., approximately three years from now.

Teams of three teachers are assigned a specific three-week leg of the trip of which they are physically on the ship as crew members. During the rest of the Crystal Spray's trip, the team will assist the students with the Spray's travels and findings through the integration of multimedia activities which include Internet projects, periodic electronic field trips via satellite up-links, and video and documentary programs coordinated by the University of Alabama's Center for Communication and Educational Technology.

Teachers from all over the world will sail the replica vessel, Crystal Spray. This voyage will start from Boston this summer and end in Newport, R.I., approximately three years from now.

Lessons incurred from this voyage will be interdisciplinary, focusing on social studies, math, language arts and science.

The Cohasset team will include Robert Bergquist from the Deer Hill School, Ken Cisnaros from the Osgood School and David Magnussen from the high school. These teachers will have a state-of-the-art Tiger computer in their classrooms for the duration of the trip. The Tiger computers decode digital messages sent from the Spray. This form of communication will allow the teachers to communicate with their classes while they themselves are on the voyage. The teacher team is preparing to present specific lesson plans and potential learning outcomes at the next school committee meeting in order to receive final approval for participation.

The $15,000 cost of involvement in this project must be raised as soon as possible.

"As soon as we have the money, we can secure our spot on the voyage. Therefore, we will be searching all options for funding immediately," said Bob Bergquist, teacher at Deer Hill.

"When our spot is secured we will begin the process of determining what leg we will be sailing on and when that will take place. I have been involved with this project for more than a year and a half so hopefully I will have some pull on which leg we are assigned," he said.

The Cohasset Education Foundation has agreed to partially fund the project.

"The board was sold by the fact that the voyage will be applicable to all grades in each school. We were also happy to learn that the project covers a two-and-a-half-year time span and is not just a three week investment," said Mike Hurley, President of CEF.

Bergquist hopes students will participate in the fund-raising.

"We would like to involve the students with raising the money to create ownership of the project and to introduce the reality of what a project like this costs," said Bergquist. Specific plans for fund-raisers have yet to be made public.

Volunteers needed to sit on town boards

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PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting has been scheduled by the Sewer Commission to provide information and solicit responses from concerned residents regarding sewer warrant articles to be presented at the upcoming Town Meeting. The proposed warrant articles include the approval of a revised Amended Final Judgement with the State; the design and construction of the proposed Central Cohasset Wastewater Collection System; funding issues for the North Cohasset (Straits Pond) Wastewater Collection System; a related Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Hingham; and a limited on-site wastewater management system and homeowner loan program. Other warrant articles for discussion will be the implementation of additional Infiltration/Inflow repairs to the existing collection system and the development of new Sewer Use Rules and Regulations for the management and support of the future wastewater system expansions and improvements. Copies of the warrant articles and related exhibits may be examined prior to Town Meeting at the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Location: Town Hall Auditorium
41 Highland Avenue
Date: Wednesday, March 12, 1997
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Edward M. Guild, Chairman
Cohasset Sewer Commission

Norfolk County Engineers

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for a large number of public projects, including a study of the corner of Beechwood and Doane Streets, a study for the widening of King Street, a sidewalk connector study for North Main and Ripley Streets and surveying work in the flood control area.

"Without the county engineers we would have to hire an engineering firm to do the work, which is very costly," Brown said.

John Paronich is in charge of the Norfolk County Commissioner's Engineering Department. Paronich is a registered engineer and a registered professional land surveyor who has worked in the engineering department for the last 40 years.

Paronich oversees all county engineering projects with an assistant and a team of nine field workers.

"The engineering department was established in 1925," Paronich said. "Its basic purpose was to make highway surveys and layouts. The county commissioners can legally lay out streets, even over rail road crossings. Now we primarily focus on land surveys to establish property lines."

Over the past two centuries the engineers have laid out some of Cohasset's oldest streets and a few newer ones: Hull Street, Jerusalem Road, Forest Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, Ripley Road, Elm Street, Border Street, Beechwood Street, Doane Street, Church Street, and King Street which was laid out by the county commissioner's in 1813.

The county commissioner's have records on property lines that date back to 1793.

Paronich said Norfolk County is a huge area comprised of 28 communities that stretch from Avon to Wrentham. Two communities in the county are non-contiguous to the other communities: Brookline and Cohasset.

Field crews are assigned to jobs in communities on an as-needed basis, Paronich said.

"Usually the board of selectmen from one of the county communities will make a request for our assistance," Paronich said. "The county commissioner's consider each request and ask me for my recommendation."

Selectman Peter Pratt said that Cohasset probably gets more work per capita from the county engineers than any other town in Norfolk County.

"We're just too small to have a full-time engineering department," Pratt said. "The Norfolk County Engineers have immediate access to all surveying records. In 80 to 90 percent of the jobs they do for us they can access baseline charts and records for reference."

Pratt added that Henry Ainslie, a former Cohasset selectmen, is the Norfolk County Administrator and has provided "wonderful guidance and support to the town."

Pratt is critical of county government in general, although he thinks the engineers are one of the few good services the county provides.

"My criticism of Norfolk County is it has done little or nothing in terms of providing regional government," Pratt said. "The Norfolk County Engineers are wonderful, but we only use them about a half-dozen times a year."

Towns do not pay any fees for the engineers' work, although each town in the county pays an annual assessment.

Cohasset paid $65,486 in county taxes in FY96, Pratt said. The engineers generally do small surveying jobs that would cost the town $1,000 to $5,000 per job. Pratt said the only other useful service the county provides is inmate work details from the sheriff's office, and the registry of deeds.

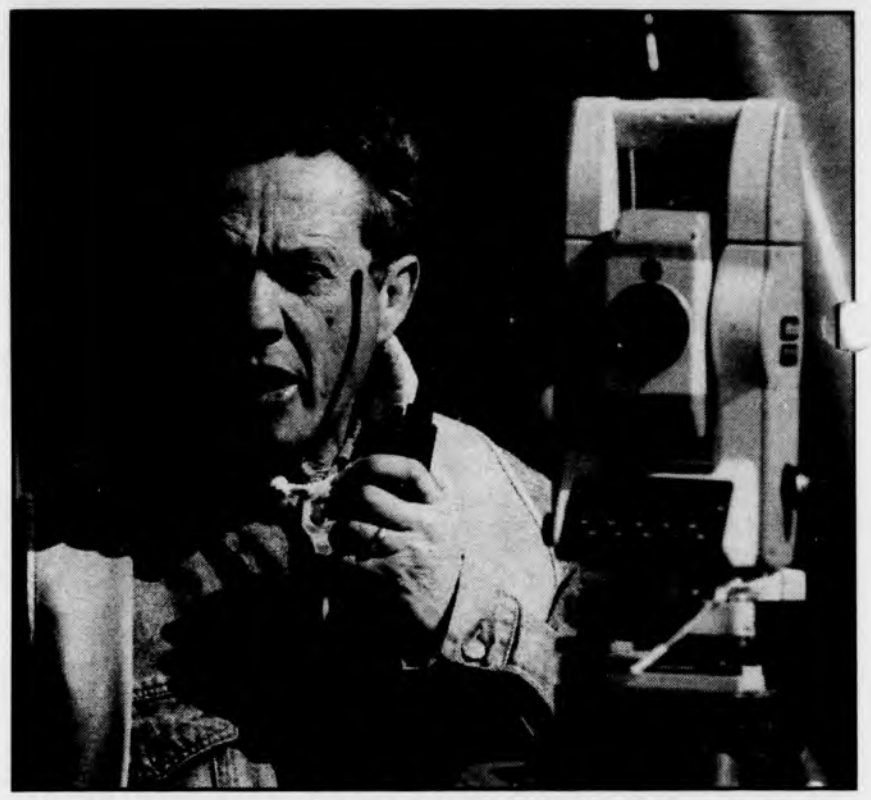
Paronich said he thinks it's all but certain that the state will abolish county government and the engineers office, especially with the disastrous fiscal problems plaguing Middlesex County.

"The state has privatized so many things, I just can't see them taking us over, especially with all the cuts in the Massachusetts Highway Department," Paronich said. "What most concerns me about the abolition of county government is the good people here who will lose jobs and the status of our records. These records could end up in the state archives building at Columbia Point."

Paronich said that if the records end up under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State's office, communities distant from Boston would have a hard time accessing those documents.

If the Norfolk County Engineers are eliminated, the town would have pay private engineering firms to survey property lines for the town. Pratt said the town needs to take a close look at what the county is giving Cohasset for its money when the time comes to either support or reject county government in the future.

"Cohasset should do a cost-benefit analysis to see what we get from the county," Pratt said. "We certainly don't get $65,000 in engineering work and prisoner details. Norfolk County is pretty much laggard in addressing regional issues in my opinion."



Norfolk County engineer Chuck Prisco surveys for the town on North Main Street.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

'Pay-Per-Bag' Forum, March 13

The Recycling Committee will hold a second public informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the town hall auditorium, on the "pay-per-bag" program planned to be implemented in Cohasset later this year. The committee held its first informational meeting Feb. 20.

"We are holding this additional meeting to provide an additional opportunity to explain the 'pay-per-bag' program to interested residents, and to answer questions about the program," said Arthur Lehr, chairman of the recycling committee.

In the 'pay-per-bag' program, people pay for only the amount of refuse they actually dispose of, instead of the current flat fee, which would be eliminated, said Lehr. Since there is no charge to bring recyclables to the town Recycling Transfer Station (RTF), residents can save money for themselves and the town by separating their recyclables, he said.

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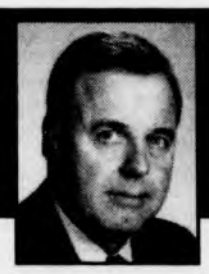
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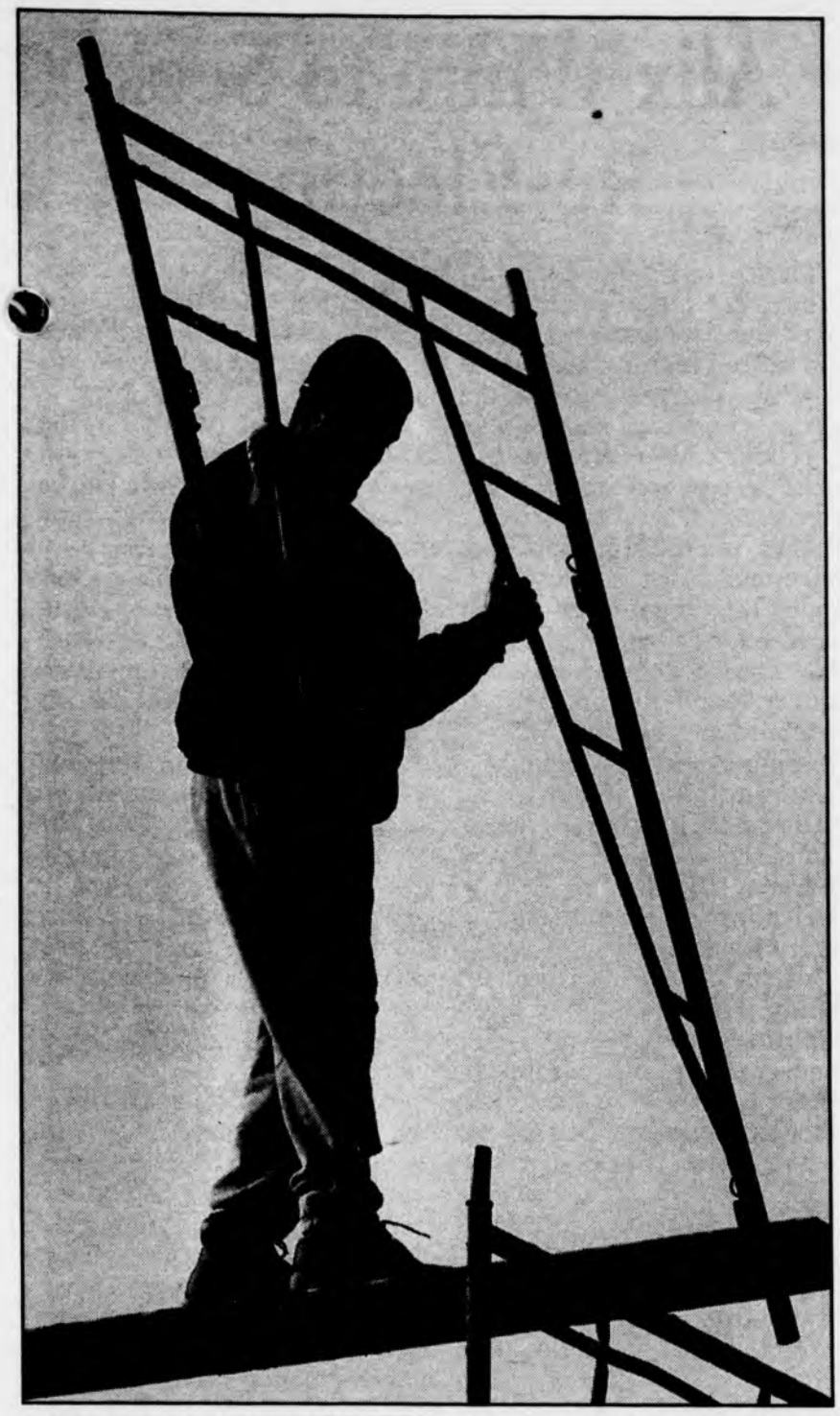
ANSWER: Most often, a seller finds that the cost of improving a home will end up costing a lot more money than the increased market price would bring.

Major improvements in a home, just for the purpose of getting a higher selling price is an "iffy" situation. Final costs almost always outstrip original estimates as do time estimates and extreme living inconvenience. All in all, it's usually a better practice to price the home in its present condition and let the buyer make the improvements.

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Construction worker Walter Janeiro constructs scaffolding at Shaw's in the former Cushing Plaza.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Shaw's Plaza

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Some of the excavation material that makes up Shaw's mountain will be used as fill to bring the base elevation of the parking lot up, said John McGrath, a project engineer with Tedeschi Realty Corp., which is building the plaza.

The septic system, which includes units that recirculate waste water through filters purifying effluent before it reaches the leaching field, is taking advantage of new technology and will alleviate the problems that have plagued the shopping center. In the past, the board of health repeatedly threatened to close down the shopping center because of the failed septic system at the site.

Rogan, who did not have any architect renderings available, said the finished Shaw's will look very much like the store off Route 139 in Hanover with brick and clapboard exterior and mansard roof front.

He explained that the typical Shaw's is 65,000 square feet and costs about $9 million to construct, including refrigeration, lighting, other equipment and computers. He did not have figures for the Cohasset Shaw's, which is considerably smaller due to space limitations at the site.

Betsy Detwiler, owner of Buttonwood Books & Toys, said she is looking forward to moving into the new retail space and is working with a designer on the lay-out.

She praised Shaw's for being so accommodating during the transition at the plaza.

"I knew it would take a big company like Shaw's which could afford to do (rebuild) the plaza properly," she said.

"Shaw's has been nice to work with, they are good landlords."

Built in the 1950's, the shopping center which originally housed an A&P Supermarket, has had a troubled history in recent years. Several years ago, its owners, Buildner's Holding Co., went bankrupt and the Old Stone Bank took the property over. When that bank failed, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation took control. Shaw's later bought the plaza.

The new supermarket will generate 225 part- or full-time jobs. Headquartered in East Bridgewater, Shaw's currently owns about 90 stores.

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CHL Land Court Trial on Cable

The first two days of the Land Court trial on the Cohasset Heights landfill (CHL) suit to overturn the Cohasset Water Resource District will be broadcast in its entirety in four showings back to back on Cohasset local cable station Channel 3 from 6 p.m., Friday, March 7, through about 10 a.m., Monday, March 10.

The first showing of the entire two days, of the total of about nine hours of the trial held Feb. 13 and 14, will be from Friday 6 p.m. until about 3 a.m. Saturday morning, and will be followed by a 30-minute tape on the "pay per bag" program planned for Cohasset residents.

The tape will then rewind and show the entire 9-1/2 hour video again starting at about 4 a.m. Saturday morning, 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon, and the last showing is estimated from 1 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday morning (times are approximate).

In the lawsuit, CHL alleges that the line of the Water Resource District was improperly drawn to include about 3 to 4 acres of CHL's proposed "Area V" expansion. Landfilling is prohibited in the district to protect the integrity of local water supplies.

The town of Cohasset contends that the district line was drawn to include Area V because water from that area drains toward the Sohier Street wells, an emergency water supply for the town. CHL contends that Area V does not drain toward the wells, and that the wells are not a legitimate water supply well.

The players at the trial are as follows: Judge Peter Kilborn, Cohasset attorneys Janice Rowan and Michael Leon, CHL attorneys Anton Moehrke and John Beling. CHL's witnesses are, in order: CHL owner Paul Barry, Steven Gioisia and Peter Dillon. Cohasset's witnesses are in order, Camp Dresser McKee (CDM) engineer Jeff Dierks (who helped establish the district) and CDM engineer Bob Weimar, who was in charge of designing the district for the town.

The trial continues Monday, March 24, when Cohasset will complete the testimony of Weimar and call its last witness, Tom Cook. Then, CHL may call Barry again for some brief rebuttal. The trial, which was expected to last only two days, will probably not last more than three.

Alix White to Seek Re-Election

Health board member Alix White, 224 Jerusalem Rd., has taken out papers to seek a second term. Hugh J. Morgan, 24 Bow St., plans to run for the school committee, and George E. Haley, 119 Pleasant St., seeks a seat on the library trustees.

Also in the running are: Selectman Peter Pratt, 75 Ripley Rd., for re-election; and Kathleen A. Ofsthun, 45 Fair Oaks Lane, for the school committee; Ralph Perroncello, 10 Pleasant Lane, for the Cohasset Housing Authority; Anne C. Bowdoin, 131 Nichols Rd., Patience C. Towle, 180 Lamberts Lane, and Agnes McCann, 104 Doane St., for re-election to the board of library trustees;

Joseph P. McElroy, 59 Windy Hill, for for school committee; Raimund G. Vanderweil, Jr., 500 Jerusalem Rd. for reelection to the board of sewer commissioners; Alfred S. Moore,Jr. 101 Fair Oaks Lane, for reelection to the planning board; Anne C. Bowdoin, 131 Nichols Rd., for reelection to the board of library trustees; Michael C. Patrolia, 15 Cushing Rd., for reelection to the board of assessors; and Mary K. Muncey, 377 S. Main St., for reelection to the recreation commission.

School Committee members JoAnne Chittick and Jim Kirk are not seeking re-election. Recreation commissioner Ted Carroll also said he will step down at the end of his term this spring.

Nomination papers for the May 3 Annual Town Election are available at the town clerk's office and must be turned in by March 17.

The following positions will be available: Selectmen — one for three years; School Committee — two for three years; Trustee Paul Pratt Memorial Library — three for three years; Assessor one for three years; Board of Health — one for three years; Cohasset Housing Authority — one for five years; Planning Board - one for five years; Recreation Commission — three for five years; Sewer Commission — one for three years; and Water Commission — one for three years.

Wednesday, March 19, is the last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election. Registration forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before the deadline.



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PICTURE THIS/Addie McGrath



Name: Addie McGrath

Occupation: Volunteer at the Cohasset Elder Affairs Information Referral Desk.

Goal: To complete the Elder Affairs information and referral directory by the end of 1997.

Best vacation: St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Best day of your life: The day I married Tom.

Biggest worry: The lack of civility in our society.

Favorite holiday: Christmas! I've got a lot of kid in me.

Favorite season: Spring. I'm a gardener.

Favorite TV show: 'Mystery Theatre.'

Favorite movie: 'The English Patient.'

Favorite book: Anything by James Michener.

Favorite junk food: All kinds of cookies!

Most embarrassing moment: Anticipation of the teasing by my friends when they see my picture in the Mariner!

Person you'd most like to meet: Madeleine Albright.

Pet peeve: Insensitive and tactless people.

Folk Group to Perform

Coffee House off the Square presents Guy Van Duser and Billy Novick classic jazz Saturday, March 15, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at Old Ship Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham.

Tickets are $10 at the door and will benefit Central American Medical Relief.

There will be an open microphone and refreshments. For further information call Sue Krueger, 545-2798.

Tickets on Sale for Cabaret

If you're walking by the First Parish Sunday or Wednesday evenings and hear strains of "Love Me Tender," "Chantilly Lace," "Gonna Get Along Without You Now," or "Chanson d'Amor" it's a preview of what's to come March 15 and 16 at Cabaret '97.

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Mark your calendars now if you are interested in the **Cohasset Web Page**! There will be a demonstration and discussion forum at the Community Center March 12, at 5 p.m. The meeting will end at 6 p.m. unless you are so enthralled that you do not wish to leave! **Jim Laggrotteria, Wayne Sawchuck** and **Bob Martin** hope to encourage the participation of a large number of volunteers to make the Web Page a reality as quickly as possible. They will show you an outline of the Web Page as well as a graphic example of what information can be promulgated through the Internet. They really hope that you will join them!

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Here is some great news from Arizona State University! **Megan Fahey,** daughter of **Elaine** and **Brian Fahey,** has been named to the dean's honor list for the first semester. Megan is planning a major in business management and a minor in Spanish to pursue a career in the women's sports industry. Way to go. Megan!

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Last Sunday was the break-up dinner for the CHS gymnastic team, and what an event it was! Three super gals were honored at the event, **Megan Pratt, Jodi Cowill** and **Erica Hettstrom.** All three are seniors, and all three were varsity gymnasts for six years! They were (and are) super, dedicated, wonderful young ladies, and they will be a bright star wherever their paths take them!

Meanwhile, when you see any of the above mentioned, be sure to thank them for giving so much of themselves to our enjoyment, and wish them the best for their futures!

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Neely Wakeman, a junior at the Holderness School, has been voted the co-captain-elect of that school's varsity field hockey team. This fall Neely was a key member of the team that went 8-4-1, won a central New England Lakes Region prep school league championship, and qualified for post season tournament play. It was Holderness' 11th Lakes Region field hockey championship in the last 12 years. Neely Wakeman is the daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Samuel H. Wakeman** of Cohasset.

*Kudos go to **Jemilah Y. Afshar** who was recently named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester! Keep up your good work, Jemilah!*

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Caitlin Stansell will be quite busy this week as she competes in two state ski championships. In addition to the Mass State Finals held Wednesday, she traveled to Gunstock ski area in Laconia, N.H. Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2 (hopefully she skied like gangbusters!). Caitlin is a freshman at CHS and a member of the Buddy Werner Racing Program and has competed in New Hampshire this season.

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More skiing news, the CHS ski team is sending three of its members who qualified for the Mass. State Ski Championship to Berkshire East ski area in Charlemont. Freshman **Caitlin Stansell** finished first overall for the girls in the small school league and freshman, **Liz Myers,** finished 10th in the league. Senior **Bobby Stansell** finished third in the small school league for the boys. We are anxious to hear how these skiers did in the statewide competition!

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Kudos go to **Jemilah Y. Afshar** who was recently named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester! Keep up your good work, Jemilah!

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Another standing ovation, this time for **Kristin Lee Niessink**, daughter of **Deborah** and **Jan Niessink**, who was named to the dean's list for the fall 1996 semester at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. Kristin is a sophomore biology major.

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Colby College sends us word that **Chloe J. Chittick,** Class of 2000 and daughter of **Stanley** and **JoAnne Chittick**, was named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 1996-97 academic year. We applaud you and your efforts, Chloe!

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From Westfield State College **Dr. Robert A. Martin,** acting senior vice president for academic affairs at Westfield, has announced that **Lori Gallant** achieved dean's list for the fall semester. Lori's major is psychology.

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A tip of the hat to **Joe Slotnick**, who is a member of the Vassar College men's basketball team. Joe is the team's leading rebounder, and against N.Y. Polytechnic he recorded a season high 16 rebounds.

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Ann Dane, a sophomore majoring in biology at the University of Rochester, has been named to the fall 1996 dean's list for academic achievement. Congratulations!

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Obituaries

Suzanne L. Chor

Suzanne L. Chor, whose life spanned the 20th century, died Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Queen Anne Nursing Home in Hingham at age 96.

Mrs. Chor was born in 1901 at Rochefort-sur-Mer, France. Educated in Royan, France, she was among the first class of women to be admitted to technical school. In 1919 she went to Paris and worked as a draftsperson for her cousin, Auguste Rateau, inventor of the multicellular turbine and centrifugal pump. At the Liberation of Paris in World War I, she marched with the jubilant throng down the Champs-Elysees.

At age 23 she came to the United States. She worked in Chicago as an industrial designer and was an amateur actress in French plays at the Goodman Theater. During the Great Depression, she supported herself and her young son from her first marriage by giving private French lessons.

In 1938 she married Herman Chor, a psychiatrist and neurologist, and had two more children. During World War II she followed her husband, then a commander in the U.S. Navy, to naval bases at Mare Island, Calif., and Margate, N.J. She returned to Chicago in 1943 when he was stationed at Pearl Harbor.

After Dr. Chor's untimely death in 1960, she resumed her teaching. A vigorous and independent woman, she continued working until age 89. She was a member of the Saddle & Cycle Club and the English-Speaking Union.

In 1990 she moved from Chicago to the Cambridge Homes in Cambridge, Mass., then to Queen Anne Nursing Home to be near her daughter. In robust health until her final year, she died of old age.

She leaves two sons, Pierre L. Noble of Concord, Calif., and Philip N. Chor of Chicago; a daughter, Jacqueline M. Dormitzer of Cohasset; a brother, Pierre Lemerle of Nice, France; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A private prayer service will be held at St. Joseph's Villa in Cohasset and burial will take place in Chicago.

Celia Tiffin

Celia (Hopkins) Tiffin, wife of the late Kenneth C. Tiffin, died Feb. 15 at her home in Cohasset. She was 95.

Mrs. Tiffin was born in Greenfield, New Hampshire, and was a long-time resident of West Newton and Holliston before moving to Cohasset in 1984. She graduated from Cushing Academy in Ashburnham and from Miss Pierce's School in Boston. After her schooling, she taught in the Barnstable school system until her marriage in 1924 to Kenneth C. Tiffin, a Boston attorney.

For many years Mrs. Tiffin and her husband raised Great Dane dogs and were active in several organizations involved in the breeding and showing of pure-bred dogs. She was a licensed judge for the American Kennel Club, and traveled widely in the United States and abroad with her husband judging dog shows.

Mrs. Tiffin was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Mayflower Society, the National Huguenot Society and the Atlantic Chapter, Number 28 of the Eastern Star, Francestown, New Hampshire. She was a member of the New England Historical & Genealogical Society, and was also active with the Greenfield, New Hampshire, Historical Society.

She leave two sons: Jay H. Tiffin of Belleair, Florida, and James B. Tiffin of Hingham. She was the sister of Frances H. Bristol of White River Junction, Vt. and the late Ella H. Pool. She also leaves seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted February 22 at the Hingham Congregational Church. Interment in Greenfield, New Hampshire, was private. Arrangements were by the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, Hingham.

Donations may be made in Mrs. Tiffin's memory to the Hingham Visiting Nurse Association, 10 Downer Ave., Hingham 02043.

Ten Minutes for Walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes at 8 p.m. on their meeting nights to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda, selectmen said.

Spiritual Journeys at First Parish

Two 20th century figures, one Jewish, one Christian, are regarded as heroic by millions of people around the globe. Sunday, March 9, the Rev. "Jenny" Rankin, interim minister of the First Parish (Unitarian-Universalist) in Cohasset, will preach on "The Spiritual Journey of Anne Frank" in the meeting house on Cohasset Common.

"The Spiritual Journey of Oscar Romero" will be her sermon topic Sunday, March 16. Anne Frank's story is well-known; Archbishop Romero was murdered 15 years ago this month in El Salvador. The services start at 10:30 a.m. Child care is available in the parish house across the street from the meeting house.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

New Numbers, New Deadlines

In an effort to increase service, we have a host of new telephone numbers here at the Cohasset Mariner.

And we're going to move our deadlines up so community copy can be processed earlier.

The Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham can be reached through our new number, 383-8139, and each member of the staff here has a line assigned just to them (see box below).

Sounds complicated? It does, but with cellular phones, pagers and FAX machines — multiple numbers to reach people have become a way of life.

With the new phone system, when you call the Cohasset Mariner with circulation or classified advertising questions, we can transfer you to someone who can help you. Those of you who called us at the Hingham office in the past, know that we often had to take your number down and have someone get back to you.

An exciting development is that we can now be reached by e-mail. Our e-mail address is: mary.ford@cnc.com.

Now, this is the hard part.

Our deadlines are being moved way up to facilitate production at our headquarters in Marshfield. Most of you know that the Cohasset Mariner is part of Mariner Community Newspapers, which publishes 14 weekly papers.

Community copy — that which is submitted by you — goes down to Marshfield to be typeset and proofread before it gets into the system. Because of the quantity of copy, it's become increasingly difficult to get it processed fast enough to meet the press deadlines for the various papers.

So, starting Friday, March 14, community copy must be at the drop spot at Cohasset News by 8 a.m., for the following week's paper, which will be the March 20 issue.

This means we're changing our deadlines from noon, Tuesday to 8 a.m., Friday. Please strive to have your notices about happenings about town in a week ahead of time.

Will there be exceptions? Of course, there will be. If something occurs over the weekend, or if there's an obituary or letter-to-the-editor — we can be flexible. But most of you know about your bottle-and-can drive, concert, or school event well ahead of time. We need those notices by 8 a.m. on Friday.

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we hope with earlier deadlines and a new telephone system that we'll be better able to serve you.

Mary Ford
Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Train Concerns Aired

To the Editor:

As an observer at the MBTA meeting at your town hall Thursday, Feb. 27, I listened intently to the MBTA and their approach for easing the effects of the Greenbush train through your town. Certainly Andrew Brennan (MBTA) and Barry Faulkner (Severup) have mastered the mitigation process by avoiding as much detail as possible, and using the federal government to their advantage. But who really was taken advantage of? The Jan. 30 issue of the Scituate Mariner referenced a letter from the T that Robert Egan, design and construction manager, is the new Greenbush liaison to all communities* as of Jan. 10. Are all of Andrew's promises history?

In the MBTA's remarks, they stated the trains will run Saturdays. The environmental department wants to have bicycle access to Wompatuck State Park on the weekend. This changes many factors not discussed like the noise and vibration estimates, pollution impacts, traffic impacts, the schedule as originally presented .... So how many runs will they make Saturdays? Monday through Friday they are currently proposing 24 runs per day? If they are including Saturdays, what about access to the coastal beaches Sunday or late night run for freight?

There was extensive discussion about the lack of mitigation of noise and vibration for commercial properties in the village area because the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) does not require it. This project is not being built with federal funds, only our state tax dollars. It does not seem unreasonable to up the standards.

Standards seem to change from town to town to fit the MBTA such as the traffic light issue at the 3A station which was raised at the meeting. Hingham's Nantasket Junction station also located on Route 3A, about 1-1/4 miles away which has entrances off Route 3A, is being designed today with traffic signals on Route 3A at the intersection of Summer Street.

What about the whistle ban the MBTA is designing the project for? Are you aware that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) states that at grade crossings (where track intersects roads) where train whistles are banned, the likelihood of grade crossing crashes is 84 percent greater than at similar crossings where train horns are routinely sounded. It's like eliminating the sirens of fire trucks, ambulance or police cars. Also, collisions between trains and motor vehicles are 11 times more likely to result in fatalities than collisions between two motor vehicles on highways.

I was amazed that the price of the project that Andrew Brennan is representing is $215 million but he does not have the authority to spend $1.5 million to aid in the flood control. The cost to the town and its residents is going to be far greater than $1.5 million. I recommend when you go to your legislators you do not ask for their support to negotiate the $1.5 million, ask them to stop the waste of $215 million. Both Mary Jeanette Murray and Bob Hedlund have stated their opposition to the project; let's get them to put their words into actions.

What was not mentioned at the meeting was the effects of diesel pollution will have on our communities especially in light of the EPA's recent press release (1/31/97). "A typical locomotive can produce as much nitrogen oxide in one year as 3,000 passenger cars. Smog causes serious respiratory illness and exacerbates asthma attacks in children. Particulate matter has been associated with cancer and premature death." The MBTA intends on at least four diesel locomotives operating daily on the Greenbush line, now including Saturdays. According to the MBTA's own documents (SDEIR), the Greenbush project intends to remove only 1,330 cars from the Southeast Expressway. The math indicates the locomotive pollution will be nearly 10 times greater than the cars removed (3000x4=12,000 vs. 1,330 cars).

Ellen Gray Dresser
Coastal Coalition
1 Windjammer Way

**Editor's note: Andrew Brennan, environmental affairs manager at the MBTA, continues to manage the environmental review of the Greenbush project. Robert Egan, who has worked extensively on the Middleboro and Plymouth lines of the Old Colony restoration project, was named design and construction project manager on Greenbush in January. Mr. Egan has been interacting more with Scituate lately as that town deals with complex design issues surrounding the lay-over facility and large Greenbush station.*

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Cohasset Village Station

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"In the eyes of the mitigation committee, the Village station is dead," Rizzo said. "But it's not a dead issue for me as a resident of Cohasset."

Brennan said the T was merely following the wishes of the board of selectmen.

"I don't know what more I can do," Brennan said.

The forum was the town's official response to the MBTA's Greenbush mitigation plan. The Cohasset mitigation committee handed Brennan a three-page letter from selectmen listing several areas where the T's plan fails to adequately address the town's concerns.

But Brennan said the T's mitigation plan was only a first draft.

"This is very much a document in motion and that draft is our first stab at mitigation," Brennan said. "We want to hear everyone's concerns and make changes based on that. We assume this is going to change a lot. Even the drawings of the station are conceptual."

The mitigation committee brought up several areas of concern during the four-hour meeting. Rizzo said the town would like a traffic light installed at the train station to allow traffic to safely turn left against the traffic flow onto Route 3A.

Route 3A is a state highway and the Massachusetts Highway Commission has jurisdiction over signals and upgrades on the road. Brennan said traffic volume on 3A is not high enough to warrant a signal.

"Massachusetts Highway Commission sets the standards and our read of their regulations is the traffic flow on Route 3A does not meet their requirements for a signal," Brennan said.

Brennan added that the T would install the light if Mass. Highway approved the request.

Rizzo also asked Brennan to cancel plans for a drop off/pick-up area on North Main Street. The mitigation committee wants the T to have a drop off area only on Route 3A.

"The drop off area on North Main would leave us without one clear artery in town." said mitigation committee member Michael Dick.

Brennan said the T was under a directive from Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe to maximize pedestrian and bicycle access to all commuter rail stations.

"I feel the solution is worse than the problem," Brennan said. "I'm concerned that if we don't build the drop off area, people will use it on their own anyway."

Rizzo said the town would also like the T to reconsider closing grade crossings at three private roads-- Lincoln Lane, Castle Lane and Sestido Lane. Rizzo said the T's plan would inhibit emergency access to the three private roads.

The T plans to close the grade crossings to reduce the likelihood of train whistles blowing to alert traffic. Federal regulations require conductors to blow train whistles at all grade crossings unless alternative safety measures are installed.

The closed grades would force residents of the three roads to access their streets from complicated alternate routes.

Brennan said the T could keep the crossings open and still prohibit whistles by installing median barriers at the three streets. Median barriers are nine-inch high curbs that run down the middle of the road 100-200 feet back from the grade crossing and prevent cars from driving around the crossing gates.

Brennan said the T would examine alternatives to closing the grade crossings.

Rizzo also asked Brennan to provide an alternate access route for Rocky Lane. There is only one access road for Rocky Lane, which has a grade crossing. If a train derailed or broke down at the Rocky Lane crossing, emergency vehicles would not have access to homes on the street.

The mitigation committee asked Brennan to extend noise and vibration mitigation to all businesses affected by the trains. The T currently has different noise and vibration thresholds for businesses and homes.

Brennan said the T only mitigated businesses that were highly sensitive to noise and vibration. He added that a contact lens-grinding company and The South Shore Art Center may qualify for mitigation because both are sensitive to noise and vibration.

Selectmen Peter Pratt asked Brennan to pick up part of the cost of a flood control project in the James Brook basin (see sidebar).

Rizzo asked Brennan to relocate the Strawberry Parfait restaurant because the track alignment would inhibit access to the business and trains would pass too close to the outdoor dining area.

"I'll have to really look at this for a while," Brennan said.

Brennan also rejected arguments that the reestablished rail line would adversely impact rare plant and animal species.

"You're assuming there is a loss of species and we disagree with that presumption," Brennan said.

Brennan asked members of the mitigation committee to provide documentation specifying which rare species would be hurt by the rail line.

Brennan urged residents to stay involved in the mitigation process and continue to bring their concerns to the T.

"There is a lot of time and opportunity to make changes based on what you hear at these meetings," Brennan said.

MBTA Cool to Request for Flood Control Funds

At last week's Greenbush mitigation MBTA Manager of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan would not agree to share the cost of a flood control project in the James Brook basin with the town.

Last October's record rain storm left much of downtown Cohasset flooded as rain water poured out of the flooded James Brook basin.

Selectmen Peter Pratt pointed out that once the T reestablishes its right of way on the rail bed, the town will not be able to reconstruct culverts that would relieve flood waters. Pratt said the T will also make the problem worse when it begins displacing wetlands for tracks.

Pratt said the town has applied for $1.5 million in federal assistance to implement a plan to prevent future flooding. Pratt added that the T should pay at least $500,000 of the $1.5 million project, and work with the town on an integrated solution.

"Your flood control problems go beyond our immediate right of way," Brennan said. "I can make mitigation decisions, but I don't have $1.5 million in leeway."

Brennan said members of the mitigation committee would have to meet with MBTA General Manager Patrick Moynihan to negotiate for flood control money.

Mitigation Consultant Possible

Selectmen are pondering the possibility of hiring a consultant to deal with the MBTA on mitigation issues surrounding the return of the train. They also plan to see if other Greenbush towns would be interested in retaining a joint consultant.

They said they'd address the issue following town meeting.

But in the meantime, they feel that interim town administrator Ed McCann should be the town's point man on mitigation issues.

Barbara Anglin, 56 Spring St., who atttended the selectmen's meeting on Monday suggested the town hire someone "who would be paid and be impartial."

Anglin's comments followed discussion on the petition, which is floating around town, asking selectmen to reoopen the village station issue. The MBTA says the village station is dead unless selectmen, who recently voted that the station should be on Route 3A, change their minds.

Town mitigation committee chairman Dean Rizzo, who is vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, came under fire for being one of the driving forces behind the petition.

Selectman Peter Pratt said it "pains him to see Rizzo as a petitioner" and suggested *that Rizzo was pushing a personal agenda* which "sets a troubling precedent."

Rizzo assured the board that he is able to remain neutral in mitigation matters that affect the town.

Backers of the village station plan to present their petition at the selectmen's meeting March 10.

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ALS is Most Valuable Service

To the Editor:

The article in the Feb. 27th issue of the Cohasset Mariner — "Everyone Benefits From Advanced Life Support" has prompted me to reaffirm how very valuable this service is to the region.

How immensely grateful my husband and I are for the prompt response of the EMT's on Sept. 23, who recognized the seriousness of my situation and immediately called the trained paramedics from the South Shore Hospital's ALS. Because of their skills they in turn called the Med-Flight helicopter to take me to the Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston where a team effort saved not only my life but our daughter's as well.

How fortunate we are that our towns had the foresight to work with the South Shore Hospital to develop an emergency medical service to the region by providing trained paramedics to the towns, at little cost to the respective communities. Help arrived within minutes on Sept. 23 with the result I have my life back and am on the road to recovery. And baby Claire is doing well.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the entire community of Cohasset for their prayers and assistance with meals, well wishes and constant support in this most difficult time of our lives.

Elizabeth and Stuart Hebb
144 Linden Drive

Keep Station on 3A

To the Editor:

Ten years ago, my wife and I relocated to Massachusetts from Texas. We were not familiar with any of the South Shore area and discovered Cohasset after making a wrong turn off 228. We immediately fell in love with the village including the churches, common area and downtown businesses. Both of our children have since arrived and we have realized that Cohasset is an excellent and safe town to raise children offering them many opportunities.

As local business owners, we discuss frequently the difficulties of the village businesses. The successful appear to be "destination" locations offering specialty types of merchandise and survive because customers are willing to drive to the village and make purchases that are not readily offered elsewhere. Examples might be Flemings, the Children's Exchange, Cards and Shards, or the French Memories Bakery.

Recently, a new petition has been circulating to locate the proposed train station in the village. While on the surface it would appear to be beneficial to the revitalization of the village businesses, we have received feedback from other businesses in towns with stations that overall the businesses have not increased significantly, and in many cases the commuters have hurt businesses making them inaccessible by parking in their customers spaces. Also, the commuters as a whole are in a hurry to leave and don't normally patronize the local businesses.

Another significant drawback to a downtown station is the impact on the character of the village and common area. We cannot accommodate 350 additional cars for parking in this area without impacting the essence of our village.

However, our greatest concern lies in the safety of a downtown station. We already are contending with the high-speed rail, do we also want 350 cars plus drop-offs emerging from the shortest-possible-commuter route to the station? Their routes would include most of the neighborhood streets and pass near all of the schools at the same time our children are walking and riding their bikes to school. Also, in the summer months the commuters will be leaving Cohasset through many of our neighborhoods when the children are outside playing.

Let's keep our neighborhoods safe and maintain the character of our village by locating the station on 3A as originally proposed.

Wallace St. John
35 Norfolk Road

Famous Americans of the Southeast

Fourth Graders Portray Guests at Dixieland Diner



Molly Ogrodnik as Margaret Mitchell.



Elvis Presley (portrayed by Tim Pilzak) tells about his life. Last month, fourth-graders impersonated famous Americans of the Southeast.



Fourth grader, Jake Previte, as Muhammed Ali, tells of his triumphs.



Brian Buckley gives an authentic portrayal of Gen. Stonewall Jackson. For story and more photos, see page 16.



Jackie Robinson (Matt Baroudi), Louis Armstrong (Jake Kovach), Robert E. Lee (Molly Kirk), Dolly Madison (Elizabeth Stone), and Sequoyah (Mary Silva) share a moment at the Dixieland Diner.



General Douglas MacArthur (Seth Jones), Patrick Henry (Dominic Strazzula), Jimmy Carter (William Carbone) and Martin Luther King (J.C. Hermanns) at the Dixieland Diner.

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Skippers Bounced by Bishop Feehan

CHS Closes Tourney Run with 64-58 Loss

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset High Skippers' basketball season ended last Friday with a dramatic loss to Bishop Feehan in the second round of the state tournament. Cohasset displayed great talent and heart in the game however, playing one of its best games of the year.

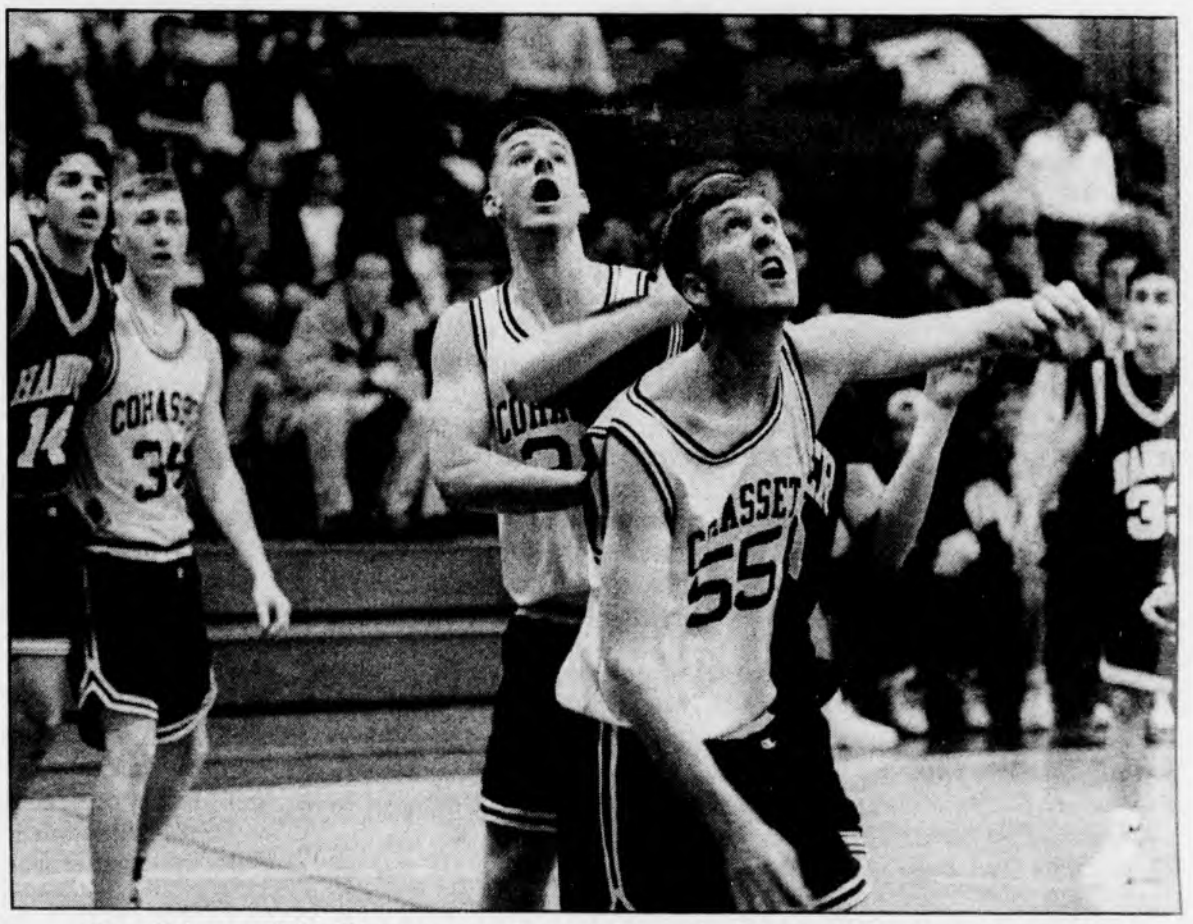
Senior, three-year varsity player, and team leader Ryan Bishop fought for 15 points and South Shore League All-Star J.L. Williams battled for 14. Raheem Shepard, a sophomore, played the best game of his brief varsity career, contributing 10 points on offense and very aggressive defense.

However, the Skippers were overmatched by Feehan's Casey Carney, who poured in 28 points, three below his season average. Filled by a capacity crowd, the gym was downright steamy and contributed to the game's drama. Seeded number nine in the South Sectionals, Cohasset gave Bishop Feehan a healthy run for their money.

Burke Davis got the Skippers on the board with a free throw and Jamie Buick nailed a foul line jumper. Bishop went up and under for a bucket, then had a dunk called back on the next possession. The big guy got it back, though, when he hit a reverse lay-up. Paul-Michael Quintin scored his first points with a three-pointer and Williams sank one as well. Davis snared a rebound and pushed it ahead, going coast-to-coast for the lay-up in traffic. Bishop hit a lay-up and Brian Kilroy's crisp ball movement resulted in Pat Hurley draining a trey. Kilroy played tough defense in the paint and helped contain Feehan's explosive offense, but they still forged ahead. Despite a bucket from Bishop and a three from Williams, Cohasset trailed 25-34 heading into the locker room.

Williams started the second half with a three and Shepard pulled Cohasset within four with a pair of lay-ups. Quintin knocked down a freebie and Shepard did the same. Bishop tore down an offensive board and laid it in for two. Davis banked one high off the glass and Bishop hit a key basket in traffic to

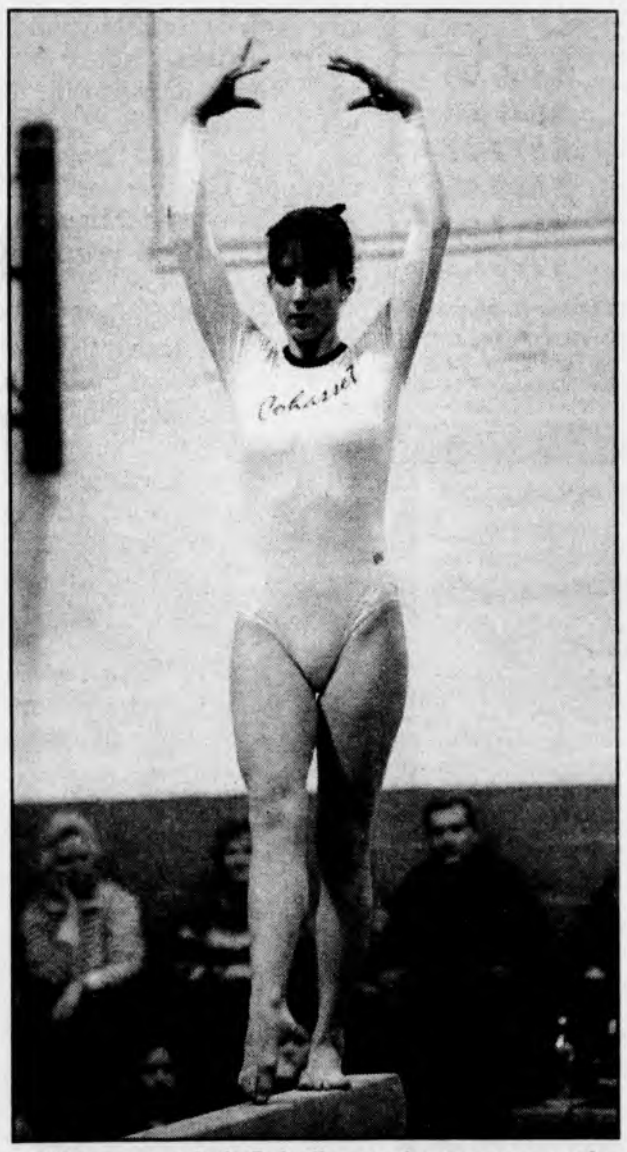
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Ryan Bishop and the Clippers were eliminated from the Division III South sectionals with a loss to top seed Bishop Feehan.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Lady Clippers vault to 9th in South Sectionals



CHS gymnast Jodi Colwill posted top scores on the balance beam (8.25) and the vault (7.95) at the recent South Sectional gymnastics championships at Foxboro High.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

TEAM RESULTS

1	Randolph	136.50
2	Framingham	135.50
3	Canton	132.40
4	Weymouth	132.30
5	B.R.	131.80
6	Attleboro	130.30
7	Scituate	128.15
8	Holliston	124.60
9	Cohasset	122.80
10	Hanover	120.30
11	Marshfield	119.45
12	Foxboro	116.95

Cohasset ranked tenth going into the competition and came out ninth without teammates Megan Pratt, Carolyn Pratt (They were away.) and Tara Hettstrom (out on injury).

Top competitors on the bars for Cohasset:

1	Kristin Sheerin	7:40
2	Erica Hettstrom	7.25
3	Caitlin Flint	6.90

Top competitors on the beam:

1	Jodi Colwill	8.25
2	Erica Hettstrom	8.15
3	Kristin Sheerin	8.10

Top competitors on the vault:

1	Jodi Colwill	7.95
2	Kristen Reynolds	7.85
3	Caitlin Flint	7.80

Top competitors on the floor:

1	Kristin Sheerin	8.25
2	Erica Hettstrom	8.00
3	Caitlin Flint	7.70

All Arounds for Cohasset: 1st, Erica Hettstrom; 2nd, Jodi Colwill.

Skippers Trap Greater New Bedford Bears 68-43 in Tourney Opener

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset High Skippers took Greater New Bedford by storm last Wednesday, romping over the Bears in an emotionally charged Division III preliminary round game.

Paul-Michael Quintin (23), Ryan Bishop (15), and J.L. Williams (15) led the Skippers in their 68-43 rout. The game was ended with 53 ticks still left on the clock when few Cohasset fans were involved in a ruckus in the stands. Despite its shortened time, the victory went in the books for the Skippers.

The two teams came out relatively even for the first few minutes, as Cohasset played its trademark stifling defense but was off in their shooting. Paul-Michael Quintin hit a three, though, and Williams followed with a jumper. Bishop displayed his ever-widening arsenal with a smooth pivot move and a lay-up in traffic, knotting the score at 9-9.

Williams up-faked and made a quick drive to the hole for two points, then knocked down the jump shot to push Cohasset in front of the Bears by four. Pat Hurley picked off a pass and laid it in at the other end for a pair, and Bishop swished an eight-foot jumper, a shot which seemed to hang in the rafters before deciding to come down. Senior floor general Burke Davis stepped in the lane and took a charge, further firing up the Skippers. Cohasset capitalized when Williams knocked down a trey, giving the visitors a 20-11 edge.

Jamie Buick nailed a pull-up jumper from the foul line and Quintin sank a three, then a pull-up of his own. Williams tossed in his second trifecta of the evening and Davis followed with one of his own. Quintin closed out the half with four free throws, giving Cohasset a 37-17 lead at half-time.

Bishop got on the board first in the second half, muscling his way to the rim for two. Davis hit a lay-up and Williams hit yet another three. Greater New Bedford finally scored after what had been an 11-0 Skipper run, beginning before half-time, but Quintin responded with a steal and lay-up. Quintin nailed a three and the Bears' outlook was bleak. Brian Kilroy and Raheem Shepard came off the bench to provide an inside presence for the Skippers and worked effectively. Good ball movement got the ball into Bishop's hands and the big man capitalized, collecting another bucket.

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Sally Hamill's 26 points leads NDA Over Silver Lake

By Danielle Thibeault
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The first round of the Division I Girls' Basketball Tournament was a success for Notre Dame with a big win over Silver Lake, but with the advancement to the quarterfinals, the team couldn't seem to take control and surpass Braintree.

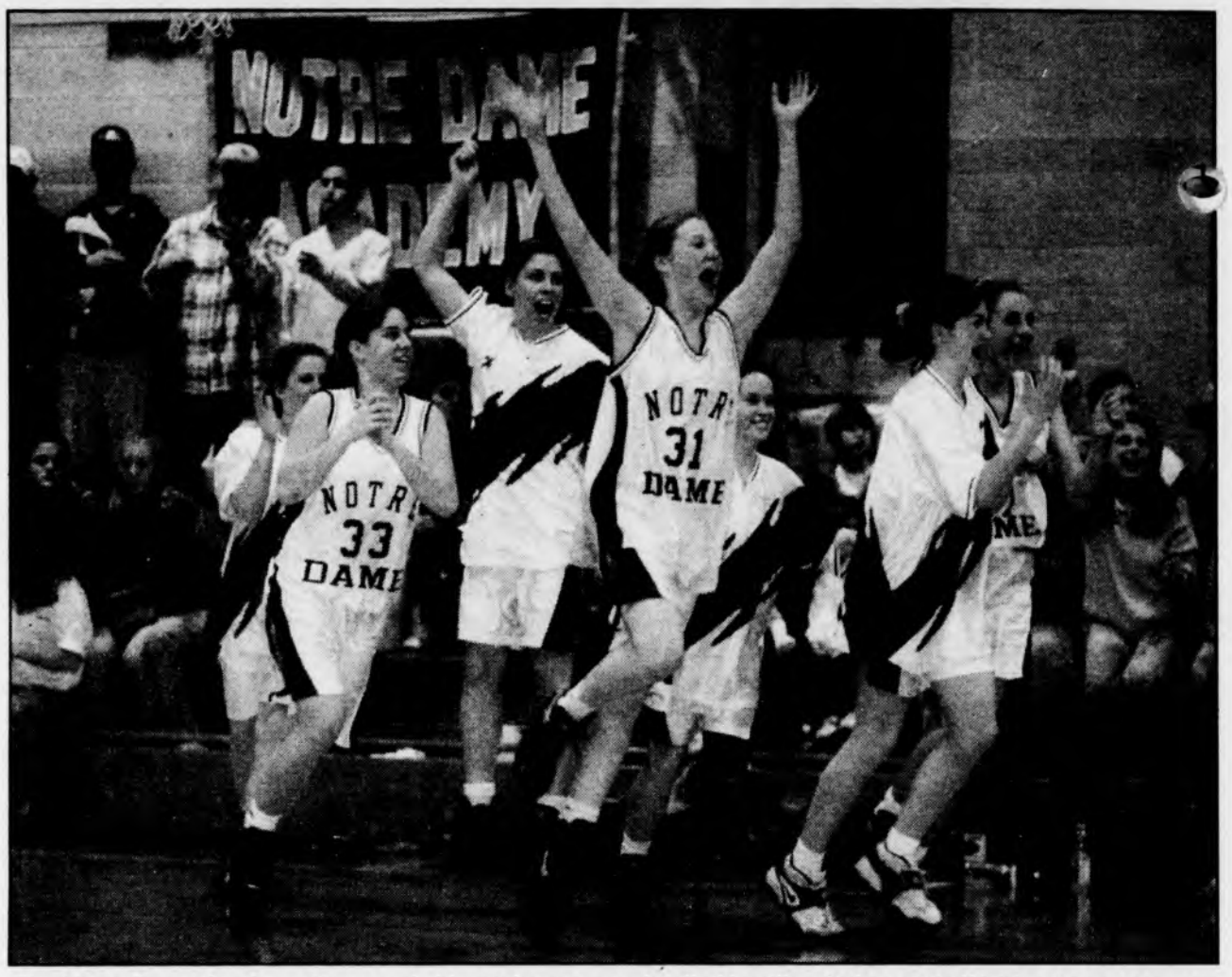
Notre Dame faced Silver Lake (seeded 11th) on Feb. 26 at their home court, ready to play.

With a starting team of Sally Hamill (26 points), Liz Brustin (four points), Nicki Reilly (14 points), Joanna Logue (12 points) and Jess Bradbury (seven points), NDA took the first possession and began the contest. Hamill controlled the floor and stumbled Silver Lake's defense with passes around the perimeter. Reilly, Brustin and Logue managed to take the majority of the rebounds, and the Cougars scored almost all their points in the first half on break-aways. Hamill sank the outside shots, including a couple of three-pointers, and Colleen Manning came in, exerting tremendous hustle to aid the team.

Unfortunately, Brustin found foul trouble with 5:35 left to play in the first half, but was replaced by freshman Colleen Kennedy (two points) who took over the point position for the remaining 4:47. NDA finished the half with a losing score of 30-35 after giving up their 10-point lead as a result of careless fouls and missed inside shots.

The second half against Silver Lake was a struggle, as the girls couldn't work the ball inside and make layups. Kennedy subbed early and showed her excellent ball-handling skills. The team got their act together with 11:41 remaining, with Bradbury, Logue, Reilly and Hamill stealing the ball. Katie McElaney came into the game and contributed to the number of steals as well. Silver Lake found foul trouble early, forcing NDA to the line many times. With 6:32 to play, NDA started to lose control, resulting in only a two-point lead. With 10 seconds left, Bradbury fouled the best shooter for S.L. on a three-point attempt. Only two of the shots were made, and both Reilly and Logue were fouled with five seconds remaining, resulting in a 64-59 victory for the Cougars. The girls worked their hardest and deserved the win.

Notre Dame then faced the Braintree Wamps at Braintree High for the quarterfinals. With the same starting five, the team began slowly, and didn't pick up the pace until the second half. In the first half, they started off with a man-to-man defense and kept the score to a minimum. Although the girls committed a lot of turnovers, their outside shots seemed to find the net. Hamill (12 points) and Kennedy controlled the offense against a press, but couldn't complete their passes.



The Notre Dame Academy Cougars, led by Cohasset guard Sally Hamill, rolled to a big Division I state tourney win over Silver Lake. Here the NDA team charges onto the court in celebration.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

The lead for NDA was lost with 2:49 remaining in the first half as the girls were not able to penetrate Braintree's defense and work the ball inside. The small amount of steals that NDA produced were made by Bradbury (nine points) and Kennedy, and the rebounds were ripped down by Reilly (nine points), Bradbury and Logue (six points). The first half ended with a score of 24-23, Braintree in the lead.

The beginning second half didn't look promising for the Cougars, making uncompleted passes and turnovers that affected the team's spirit. Logue and Reilly blocked Braintree's shots, exciting the crowd, but it wasn't enough to put NDA ahead. Bradbury continued to steal and was able to draw fouls, adding to the score. Hamill worked the ball outside and made a few three-pointers to decrease Braintree's lead by three points.

For the last five minutes of the game, NDA repeatedly stole the ball to keep Braintree from scoring, but couldn't make the shots on the break-aways. The game ended with Braintree winning 45-40.

The loss was a disappointing one for Notre Dame, but their season reflects the talent of the team. The girls are losing one starter, Jess Bradbury, and two other seniors, Nancy Ruscio and Kiersten Sullivan. Next winter looks to have a promising season, and hopefully a Catholic Conference Title as well. Congratulations to the team on a season well done!

NDA Track Update

March 1 brought about the All State Meet for NDA's indoor track team. Continuing their success, many of the girls qualified for the New England High School Championship to be held at Harvard University and the National Scholastic Indoor Championship, which is raced at the Reggie Lewis Center. Sarah Anderson placed 15th in the mile with a time of 5:41, while Courtney Paquette placed 16th in the 600 meter in 1:43.

The victorious 4x200 team of Talin Aprahamian, Amy Gabriel, Megan Cross and Jess Gogola placed eighth with a time of 1:49.31, surpassing their previous time by .82 seconds. The 4x800 team achieved personal bests, racing in 10:20, which was 14 seconds faster than last week. Alice Kirpas ran 2:34, Anderson ran in 2:30, Michelle Quinlan raced in with 2:42, and Burke finished with 2:33. The New England High School Championship and the Nationals will both be held March 8.

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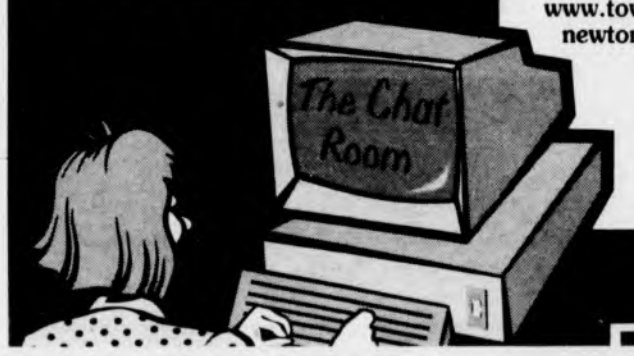
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Mondays Session III Begins March 10
9 to 9:45 a.m. Gymnastics Mixed ages 4-5
9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Gymnastics Mixed ages 3-4
10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Tumble Bugs age 3-4
11:15 to noon Tumble Bugs age 3
Noon to 1 p.m. Preschool Gymnastics mixed age 4-6
1 to 2 p.m. Sports for Kids ages 4-6
3:14 to 4:15 p.m. Gymnastics Girls ages 5-8
4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Gymnastics Beg/Int ages 8-11
7 to 8 p.m. jr high and high school girls
Tuesdays Session III Begins March 11
10 wks $67.50 member $77.50 non-member
Tuesday 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. PreSchool Mixed Age 4-5
3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Boys Gymnastics ages 4-6
Girls Gymnastics ages 5-6
4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Beg/Int Girls ages 7-11
Wednesdays Session III Begins March 12
10 wks $67.50 member $77.50 non-member
1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Tumble Bugs Mixed age 3
2:15 to 3:15 p.m. PreSchool Gymnastics ages 4-5
3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Gymnastics Girls ages 5-8
6 to 7 p.m. Jr High and High School Gymnastics
Thursday Gymnastics Session III Begins March 6
11 wks at $74.25 member $84.25 non member
9 to 10 a.m. Sports for kids ages 4-6
10 to 11 a.m. Preschool Gymnastics ages 4-5
11 to 11:45 a.m. Tumble Bugs age 3
3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Beg/Int Girls age 7 to 11
Fridays Gymnastics Session III begins March 7
11 wks at $74.25 member $84.25 non member
12:15 to 1 p.m. Tumble Bugs age 3
1 to 2 p.m. Preschool Mixed age 4-5
2 to 3 p.m. Sports for Kids age 4-6
3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Sports for Kids ages 5-8
"Gymnast in Motion" also offers a team program for Levels 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9.
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Skippers Bounced *Continued from page 13*

pull Cohasset within a pair, 42-40.

Shepard's great defense forced a turnover and Bishop popped in a fadeaway, but Feehan had scored eight in a row with just four minutes to go. Williams rained down a trifecta and Bishop sank one from the charity stripe. Shepard swished his first three-pointer of the season to pull the Skippers within three, 49-52 and the sparse Cohasset gathering was on their feet, while the raucous Feehan crowd looked on nervously. Bishop tore down a rebound and Shepard finished, making it 57-51 with 1:45 remaining. Williams muscled his way to the offensive boards, grabbed a rebound, and put it back for two.

Quintin played defense in Carney's shirt and tipped the ball to Davis, who finished, got fouled, and hit the free throw. The visitors trailed by only five with 55 ticks remaining. Davis nailed two from the line to pull within four with 30 seconds to go, but Cohasset had taken its last gasp. Despite gallant efforts by the Skippers, Bishop Feehan prevailed and moved on to the third round of the tourney. Tuesday night, Feehan, led again by Carney, slid by Rockland in overtime.

The game marked the end of the Skippers' season and drew to a close the end of magnificent careers for Matt Belson, Ryan Bishop, Burke Davis, Grant Emde, Brian Kilroy and J.L. Williams. Cohasset's seniors exhibited great class and leadership this year, along with an enormous amount of basketball ability.

Tourney Opener *Continued from page 13*

Quintin scored his 20th point with some long-distance marksmanship and his twenty third in the same way. Bishop's runner in the paint fell, and he earned a trip to the line for a freebie, which he sank. He widened the Skipper lead to 62-38 with two more free throws. Buick pitched in a pair from the stripe and seniors Matt Belson and Grant Emde stepped up to get in the Bears' faces with some ferocious defense. Justin McNamara, Andy Hamilton, John Kasameyer and Eric Wenmark all provided the Skippers with good defense, and McNamara, Hamilton, Emde and Kasameyer all hit free throws while Jamie DeMichele directed the offense.

The game ended with a disturbance in the stands and the teams were herded into their respective locker rooms. Bishop pointed out that the four Cohasset rooters involved were four of the most faithful Skipper fans and had been to most of the games.

The bus ride home was a raucous one, and players and coaches alike were pleased with their performance.

RECREATION NOTES

Indoor Golf Lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Scituate Recreation Department, will accept registrations via phone for adult indoor golf lessons, scheduled to begin Thursday evening, March 6.

Lessons are five weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly and cost $65 per person. Classes are limited to eight individuals maximum in size and registrations are accepted on a first enrolled basis. Should you require use of golf clubs for the classes, indicate this at the time of your registration and we will loan you clubs for the classes free of charge.

To register call the Cohasset Registration Department at 383-6791. Mr. Dan Neary will be the golf pro teaching this session, which will be held at the Cushing Elementary School, off Route 3A, Scituate.

Class times are 6 and 7 p.m.

Summer Employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for playground program counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 30 through Aug. 15 plus a one-day orientation during late June. CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school half-day program and the 5- to 12-year-old, full-day programs.

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School Notebook

Fourth-Graders Impersonate Famous Americans of the Southeast



Jonathan Littauer is Booker T. Washington. For more photos, see page 12.

Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 10 and 11, the Dixieland Diner was open for business and schmoozing in Mrs. Horrigan's fourth-grade classroom. A project done in collaboration with Miss Henry and her fourth-graders produced a delightful gathering of important characters from the American Southeast who met for breakfast and shared information about each other. Parents and friends joined student impersonators for presentations, conversations and delicious breakfast food in the morning hosted by the two teachers who spoke with lovely southern drawls.

The diner was lively with colorful guests. Davy Crockett opened things up and told the group that he preferred the open woods of Tennessee to the congressional meeting rooms of Washington, D.C. Dolly Madison told of her adventures, loves and losses, and her wonderful dinner parties. Elvis, Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton and Louis Armstrong made some fine music. Helen Keller and Rosa Parks described their triumphs over adversity. Martin Luther King was articulate and inspiring. Past presidents Jimmy Carter and Abe Lincoln, and statesman Patrick Henry conferred over strawberries in orange juice. Military figures Robert E. Lee, General Stonewall Jackson and General Douglas MacArthur told of the honor of military service.

Athletes Muhammad Ali, Jessie Owens, Jackie Robinson and Bill Russell were on hand. Seminole Indian Sequoya and educator Booker T. Washington discussed reading and writing. Authors Peal Buck, Tennessee Williams, Lilian Hellman and Margaret Mitchell shared breakfast with Kit Carson. It was an incredible gathering of outstanding Southeast Americans enjoying fine food and sharing their life stories. Everyone enjoyed themselves and learned things they had never known before and will remember for a long time.

Greek Comedy on Stage

The Cohasset Drama Workshop will present the play "The Twin Manaechmi," a Greek comedy, under the direction of Nigel Cracknell, an exchange teacher from England. The cast includes high school students John Crowley-Buck, Jerry Cogill, Kelly Tufts, Meredith O'Hayre, Mike Kearney, Holly Brennock, Justin Golden, Grace Gardner, Stephen Reynolds, Jenny Chastain, Alex D'urso and stage manager Jacque Hurley.

The show will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 14, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16, in the senior study at the high school. Tickets are available at the door for $4.

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Chamber of Commerce to Meet

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Guest speaker is Joe Hajjar, proprietor of the Yard Rock Cafe in Quincy. Hajjar also organizes the annual City of Presidents Blues Festival, which will celebrate its fifth anniversary this year. Hajjar will share the rewards he has experienced as a volunteer in the city of Quincy and the value he sees in business and community partnerships as a way to build strength and unity within a community.

In other business:

- Jim Sandell, of Carr, Lynch & Sandell Associates, will present the results of the Village Design Charrette weekend, which took place in December.
- Presentation of proceeds from our annual auction held in November. Organizations to receive contributions will be Harborfest, Appalachian Service Project, and Veterans of Foreign Wars – VFW.
- Recap of 1996 and goals for 1997.

Cohasset Pool Best Design

Massachusetts-Aquaknot Pools, Inc. of Weymouth has won a bronze in the 1996-'97 International Design Awards Competition sponsored by the National Spa and Pool Institute (NSPI).

The pool, featuring a blue stone terrace, and an attached spa, is located in Cohasset. This year's NSPI International Design Awards Competition featured 772 entries from all regions of the U.S. as well as seven different countries around the world competing in the 52 categories. Winners were determined by a panel of judges, made up of pool and spa industry professionals and representatives from related fields.

The award was presented to Aquaknot Pools, Inc. during NSPI's EXPO '96 in Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 20, 1996. This is the second consecutive year Aquaknot Pools, Inc. has received this award, a first for any New England company.



Mass.-Aquaknot Pools of Weymouth won a design award for this Cohasset pool.

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The Easter Bunny and helpers will be on hand. There also will be live animals at this year's hunt, as well as the other attractions.

Children will be divided into three separate chronological groups:

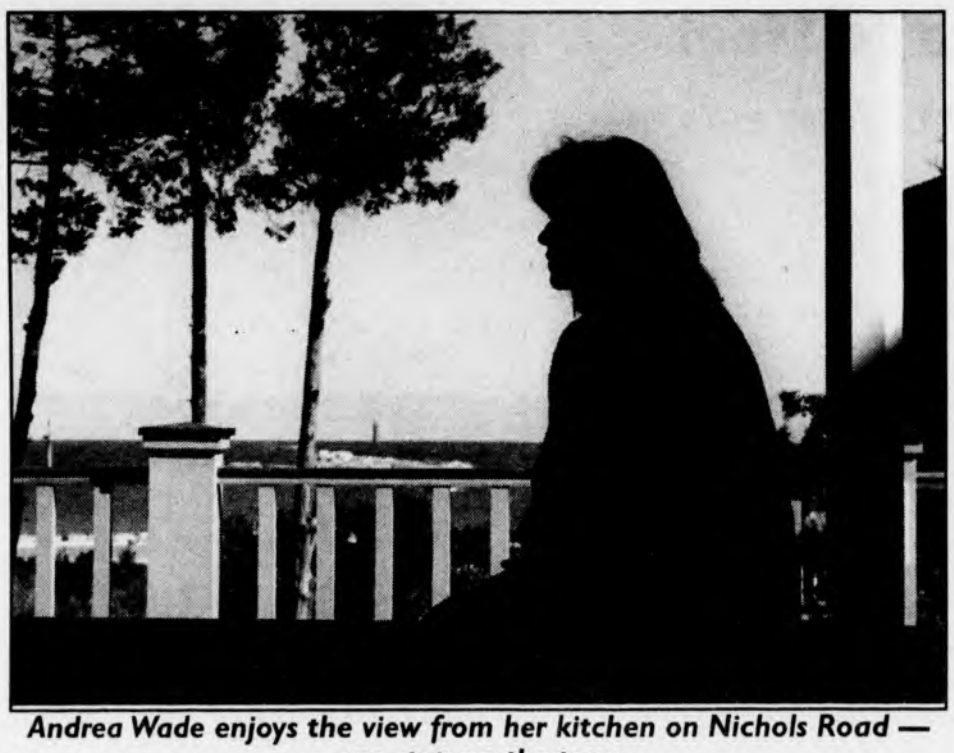
Group 1, Ages 3 and 4 (with parent); Group 2, Ages 5 to 7; and Group 3, Ages 8 to 11.

Please bring a small paper bag or container for your candy.

Individually wrapped chocolate eggs will be scattered about the designated areas. In each group some of the eggs will be wrapped with masking tape that will have a number on the tape. Should you find one of the numbered eggs, hold on to it as you will receive a prize from the Easter Bunny.

This year's program sponsors are Cohasset Rotary Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars — Post 9146, American Legion Post #118, the Cohasset Police Association and the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

Rain date will be on Saturday, March 29, at noon, Deer Hill School field.



Andrea Wade enjoys the view from her kitchen on Nichols Road — one stop on the tour.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Kitchen Tour Set

The South Shore Community Center is sponsoring a dream tour of some of the most unique kitchens in Cohasset Friday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour consists of four fantastic kitchens, and free samplings from some of the finest caterers on the South Shore at each home.

A free shuttle service will depart regularly from the lightkeeper's residence to the Flints' family kitchen where Donna Morgan and Arlene Ferreira of Country House Antiques and Interiors will display some of their wares and to the Kupsc home where Karen O'Brien of Bloomingdale's will be decorating. Shuttle buses will be available to take tour members to two kitchens on Nichols Rd.

Advanced tickets may be purchased at the center or by calling the center at (617) 383-0088. Tickets are $15 per person in advance, and $20 per person the day of the tour.

Babysitting will also be provided at the center's nursery school for $2 per child for up to two hours. Daycare reservations must be made in advance by calling the center.

Cruising Lecture to Benefit CHS ExCeL Program

Saturday, April 5, at 8 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Walton Hall, the Cohasset Yacht Club will present an illustrated slide and chart lecture by Bim Holt who cruised for four weeks on the Hudson River, Erie Canal, Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence Seaway, Richelieu River and Lake Champlain.

All proceeeds will benefit the ExCeL alternate school program at Cohasset High School. The ExCel (Experimental Center for Learning) program is an interdisciplinary accredited program for students in grades 10 to 12 offering unique marine experimental activities and traditional coursework in science, social studies and English. Students may enroll in the program for one, two or three years. Course work includes field studies and lab work in fundamental principles of oceanography, physical science, navigation, aquatic environmantal science and nautical science. Outdoor activities include learning to crew and care for a traditional pulling boat. Students also learn the fundamentals of boat building by working on current wooden boat projects.

This is the second year that the Cohasset Yacht Club has presented an illustrated slide cruising lecture open to the public to benefit the ExCeL program. Advance reservations may be made by telephone before April 1 by calling Meg Bertolami at 383-2968, $8 for adults and $4 for students under 18. Unreserved tickets at the door will cost $10 for adults and $5 for students under 18.

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How to determine true value of a growth fund

Edited by Amy K. Barrett
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Meet Cisco Systems, a manufacturer of computer-network equipment, and Pfizer, a drug company. The first ended 1996 with a price-to-earnings ratio of 47, the other with a p/e of 29. Which was the best buy?

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Well, Cisco's higher p/e means investors were willing to pay more for Cisco's earnings ($47 for every $1 made in the last 12 months) than they were for Pfizer's ($29 for every $1). In fact, they paid some 60 percent more. Does that mean Pfizer was cheaper and hence the better buy — or, perhaps, that Cisco shares were too expensive?

Valuing growth stocks is not so formulaic. Investors rightly go to p/e's when they are trying to determine if a stock is a bargain. Some investors — especially beginners — make the mistake of viewing a stock's p/e as an independent statistic, a rating system in which high numbers are bad. But it takes a lot more consideration to evaluate growth stocks to see if they are fairly valued.

Many Wall Street analysts calculate how reasonably priced a growth stock is by looking at the p/e ratio: Is it less than the rate at which profits have increased? The conventional wisdom is that a stock whose p/e is much lower than the company's profit growth rate may be undervalued by the market — and, hence, will soon rise. And vice versa for a stock whose p/e far exceeds the rate of profit increase.

"The 'p/e to growth' is certainly a fine tool, because it gives you a way of trying to trade the company's valuation relative to the growth," says Claudia Mott, director of small-company research at Prudential Securities. For example, Cisco traded at a steep 47 times its earnings, but in fiscal year 1996, its profits increased 93 percent from fiscal 1995. Meanwhile, Pfizer's p/e was 29, while its earnings per share rose 20 percent from last year. So the simple conclusion seems to be: Buy Cisco, snub Pfizer.

But not so fast. "It's hard to get a simple answer when you're searching for the fair value of a growth stock," says Alfred Kugel, senior investment strategist at Stein Roe & Farnham in Chicago, which manages almost $7 billion in mutual funds. Here's the caveat: Stocks with high p/e's and robust earnings expansion often can't sustain their rocket-like performance. A company cannot maintain 80 percent profit growth forever. And when investors get even a hint that profit growth is decelerating — you should realize this is not the same as a decrease in profits — many sell the stock with a level of skepticism comparable to the level of enthusiasm they had when they bought it. Consequently, high-p/e stocks tend to be more volatile investments. "No one company can grow at 40 percent in perpetuum. I don't care what they sell; they can't maintain that forever," says Kugel. "The profit growth rate will probably be cut in half eventually."

Take the example of 3Com, one of Cisco's competitors. 3Com announced February 10 that sales of its network equipment were slowing. The price of 3Com shares dropped, and the stock's p/e went from 44 at year-end to 24 by February 19. Apparently, that sort of decrease is not unusual for high-p/e stocks. A 1978 study by William Beaver and Dale Morse in Financial Analysts Journal shows that the highest p/e's fall by more than a half over one year, and by roughly two-thirds over two years.

Because decelerating profits can drastically change stock prices, it's necessary to stay informed about a company and about analysts' expectations. Of course, an announcement like the one from 3Com about slowing sales may suddenly change the outlook. But it's always a good idea to keep abreast of analysts' expectations of future earnings — that is, whether a company's profit outlook is strong enough to maintain its price. I/B/E/S International and Zacks Investment Research are good resources.

According to the earnings estimates collected by Zacks, for example, Pfizer will increase earnings per share by about 17 percent this year, and as much again in1998. Pfizer investors are willing to pay for a p/e higher than the growth rate because they hope for steady and dependable growth. The opposite is true right now for Cisco; investors who are paying for a p/e that is lower than profit growth run the risk that the earnings rate will falter. "Big companies with a steady rate of growth are the most sought-after in the market right now," says Kugel.

While there is no simple equation to determine whether a growth stock is fairly valued, the same forces are working on all stocks in an industry. Thus, comparing a company's p/e to that of its peers is a good idea. If Pfizer's p/e was far above that of other drug companies, it might signal that something was out of whack.

"Looking at a p/e relative to an industry is a good type of bogey," says Mott. "Keep in mind, though, the company's expectations of growth in relation to that of other companies of their kind." The challenge, for investors and analysts alike, is getting a more complete picture of future earnings growth.

The real story behind stock split decisions

By Bradd L. Cuppels

Everyone would like something for nothing but, unfortunately, this seldom happens.

However, many investors are under the misconception that when a company splits its stock or announces a stock dividend, shareholders receive something for nothing. Another widely held notion is that a stock split signals an imminent and dramatic rise in the price of the stock. While it's conceivable that this might occur, more often than not, nothing of the sort takes place.

A stock split simply is the dividing of a company's outstanding common shares into a larger number of shares. So, for example, a company could issue you two, three, four, or more shares for every one you currently own. This sounds pretty lucrative until you learn, for example, that the $60 share you formerly owned has been replaced by two shares, each of which is worth $30.

There are several reasons why a company's board of directors may decide to split the firm's stocks. For example, this may happen if the price of a stock is so high that individual investors seem to have lost interest in it, and have stopped buying it. For some psychological reason, investors seem to prefer cheaper shares. Thus, a stock trading at $50 generally will attract far more investors than one selling for $100.

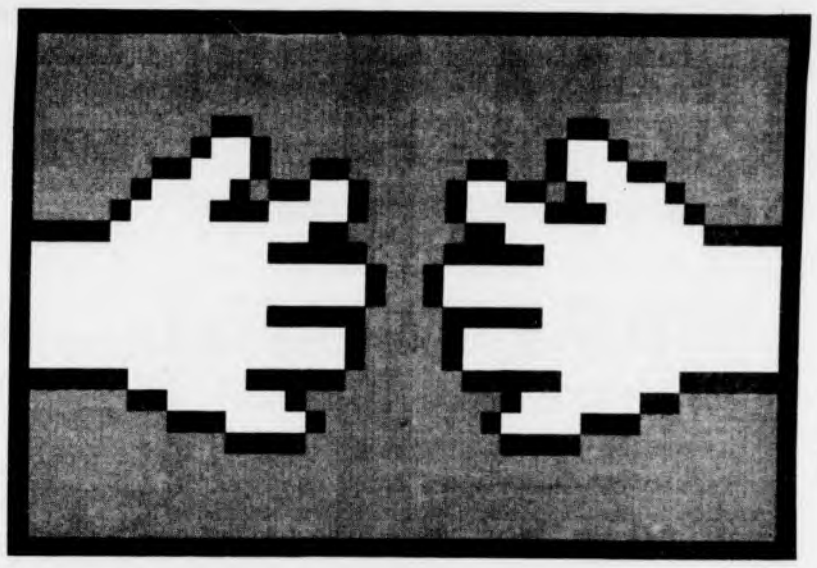
What about stock dividends? Again, these dividends don't represent a gift of something for nothing. They are dividends paid in common shares, rather than cash; also, they may be paid to shareholders in lieu of a regular cash dividend.

A company's board of directors may decide to declare a stock dividend when it wants to conserve cash, yet allow shareholders to benefit from the firm's higher earnings. If you own 100 shares of a company which declared a 10 percent stock dividend, you will receive a certificate for 110 shares. Following the dividend declaration, the market will adjust the trading price of the company shares accordingly.

(Bradd L. Cuppels is associate vice president for investments at Prudential Securities in Burlington.)

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THURSDAY, FEB. 13

6:10 a.m. Assist other police dept., Jerusalem Rd.

7:26 a.m. Assist citizen, Pleasant St.

8:05 a.m. Fire, structure, Border St.

9:15 a.m. Fire, Ripley Rd.

9:59 a.m. Fire alarm, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

10:48 a.m. Property, lost, CVS or Cohasset Jewelers.

10:49 a.m. Fire, smoke detector inspection, Elm St.

10:50 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, South Main St.

11:01 am. Motor vehicle stop, South Main St.

2:04 p.m. Larceny, Border St.

2:21 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Pond St.

5:14 p.m. Suspicious auto, Forest Ave.

7:10 p.m. Suspicious auto, Jerusalem Rd.

10:56 p.m. Medical aid, Border St.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

12:10 a.m. Assist other police dept., Capt. Daniel Litchfield Lane.

8:09 a.m. Alarm, burglar, Surrey Dr.

8:58 a.m. Alarm, burglar, Linden Dr.

9:32 a.m. Fire, misc., Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

9:52 am. Fire, smoke detector inspection, Old Coach Rd.

10:28 a.m. Fire, misc., Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

11:08 a.m. Accident, motor vehicle, Atlantic Ave.

11:32 a.m. Accident, motor vehicle, King St. by Water Dept.

11:55 a.m. Medical aid, Elm St.

12:18 p.m. Accident, motor vehicle, Depot Ct. at Main St.

2:26 p.m. Alarm, burglar, Linden Dr.

2:32 p.m. Medical aid, Stagecoach Way.

2:56 p.m. Medical aid, Lawson Dr.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

1:13 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, West Corner.

1:24 a.m. General services, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

8:21 a.m. Alarm, burglar, Border St.

9:28 a.m. Animal complaint, Atlantic Ave.

9:58 a.m. Fire alarm, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

11 a.m. General services, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

11:19 a.m. General services, Norwell.

12:08 a.m. General services, Pond St.

12:11 p.m. E911 call verification, Hull St.

3:28 p.m. Annoying phone calls, Norfolk Rd.

5:32 p.m. Alarm, burglar, Doane St.

5:45 p.m. Accident, motor vehicle, front of 32 Summer St.

7:12 p.m. Assist citizen, Fairoaks Lane.

8:19 p.m. Assault, Pond St.

9:13 p.m. E911 call verification, Aaron River Rd.

10:20 p.m. Escort, Curtis Liquors to Bank of Boston.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

12:11 a.m. Disturbance, King St.

2:57 a.m. Alarm, burglar, Linden Dr.

8:49 a.m. Medical aid, Beach St.

11:13 a.m. Accident, motor vehicle, North Main St.

12:30 p.m. Larceny, Wheelwright Farm.

5:27 p.m. By-law violation, James Lane.

8:19 p.m. Open door, window, Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

11:26 p.m. Disabled auto, Beechwood St.

Monday, Feb. 17

1:36 a.m., assist other agency, N. Main St.

9:27 a.m., medical aid, First Parish Rd.

9:31 a.m., fire, gas leak (inside), CJC Hwy.

1:43 p.m., by-law violation, N. Main St. north of Common.

7:37 p.m., medical aid, Wheelwright Farm.

8:21 p.m., MV stop, Church St.

8:44 p.m., well-being check, Elm St.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

2:50 a.m., MV stop, Border St.

7:18 a.m., vandalism, Linden Dr.

11:14 a.m., assist other agency, Rust Way.

1:43 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

2:01 p.m., medical aid, Gannett Pasture Ln.

2:17 p.m., general services, Doane St.

2:49 p.m., assist motorist, Forest Ave.

4:05 p.m., vandalism, Bow St.

7:52 p.m., general services, Lamberts Ln.

9:27 p.m., disturbance, Mobil Mart.

10:11 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

10:21 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.

11:25 p.m., animal complaint, S. Main St.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

12:27 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:03 a.m., info, general, Ash St.

10:06 a.m., assist citizen, Beechwood St.

11:01 a.m., medical aid, Turner Rd.

11:55 a.m., medical aid, Forest Ave.

12:33 p.m., MV stop, Elm St.

2:28 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

2:43 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

2:52 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

3:20 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.

3:34 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

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Docket No. 97E0012-PP1

To Robert Davenport and James Michael Davenport of Cohasset and the Town of Cohasset and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Vincent Sestito of Dorchester, Mass. in the County of Suffolk representing that he holds a part or share of certain land lying in Cohasset in said County of Norfolk and briefly described as follows: a certain lot of land being contiguous with land known and numbered as 135 Sohier Street, Cohasset, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, as further described on an unrecorded plan entitled "Plan of Land Sohier Street, Cohasset, Mass. June 12, 1996. Scale 1"=40'. Eng. Surveyor: Neil J. Murphy, Assoc. P.C. 231 C.J.C. Highway Cohasset, MA 02025. Owner: Estate of E.E. Sestito, P.O. Box 338, Cohasset, MA 02025", a true copy of which is annexed hereto, consisting according to said plan of 4.1 acres of land more or less, and bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHEASTERLY along Sohier Street, three hundred six and 00/100 (306.00) feet;

WESTERLY by land owned by Robert V. and Barbara T. Davenport, one hundred sixty-one and 00/100 (161.00) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY along land owned by Robert V. and Barbara T. Davenport, one hundred twenty-five and 00/100 (125.00) feet;

NORTHWESTERLY by land of Philomena and Barbara A. Conte, two hundred ninety-five and 00/100 (295.00) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by land of Town of Cohasset, one hundred ninety-two and 00/100 (192.00) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by land formerly a New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Right of Way, three hundred ninety-four and 00/100 (394.00) feet; and

SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly owned by John E. and Patricia A. Conway, two hundred ninety-six and 41/100 (296.41) feet.

Being a portion of the real estate property described in the deed from John M. Bready to Elena E. Sestito dated November 28, 1968, recorded with Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 4589, at Page 329; see also Estate of Elena S. Sestito, Norfolk Probate Court No. 93P0905-E1 setting forth that he desires that pursuant to the third clause of Elena E. Sestito's will, that he be granted so much vacant land on Sohier Street in Cohasset...as meets lot requirements for building a home. And praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham/649 High St. P.O. Box 269, Dedham, MA 02027-0269 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the nineteenth day of March 1997, the return day of this citation.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this seventh day of February 1997.

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Register.

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Notification Date: February 5, 1997

Public notice is hereby given of the application by Francis D. Collins to maintain an existing pier, ramp and float at 404 South Main Street in the municipality of Cohasset in and over the waters of the Gulf River. The proposed use of the structures is noncommercial docking and boating access to navigable waters and is a water-dependent project.

The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant Interim Approval. A public hearing may be held upon request by the municipal official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617) 932-7600. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public viewing at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to: J. Sprague, DEP/DWW, 10 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801.

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After more than two decades of running through airports, Congressional hearings, countless chicken dinners, speaking engagements, and press conferences, former U.S. Congressman Gerry Studds said the time has come for him to take a breather.

Just don't dare call this respite a retirement.

"I am not retired," Studds stated emphatically while greeting well-wishers at a brunch held in his honor Sunday at the Pembroke Country Club. "I'm just stepping back, taking a little breather, enjoying life and getting ready to change gears."

The testimonial, sponsored by the Democratic CoOp-8 group, brought together supporters and some of Studds' former peers to honor the Cohasset native who did not seek reelection in November.

Studds is taking a break from the political game for the first time since he was initially elected to represent the 10th Massachusetts Congressional District in 1973.

Guests at the brunch included U.S. Senator John Kerry and the man who succeeded Studds, U.S. Congressman William Delahunt, D-Quincy. They were joined by representatives from the towns in the CoOp-8 organization — Duxbury, Weymouth, Cohasset, Hull, Hingham, Norwell, Scituate and Marshfield.

Other faces in the crowd included former 10th Congressional District candidates Ian Bowles and Philip Johnston.

During his time in office, Studds forged a reputation as a staunch defender of the environment and those who make their living from the sea.

He was praised his dedication to projects such as the cleanup of Boston Harbor and the redevelopment efforts at the Quincy Shipyard.

> ***'Rather than any particular legislative accomplishments, I'd just like to be remembered as a person who worked hard for the 10th District.'***
> **— Gerry Studds.**

"In our hearts, you and I will always think of Gerry Studds as our congressman," said Delahunt. "He earned the respect of everyone that he worked with during his time in office. In 24 years on the job he gave this district every ounce of strength that he could exact."

Sen. Kerry also spoke in glowing terms about Studds, saying "there are few voices in Congress as elegant and connected to the people of his district as was Gerry Studds."

Studds, who is gay, talked openly about his new life outside of the world of politics, which includes the homes he shares in Boston and Cape Cod with his partner in life, Dean, and the newest addition to their family, a six-month-old puppy named Bonnie.

He thanked those in attendance for their work during his 12 terms in office as well as for their support during both the good times and the bad.

"God knows we've faced challenges, both personal and professional," said Studds, noting that support for him in the district never wavered.

He singled out a Portuguese celebration parade in New Bedford during a time of "personal challenge" in 1983, as a particular sign of the support he has received. That year Studds was censured by the House for having had sex 10 years earlier with a 17-year-old male congressional page.

"We had no idea what to expect or what was going to happen, but we were prepared for the worst," said Studds. "All I was wondering was what to wear and would it go well with tomatoes."

His fears proved to be unfounded, Studds said he was warmly greeted by the thousands of people at the event, especially one elderly woman in particular who tried to beat a man with a sign he was holding that demeaned Studds.



Gerry Studds

His candidness and communication with his constituency is what Studds hopes to leave with people.

"Rather than any particular legislative accomplishments, I'd just like to be remembered as a person who worked hard for the 10th District," said Studds. "I have always enjoyed my relationship and candor with the people of this district and I hope that I was able to return their dedication.

"I think that we were are able to make a difference," Studds went on to say. "We were able to do things that some said were impossible.

"It really was one hell of a ride."

Studds said he hoped some of his future projects will include political consulting and writing, as well as some potential teaching opportunities.

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Door Not Shut on Village Station

540 Sign Petition for Independent Consultant

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Proponents of the village train stop have an article on the town meeting warrant directing selectmen to put the question on the station location before town election voters but that may not be necessary.

Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown, who has been consistent in opposing the village station, said in a telephone interview Tuesday he would not object to putting a non-binding train station question on the ballot.

"I've not closed the door. If there are enough people who want it (ballot question)," he said.

Monday selectmen accepted a petition signed by 540 people asking them to hire an independent consultant to evaluate the pros and cons of both station locations but did not say they would act on the request.

Vocal debate among a handful of people over where the

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Ruth Pratt, Dot Parmenter, Anna Abbruzzese, and Linda McCarthy serve up the corned beef and cabbage at the Cohasset Elder Affairs St. Patrick's Day luncheon Tuesday at the Second Congregational Church.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Two Take Out Selectman Papers

Pratt Won't Seek Second Term

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

With only a few days left for candidates to file papers for seats in the May 3 town election, Peter J. Pratt, 41, has announced he will not seek a second term on the board of selectmen.

Pratt was running unopposed. But his decision to withdraw his candidacy has created some excitement. By the time the town clerk's office closed Wednesday, Wigmore Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave., and Diane C. Sullivan, 708 Jerusalem Rd., had taken out papers for the open selectman's seat.

Pierson hosts a weekly talk show Pierson to Person and sits on the historical commission and town history committee. Sullivan, a former selectman, has led the charge against higher water rates and for taxpayer sewer subsidy for north Cohasset residents.

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Costs of Septic Plan Unveiled

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Members of the health board provided detailed cost analysis for a town-wide on-site waste water management program at the final septic workshop Tuesday evening.

The plan would establish a $13 million state- and town-funded loan program, as well as a $265,000 annual maintenance component. The money for the program would be borrowed through a Proposition 2-1/2 override and interest-free state loans.

If town meeting voters approved the plan, the money would be borrowed in increments over a 14-year period and take a total of 34 years to repay.

Cost projections provided by health board member Kevin Ulmer estimate that the average Cohasset tax payer would pay $104 a year in additional taxes — about $3,559, over the 34-year period to fund the program. Ulmer based his figures on a home with an average value of $308,000.

Participants in the program would pay an annual users

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Cohasset's Week

POW Service is Planned

Selectmen approved a request his week from Raymond Buckley to allow the Dept. of Mass. American Ex-Prisoners of War to conduct a memorial service May 20 at Veterans Memorial Park in the harbor.

The service will be part of a three-day convention for the veterans group during which Buckley will be installed as commander.

Church Request on Hold

Selectmen are cool to a request from Cohasset Community Church to use the town hall auditorium to hold services on a six-month trial basis from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays starting March 30.

The church currently uses town hall from 7 to 8 p.m. on Friday evenings.

Selectmen will ask the church to seek alternative locations in town. They also look into the propriety of using a town building for church services.

Selectman Michael Sullivan also pointed out that to commit to that amount of time would preclude anyone else who comes along from using the town hall auditorium on Sundays.

Ambulance Billing Update

The town billed for 21 ambulance transports last month for a total commitment of $7,662.13.

So far this fiscal year, which ends June 30, the town has collected $79,249.78 and has commitments of $92,490.41. Payments that are collected for ambulance service are applied to invoices from all previous fiscal years as well as the current year. Commitments are for those transports occurring in FY'97.

State Recycling Grant

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, announced that the town of Cohasset received a grant from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to help increase the community's recycling rate. EOEA and the Department of Environmental Protection awarded Cohasset a Municipal Recycling Grant for a total of $4,726. Funding for the state grant comes from the Clean Environment Fund, the repository for unclaimed deposits on beverage containers.

"Recycling is a 'green' industry that is very serious in Massachusetts. Recycling supports over 10,000 jobs in the state and generates more than $600 million of economic activity each year. Everyone involved realizes how important it is that we do our very best to ensure a healthy future," Hedlund said.

Hedlund stated that Cohasset had received a grade of "A" on the 1997 Municipal Recycling Report Card for recycling 31 percent of its municipal solid waste. The town received an "excellent" for the amount of effort displayed in developing the recycling program.

"I would also like to extend congratulations, along with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, to Arthur L. Lehr, who was designated as the Outstanding Recycler for 1996 in Cohasset. His work and the efforts of the entire town of Cohasset are setting the example for the entire South Shore," said Hedlund.

'Pay-Per-Bag' Forum, March 13

The Recycling Committee will hold a second public informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the town hall auditorium, on the "pay-per-bag" program planned to be implemented in Cohasset later this year. The committee held its first informational meeting Feb. 20.

"We are holding this additional meeting to provide an additional opportunity to explain the 'pay-per-bag' program to interested residents, and to answer questions about the program," said Arthur Lehr, chairman of the recycling committee.

In the 'pay-per-bag' program, people pay for only the amount of refuse they actually dispose of, instead of the current flat fee, which would be eliminated, said Lehr. Since there is no charge to bring recyclables to the town Recycling Transfer Station (RTF), residents can save money for themselves and the town by separating their recyclables, he said.

Village Station Supported

Paul S. Barry III of Barry Waste Services and Recycling Co. wrote to selectmen to support the proposal of a village MBTA station.

"It will help spur economic growth in our downtown village area as well as limit vehicle traffic," Barry wrote. "If one of the main aims of reinstating the MBTA Greenbush line is to take people out of their cars, then the station should be in a centralized walkable location."

Barry Waste Services, 110 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., is at the former Winter Garden skating rink site which the MBTA plans to use for the Route 3A train station.

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Sun. 16	4:50	9.7	11:13	5:32	8.6	11:29
Mon. 17	5:51	9.4	——	6:36	8.4	12:16
Tues. 18	6:54	9.2	12:31	7:37	8.5	1:18
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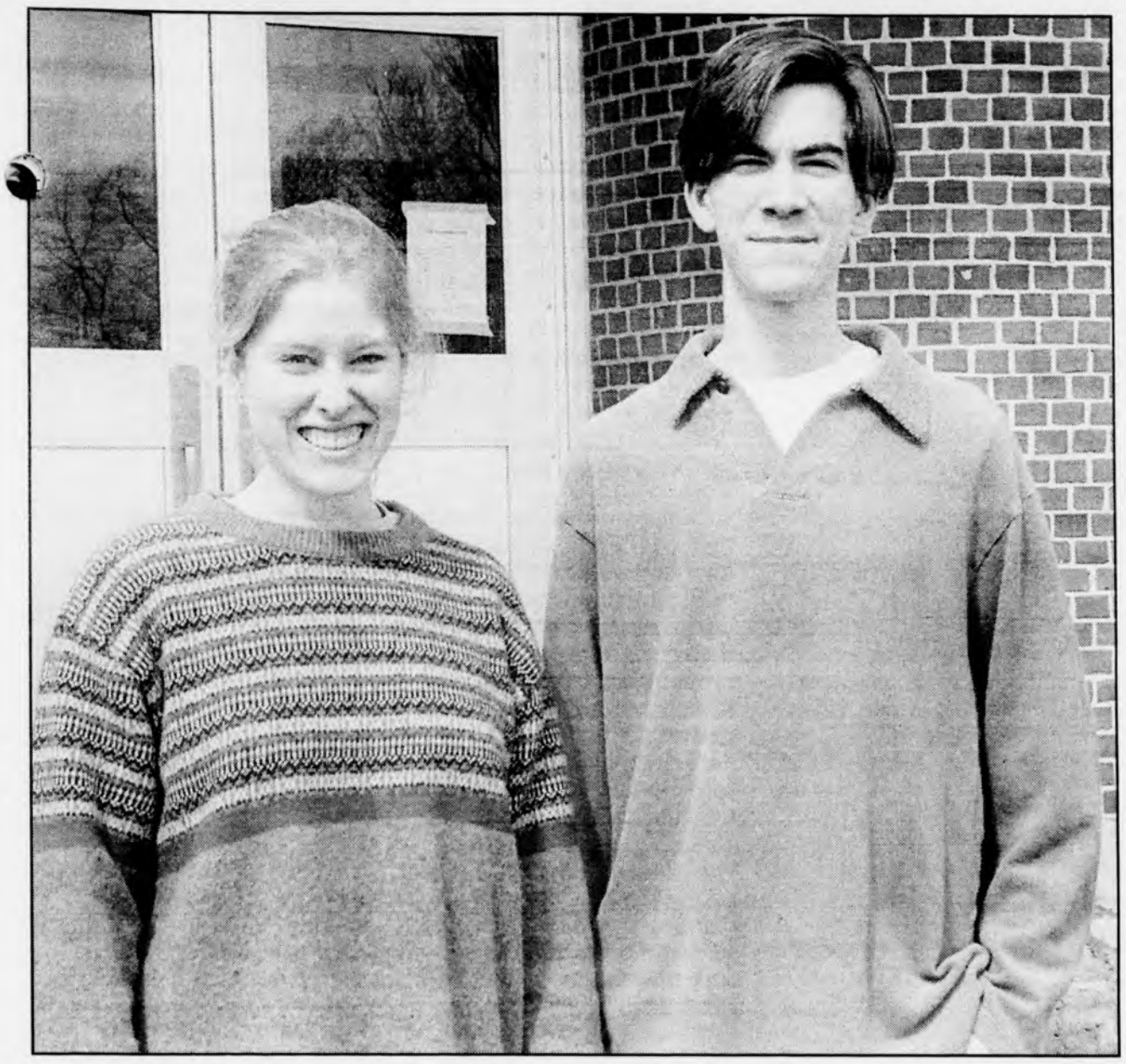


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PICTURE THIS/Jami Butman and Anthony Bramblett



Names: Jami Butman and Anthony Bramblett

Occupation: Sophomores at CHS and student representatives on the Drug & Alcohol Committee.

Goal: To help educate the youth of today about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Best vacation: Sunset Beach, North Carolina with my friend last summer (Jami); the summer 1996 Olympics in Atlanta (Anthony).

Best day of your life: The first day I got to ride on the big yellow school bus (Jami); the day I got employee of the month at FireKing Baking Company (Anthony).

Biggest worry: The increase of drug abuse amongst younger kids.

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Jami); New Year's (Anthony).

Favorite season: Summer (Jami); fall (Anthony).

Favorite TV show: 'E.R.' (Jami); 'Chicago Hope,' (Anthony).

Favorite movie: 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off' (Jami); 'The Life of Brian' (Anthony).

Favorite book: 'Number the Stars,' by Lois Lowery (Jami); 'Walden,' by Thoreau (Anthony).

Favorite junk food: Devil Dogs (Jami); anything chocolate (Anthony).

Most embarrassing moment: When I fell in front of the entire chorus during rehearsal (Jami); dropping a bunch of plates in the dining room at work (Anthony).

Person you'd most like to meet: Elvis (Jami); Mandy Patinkin (Anthony).

Pet peeve: People telling dumb blonde jokes (Jami); laziness (Anthony).

Upcoming Meetings are Noted

The following meetings have been posted outside the town clerk's office at town hall:

•Advisory Committee, 8 p.m., March 18.

• Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., March 20.

• Assessors, 6:30 p.m., March 13.

• Government Structure Committee, 8 p.m., March 19.

• Harbor Committee, 7 p.m., March 13 & April 3.

• Recreation Commission, 7:30 p.m., March 18.

• Recycling Committee, 7:30 p.m., March 13.

• Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., March 17.

• Water Commission, 7:30 p.m, March 20.

• Zoning Board of Appeals, 8 p.m., March 20.

All meetings are at town hall unless otherwise noted. Room locations are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule at town hall on the day of the meeting. Check with the town clerk or the particular board's office at town hall (383-9900) for any cancellations.

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Second Term

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Pratt, 75 Ripley Rd., said he has accepted a job offer this week which will not afford him the time to devote to serving as a selectman.

"I feel badly about it, but I signed a new retention contract just yesterday afternoon," Pratt said Tuesday.

"This offer came through to me and is not something I can put aside."

He described the commute and new responsibilities of the position, which is with an international electronic publishing firm based in Burlington, as significant. Pratt said he was not at liberty to divulge the name of the firm.

Potential candidates have until 7 p.m. March 13 to take out nomination papers and until 5 p.m. Monday to return them with 50 signatures.

Pratt, who served on the board of water commissioners from 1983-86, said he hoped to stay involved in town government especially with the harbor dredging and James Brook flood control projects, which he spearheaded.

He also plans to lobby hard for a town manager form of government at town meeting. A citizens' petition article which will be before town meeting asks the town to move to a more managerial form of government. Pratt is the sixth member of his family to serve on the board of selectman in the 227 years of Cohasset. He is the son of the late Burtram J. Pratt, a former selectman.

Election Supper is March 20

The Beechwood Congregational Church is holding its Election Supper Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. This supper has been a church tradition for more than 75 years. Dinner, beverage and dessert will be served family style. All candidates and the public are welcome to attend. Reservations are necessary. Call 383-1298 for reservations and ticket information.

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Village Station

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train station should be located — either in the village or on the highway — started in the meeting and spilled out into the hallway continuing later in the town hall parking lot.

And pleas from Selectman Peter Pratt during the meeting that the town should focus the larger mitigation problems surrounding restoration of the train were not heeded.

Lincoln Bloomfield, 37 Beach St., led the charge by village station supporters.

"On behalf of 540 concerned citizens and virtually all the village merchants, we ask the board to review the question of the site of the train station.

"We're asking you to reopen the decision you thought you had made," he said.

Village train station backers charge selectmen, who voted for the Route 3A location last fall, did not make an informed decision based on fact but were swayed by a non-binding straw poll held in the lobby of October's special town meeting. The results of the poll were 3-1 in favor of the Route 3A site. They say a village station will help revitalize the downtown area.

The petition asks selectmen to keep their final judgement on a station location open until all relevant facts about traffic patterns, parking, aesthetics, impacts on adjacent property, and effects of local businesses and residents are analyzed.

Donald DeMichele, 264 Jerusalem Rd., an opponent of the village site, presented an analysis gleaned from the voter list of those who took part in the straw poll showing that those who back the Route 3A location come from all over town and were not just residents in the village area.

"This is one reason for not engaging a consultant," he said.

DeMichele also described potential parking and traffic problems if the station was in the village.

Lincoln said that was all the more reason to obtain an independent analysis.

"There are often two sets of facts on the same issue," he said.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris defended the board's decision-making process.

She said the final decision was not based solely on the straw poll but on many meetings with the town's citizen and staff mitigation committees, appointed to review issues surrounding restoration of the Greenbush train.

"In fairness to this board, we made an informed decision. We looked at the information," she said.

Resident Sue Cunningham who grew up in Manchester-by-the-Sea, displayed a map she drew of that town's village and said she had talked to shop owners and merchants there who said their village station does not help business.

Her remarks were in sharp contrast to a letter to Dean Rizzo, vice president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, from Manchester-by-the-Sea's executive secretary stating the village station is viewed positively and brings people to the downtown business district. The letter was included with the petition and other letters praising downtown stations.

Lincoln said citizens must be confident that all the facts were reviewed regarding station sites or divisiveness over the issue would continue to fester.

"You need to lance this boil, boiling in town," he told selectmen.

The MBTA says it will plan only for a Route 3A station because selectmen opposed the village site.

Selectmen directed interim Town Administrator Ed McCann to refer the petition to the town clerk to ascertain how many of the signatures belonged to residents.

Brown explained that he wanted the signatures verified for comparison purposes because only registered voters could participate in the straw poll last fall . He said he objects to the town paying $10,000 to $20,000 for a study on the stations and thinks the MBTA should pay for it.

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School Budget Increases by 5.6 Percent

By Kerry Herlihy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The school committee made cuts in the proposed school budget last week to reach the advisory's 5.6 percent recommended increase bringing the total expenditure to $7,591,137.

School Committee chairman Ralph Kidder made clear to the public at the last meeting that despite the increase, Cohasset is still a bargain.

In order to reach the 5.6 percent increase from last year, $25,000 had to be cut from the previous plan to keep the town in a better free cash situation. The two areas from which the cuts were made are the school water budget and teachers' salaries. The water budget was reduced by $9,000. This was possible due to the town's decision to open a separate account to pay for the towns' water bills.

According to Town Accountant Michael Buckley, the water department is "paying" the town $15,000 for administrative services — money that will be used to pay next year's water bills.

The teachers' salary budget was brought down by $16,000. There will be no reductions in salaries but anticipated changes in staff. For example, when a teacher retires and is replaced by a new teacher, that teacher will make less money than the teacher who retired was making.

The schools do have the option to go back to the advisory committee during the school year to request money for this area if necessary.

The biggest decrease in the budget falls into the areas of equipment acquisition. The new technology plan has not yet been finalized and therefore factored into this area. The complete technology plan is set to be presented to the town during the next school year.

Supt. Stephen Hart and School Committee Chairman Ralph Kidder made a point to emphasize the cost of quality.

"We tend to get caught up in the money when we need to remember why we are here, we are investing in the future. There is a cost to achieved our goal and continue to be competitive," Hart said.

Ralph Kidder discussed the need to look at inputs and outputs.

"Cohasset's output is far above state standards making us one of the top school systems in the state. Cohasset's rank is high but our spending is relatively low," Kidder said.

Hart closed the meeting by thanking all of those who had invested their time and energy into the budget planning.

"It is a lot of hard work and requires many hours of deliberation. I thank everyone involved," Hart said.

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Joe St. John: Cohasset's Own 'Patron Saint'

By Mary S. Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As St. Patrick's Day draws upon us and green seems to be everywhere, one can't help realizing that the enduring legends of the Irish are told all over the world. True stories, however, survive not in myths, but in work ethics and consciousness, qualities that aren't always commemorated.

While the work of Joe St. John in Cohasset in the late 1800s and turn of the century was fairly low key, it was his consciousness and sense of ethics that made him an extraordinary addition to this town. It just so happened that he was Irish.

Joe St. John arrived in Cohasset with his father, James, and his four brothers and sisters before the beginning of the potato famine in 1845. The family originated in Dublin, but had sailed to Newfoundland before arriving on the Massachusetts shore. There, they met the Brennock family, the other oldest living family in Cohasset, and decided to follow the Brennocks to Cohasset. Before they set sail, James' wife died of illness, and the family buried her in Newfoundland. Grief stricken, but determined to make a new life where there was opportunity for him and his children, James St. John sailed for Cohasset. Once here, James opened a tailor shop on Parker Avenue and the family settled into their new life.

In October, 1849, the Brig St. John, a famine ship from Galway, Ireland, coincidentally carrying the same name as Cohasset's St. John family, crashed approximately two miles off the coast of Cohasset, killing all but about 20 men, women, and children aboard. One survivor, a single woman in her 30s named Mary Kane Cole, had come across the ocean to start a new life. Mary, upon surviving the wreck, married James St. John, who was now in his sixties, and became stepmother to Joe and his siblings. (Sixty-five years later, in 1914, Joe would officiate at the unveiling of the Celtic Cross, a monument purchased by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and placed in the Central Cemetery at the gravesite of those killed in the wreck of the Brig St. John.)

Joe grew into a young man who tried his hand with many things at first, including captaining a ship. He was well-liked and respected in Cohasset, and was known to say that he loved this town and would do anything for it.

Joe met and married Catherine Roche, a Cohasset girl whose family lived at the juncture of Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Road. The house was a small cottage, situated in the Little Harbor marsh. During the Portland Gale of 1898 many years later, the house was picked up by wind and water and carried across the road, onto Pleasant Beach, then into the sea.

Joe called Catherine his "Irish Rose." Together, they had six children, two boys, Jim and Charley, and four girls. One daughter, at 16, chose to swim in the ocean in March. She developed complications and died. Ironically, it was Pleasant Beach that she swam off, the same beach which her grandmother's house had been swept onto.

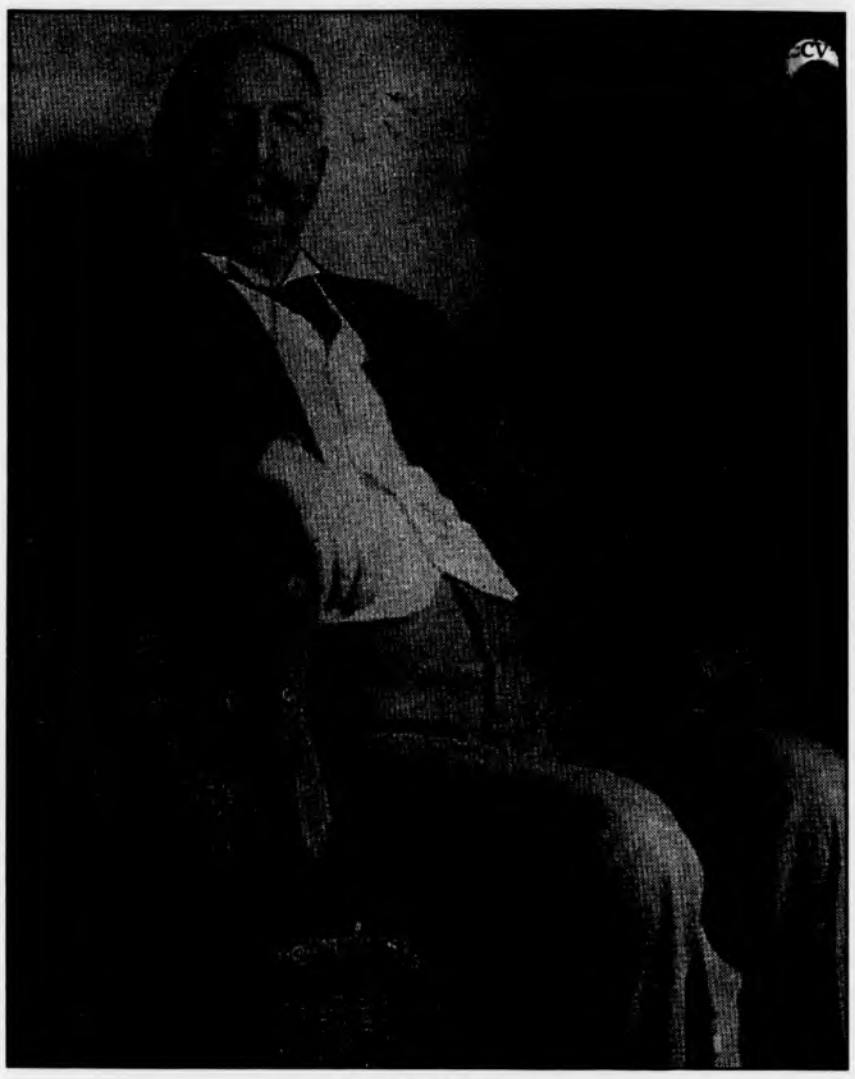
Despite the setback of his daughter's death, Joe St. John remained a caring and productive citizen of Cohasset. He opened St. John's General Store on the land that is now the bus (box) stop. His building ran along side of the Common up to St. Stephen's Church.

St. John's General Store sold hay, grain, flour, groceries and fancy goods. Those customers who couldn't pay for their goods in cash bartered with Joe. He and his son, Jim, made deliveries with their horse and wagon.

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Clarence Barron made frequent visits to the St. John General Store. He would pull up a barrel, and sit for long respites, discussing stock investments with Joe and cutting long slices of cheese off the round with the knife he always carried. Although he would encourage Joe to invest in stocks, Joe felt the only investments worth making were in land.



Joe St. John



In front of the General Store, where the bus stop on the Common is now, are Charley and Stacey & friends, at the turn of the century.



Catherine St. John, Joe's Irish Rose.

The Town Fathers came to the store one day and asked Joe if he would consider selling the land that his building was on. They were interested in taking down the buildings on the Common. True to his statement that he would do anything for Cohasset, Joe sold the land to the town for $1, and moved his store and family across the street. The building he moved into was built by Luther Stevenson, purchased by the Tilden family, then sold to Joe. The front faced South Main and the back faced Parkingway and the railroad tracks. The sideyard was Stagecoach Way. It was a very large house, with a fireplace in almost every room. Joe fixed the general store up in the back of the building, and lived with his family in the front.

The first Catholic Mass in Cohasset was held in the Brennock's house, one that stands today on a hill across from The Chart House Restaurant on Border Street. When the need and desire for

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Joe St. John is Fondly Recalled in Family Story



Old St. Anthony's Church, which was built on land St. John gave the town.



Joe and his daughter, Tess, at Central Cemetery in 1914.

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an established Catholic church was voiced, Joe St. John gave church officials the land for the first St. Anthony's Church and its rectory to be raised on. The name became St. Anthony's and not St. Patrick's as a result of a coin toss — heads, the Portuguese choice of St. Anthony's; tails, St. Patrick's for the Irish. The Portuguese won.

It is interesting that a man who only believed in land investment never made much of a profit at it.

In an eventual barter exchange with a town resident who was a customer at the general store, payment to Joe for a large and long standing bill was 93 house plots in Edgartown. Upon Joe's death, the plots were bequeathed to various relatives, including his daughters in Cohasset, who never married. Over several years, the amount of unpaid taxes on the land grew insurmountably, and the daughters let the land in Edgartown go. The St. John descendants were never to see it.

Turn of the century Cohasset was like paradise, according to the late Tess St. John, Joe's youngest daughter. She told of sitting on the rocks with her friends on Atlantic Avenue, watching the beautiful carriages arriving from Boston for the summer. The occupants in the carriages spent the summer months in the many large homes along the shore. Most of those homes are now gone.

The wealthy mixed with the fishermen. The Irish were welcomed, which was not the case in other towns and cities then. There were not a lot of people living in Cohasset then, but everyone got along.

Through hard work, the St. John family became comfortable. Jim St. John helped his father in the general store and Charley, the family "dandy" rode around the Common in his high-wheeled buggy.

Anastacia (Stacey), another daughter, graduated from Cohasset High School in 1887. It was a graduating class of six. Stacey became Cohasset's Postmistress and an active member of the Women's Sufferage Movement, marching for the first vote for women .

Joe St. John, patriarch, lived until he was 93. In his later years, he would sit by the window in his general store, watching the trains come and go, the people getting off and on. Joe knew everyone, and *everyone knew and loved him.* He was buried in St. Paul's Cemetery in Hingham because there wasn't a Catholic cemetery in Cohasset even then.

Joe St. John lived a commemorative life. From Ireland to the shores of Massachusetts and the town of Cohasset, Joe brought a wonderful gift, the willingness to give generously of himself to what he believed in: And, he believed in Cohasset. He insisted on giving back to the town all that living *here afforded him. It appears* that Joe could have accumulated great wealth for himself and his family. He chose instead to help establish the look and feel of a town that its people could be proud of and comfortable in. It was the luck of Cohasset that he was ours.



Jim, Joe's son, delivering goods on Elm Street in Cohasset.

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AROUND TOWN/Sallyann Chatterton

Cohasset's Top Gun Lacrosse Players are Lacks and Kahn

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Here is some great news about two super CHS athletes! They made the Fleet Center this winter. Saturday, March 1, lacrosse co-captains **Jim Lacks** and **Ely Kahn,** led a South high school all-star team against the North in the annual high school indoor lacrosse game sponsored by Top Gun Lacrosse.

Lacks took the opening face-off for the South stars, who played before a crowd of 8,000 which also saw the Major Indoor Lacrosse League Boston Blazers take on Rochester.

Goalie Kahn brought the crowd to its feet when he went end-to-end, and scored on the North goalkeeper midway through the contest. There was a Cohasset angle to the pro game as well: former Cohasset High junior varsity lacrosse coach **Tom Carmean** scored the winning goal for the Blazers in overtime, and was named the game's MVP. How about that!

Lacrosse season starts next week, we have just given you good reason to attend as many as you are able to — you'll be in for an exciting time indeed!

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I received the nicest note from **Sherry Pratt-Craig,** Glenn Pratt's sister who lives in Maryland. Dec. 29, the Pratt family got together, not only to celebrate the Christmas season, but to celebrate their parents' 50th wedding anniversary. **Eddie** and **Eileen Pratt** traveled up to Cohasset from Florida where they are now living (and enjoying it very much). The celebration was held in Bancroft Hall, at the Lightkeepers House. Glenn Pratt was there with his children, his brother **Vaughan** traveled over from the Philippines with his wife **Dolly** and their three sons, **Dustin, Jay** and **Adrian**. Sherry and her husband **Jim** and daughter **Karen** came from Maryland. They also had friends from Vermont, N.H., and Washington, D.C., attend the celebration, and all agreed that the party was just grand! They all want to thank the friends and relatives from Cohasset that helped them party! They all had a great celebration, and want to wish their parents a wonderful 50th anniversary one more time! We all extend our best wishes to of course! We're also glad that you shared this banner occasion with us!

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Wake Forest University has announced its dean's list for the fall semester, and two Cohasset students achieved the required 3.0 grade point average. They are **Tafana**

Alma Fiore of 3 Ripley Rd., a member of the freshman class, and **Kristin Jeanne Grassey,** 20 Ledge Way, a senior. We take our hats off to both of you studious young ladies and want you to know that we are proud of you!

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We also heard news from the UMass/Dartmouth — **Michael A. Figueiredo,** a Biology/Marine Biology major, and **Jessica L. Snow,** an accounting major, made the dean's list for the fall '96 semester! Congrats to both of you!

UMass/Amherst also announced the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List for the fall semester. They are **John W. Kinchla** of 12 Hillside Dr. and **Adam M. McNamara** of 470 King St. Good work, gentlemen!

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Everybody loves a good love story, right? Well, we have one for you right now! Lots of folks will remember **Jamie Hoffman**, the son of **Joe** and **Joyce Hoffman.** Well, he lives on the Cape and he and his fiance made the newspaper down there with their love story/engagement for Valentine's Day.

It seems that Jamie and **Kristen Seay** went to Paris as a part of Kristin's college course that involved spending two weeks in France — on their first night in Paris they were strolling along chatting about how the title character in the movie "Sabrina" advises people to find a bridge to call their own. On Le Pont de Notre Dame, the couple stopped in an alcove jutting out over the Seine River. As they watched twilight gather over the city of love, Jamie asked Kristen, "How about this bridge?" When she asked why she should remember that particular one, he reached in his pocket and pulled out his grandmother's engagement ring and proposed! Jamie and Kristin will be married on May 16, 1998 — won't they have a nice story to tell their children and grandchildren!

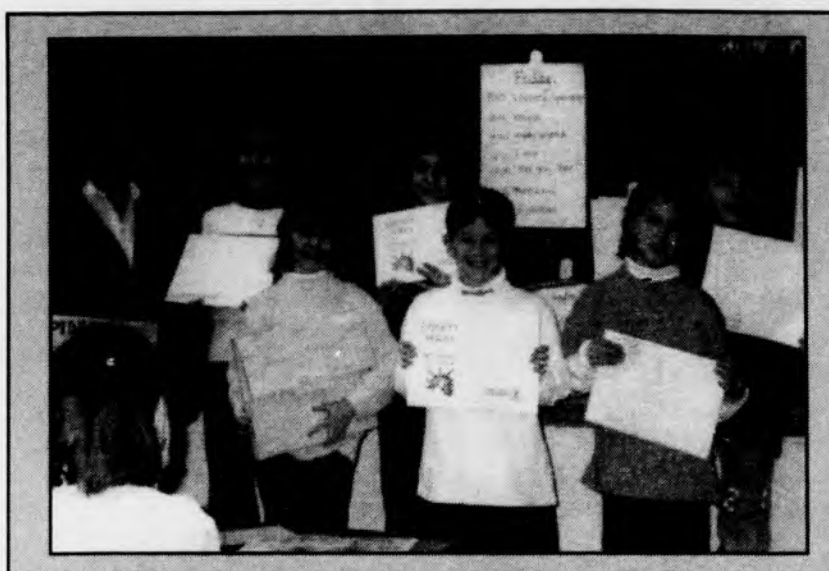
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We've been asked to remind you about the Beechwood Congregational Supper, its famous Election supper to be exact! It will be held March 20 and they will be serving supper with beverage and dessert. It is a night for you to chat with the candidates, and get to know their opinions and ideas! Call **Nancy Snowdale** at **383-1298** for ticket information and reservations (which they would like to have for the event). The meal is always a yummy one, that much is a known fact!

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That's the news for this week, please be sure to fill us in on your latest happenings! Oh, I have a new deadline, so I will need news on or before each Thursday — I am to have it in by each Friday, by 8 a.m. So, call early in the week from now on, and call often!

— Sallyann
383-0560



Winners of the Endangered Species Contest, sponsored by the Cohasset Post Office, pose with postal clerk Ann Bonomi. From left to right are: Bonomi, MacKenzie Holway, Mary Fegrus, Colin Magruder, Jake Kovach, Mary Silvia, and Seth Jones. Congratulations to all!

Come to the Cabaret

Members of the First Parish Church in Cohasset are putting the finishing touches on this weekend's gala performances of Cabaret '97. The Friday night performance is sold out, but tickets are still available for Sunday, March 16 at 4 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce children to the music of 'those fabulous fifties' and reminisce about the time when crew cuts and crinolines were the norm. Child care will be available during the performance, reservations required. Light refreshments will be served. Call the church office at 383-1100 for further information.

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Julia Martin plays a game called 'Ducky Doodle' with instructor Mary Brennock during vacation week activities last month at the South Shore Community Center.

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Palm Sunday Organ Recital

As part of its Music at St. Stephen's Recital Series, Max Miller, chairman of the organ department at Boston University, will present an organ recital Sunday, March 23, at 3 p.m. Featured composers will include Bach, Widor, Mendelssohn and Samuel Barber.

Dr. Miller is past dean of the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and has recorded for both Boston Records and the Musical Heritage Society. Currently he is organist at St. John's United Methodist Church in Watertown.

The church, located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, has handicap access and plenty of parking in the village lot. For information call (617) 383-1083.

WALKers Join the Fight Against MS

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society will kick off its biggest fund-raising event of the year — the MS WALKS — April 12 and 13, with people from all parts of the state joining in the fight against multiple sclerosis. Channel 5 meteorologist Dick Albert, the 1997 WALK Chair in the Commonwealth, expressed his appreciation to the people of Massachusetts walking to help those with MS.

MS, a chronic disease of the nervous system, wears away the control you have over your body. Symptoms may range from numbness to paralysis and blindness. MS is most common in young adults, usually diagnosed between the ages of 20-40. More than a third of a million Americans are affected by this disease.

The 1997 WALKS, sponsored by WCVB Channel 5, the Tab Newspapers, Mix 98.5 radio, Couples and Sunburst Holidays, will take place in 15 communities throughout the state April 12 and 13, including Cohasset.

This year, more than 6,000 individuals and 450 teams are expected to join the WALKS, helping to raise more than $600,000 to support the mission of the society: ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis. Teams come from corporations, small businesses, churches and civic groups, giving co-workers and friends a chance to have fun while helping those affected by multiple sclerosis.

For information on joining the fight against multiple sclerosis by walking, forming a team or volunteering at a WALK site, call the Massachusetts Chapter at (800) 493-WALK.

OBITUARIES

Katherine Talarico

Katherine (Pearson) Talarico, 76, of Cohasset, a homemaker and a past president of the Amateur Garden Club, died March 8 at home.

Mrs. Talarico was active in the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and a member of the Cohasset Women's Club, Braintree Stroke Club and Hingham Stroke club.

She was born in Bells, Tenn, and lived more than 40 years in Cohasset.

Wife of late James P. Talarico, she leaves a son, James P. Talarico of Lexington; two daughters, Kathleen E. Quemere of Cohasset and Dianne T. Morse of Marshfield; and six grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 11 in St. Anthony's Church. Burial will be in Woodside Cemetery.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., handled arrangements.

Donations may be made to charity.

Join Cohasset Historical Society

The Cohasset Historical Society membership drive has begun. If you have not returned the envelope provided by the society, or for some reason have not received one, send your check to the Cohasset Historical Society, 14 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Train Mitigation

The emotional issue about whether or not the Greenbush train should be restored has been supplanted by an equally emotional one on where the station should be located.

Those on both sides of the station location have legitimate concerns that deserve a fair hearing.

But in the debate over placement of the station, the larger issue of train mitigation has been drowned out.

Selectman Peter Pratt tried to raise that point this week but his pleas went unheeded in a meeting that almost became derailed when representatives from both sides of the station issue tried to press their points.

Several weeks back selectmen talked about hiring a regional consultant to deal with the MBTA on mitigation matters that affect Cohasset, such as noise and safety. They planned to talk with other towns about joining in.

But Scituate and Hingham are way ahead of Cohasset. Hingham's mitigation man is Alexander Macmillan, the former Historical Commission chairman; and in Scituate, James Hunt, a member of the planning board, is that town's point man. Both these men are regulars at selectmen's meetings where they update their boards on what steps the MBTA is or is not taking.

It's also important to remember that while Greenbush towns have a lot in common — the train affects them all differently. Hingham's Lincoln National Register Historic District and town Square are bisected by the tracks and Scituate has the problems surrounding the lay-over station.

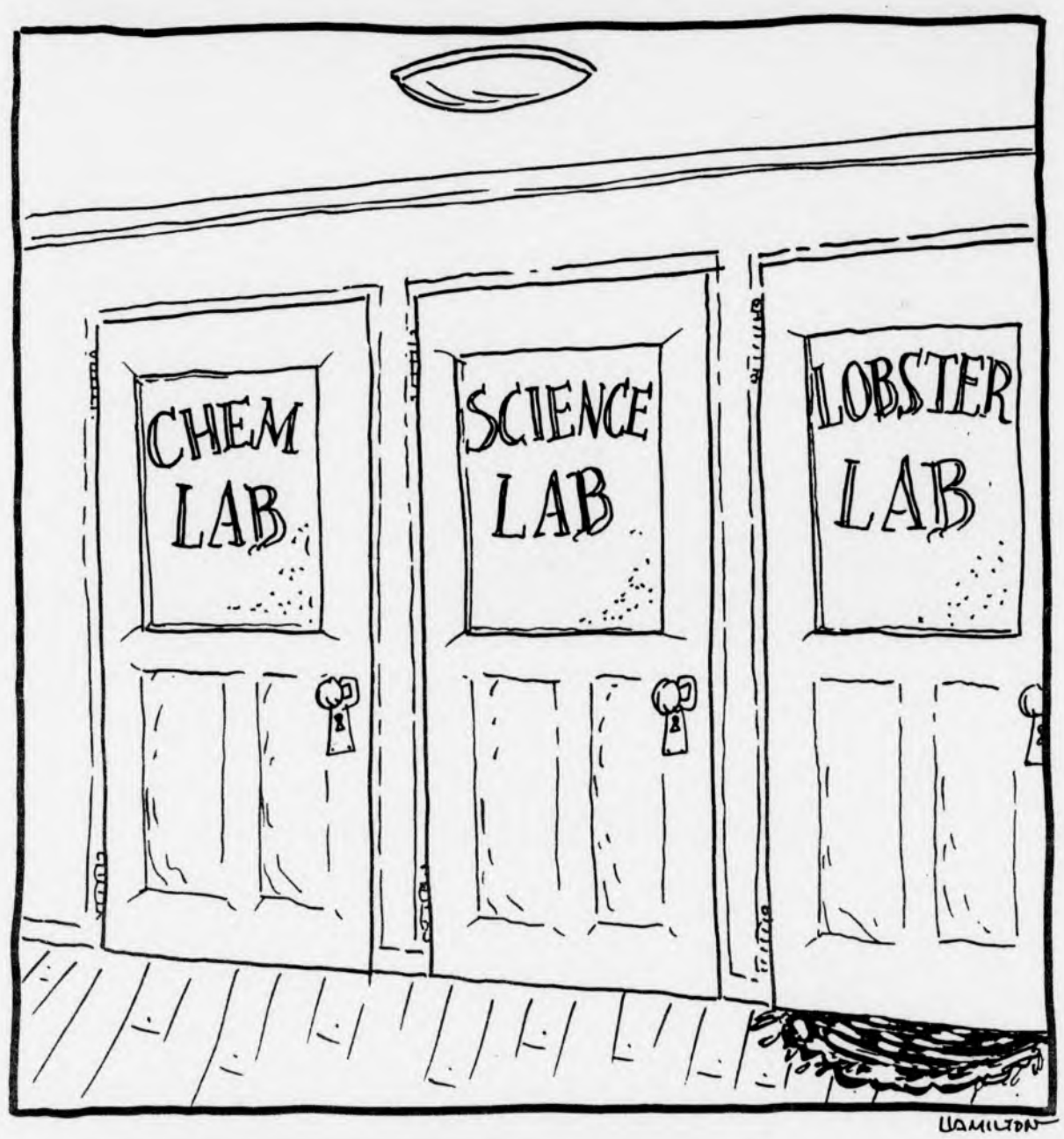
While Cohasset's mitigation committee is working hard reviewing the MBTA's plans and holding public meetings on the project — selectmen should move quickly to designate someone to be the town's direct link to the T.

Macmillan is paid for his services in Hingham; but Hunt is not in Scituate. Both men aren't afraid to take a hard line and are effective negotiators.

Perhaps Cohasset could solicit the help of one of its planning board members in this task. It's important that this matter be resolved quickly so the town is in the best bargaining position with the T.

And for the station location? Selectmen need to provide leadership on this issue. They should carefully consider all arguments and make a decision on what's right for the town. It's a tough call. Let's hope they are up to the challenge.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let Us Know What You Think

To Our Readers,

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Mariner Newspapers which has grown over the years to 15 community weeklies.

To mark this occasion, and to make us more compelling to you, our readers, we are giving the papers a new look to highlight our many local news features and to emphasize our photography.

We are giving you a sneak preview of that design on page 19. Please check it out and let us know what you think. The final design will be unveiled in May.

We also are asking for your opinions on what kind of news you find most interesting.

There is a form on the bottom of page 19 which surveys your news interests and asks for additional comments. Your editors and reporters here at the Mariner Newspapers would appreciate your feedback.

As we start of 25th year as a company dedicated to bringing you the best community newspapers on the South Shore, we would like to know how you think we're doing. After all, it's your newspaper.

Victoria Ogden
Editor-In-Chief

Station Consultant Should be Hired

To the Editor:

I was in attendance at Monday's Board of Selectmen meeting to give support to those who were presenting 549 signatures petitioning for an independent consultant to be hired to evaluate which station location would best serve our community, 3A or Village.

Although the selectmen have already voted their sentiment on this issue, and admittedly it was a long shot to convince them to reconsider a Village Commuter Rail station, their treatment of those appearing before them was less than respectful.

Less than respectful treatment toward respectable elders and others in this community, who took the time to prepare a presentation for the board, is both a dreaded example of incivility and a resounding discouragement to all those who strive to contribute work and solutions for our town.

If the selectmen intended only to collect the petitions and not allow the group to have the customary 15 minutes of time when granted space on the official agenda, a phone call to inform the presenter would have been courteous. Instead this group, which had already agreed to a change of date at the selectmen's request, waited a long night in a hot, cramped hallway, only to be silenced and dismissed. However, the opponents to a hired evaluator and a Village stop were heard, once again, as if they were the ones who had respectfully requested time on the selectmen's meeting agenda.

We have a long road ahead to determine both questions and answers for our town relative to the commuter rail. No doubt there will be many differences of opinion along the way. The selectmen must set the tone and tenor of how people in this community can work through their differing opinions and ensure that one group does not usurp the time of another wishing to be heard by the Board of Selectmen.

I urge other residents to encourage the selectmen to set aside their personal views and private fears associated with the train and its Cohasset station and to please hire an independent evaluator to be part of the budget over the next three years. This consultant should address not only the question of where to locate the station, but to manage the other powerful issues that are inherent in the return of rail service to Cohasset.

Barbara Anglin
56 Spring St.

Title V Keeps Septic Inspectors and Service Companies Busy

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Most home sellers with septic systems fear that Title V regulations will force them to replace their septic systems for thousands of dollars at the point of sale. The state regulation forces home owners to perform a thorough septic inspection before selling their homes. If the system fails inspection, it must be replaced or repaired before the sale can be completed.

When home sellers need a Title V inspection, repair or replacement they turn to their local septic service company.

Several companies on the South Shore offer septic inspections, pumping, repair and replacement service. Many of these companies agree that Title V has generated a lot of additional business. Several companies also stated that the regulation's standards have also driven up inspection, repair and replacement costs.

Hingham's Executive Health Officer Bruce Capman said Title V has tripled the number of systems that are replaced annually in his town. Capman said 83 percent of the homes in Hingham have septic systems.

In Cohasset, Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik is working closely with the health board to develop a town-wide waste water management plan to comply with a state mandate to address more than 1,500 aging septic systems in the town. More than 90 percent of Cohasset's homes have septic systems.

Both men work closely with local septic service companies to ensure that the public health and safety is preserved. In both Cohasset and Hingham, all septic inspection companies must be licensed by the state and the local health board.

Janice Mahoney runs C. Spirito Inc., in Hingham, a septic inspection and service company, with her husband Michael Spirito. Mahoney said Title V has increased her company's business, while local regulations have driven up the average inspection cost.

"Title V is a state regulation, but local communities can implement even stricter guidelines," Mahoney said. "Cohasset and Hingham are more strict than the state. They require us to dig a hole the size of a large desk at each site to test the soil on-site. That adds $400-$500 to the cost of an inspection."

Mahoney contracts out some inspection services because of increased liability caused by Title V. Mahoney said her company has been involved in settlement claims because systems they inspected failed two years after the new owner purchased the property.

"We expect the liability to get worse with Title V so we use independent inspectors," Mahoney said.

Godzik said an inspection with a soil test can cost more than $1,000.

Mahoney said there are three main components to a Title V inspection. Inspectors test the solids box which traps solid waste, the distribution box which delivers filtered liquid to the leeching field, and the leeching field itself.

Capman said many systems do not pass inspection because the leaching field becomes clogged or backed up and will not contain or accept the liquid.

Mahoney said leeching field replacement is the most expensive portion of a failed system.

"All the cost of your system is in your leaching field," Mahoney said. "That's what you're trying to protect."

David Margett of E L Margett and Sons Inc., in Hingham said test holes are expensive because a backhoe is needed to excavate the soil.

"Soil evaluation is a deep observation hole excavated below the bottom of a system," Margett said. "Leeching fields can be six-feet deep and some cesspools are as deep as ten feet. We have to dig all the way to the bottom."

Sue Henrichsen is the office manager for Rosano Davis Sanitary Pumping in Norwell. She agreed that replacing leeching fields accounts for much of the high costs of septic system repair and replacement.

"If you need to contain a whole leaching field you're talking about building a new foundation," Henrichsen said. "There are so many variables per property that it's hard to generalize. You could hit ledge, which raises the price."

All three companies estimated their average replacement cost to be somewhere between $12,000 and $15,000. Most companies have a one to two week waiting list for inspections.

Capman confirmed that while he knows of systems that have cost in excess of $50,000, the average cost is closer to $12,000. He added that the most expensive replacement in Hingham cost $35,000, while he knows of one extraordinary case in Cohasset that cost $100,000.

Margett said that many of the more expensive repairs and replacements are shared systems that service apartment buildings and condominium developments.

If a septic system fails inspection, the home owner hires an engineer to design a new system which must then be approved by the local health agent.

"When it comes to septic system designs, the health agent is God," Mahoney said.

Once the design is approved, the home owner accepts bids from several companies to obtain the best possible price.

"The bidding process ensures that homeowners are getting a fair price," Mahoney said. "A lot of jobs are also repair jobs, which are less expensive than replacements."

Title V has also had an indirect impact on real estate sales according to Gail Bell, president of the Plymouth County Board of Directors.

"Title V has changed everything," Bell said. "So many people are unwilling or unable to sell because of the high costs associated with Title V that they are renting or building additions that don't trigger septic inspections. In some cases people rent their homes and buy another home somewhere else."

Bell said the regulations have forced Realtors to work closely with engineers, inspectors, and repair and replacement companies.

Henrichsen added that as long as Title V is around there will be more work for septic companies.

"We have expanded and allowed for several new employees to meet the increased demand," Henrichsen said.

Costs of Septic Plan Unveiled

Continued from page 1

fee of $177 for inspections, pumping and a manager.

Home owners would be responsible for all repairs.

At the center of the plan is a proposal for the town to fund 50 percent of the cost of septic system replacements, while also providing low-interest loans so residents with failed systems could borrow the remaining money from the town.

The town would establish a cost and maintenance program that would require all homes with septic systems to have a Title V inspection every seven years. Current Title V regulations require a thorough septic system inspection only when a house is being sold or expanded.

Homes would be ranked into four priority areas according to their proximity to water sources.

Homes in the program would also be subject to an annual function inspection to make sure the system is in good working order.

The management program would provide inspections and pumping for all 1,562 septic systems identified for inclusion in the program.

Ulmer provided a comparison of the amount a homeowner would save on a $16,000 replacement using the town's plan versus a bank loan. Ulmer chose the $16,000 figure because it is the same as the average hook-up fee in the sewer commission's $18.5 million management plan. He added that town records indicate that the average construction cost for a septic replacement is closer to $20,000. Under the plan, the town would loan half the cost of a repair to a maximum of $20,000 on a $40,000 upgrade or replacement.

If a homeowner borrowed $16,000 from a bank at five percent interest, the amount repaid with interest would be $24,400.

With the town's plan, the homeowner would pay half the replacement cost, $8,000, while borrowing the other $8,000 from the town at five percent interest.

The home owner would repay the town $12,200 with interest over 20 years, plus the $3,559 in additional taxes for a total of $15,759. Home owners in the management program would also pay the $177 a year user fee for 20 years, which adds an additional $3,540 for a grand total of $19,299 versus $24,400 for a bank loan.

However, homeowners would continue to pay the average $177 user fee after the 20 year loan period expired.

"There's no such thing as a free flush," Ulmer said.

Ulmer stressed that the $177 users fee is much lower than the sewer department's average $400 user fee. In addition, the health board's proposal addresses more homes than the sewer commission's plan.

Mel Waldfogel is a trustee at the Cedar Ledge Village condominiums. He wanted to know how the plan would affect condominiums with one shared system.

"We currently pay about $1,500 a year to maintain our system," Waldfogel said. "Would each unit owner have to pay $177?"

Health board Chairman Tom Cook said the rate structure had not yet been determined, but would probably be based on actual water usage.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said several cost factors are not yet finalized. Godzik said it is unclear whether the town-wide plan would offer funding for engineering costs, which can cost several thousand dollars. He added that there are other costs associated with septic replacement such as landscaping which may not be covered by the plan.

Godzik said the one thing the plan does achieve is lower costs for the construction of a new system.

Waldfogel told the health board to keep in mind that many home owners would compare the plan to what they were currently paying before voting on it at town meeting.

At previous workshops some residents have criticized the proposed user fee as being two to three times higher than what they were currently paying for pumping.

Cook said the intent of the plan was to help ease the burden of Title V regulation on home owners through town-wide parity.

He added that the plan would also protect the town's water supply by replacing systems as they failed, rather than at the point of sale. The plan would also comply with the state mandate to address septic problems in town.

"If you are an on-site owner and think the town should be concerned with your waste water problems and you are interested in the tax base paying 50 percent of repair and replacement costs, you should be interested in this plan," Cook said.

Diane Sullivan praised the board for carrying out its town meeting request to formulate a plan for parity for home owners with septic systems.

Cook Critical of Lack of Communication

Health Board Chairman Tom Cook chastised selectmen Monday for not communicating with the board of health on the septic management plan.

"We've been proceeding with development of a plan, trying to solicit participation from the town and public.

"And there's been zero from this board until a month ago," he said.

The health board wants to incorporate all on-site septic systems in town into an on-going maintenance and inspection plan. Homeowners and businesses with septic systems would pay operation and maintenance fees, similar to sewer users, and be able to borrow money at low interest rates from the town to upgrade their systems.

Selectman Michael Sullivan defended his board saying it had concerns about the concept. He questioned why the plan went beyond what Title V, requires. Title V is a state law that governs septic systems requiring inspection and possibly upgrades when the property is sold or transferred.

The health board's $13 million, 14-year plan requires annual inspections and would put all septic systems on a pumping schedule. During the time span of the plan, all failing systems in town would be repaired or replaced.

Cook reminded selectmen that the health board was directed at town meeting to come up with a plan that provides parity for those with on-site systems. Sewer users will ask the town to pick up 50% of the cost of installing systems slated in north and central Cohasset through a Prop. 2-1/2 override this spring. Officials worry that the owners of 1,500 homes not on the sewers will not support taxpayer subsidy for sewers if there is no direct benefit to them.

Mad About Hats

Girl Scout Mother/Daughter Tea is Tops!



Hilja Bilodeau and her daughter, Holly, with friend Kaitlyn Gontarz having tea.



Sara Sestito wears right the hat for a mother/daughter tea party.



Theresa Morrison, 4, at the Girl Scout event held at St. Stephen's church hall.



The Mad Hatter himself! Ray O'Hare plays the part with the Garret Players from the South Shore Conservatory who gave the mothers and daughters a short glimpse of 'Alice in Wonderland.'



Laura Campedelli, 7, in her special hat for the occasion.



At the end of the tea party, everyone circled the room to give the 'Girl Scout Squeeze.'

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Duffy Makes Wrestling History

Competitive Senior Wins First All-State Title

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Cohasset wrestling coach Torin Sweeney is looking at his elite grappler Kevin Duffy in a completely different light after the 135-pound senior put together the two best weeks in Skipper wrestling history.

Duffy has a will of steel and has the athletic ability and endurance to wrestler his opponent into complete exhaustion. And more than anything, Duffy hates to lose.

"What the last two weeks have shown me is that no matter who Kevin wrestles, he is going to be in for a tough match because no one can keep him down and he can score points from the bottom," Sweeney said.

Duffy used his fearlessness on the mats to capture Cohasset's first All-State individual title ever. Wrestling at Wayland High School in the finals, Duffy was pitted against the No. 1 seed, Division 2 champion Rich Gammons.

Duffy didn't panic when he fell behind 2-0 in the early minutes. An escape cut the lead to 1 and a second-period reversal gave him a 3-2 lead. Duffy then put the squeeze on Gammons, riding him hard for a solid two minutes, making it impossible for him to score and earning the distinction of being the best 135-pound wrestler in Massachusetts.

Duffy advanced to the finals by overcoming a 4-2 deficit to the Division 1 champion in the semifinals. He pinned Agawam's Jason Gean by using a roll move that is rarely seen in local competition. Duffy easily defeated North Attleboro's Rich Connoley in the quarterfinals, 5-0.

"One mistake against him and he's going to take advantage of it," Sweeney said.

The All-State championship was a mild surprise to Sweeney, but he was just as impressed with Duffy's second-place finish at the New England championships in Connecticut.

Duffy defeated a New Hampshire wrestler in overtime in the preliminary round, but found himself in a war with Tewksbury's Peter Allen in the quarterfinals.

Duffy held a comfortable lead, but it was Allen who came back to go up 7-6 in the final period. Allen, though, was taken by surprise when Duffy whipped him on his back with his leg roll and wound up with a pin victory.

Little did the crowd know that the match of the day was coming up in the semifinals. Duffy was to face Connecticut State champion Brendan Harrison, probably the most recognizable wrestler in the state. A tough competitor, Harrison boasted a 44-0 record and had plenty of experience having qualified for the New England finals twice before.

The locals weren't given Duffy much of a chance for victory. They figured he had a good run and his season would be over in six minutes at the most.

The locals were wrong.

Harrison ran out to a seemingly insurmountable 5-0 lead over Duffy, but like the wrestlers before him, had no defense against the Skipper grappler's devastating leg roll.

Duffy slammed Harrison to his back, forcing a 5-5 tie. He then went on to completely dominate Harrison in the third period. An escape followed by a takedown that put Harrison on his back was good for six points and a stunning 11-5 victory.

Six matches were taking place during the Duffy-Harrison tussle, but the crowd focused its attention on the two wrestlers. What was thought to be an easy victory for Harrison turned out to be the biggest upset of the afternoon — at least among the Connecticut wrestling fans.

"We were in Connecticut so everybody knew who Harrison was," Sweeney said. "It was the best match of the day."

Duffy had already garnered himself a second-place finish at worst. However, his competitiveness hadn't been met and he was raring to go at Connecticut's Tony Amadio in the finals.



Cohasset High wrestler followed up his All-State title with a tremendous second-place showing last weekend in the New England championships in Connecticut.

Staff photo by Alan Chapman

Amadio was the aggressor from the start and took the lead, which opened up to 8-3 in the final period. Duffy closed the gap to 8-7 with 30 seconds left and he was forced to take a gamble with time running out.

Duffy had to go for the takedown to pass Amadio, but he was unable to get him in the right position. Amadio was awarded three more points and the match ended 10-7. It was the first match Duffy came up on the short end all day.

Sweeney had no problem with the chance Duffy took in trying to pull out the victory. He said that at such a high level of high school wrestling, points don't always come easy and gambles have to be taken when trailing in the closing seconds.

"He fell behind so he had to take some chances," Sweeney said. "Kevin almost had him at one point."

Despite the runner-up placing, Duffy was disappointed with his meet. Sweeney hoped he would look back on the meet the following day and realize just what he had accomplished during the season.

"Kevin was disappointed that he lost, being the competitor Kevin is," said Sweeney. "He's a competitor and he's just not happy when he loses."

Justin Buckley also competed at the All-State meet, but a sore muscle in his back hindered his performance greatly. "He really was in a lot of pain and discomfort," Sweeney said.

Another honor was presented to an individual associated with Cohasset wrestling. Rick

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The Cohasset High gymnastics team poses for a group photo during the squad's annual awards banquet.

Fab Four Led Hoopsters Into Tourney

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

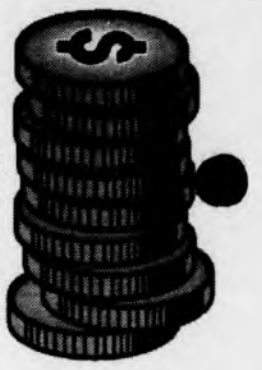
Led by a talented nucleus of six seniors and complemented by seven hard-working juniors, and two sophomore phenoms, the Cohasset High basketball team put on a show this year. Whether they were bombing three-pointers from 20 feet or scoring at will from the low post, this year's edition wowed the fans and overwhelmed several opponents. Cohasset regained the South Shore League title this year after losing it to Scituate last season. The Skippers, the No. 8 seed in the Division 3 South Sectional tournament, advanced two-rounds deep, losing to top-ranked Bishop Feehan by a mere six points. Feehan would go on to beat Rockland in overtime, but lose to Bishop Stang in their next game, falling one game short of the EMass finals.

One of the reasons the Skippers were seeded lower than they had been in past years was the strength of their schedule. Four of their eight losses were to teams in a higher division, either Division 1 or 2. Unlike the NCAA Tournament, the seeding committee for the high school tournament does not place a great emphasis on strength of schedule, so Cohasset was robbed of a higher seed an, in effect, a home-court advantage in their first game. However, the Skippers showed no ill effects of this slight as they

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Credit-card issuers who will go to bat for you



By Amy K. Barrett
WORTH MAGAZINE

Many consumers consider their credit cards enriching, if not flat-out necessary. They give us the spending power to buy a computer now, and pay it off over time.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

They are good for emergencies: when you have your car towed to safety, for example. And many cards automatically insure your purchases.

The important thing is that your credit card helps you at all times, even when something goes wrong with a purchase. It's easy enough to cancel your card and get a replacement if it's misplaced or stolen.

But what happens when you need to dispute a charge?

"Of course, you don't go into any sort of relationship thinking about the potential problems," says Ruth Susswein, executive director for Bankcard Holders of America, a consumer group based in Salem, Va. "Most people (looking at credit cards) think, 'How much is this going to cost me?' Their first concern is the rate and the fees. But what the companies are willing to do for them (should be) right up there."

For example, let's say that a $1,000 rug from Istanbul pops up on your monthly statement; you haven't bought a rug in the past five years, and haven't traveled out of the country in the last year. It's important to know if your credit-card issuer will investigate the matter swiftly and skillfully, or if the ordeal will force you to spend hours making phone calls and writing letters — tasks that could make your annualized percentage rate seem insignificant.

Fees and finance rates are the pillars of your credit agreement, and you can shop around and compare rates pretty easily.

One reason consumers may not factor in the handling of charge disputes is that no survey or study ranks card companies by that alone. Because each case tends to be unique, it is hard to judge the reactions of card companies in advance.

Your best bet is to go with those companies that win high marks for customer service — most likely, the ones that are best at investigating fraudulent charges and settling charges on goods that were never delivered or that arrived damaged. According to a study last year by J.D. Power and Associates, consumers favor AT&T Universal, Wachovia Bank, Optima, Bank of New York, and Citibank cards for their overall service.

There are other cards that also do a good job. "The only one I'm willing to single out is American Express, because customer service is something they pride themselves on," says Susswein.

The first chance a card company gets to show its colors is when you notify it of a disputed charge. Federal law requires that all card issuers investigate claims of fraudulent charges as long as the cardholder's complaint is made within 60 days of the date the erroneous charge first appeared on the statement. The card company has 90 days to look into and settle the matter. During the investigation, the company cannot make you pay the debt or charge you interest on it. You may be required to pay back interest at a later date, however, if the card company decides against you.

AT&T Universal requires that its customers protest a charge in writing. But it tries to help expedite the process by sending customers a form letter so they won't omit necessary information or delay until it's too late. American Express doesn't necessarily insist its customers refute a charge in writing. Often a phone call will get the ball rolling.

Having your credit-card company go to bat for you can make all the difference when you haven't received your purchase or when it arrives in less than good condition. Let's say that you did buy that $1,000 rug when you visited Istanbul recently, and that the merchant was supposed to ship it to you. The rug was charged to your credit card, but you never received it.

By law, you can't make a claim against the card company until you have first tried to settle the problem with the vendor. But after that, you can let the card do the talking.

The card company can ask the vendor's bank to reimburse it for the charge. The bank, in turn, would ask the same of the merchant — a process known as a charge back. American Express has an added advantage; it also acts as the merchants' bank, which means it can track the transaction more easily if there is a problem.

American Express doesn't require its customers to fight their own battles first.

For example, several years before Gregory Tarmin became an American Express spokesman, he bought a platter in Sicily, Italy, with his American Express card. He had arranged to have it engraved and sent to him in the States. When the credit-card bill arrived and he still hadn't received the platter, he called American Express. When American Express contacted the store owner for him, it found that the store had simply been backed up with orders. So Amex waived the charge until the item was sent.

What's more, it made follow-up calls to the store until the platter was shipped, and then alerted Tarmin.

Other credit-card companies may be just as conscientious. A note: Since a number of institutions issue Visa cards, customer service can vary.

Calling a customer-service agent and asking questions about protocol could help you find those companies that go the extra mile.

Go ahead, let them spoil you.

CREDIT CARDS

- The Federal Reserve said that, as of May 1996, total U.S. credit card balances stood at $444 billion.
- If your credit record is really poor, you can get a secured card, which is tied to your savings account.



- You can get fees lowered on your existing cards by threatening to switch.
- The absolute cheapest card is probably through your credit union.
- You can sign your dog up for a credit card. (American Demographics found a woman who did.)

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21st Road Race By-the-Sea and Road Walk

The Cohasset Rotary Club would like to announce that the 21st Annual 10K Road Race By-the-Sea and Walk will be held Sunday, April 6.

This year's race is under the direction of Tom Gruber and Roy Fitzsimmons. The proceeds go to the many intown projects that Rotary supports. More than 800 runners are expected from all over New England. The start of the road race will be at 1 p.m. from the Cohasset Common. There will be free T-shirts and refreshments for all registered runners.

The road walk starts at 10 a.m. from Sandy Beach. The race is sanctioned by USATF-NE. Applications are available at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shops or from the Cohasset Rotary, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The deadline for pre-registration is April 1. Pre-registration fee is $12. Post-registration fee is $15. For race questions, call Austin Lyne at (617) 383-6550. Residents are urged to restrain dogs and to discourage children from skateboarding or riding bikes along the route since they present hazards to the runners.

If you would like to join or address the membership of Rotary, please send a note to President, Cohasset Rotary Club, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA 02025.

RECREATION NOTES

Indoor Golf Lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Scituate Recreation Department, will accept registrations via phone for adult indoor golf lessons, scheduled to begin Thursday evening, March 6.

Lessons are five weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly and cost $65 per person. Classes are limited to eight individuals maximum in size and registrations are accepted on a first enrolled basis. Should you require use of golf clubs for the classes, indicate this at the time of your registration and we will loan you clubs for the classes free of charge.

To register call the Cohasset Registration Department at 383-6791. Mr. Dan Neary will be the golf pro teaching this session, which will be held at the Cushing Elementary School, off Route 3A, Scituate.

Class times are 6 and 7 p.m.

Summer Employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for playground program counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 30 through Aug. 15 plus a one-day orientation during late June. CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school half-day program and the 5- to 12-year-old, full-day programs.

The recreation commission conducts a seven-week day camp structured program for children 3-1/2 through 12 years of age.

Should you be interested in applying, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 for an application or further information.

Pre-School Program Coordinator

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is accepting applications for a pre-school program coordinator for their summer playground program for children ages 3-1/2 through 5.

Candidates should have experience working with pre-school age children and a degree in Early Childhood Education or related fields would be an asset. The pre-school program coordinator reports directly to the playground director and is responsible for program development and staff direction.

The position is for an eight-week period working 3-1/2 hours daily Mondays through Fridays. The rate of compensation is $8 per hour. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 if interested.

Cohasset Little League Signup

The final registration for 1997 Little League Baseball will be held Saturday, March 15, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Deer Hill School. All players (including players who are already on a major league team) must register. In addition to completing a registration form and paying the registration fee, parents are also required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate.

Registration is open to all children who will be at least 5 years old by Aug. 1, 1997.

Call Mark or Lynne at 383-6413 with any questions.

Legion Signups, March 20

American Legion baseball signups will be held Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the George H. Mealy Post on Summer Street in Cohasset.

Athletes between the ages of 16 and 18, who reside in Cohasset or Scituate, are welcome. This meeting is mandatory, if you cannot come, please call Scott Arnold at (617) 545-1896. Hope to see you there.

Youth Lacrosse Players Needed

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse begins its second season this spring, and has just a few roster spots open for fifth- and sixth-graders. Registration for the program is limited to 30 participants, and 25 youngsters signed up during an enrollment period in the fall.

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program plays in the Massachusetts Bay Youth Lacrosse League, playing against other youth programs from around the area. In general, the team has a practice or a game twice each week, beginning in late March and running through Father's Day.

To be eligible to participate, a child must be in the fifth- or sixth-grade and must be able to supply their own equipment. The remaining spots on the team will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, call Coach Chuck Jaffe at 383-9858.

Little League Umps Needed

Umpires are needed for the upcoming Cohasset Little League season scheduled to start April 13. Senior citizens, adults, college students and high school students are encouraged to participate.

For more information, call Dennis at 383-6448.



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Hingham is the Hockey Team of the 90s

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And when it comes to high school hockey, the Hingham High program has established itself as the team of the decade on the South Shore.

This Sunday at the FleetCenter the HHS Harbormen will be playing for their third Division II state title of the decade (they won it all in '92 and lost in the finals in '96). And the Harbormen, who face off with North champs Newburyport at 2:15 p.m., are considered the favorites to win it all after their 6-1 dismantling of Franklin in the South Finals at BC last weekend.

But the HHS program is more than just winning on the ice. The Harbormen, led by long-time coach and Scituate resident Garrett Reagan, play the game the way it's supposed to be.

Consider the following:

•Not only do the Harbormen perennially win the Atlantic Coast League title, they also win the league's sportsmanship award. (They also received this year's James Mulloy Sportsmanship Award from the MIAA and the State Hockey Coaches Association.)

Reagan will not hesitate to bench a player or boot him off the team for dirty play or poor work habits. There's also no coddling or special treatment of the players at HHS. If you screw up, you're gone.

•The Harbormen get it done without relying on superstars.

Reagan uses up to four lines and three pairs of defensemen in every game. Quick shifts (30 to 45 seconds) keep up the relentless speed and fore-checking of the Hingham game. Like a Union General in the Civil War, Reagan and the Harbormen wear down their opponents through attrition and fresh troops.

There's no double shifting of top lines. And the players names are not embroidered across their jerseys. It's all for one and one for all.

•Hockey players want to play and learn at HHS.

Sure Reagan loses the occasional Hingham youngster to a private school like Catholic Memorial or Boston College High, but if a player wants to learn how to play winning hockey, Hingham High is the place.

And the word "mind game" doesn't exist with Reagan. If he has a problem with his team or with an individual player, he lets them know right way. He doesn't yell for the sake of yelling and if player hustles, no matter what his ability, he is on Reagan's good side.

•Modesty starts at the top.

Reagan shuns features, catchy quotes, gloating and predictions when dealing with the press.

Sure he's proud of the HHS program, but he knows that hockey is only a game.

After a victory, he goes out of his way to praise Hingham's opponents, no matter the final score. (He said Franklin would be the class of Division II next year after beating them over the weekend.)

And after a loss, he does not hide in the locker or wear a sour puss with the press. I'll never forget how accommodating and gracious Reagan was after losing last year's state final game to Springfield Cathedral. He thanked every reporter and answered each question thoughtfully.

I know a lot of coaches who are great when their team wins but if they lose, they blame the referees, the crowd, the timekeeper, their players, God, Gordie Howe, you name it.

Hoopsters Into Tourney

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whupped Greater New Bedford in the Bears' home gym.

Cohasset did not start the season with great momentum, and actually had a losing record of 3-4 just after the New Year. From there, the Skippers embarked on an 11-game winning streak which did not end until they fell to the Carver Crusaders late in the season. One reason for the Skippers' run was the leadership of the seniors.

Co-captain Matt Belson, an All-Star in football and most likely in lacrosse this spring, played a different role on the hoops squad. Instead of being a starter, Belson came off the bench to give head coach Ron Ford some help on defense or just to provide a spark when his team needed it. A three-point marksman, an favorite, and also a member of the team's vocal quartet, the Fab Four, Belson helped keep his teammates in stitches.

Burke Davis is another comedian and member of the Fab Four, but he bore another title for the Skippers: Most Underrated. This hard-nosed point guard was called by Ford "fundamentally, the best defensive player in the program," no small praise considering the level at which defense is played by Cohasset. Davis, another co-captain, was always willing to nail the clutch three-point shot and made some spectacular passes during the year. He is one of three Skippers who will play college basketball next year.

Grant Emde was also underappreciated and underused this year. An intense, gritty player with boundless energy, Emde excelled at diving for loose balls and suffocating his assignment on defense. An All-Star centerfielder, Emde was a captain on this year's football team and carried his leadership into the basketball locker room. Although his game face is second to none, Emde's personality changed once the buzzer sounded and he happily took his place as a member of the Fab Four.

What team would be complete without a defense-rebound specialist? In steps Brian Kilroy, a 6-foot-2 senior who loomed as an inside presence this year. A la Dave Cowens, Kilroy seemingly eschewed offense, more content to focus on blocking a shot or tearing down a rebound. However, with great reluctance, Kilroy showed remarkable accuracy on his middle-range jumper. One of the hardest working players on the squad, Kilroy is the final member of the Fab Four.

It is difficult to compare J.L. Williams to any one player. After all, how many players are their team's second-leading rebounder and second-leading three-point shooter? Very adept on the offensive boards, Williams hit several key trifectas for Cohasset this year. Armed with these weapons and a superb on-the-court work ethic, Williams will take his game to the next level next season, undoubtedly playing college ball somewhere.

Finally, Ryan Bishop. A three-year varsity player, the 6-foot-8 center and two-time SSL All-Star, the team leader in rebounds and blocked shots, and nice guy. From my very first day on the job, Bish treated me with a great deal of kindness and friendliness. Now, maybe he just wanted his name in the paper, but I'm sure Bish knew it would get in anyway. Always forthcoming and honest (often hilarious) with a quote, Bishop will be sorely missed, not only by Cohasset basketball, but also by this reporter.

A corp of six seniors such as this always helps to push a team. This year's crop of guys was a versatile, personable crowd who helped guide the squad during the season. Next year's team promises a shocking nine returning lettermen. The Cohasset Skippers, fueled by memories of playing with this year's seniors, will most likely make some noise in the SSL next winter.

Wrestling

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Rourke, a former Skipper wrestler who took fourth in the All-State meet in 1985, was awarded the MIAA's Division 3 Coach of the Year Award.

Sweeney said Rourke was deserving of the award and also credited the work his other coaches put in this season and past years. Doug Sheerin, a volunteer coach, has been a huge asset to the program. Sweeney did say the assistant Peter Buckley would be tough to replace. A Cohasset assistant for the past three years, Buckley recently announce this was his final season.

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BUSINESS NOTES

Cohasset Plaza Fiesta for the March of Dimes

Saturday, March 15, throughout the day, most Cohasset Plaza businesses will be offering special deals and in-store events, along with a variety of interesting fund-raising activities to raise money for the March of Dimes. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to pose for free candids.

The event was organized by Valerie King of King Jewelers and her marketing adviser Nancy Murray Young to help boost mid-winter business while supporting a worthy cause.

To help make the day a successful fund-raiser, King is offering store visitors the chance to walk away with one of six exceptional items, totaling nearly $1,000 in retail value. In a clever twist on the Easter Egg Hunt theme, she is filling hundreds of plastic eggs with items worth at least $5 — customers can choose an egg for a $5 donation to the March of Dimes. For the most part, they'll be filled with coupons for free watch batteries (a $5.25 value) or a $5 discount off jewelry repairs of $10 or more — but six of the eggs will contain coupons redeemable for the following items: a sterling silver "Make Way for Ducklings" pin by Hand and Hammer Silversmiths ($38); a Bulova quartz carriage clock ($70); a sterling silver puffy bunny pendant on a matching chain ($100); choice of a man's or ladies' Citizen gold wrist watch ($100); a gold Claddagh ring with emerald inset ($185); and a unique 14k gold soft bangle bracelet valued at $500.

"Our goal is to raise $2,000," King said.

Papa Gino's manager Ed Meighan is cooking up some Pizzazzy Pizza Party offerings, and 15 percent of the day's revenues will be donated to the March of Dimes. Barbara Cox, manager of Appleseed's, and her staff are planning informal modeling of their terrific new spring fashions. A special sale section will feature great separates for under $10, and there will be a drawing for a merchandise gift certificate in exchange for donations to the day's charity. Some special entertainment is planned as well.

At Sweet Surprises, Sofia and Nikki Yeragotelis invite youngsters to bring their favorite teddy bear or other significant stuffed friend to visit with Muffy Vanderbear and her cuddly pals in this special chocolate and gift shop, get a little treat, and enter a drawing for a few sweet surprises of their own.

The crew at Dunkin Donuts is still working on fiesta plans, but manager Kevin Brown says that the shop's delectable donuts would play an integral role in the fund-raising campaign. Fleet Bank's Cohasset branch manager Connie Zanoni was also putting finishing touches on the bank's activities for the day. At Cohasset Cleaners, John Chang is leaning toward a "Guess How Many Jelly Beans" contest. WATD will be broadcasting live from Cohasset Plaza Saturday afternoon.

"We really appreciate the efforts of business people like Valerie and the other merchants at Cohasset Plaza who understand the value of partnering with organizations like ours," said Stephanie Cohen, March of Dimes Division Director for Southeastern Massachusetts.

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School Notebook

PAC Sponsors Workshop

The Cohasset Parents Advisory Council will sponsor a workshop on "Effective Communication" (between home and school) presented by JoAnn Wadkins from the Federation for Children with Special Needs. To be held March 25, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Cohasset High School, cafeteria. All parents, guardians, and teachers of special needs students are encouraged to attend. For more information call the P.A.C. chairperson Kim Maynard at 383-2707.

Cohasset Schools Celebrate the Arts

The Cohasset school system is presenting "The 1997 Festival of the Arts" which will feature art, music and performances by students of Grades K through 12.

This celebration will take place Wednesday evening, March 19, between the hours of 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset High School.

Please mark your calendars and plan to welcome spring by attending this arts festival and supporting our students of the arts.

Preschool Screening is March 20

A special needs preschool screening for 3- and 4-year-old children will be held Thursday, March 20 between 9 a.m. and noon. The screening will take place at the Joseph Osgood School by appointment only. The goal is to identify at an early age, children who may be experiencing developmental delays or difficulties, and could benefit from special services. Call the student services office at 383-6104 to schedule an appointment.

The Cohasset Teen Center

The Teen Center will sponsor a dance Thursday, March 13, at the Deer Hill School cafeteria for seventh-graders only. The dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. Refreshments and sodas can be purchased. Dance contests will be held and prizes will be awarded. Come and join the fun!

Greek Comedy on Stage

The Cohasset Drama Workshop will present the play "The Twin Manaechmi," a Greek comedy, under the direction of Nigel Cracknell, an exchange teacher from England. The cast includes high school students John Crowley-Buck, Jerry Cogill, Kelly Tufts, Meredith O'Hayre, Mike Kearney, Holly Brennock, Justin Golden, Grace Gardner, Stephen Reynolds, Jenny Chastain, Alex D'urso and stage manager Jacque Hurley.

The show will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 14, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16, in the senior study at the high school. Tickets are available at the door for $4.

This show marks the acting debut of several of the cast members and will be Mr. Cracknell's only directorial venture while in the United States this year. Please come to have a good time and support arts at Cohasset High School.



Pam Speed, Joan Kovach and Jane Ellis react after misspelling their word during the annual spelling bee sponsored by the Cohasset Education Foundation last week. The event raised $4,500.

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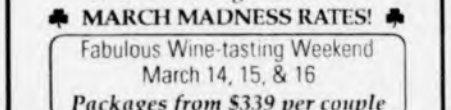
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Police Report

Wednesday, Feb. 19

3:35 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
4:03 p.m., officer wanted, Whitney Woods.
4:09 p.m., fire, brush, Ripley Rd.
4:34 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
4:42 p.m, MV stop, S. Main St.
6:11 p.m., assist motorist, Doane St.
7:13 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:35 p.m., vandalism, rear of fire hdqts.
7:39 p.m., medical aid, Third Ave.
7:48 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
7:52 p.m., general services, Mobil Mart Parking Lot.
7:55 p.m., public service other, CJC Hwy.

Thursday, Feb. 20

1:07 a.m., disturbance, Cedar St.
1:13 a.m., arrest, Douglas Donovan, 255 Cedar St., Cohasset, DOB: 11/10/57, charges: assault and battery.
8:00 a.m., animal complaint, Sandy Beach.
9:12 a.m, suspicious person, Pleasant St.
9:15 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. by N. Main St.
10:51 a.m., well being check, Cushing Plaza.
12:00 p.m., vandalism, behind fire HQ.
1:04 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
1:24 p.m., well being check, 3A by BayBank.
1:50 p.m., animal complaint, the war memorial.
2:24 p.m., property (recovered), Scituate police department.
3:38 p.m., investigation, Cedar St.
4:28 p.m., animal complaint, Sandy Beach.
5:04 p.m., property (found), S. Main St.
9:19 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.

Friday, Feb. 21

11:13 a.m., assist citizen, Schofield Rd.
1:55 p.m., medical aid, Parking Way.
3:36 p.m., annoying phone calls, Cedar St.
3:38 p.m., investigation, Schofield Rd.
5:45 p.m., medical aid, Lamberts Ln.
5:48 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
8:21 p.m., medical aid, Windsor Rd.
9:56 p.m., annoying phone calls, Surry Dr.

Saturday, Feb. 22

1:30 a.m., noise complaint, Beechwood St.
6:46 a.m., vandalism, Sohier St.
10:08 a.m., assist motorist, King St.
10:53 a.m., fire, structure, Pine St.
12:38 p.m., assist citizen, Church St.
2:33 p.m., assist citizen, Bancroft Rd.
3:15 p.m., suspicious (other), Ripley Rd.
4:39 p.m., MV violations, Beechwood St.
5:10 p.m., public service other, Beechwood St.
5:37 p.m., assist citizen, Forest Ave.
7:35 p.m, suspicious (other), Doane St.

Sunday, Feb. 23

1:11 a.m., suspicious (other), Doane St.
1:25 p.m., officer wanted, Bow St.
1:27 p.m., noise complaint, Rocky Ln.
2:32 p.m., noise complaint, Rocky Ln.
4:25 p.m., notification, Forest Ave.
5:25 p.m., fire (electrical), Short St.
5:31 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

Monday, Feb. 24

1:51 a.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
3:21 a.m., suspicious auto, Lamberts Ln.
11:09 a.m., assist motorist, Square.
11:14 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
11:18 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
11:33 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
11:39 a.m., fire, structure, Church St.
12:33 p.m., larceny, Beechwood St.
4:20 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:27 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
8:20 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:39 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

1:08 a.m., MV stop, Mill Ln.
2:05 a.m., open door/window, Pond St.
6:37 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:56 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:14 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:18 a.m., larceny, Pond St.
7:27 a.m., animal complaint, Hammond Ave.
11:43 a.m., disturbance, Elm St.
4:03 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
5:35 p.m., suspicious auto, Spring St.
5:52 p.m., medical aid, N. Main S.t
9:58 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

1:27 a.m., MV stop, Meadow Ln.
6:51 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:57 a.m., MV accident, Forest Ave.
7:29 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
8:38 a.m., vandalism, Jerusalem Rd.
10:33 a.m., medical aid, Mendel Rd.
1:13 p.m., suspicious (other), Beechwood St.
1:46 p.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.
2:55 p.m., fire, tank removal/inspection, the Harbor by Old Salt Box.
4:54 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. by Cohasset Imports.

Arrest: Matthew J. Anderson, 9 Anderson Dr., Marshfield. DOB: 5/3/61. Charges: operating after license or right to op. suspended; operating after revocation of registration; operating an uninsured MV; two default warrants.

Thursday, Feb. 27

12:30 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
9:07 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
10:20 a.m., medical aid, Margin Ct.
10:42 a.m., trespassing, Jerusalem Rd.
11:55 a.m., suspicious (other), area of Howe Rd. and Diab Ln.
12:40 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St. by Rocky Ln.
3:13 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St. by library.
4:33 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:00 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:19 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:15 p.m., animal complaint, Cushing Rd.
10:41 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Friday, Feb. 28

12:09 a.m., disturbance general, S. Main St.
7:40 a.m., MV violations, S. Main St.
8:25 a.m., MV violations, Cushing Rd.
9:30 a.m., medical aid, N. Main St.
9:35 a.m., property (lost), Norfolk Rd.
11:11 a.m., assist citizen, Red Fox Ln.
11:21 a.m., medical aid, Norfolk Rd.
12:36 p.m., animal complaint, area of 114 Pleasant St.
1:27 p.m., medical aid, Ripley Rd.
1:39 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
2:00 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
2:14 p.m., MV stop, Parkingway.
2:20 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
4:19 p.m., fire, outside, Atlantic Ave.
4:45 p.m., fire, outside, Cedar St.
6:39 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
7:19 p.m., medical aid, Wheelwright Farm.
8:30 p.m., animal complaint, N. Main St.
8:43 p.m., noise complaint, Beechwood St.

Saturday, March 1

8:48 a.m., parking violation, the Square.
11:40 a.m., assist other police department, Jerusalem Rd.
11:42 a.m, fire, outside, Government Island.
1:06 p.m., well being check, N. Main St.
2:38 p.m., larceny, Fernway.
4:30 p.m., MV accident, Summer St.
6:19 p.m., larceny, S. Main St.
9:16 p.m., disturbance, Stockbridge St.
9:59 p.m., transport, CJC Hwy.
10:08 p.m., suspicious (other), N. Main St.
10:53 p.m, open door/window, Highland Ave.
11:27 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Sunday, March 2

11:26 a.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.
1:07 p.m., assist citizen, Tupelo Rd.
2:56 p.m., parking violation, Atlantic Ave.
3:07 p.m., disturbance, Howard Gleason Rd.
3:34 p.m., officer wanted, Brook St.
3:40 p.m., open door/window, Ripley Rd.
6:08 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:41 p.m., officer wanted, King St.
8:36 p.m., threats (other), CJC Hwy.
8:43 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Monday, March 3

1:35 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:11 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:54 a.m., medical aid, Border St.
12:14 p.m., medical aid, Woodland Dr.
3:06 p.m., parking violation, Nobles.
3:15 p.m., medical aid, Pond St.
3:30 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
3:41 p.m., MV stop, S. Main @ Summer.
4:17 p.m., general services, Meadow Ln.
6:13 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:20 p.m., assist citizen, Stagecoach Way.
6:23 p.m., fire, gas leak (inside), Atlantic Ave.
7:22 p.m., parking violation, Elm St.
7:56 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

Tuesday, March 4

1:01 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
1:11 a.m., arrest: Peter L. Bernstein, 1944 Main St., Marshfield, DOB: 2/19/57. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, illegal possession of Class D substance; operating MV without inspection sticker.
4:02 a.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.
6:51 a.m., disabled auto, Forest Ave.
7:00 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
7:24 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:34 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:00 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.

Police Make Eight Arrests in February

Historically February has been a slow month for the police department and this year was no exception, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

He reported there were a total of eight arrests last month: three for (domestic) assault & battery, two for outstanding warrants, one for violation of a protective order, one for operating a motor vehicle after license suspension and one for protective custody. There were no breaking & enterings reported during the month.

In February, the emergency dispatch center received 93, emergency 9-1-1 calls.

"Also in February, we were able to interface the 9-1-1 system with our in-house computer system. This project will enable us to immediately down-load critical information from the 9-1-1 screen to our in-house system," Noonan explained.

He praised the Cohasset, Scituate and Marshfield police for excellent detective work in making arrests in the recent "wrought-iron gate" thefts and recovering many of the stolen items.

Public Notices

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In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

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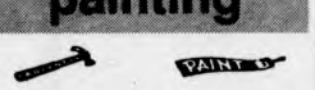
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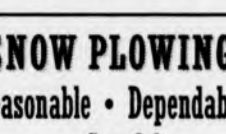
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Mary Keating claps along with an Irish tune at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs.

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Remembrances: Creating Your Own Memoirs. The Cohasset Council on Aging will host an introductory workshop for older adults interested in preserving lasting memories and stories. No skill or experience is needed, just bring writing materials, Wednesday, April 9, 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is $10. Advance registration and payment is required at Council on Aging, 3 No. Main St. Call Kathy Bryanton at 383-9112.

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Celebrate spring at the second annual Mad Hatter Tea Party...an unbirthday party celebration March 23, 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the South Shore Community Center. Sponsored by the South Shore Community Nursery School, all proceeds benefit the programs and scholarship fund of the school.

Party activities and games include: pin the smile on the Cheshire cat, the giant teacup coin toss, family bowling, Mad Hatter party hats to make and wear, edible necklaces, wind streamers, and decorate your own cupcakes.

Party refreshments include an unbirthday cake for all, coffees courtesy of Quikava, hot dogs and chips, and homemade baked goods.

Admission is $5 at the door per child. Accompanying adults are invited to attend free.

For more information call 383-0036.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct the 20th annual Easter Egg Hunt, for children three through 11 years of age, Saturday, March 22, at noon, Deer Hill School field.

The Easter Bunny and helpers will be on hand. There also will be live animals at this year's hunt, as well as the other attractions.

Children will be divided into three separate chronological groups:

Group 1, Ages 3 and 4 (with parent); Group 2, Ages 5 to 7; and Group 3, Ages 8 to 11.

Please bring a small paper bag or container for your candy.

Individually wrapped chocolate eggs will be scattered about the designated areas. In each group some of the eggs will be wrapped with masking tape that will have a number on the tape. Should you find one of the numbered eggs, hold on to it as you will receive a prize from the Easter Bunny.

This year's program sponsors are Cohasset Rotary Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 9146, American Leg Post #118, the Cohasset Pol Association and the Cohasse Chamber of Commerce.

Rain date will be on Saturday, March 29, at noon, Deer Hill School field.

Library Corner

Who's Reading What This Winter

Last summer we noted what some prominent Cohasset bookworms were reading on the beach. With the help of the Paul Pratt librarians, we've compiled a must-read list for cuddling up by the fire, waiting in the carpool line, the dentist's office, the commuter boat, etc. Here's the list:

Kathleen O'Neil, "Civil Action" by Jonathan Harr; Chartis Tebbits, "Angle of Repose" by Wallace Stegner; Anne Bowdoin, "Portrait of a Lady" by Henry James; John Sturman, any history book; Anne Chapman, "Karen's Kittens" by Ann M. Martin; Mark Chapman, "The Vengeance of the Witch Finder" by John Bellairs; Mary Staunton, "Private Altars" by Katherine Mosby; Cecelia Chapman, "Holiday Inn" by James Howe; Susan Ceci, "Morality Play" by Barry Unsworth; Jean Higgins, "Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt; Carol Riley, "Personal History" by Katharine Graham; Bob Riley "How the Irish Saved Civilization" by Thomas Cahill; Retta Dwyer, "Kindred' by Octavia Butler; John Dwyer, "Executive Orders" by Tom Clancy; Ann Mitchell, "Murder She Meowed" by Rita Mae Brown; Annette Sawchuck "Hornet's Nest" by Patricia Cornwell; Ellen Endris "King Solomon's Ring" by Conrad Lorenz; Steve Endris "The Takeover" by Stephen Frey.

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Land Bank Proposal Placed on Hold
May Resurface Next Year

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Open space: most people agree the town should preserve it, but few people agree on how the town should pay for it. That distinction sparked a heated debate at a selectmen's meeting last month when the board discussed a proposed article for a land bank funded through a two percent surcharge on home sales.

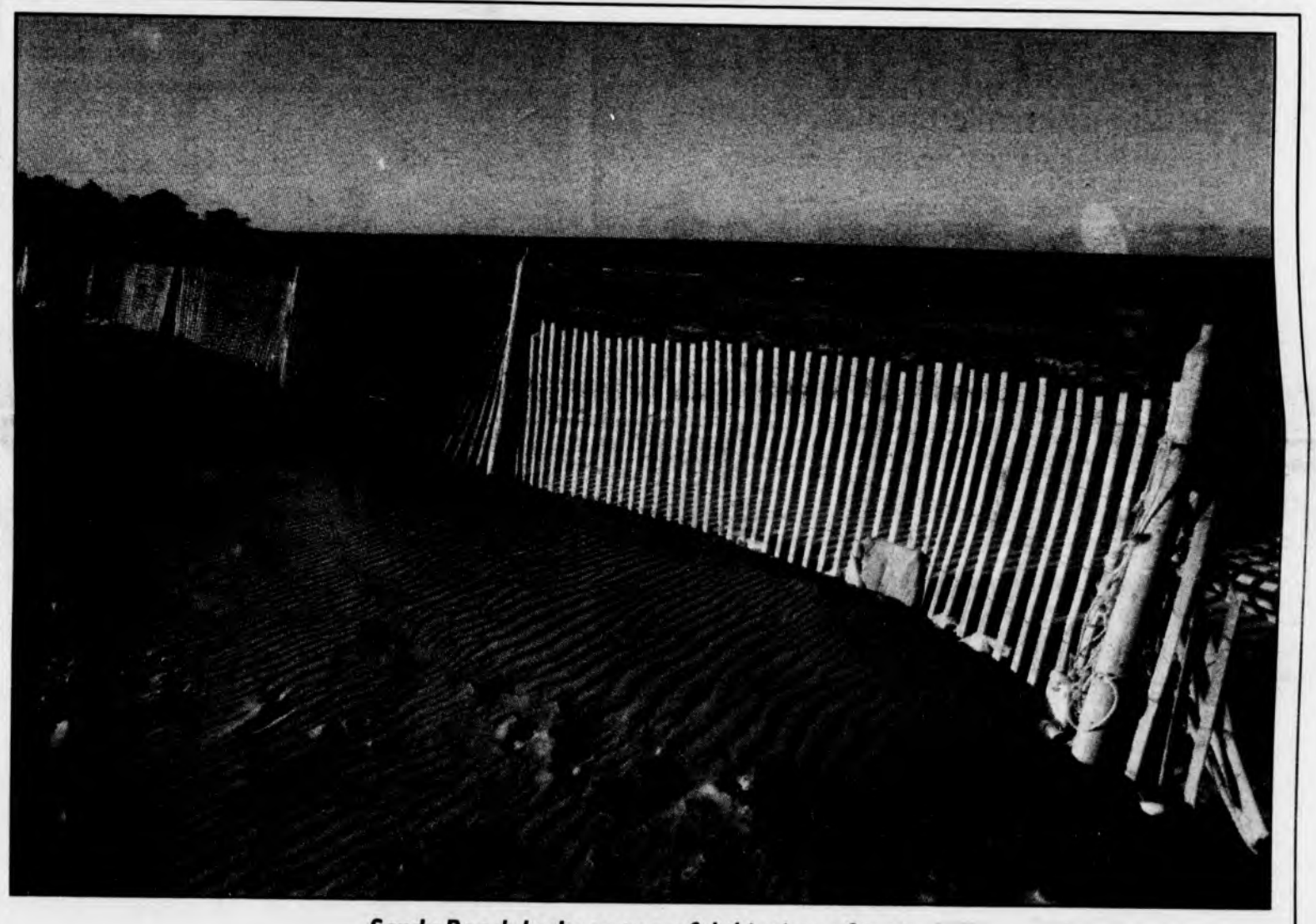
Selectman Ronnie McMorris proposed the article. Selectmen agreed to delay the article to work on some of the details. McMorris said the article would probably resurface at next year's annual town meeting, possibly as a conservation commission proposal.

"The article was pulled because there was so much language that had to be worked out," McMorris said.

Selectman Michael Sullivan has labeled the proposal "another new tax."

Land banks are an attractive way for a town to preserve open space. Towns set aside a certain amount of money each year to purchase conservation land and preserve it as open space. There are a number of ways to fund a land bank, including a surcharge on new home sales or through

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Sandy Beach looks so peaceful this time of year.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Advisers Support Septic, Sewer Plans

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Voters at town meeting are going to have a full menu of choices when the time comes to decide the fates of various plans to address sewer and septic issues in town.

The advisory committee threw its support behind both the board of health's $13 million on-site waste water management plan, and the sewer commission's $18.5 million North and Central sewer districts.

Health board member Kevin Ulmer presented the plan for parity requested by voters at last year's annual town meeting. The plan is intended to provide parity for the approximately 1,500 properties with septic systems not included in the proposed sewer districts.

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Rare Species to the Rescue
T and Town at Mitigation Table

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

The spotted turtle may not know a lot about politics — but it and other rare species could be at the center of future political pressure on the MBTA.

As Cohasset moves along in the mitigation process with the T over restoration of the Greenbush line of the Old Colony Railroad through town — outbound issues such as preserving wetlands will come to the forefront.

According to Michael Dick of the town mitigation committee, there are performance standards the T must meet under state Wetlands Protection Act Regulations before it can alter environmentally sensitive areas.

There are five vernal pools along the rail-bed right-of-way certified by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.

Also good news for Cohasset is the presence of the

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Cohasset's Week

Photos of Beacon Rock Sought

The Cohasset Historic Commission is looking for any photos of Beacon Rock — aka Signal Rock — that will show what was there in the mid/late 1800s. Please call Ham Tewksbury at 383-1074 if you have any information and/or pictures of what existed at that historic installation.

Harbor Committee Backs Lobster Lab

John Bertolami, chairman of the Harbor Committee, wrote to selectmen last week to report that his board recommends town meeting approve the lobster lab proposal for the Hagerty house.

"The Cohasset Harbor Committee invited Mr. Murray Campbell and Dr. Kevin Ulmer, representatives of the project, to make a presentation at our regular March meeting," Bertolami said.

"It was the consensus of the committee that this project will benefit not only the children of Cohasset but the town as well."

Bertolami pointed out that if the building were demolished there would only be an increase of six parking spaces.

Some, who oppose the lab, say parking isn't adequate at the site.

Village Butcher at the Beach

This week, selectmen approved issuing a transient vendor's license to Mike Feroli of the Village Butcher Shop in the village. The license is good from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Feroli said he would have a sausage cart at Sandy Beach and sell sausages, hot dogs and drinks.

Town regulations allow no more than two vendors at the beach at any one time. Vendors must provide a trash bin, are not allowed to use glass and must police the area and beach for all trash associated with their products.

Relay for Life at New Track

The American Cancer Society has received approval from the school department and selectmen to conduct a Relay for Life at the new high school track June 13-14.

The relay begins at 3 p.m. on Friday and continues until 3 p.m. the following day. A 9 p.m, Friday, a candlelight ceremony is held to honor survivors and remember those who lost the battle against cancer.

Teams of eight-to-12 people representing corporations, clubs, neighborhoods and families walk or run in designated shifts. The teams must keep one member on the track throughout the 24 hours. Teams are encouraged to camp out in tents and enjoy the festive atmosphere created by music, food, games and camaraderie shared by others, said organizer Candace Psaros.

Psaros explained that the American Cancer Society has conducted a similar event in Hanover for the past four years without problem.

"There's no damage of any kind," she said. "Our policy is to leave the area cleaner than when we got there.

Psaros said no animals or bikes are allowed but wheelchairs are allowed on the survivors lap during the opening ceremonies.

School athletic director Clark Chatterton said only single lights would be lit on two of the field light posts.

If it rains, walkers will be allowed to use the gym, Chatterton said.

Bid for Fence is Awarded

On the recommendation of Fire Chief Roger Lincoln, selectmen will hire Armstrong Fence, which bid $5,334, to build fencing around the town fuel tanks at the new DPW garage at the town landfill.

Armstrong submitted the higher of two bids but Lincoln said he preferred Armstrong which will use large fences posts as bumpers. Otherwise the town would have to install a guard rail around the cement spill pad making the pad too small.

"With the fence and guard rail, we'd lose another 1-1/2 feet on the spill pad and we have some large vehicles that must get on the pad," Lincoln explained.

The lower bid was $3,615.

Lincoln will talk to the DPW garage committee about installing a roof over the fencing to help prevent any vandalism of the fuel tanks.

Cogill to be Acting Chief

Per the existing collective bargaining agreement and recommendation of Police Chief Brian Noonan, selectmen appointed Sgt. David Cogill to serve as acting police chief from April 4-13 while Noonan is on vacation.

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Sat. 22	10:12	9.8	3:56	10:35	9.6	4:20
Sun. 23	10:51	9.9	4:36	11:10	9.8	4:57
Mon. 24	11:28	10.0	5:14	11:45	10.0	5:33
Tues. 25	——	——	5:53	12:05	9.9	6:10
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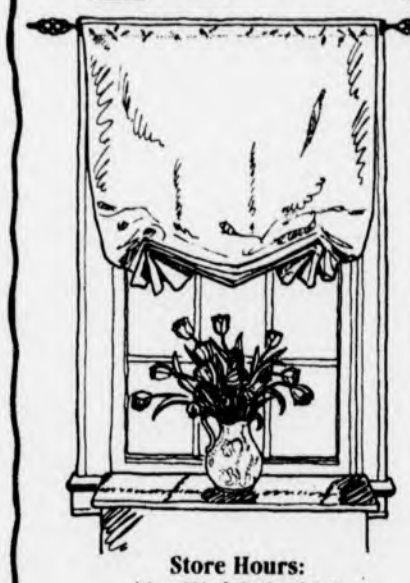
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Three Races Highlight Town Election

With the deadline to return nomination papers passed, the town election season begins in earnest.

There's a four-way race for two open seats on the school committee. Susan M. Turgiss, Joseph McElroy, Kathleen Ofsthun, and Hugh Morgan are all vying for the seats being vacated by Jim Kirk and JoAnne Chittick who are not seeking reelection.

Four people will compete for Peter Pratt's seat on the board of selectmen. Pratt decided last week not to seek a second term. Running are Wigmore Pierson, Tom Callahan, Diane C. Sullivan, and Alexander Koines.

John McNabb Jr. and John C. Pereira are seeking the seat on the water commission held by Fred Koed who is not running for reelection.

Also in the running are: Lillian Murray Curley and incumbent Mary Muncey for two seats on the recreation commission; Alix White for reelection to the health board; Ralph Perroncello, 10 Pleasant Lane, for reelection to the Cohasset Housing Authority;

Anne C. Bowdoin, 131 Nichols Rd., Patience C. Towle, 180 Lamberts Lane, and Agnes McCann, 104 Doane St., for re-election to the board of library trustees;

Raimund G. Vanderweil, Jr., 500 Jerusalem Rd. for reelection to the board of sewer commissioners; Alfred S. Moore,Jr. 101 Fair Oaks Lane, for reelection to the planning board; and Michael C. Patrolia, 15 Cushing Rd., for reelection to the board of assessors.

The election is May 3.

Ten Minutes for Walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes at 8 p.m. on their meeting nights to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed

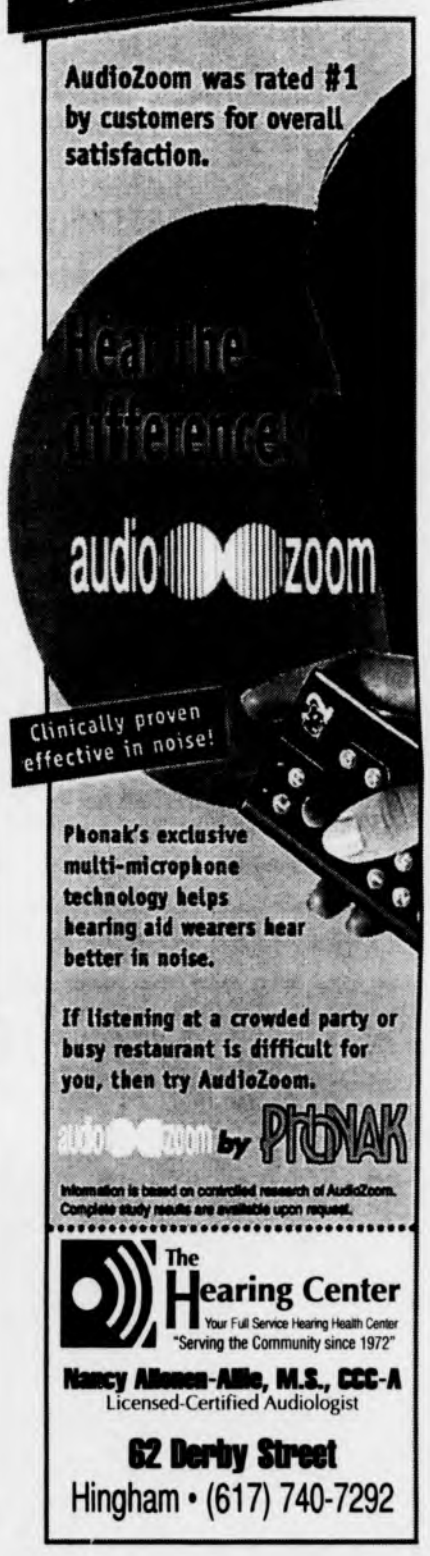
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The following meetings have been posted outside the town clerk's office at town hall:

- Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., March 20.
- Cohasset Housing Authority, 8 p.m., March 25.
- Harbor Committee, 7 p.m., April 3.
- Personnel Committee, 7 p.m., March 25.
- Planning Board, 7:30 p.m., April 2 & 16.
- Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., March 24.
- Water Commission, 7:30 p.m, March 20.
- Water Resources Protection Committee, 7:30 p.m., March 20, 24 & 25.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, 8 p.m., April 16.

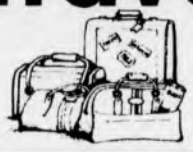
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Town to Play Greenbush Politics

Looks to Hire Mitigation Lobbyist

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Cohasset may follow Hingham's lead and hire a professional consultant to lobby for the town's interests as it deals with the MBTA over a range of issues surrounding restoration of the train.

In a meeting with three of the members of the town mitigation committee this week, selectmen learned that the town must get its issues into the "Section 61 Finding" which is part of the environmental review of the project.

"The whole proof in the pudding is to get what we want into the Section 61 Finding," said Michael Dick of the mitigation committee.

He explained what goes into that section of the environmental review, which must be approved by state Environmental Affairs Secretary Trudy Coxe, becomes the town's "contract" with the T on environmental mitigation issues.

What the town needs is someone to help with the political process to keep pressure on the T and get the attention of the office of environmental affairs, Dick said.

Selectmen directed the mitigation committee to come up with a proposal and priority list of issues — not the least of which is the $1.5 million town flood control project. Officials would like the T to pay for at least a third of the project's costs. The project involves work in the James Brook basin along the rail right-of-way.

The committee will also see if Cohasset could work with other towns on some of their shared concerns.

Selectmen will also contact MBTA general manager Patrick Moynihan and local legislators state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray and state Sen. Robert Hedlund to discuss Cohasset mitigation issues.

Mitigation committee member Martin Corry said everything is on the table.

"Everything is negotiable," he said. Corry explained that Andrew Brennan, environmental affairs manager with the T, who is working with the mitigation committee, can't agree to some of these requests. He said, however, the T won't oppose the town going to the legislature to try to get a package of relief.

Rare Species

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Spotted Turtle (Clemmys guttata), a rare species, in James Brook which runs near the tracks.

Selectmen decided Monday to ask for $1,500 to $2,000 to hire an environmental consultant to define that special habitats exist by catching the critters and photographing them. The money would come out of the town's reserve fund.

Identifying the creatures would force the T to file for a Notice of Intent, a formal procedure, which would subject the project to more environmental review at the local level.

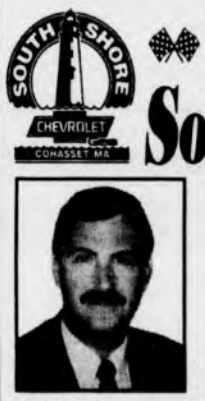
"This would cause the T to slow down on construction in those areas," Dick explained.

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Goal: Learning something new and worthwhile each day.

Best vacation: Short trips to the Cape.

Best day of your life: There are many things to be thankful for but especially those regarding the accomplishments of my children.

Biggest worry: Countless! I'm a worrier by nature.

Favorite holiday: Valentine's Day.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite TV show: 'Law & Order.'

Favorite movie: 'Cinema Paradiso.'

Favorite book: 'Ragtime,' by Doctorow.

Favorite junk food: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Cape Cod Potato Chips, Butter Fingers, etc.!

Most embarrassing moment: Many times that I do not wish to share!

Person you'd most like to meet: (Past) Eleanor Roosevelt and (present) Peter Lynch.

Pet peeve: People who don't follow through on what they say they will do.

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Land Bank

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the general tax fund.

The article asked the town to approve a surcharge of between .5 percent and 2 percent of the total price of a home sale. The proposal also provided suggestions for an exemption on the first $100,000 to $150,000 of the purchase price.

The surcharge would assess property sellers a recording fee at the Registry of Deeds and go into a town-controlled fund.

The average home in Cohasset is valued at $308,000. There were 85 home sales in Cohasset in 1996.

If the plan had been in effect last year, the maximum amount the town would have collected with a 2 percent surcharge and no exemption on 85 homes with an average value of $308,000 would have been $523,600. The minimum amount, based on a .5 percent surcharge on 85 homes valued at $308,000 with a $150,000 exemption, would have been $67,150.

What this could mean for a new home-buyer in Cohasset is a potential increase in the purchase price of a home. For home sellers it would mean absorbing the surcharge into the agreed purchase price.

At a previous selectmen meeting, Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said the surcharge would not be tax deductible and would serve as a deduction on the amount a homeowner realized from the sale.

McMorris said she liked the proposal because it would allow the town to purchase open space without borrowing money. Selectman Nan Roth also supports the proposal.

Sullivan strongly opposed the article, labeling it "sleazy" at one hearing.

"Historically, the town has been pretty effective at buying land," Sullivan said. "Whenever anybody, like the conservation commission, has made a good case they've had pretty good luck."

Sullivan said the surcharge would place an unfair burden on a small percentage of the town to benefit everyone. He said the town should fund a land bank through the levy to keep it fair for everyone.

Sullivan said exempting the first $100,000 or $150,000 would just place the burden on an even smaller percentage of the population: high-end buyers.

Real estate companies oppose surcharges on home sales because of the potential negative impact to the sales market.

Gail Bell, president of the Plymouth County Board of Realtors, said funding land banks through a surcharge on home sales is a terrible idea.

"This would have an enormous negative impact on home sales [in Cohasset]," Bell said. "The town is trying to fund something that will benefit the community by charging a small segment of the population. Tying it to home sales is the worst part; it could devastate the local market."

Bell said there have been 14 single-family home sales in Cohasset so far in the first quarter of the year. She added that last weekend was one of the busiest days for Cohasset Realtors she has ever seen.

Bell said local Realtors plan to meet with state legislators at Realtor Day on the Hill Aug. 8 to discuss real estate legislation and voice their feelings on land banks.

Bell added that she does not oppose a land bank funded through the general tax base.

Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket have adopted successful land bank proposals that fund the program through a surcharge on home sales, DeRensis said. Barnstable County is considering a similar county-wide proposal.

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Advisers Support Sewer Plans

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The health board would borrow $13 million through a state loan program and a Proposition 2-1/2 override to establish a revolving money pool that would provide low-interest loans to property owners with failing septic systems.

The town would reimburse 50 percent of the cost of repairing or replacing a failed system. Residents would pay for the town's half of the program through an increase on the tax rate of about $104 per year per home valued at about $300,000 over the 34-year implementation phase.

Homeowners in the program would pay an average user fee of $177 per year for an initial Title V inspection, annual function tests and pumping. The fee would vary and would be based on actual water usage.

Under the current proposal, the town would accept bids for a company to perform inspections and pumping. Homeowners would also have the option of choosing an inspector/pumper from a list of health board approved companies. The plan would not authorize any additional town employees.

The program would have a cap of $40,000 on any repair in the program so the town would never pay more than $20,000 to any single homeowner. If a repair exceeded $40,000, the homeowner would have to obtain additional funding outside the program.

Advisory committee member Kenneth Ingber said the "second amended judgment for agreement" (a legal agreeement between the town and state) softened the impact of the state's mandate on the town and lessened the need for the health board's program.

"What your left with now is the public health issue and the town's request for parity," Ingber said.

Ulmer said the intent of the plan at this point was to address the 1,500 systems not included in the sewer districts.

"If you want to address those 1,500 homes, you should support this," Ulmer said.

Ingber also wanted to know whether the plan went too far.

"You have a $13 million plan and we don't know if fixing ten systems will cure 80 percent of the problem," Ingber said.

Ulmer said that the problem was that failed septic systems contaminated the ground water, and the town was facing an increasing risk of contamination from microorganisms.

Ingber also felt the average $177 user fee was too high, especially compared to what homeowners were currently paying for pumping.

Ulmer said the fee was essentially a septic system warranty.

Lee Jenkins objected to placing another expensive program on the tax rate. He said the town should distribute the cost evenly among all homeowners.

The committee voted 6-1 to support the plan, with Jenkins casting the dissenting vote.

Sewer Commissioner Edward "Ted" Guild presented four town meeting articles for the advisory committee's consideration.

Article four asks voters to approved the second amended judgment for agreement between the state and the town. The new agreement would allow the town to increase its water flow through the Elm Street sewage facility from 100,000 gallons per day to 120,000 gallons per day.

The increase in water flow would allow the new elementary school to connect to the sewer in 1998 instead of in 2000.

The new agreement also identifies four priority areas in town: Aaron River, Bound Brook, Lily Pond and Little Harbor.

Guild said the new agreement benefited the town by increasing the water flow, extending deadlines for the completion of sewer projects and saving the town some money. The advisory committee voted 7-0 to support the article.

Article five asks voters to approve the Central Cohasset sewer district project, and to pick up one half of the cost of the North Cohasset sewer district project. If town meeting approves the articles, voters would be asked to approve a 50 percent reimbursement for users in the program through a Proposition 2-1/2 override.

Guild said that voting yes on article five would approve the project regardless of whether the Proposition 2-1/2 override passed. If voters defeat the override, users would pay the entire cost of connecting to the system through betterments.

Selectmen have said they will immediately announce another special town meeting if article five fails.

The advisory committee supported article five 7-0.

The committee unanimously supported article 10, which modernizes language in the sewer department's rules and regulations.

The committee also unanimously supported article 13, which authorizes the town to borrow up to $5 million from the state to implement a low-interest loan program to address septic failures that pose the greatest risk to public health.

Homeowners could borrow money from the town at five percent interest to address septic failures in the four priority areas identified in the second amended judgment for agreement.

Guild said the article addressed the minimum legal requirement set forth in the second amended judgment for agreement.

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People Behind the Title:
Maria Plante, Cohasset's Constable

By Mary S. Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In medieval monarchies, a Constable served as a military commander in the ruler's absence. In peaceful times, another duty was to govern the royal castle.

Today, in Cohasset, we have a Constable. But put aside the image of monarchies and royal castles because the definition of a Constable and the duties thereof are different today.

The Constable today is a peace officer who is empowered to serve writs and warrants, and to make arrests, if need be. In fact, the Constable today has less authority and a smaller jurisdiction than a sheriff. The position is an appointed one, with a term of three years.

Maria Plante is Cohasset's badge-toting Constable, and has been since the early 1980s. She is a Cohasset resident, mother of six, and grandmother of 11.

In an interview at her place of business, also in Cohasset, Maria shared information about herself and her job as Constable.

Q: How did you become Constable?

A: In the early 1980s, I went down to Town Hall to see Billy Signorelli, the town accountant. He was a friend of our family's, and I wanted him to help me do some cost accounting on the casinos that MGM Grand wanted to put in Hull. I had organized Citizens Against Casino Gambling because the casinos MGM was proposing on the 64 acres of land they bought would have been less than a mile from my home. While I was there, an assistant came in and told Billy the person who had applied for Constable didn't qualify. He turned to me and said, "Maria, why don't you apply?" It was as simple as that.

Q: You're a take-charge person. What was the application process like for Constable?

A: Billy gave me a copy of the General Laws, which said I was to apply to the Board of Selectmen as they would be the ones to appoint me. I had to get a reference from a lawyer in town, a judge, and a State Representative. I also had to be without any felony charges. You have to be an honest person because you are required to make return of service to the court. When the Judge asks if you did so, he needs to know you are telling the truth when you say yes.

Q: Sounds like you also need to be reliable and have good follow through. What are your duties?

A: Duties are to and for the Town of Cohasset. I'm called by different boards, and a lot by the Town Clerk because she is involved in getting notices posted for town meetings, special meetings, and elections. When the Attorney General reviews the Town's By-Laws and accepts them, I have to post them as well. I also post notices and warrants for the Boards of Selectmen, Health, and Assessors. Postings have to be done where they are accessible to people, like the library, post office, Town Hall lobby, and police station,. I also post at places like the dry cleaners and gas stations, where people go a lot.

Q.: Do you work with other government offices outside Cohasset:

A: I choose to serve only in Cohasset. It's concentrated and controlled here. I know people. I'm nonviolent, and I choose not to place myself in danger, which is a risk when working in bigger towns and cities outside of Cohasset.

Q: That makes sense. What are the problems in carrying out your duties as Constable?

A.: Most people I serve I know. In the situation where I have to serve someone I don't know or don't trust, I can call and get police backup. Several years back, I had an incident where I knew that the person I was serving had violent tendencies. I called for police backup, got it, and was glad afterward I did because the gentleman did get violent.

I also have access to other constables on the South Shore through the Constables Association. In a situation in which I am serving an eviction or it's someone I know to be difficult, I can call in another constable to work with me.

Q.: That's reassuring. What's enjoyable about being Constable?

A. I like meeting and talking to people. I like acting as a mediator as well. For instance, I know people sometimes have difficulty with money and can't pay their bills. If I can get the two parties to work out their difficulty without having to take the defendant to court, that's the part I like about it. It's not black and white.

Q: Compassion is important. How many types of writs and warrants are there?

A: Many. Most popular is the Notice to Show Cause that comes out of the courts. Small claims up to $2,500 or less. I have summonses and complaints, subpoenas and eviction notices. I am able to serve civil, federal or criminal warrants, but mostly, I serve civil papers in local courts.

Eviction notices can be difficult in some cases. One that wasn't was when the Red Lion Inn transferred its ownership recently and the new owners wanted all the tenants out. The tenants knew it was coming so I didn't have to physically go in. But sometimes there are situations when a Constable has to go into the house with papers and remove belongings. That involves hiring a bonded moving company that has a storage area. The first thing a Constable does in that situation is to pull the telephone plug out of the wall so they can't call the court to get an action against the Constable. Then it's a matter of cataloging the house contents before it all goes into storage, where it stays until things are worked out with the court.

Q: Have you ever had to make an arrest?

A: No. I do have the power to arrest but I don't carry a gun. I am not equipped to handle a situation like that.

Q: Have you ever had to serve papers in the middle of the night?

A: No. By law, papers aren't allowed to be served before sunrise or after sunset. To be Constable, however, you should be available around the clock all the time because you never know when you're going to be called. Since I took this position, I went away once. The police chief then assigned the service of papers to one of his officers, which is generally the case in all towns.

Q: Is the position of constable a paid one?

A: It's not salaried, but every service I get called to do is $20, which includes my mileage and postage. Cohasset is only seven square miles.

Q: How many services do you conduct a year?

A: Each year is different. But you have to consider that I pay for my bonding, badge, dues for membership in the Massachusetts Constable Association, postage, and miles. It's not a lucrative position. I used to bring my daughter, Jennifer, with me when she was a young girl. I would share the $20 with her, which she used to save toward college.

Q: Your term is coming up and you are re-applying in June. Do you have advice to others who may be interested in applying for Constable?

A: Sure. Draft a letter with your qualifications and references to the Board of Selectmen before June 30. Be an honest person with no felony record, and be willing to be available around the clock.



Maria Plante has been Cohasset's constable since the early 1980s.

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Seahawks Hockey Players Shine at States

Attention, **Mike O'Connell** — here are three up-and-coming hockey stars that you might be interested in in the future! Three hockey players from Cohasset have won the State Championship at Stoneham this past weekend with the Seahawks team coached by **Frank DiCristofaro. Michael Rasmussen** scored a hat trick (three goals) in each of two play-off games, **Michael Hajjar** scored two goals in the final game and **Michael Colorio** played brilliant defense.

Congratulations, boys, and good luck in New Hampshire in the Regionals!

❑

Colin Eastman Studds, son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Colin A. Studds** of Cohasset, has been chosen to be a Writing Fellow at Brown University for the 1996-97 academic year. Studds is a second-semester senior at Brown studying English and American literature. The Writing Fellows program helps Brown students learn to communicate more effectively by providing specially trained undergraduate tutors with whom they may revise their written work. Fellows are chosen for their writing ability and for their willingness to help others learn to write, and they take an intensive course in the theory and practice of the teaching of writing.

❑

Like Little League Baseball? Want to be involved even though you are too old, or don't have anyone playing? Do we have an idea for you! Umpires are needed for the upcoming Cohasset Little League season, scheduled to start April 13. Senior citizens, adults, college students and high school students are encouraged to participate.

For more information call **Dennis** at 383-6448.

❑

Brother Daniel E. Skala C.F.X., Headmaster of Xaverian Brothers High School, announced the students who have achieved honor roll standing for the second marking period of the 1996-97 academic school year. Our congratulations go to two Cohasset scholars, **Todd C. Harrington** and **Matthew K. Lewis.**

Todd is a senior and he earned Ryken Honors (grades of 90 or above in all courses). He is the son of **Mrs. Cherylann Harrington.**

Matthew is a member of the 1998 Class and made first honors (grades of 85 or above). He is the son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Kevin F. Lewis.**

❑

There is a new addition to the **Stuart** and **Elizabeth Hebb** family of Cohasset — **Claire Frances Hebb,** born Jan. 22 at South Shore Hospital. Claire is the sister of **Laura Hebb,** age 2.

Her grandparents are **Dr.** and **Mrs. James Dougherty** of New Jersey and **Judge Robert** and **Mrs. Hebb** of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Liz and Stuart would like to thank everybody for the overwhelming support they have been given over the last few months! We are so glad that it is spring (almost) so that we can catch a peek of Claire when she takes a stroll "around town!"

❑



Don't miss 'Stolen Moments,' an exhibition featuring the work of our very own Ann Berman, art teacher at the Deer Hill School, March 24-April 4 at the Arnheim Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art in Boston. There's also an artist reception, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., March 25 at the gallery.

Attention all of you Easter Egg hunters, the annual Easter Egg hunt will be March 22 at Deer Hill School. It is for ages 3 to 11 (they will be split up into three groups for the hunt), it will begin at noon, and you are asked to bring containers for the candy that is to be "found." Be sure that you accompany your 3- or 4-year-olds. Our hats are off to the sponsors of this event — Cohasset Rotary Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, The Cohasset Police Association and the Chamber of Commerce. Oh yes, the Easter Bunny will be there to greet your little ones! Have fun!

❑

The DAR is looking for some help from you — they are collecting Campbell's products labels and other proofs of purchase — there are more than 1,000 items (i.e., all soups, Marie's dressings, Mrs. Paul's frozen foods, Swanson foods, V8 juice, Franco-American, Vlasic, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, Pace, all Campbell's soup products. Please give any labels you have saved to either **Ann Pompeo** or **Barbara Dillon** and remember, this is an ongoing project for the DAR, they will welcome your labels and/or proofs of purchase anytime! And, they will be ever-so grateful!

❑

Isn't it great to see those two beautiful red lawn mowers in the Cohasset Hardware Store window? Oh boy, spring really cannot be too far behind! YEAH!

❑

Don't forget to call me with your news, and be sure to remember that I have to have the column in early Friday mornings from now on! Have a great weekend, then call me so that we can all share it!

— Sallyann
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Great Vigil of Easter

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter, a candlelight service Saturday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. The worship is dramatic, beginning with the church in darkness. Candles are lit and at the moment when resurrection is proclaimed the lights are turned on signifying that the resurrected Jesus is the light that leads the world out of darkness.

Worship Easter morning, Sunday, March 30, will be at 8 and 10 a.m. with the full choir and choristers. Both services, Eucharist with sermon, will be in the church.

Prior to Easter, there will be worship in the church on Maundy Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. This Eucharist commemorates the last supper and the importance of community for the church's life together in Christ. Following the Eucharist will be a simple meal of foods typical of Jesus' place and time — breads, cheese, olives, nuts, fruits, and milk and honey!

A 24-hour Prayer Watch will begin Maundy Thursday at 3 p.m. Parishioners sign up for an hour throughout the day to be in church to read, pray, just to be quiet or meditate. It recalls the words of Psalm 130: "my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning." It is a powerful experience of prayer each minute throughout the day bringing the church into Good Friday.

Good Friday worship begins at noon March 28 with an hour of quiet. The Prayer Book liturgy begins at 1 p.m. A service for children takes place at 2 p.m. followed by a half hour of quiet reflection and prayer to end the traditional three hours of worship while Jesus was on the cross. A number of parishioners and the youth group will participate in the 20-mile Good Friday walk raising money to assist economically poor areas of the South, particularly in rural Mississippi.

Obituaries

Assunta M. Train

Assunta M. (DeGeorge) Train, 91, of Cohasset, a member of St. Philip Neri Parish in the Waban section of Newton where she arranged flowers for Sunday Mass for 50 years, died Sunday at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home following a brief illness.

Mrs. Train enjoyed painting seascapes and flowers and was involved in several art programs in the Newton area.

She was a former telephone operator.

Mrs. Train was born in Dedham and lived in Waban for 65 years before moving to Cohasset several years ago.

Wife of the late Charles D. Train, she leaves a son, Charles Train of Waban; three daughters, Janette Antonellis of Newport, R.I., Beverly Lind of Princeton and Doris Golden of Cohasset; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Summer Street. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Arlington.

Arrangements were by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull

E. Louise Gonsalves

E. Louise (Fiekers) Gonsalves of Cohasset died Sunday after a long illness.

Mrs. Gonsalves was born in Boston.

She enjoyed cooking, gardening and the seashore.

Wife of the late Alfred Gonsalves, she leaves two sons, Donald Hakkila of Waldeboro, Maine and Robert Hakkila of Woburn; four daughters, Virginia Brown of Plymouth, Carol Allen and Dorothy Fiori, both of Scituate, and Nancy Ferreira of Marshfield; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church of Marshfield.

Arrangements were made by the Cremation Society of Massachusetts.

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Question of the Week

This year there are three races on the ballot for the May 3 town election.

There's a four-way contest for selectman, a four-way race for two seats on the school committee and a race for an open seat on the water commission.

In keeping with our tradition, we will pose a Question of the Week to the candidates running for contested seats.

Thomas Callahan, Alexander Koines, Wigmore Pierson and Diane C. Sullivan are all vying to fill the vacancy on the board of selectmen created when Peter Pratt steps down after the election.

Joseph McElroy, Hugh J. Morgan, Kathleen Ofsthun and Susan Turgiss will compete for two open seats on the school committee. JoAnne Chittick and Jim Kirk are not seeking reelection.

And John K. McNabb Jr. and John C. Pereira will run for Fred Koed's seat on the water commission. Mr. Koed has decided not to run for reelection.

All candidates, opposed and unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

Next week, we will feature candidates' answers to the following Question of the Week. Responses should be brief — no more than 250 words — and must be received by noon, Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they are too long.

'What is the biggest challenge facing the board you would like to represent? How will you make a difference?'

Candidates may reply the FAX at 617-741-2931 or by mailing or dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham on 73 South St. by noon Monday. Be sure to leave enough time for mail delivery.

We will also publish a candidates' corner but it is limited to a few lines from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept Letters to the Editor from candidates or letters endorsing candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues up until the April 24 issue before the election.

Candidates are encouraged to advertise their campaigns in the Mariner. For information about deadlines and costs of political advertisements, please contact Claudia Oliver at 1-800-649-6661.

If you have any questions, please call us at 383-8139.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proud to Wear Townie Title

To the Editor:

The power of the Globe article on Cohasset is very far reaching. I first heard about it from a member of our veterinary ski club who is a consultant to Mr. Roy. At the time, we were in the Canadian Rockies, 2,300 miles from Cohasset.

There was an e-mail message about the Globe article waiting for me when I arrived back home. It was from my brother, Joel Pratt who lives in Machias, Maine. Machias is at least 400 miles from Cohasset.

The next day I received the whole article from a former "Townie" Hope Warren Morgan, who is wintering in Tucson, Arizona. Tucson is approximately 2,350 miles southwest of Cohasset.

Another Cohasset friend, who is wintering in Scottsdale, Arizona, Mary Campbell, told me she had received two copies of the same news article. She was wondering if she qualified to be a "Townie."

My Mariner arrived the following day with the Editorial about the indignation of stereotyping Cohasset residents. Next came the excellent letters by Kelly Stone and Bob Davenport. On that same day, I received the second copy of the Globe story from a friend living in Delaware, 1,000 miles from Cohasset.

I have lived in Santa Cruz, California for the last 26 years, so why do you think people have sent the clippings to me? Because I was a "Townie." My ancestors did not know it when they seceded from Hingham, but they were all "Townies." Today, there are still many of my first cousins, including a selectman who are "Townies." I hope they are as proud as I am to wear that title!

Cynthia Pratt Pensinger
Santa Cruz, California
3000+ miles from Cohasset

Help with Mailings Appreciated

To the Editor:

Last week the Treasurer-Collector's office was faced with the task of mailing out 5200 excise tax bills. We called Virginia Anderson at Elder Affairs and the following seniors reported for work. Mary Andracchio, Mary Davis, Dot Lincoln, Steve Leighton, Phyllis Leighton, Tilly Nardo, Maria Perroncello, Pat Hanlon, Libby Pompeo, Olga Sawchuk, Connie Tolman and Peter Tolman.

5200 bills is almost twice as many as there are real estate bills. It is a very big job and very time consuming. Some of the seniors planed on working a half day, but when they saw how much there was to do, the ones that could, came back for the afternoon session. Virginia was able to line up more people, however, they still had to come back the next morning to finish.

The week before some of the same seniors plus others mailed the water bills for the Water Department. They are back this week mailing the town warrants for the Town Meeting. This is for the Selectmen's Office. Next week they will be here to mail the real estate bills for my office.

The people I mentioned and all the others I have missed are really super concerned citizens. I hope the town appreciates what they do. I know my staff and I do.

Joseph D. Buckley
Treasurer/Collector

Drug & Alcohol Committee to Lobby for DARE

By Melissa Boynton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

If the Drug and Alcohol Committee had its druthers — Cohasset would be a DARE community.

Toward that effort, last week the group invited Hingham's DARE officer Michael Peraino to talk about the national program which forms a partnership between the police and schools.

Peraino, a Cohasset resident, detailed his experiences with the program, including how students sometimes call to alert him about unsupervised parties.

"There was an unsupervised BYOB party to take place following a Saturday night dance," he recalled, detailing one incident. "Several calls were placed to the station from anonymous students who were concerned about what might happen there and wanted me to let the parents know."

Peraino told the appreciative parents, averting a possibly dangerous situation.

"That kept us from having to confront and arrest kids ....that's not what we want to do, we'd much rather prevent problems," he said.

D&A Committee members said while they are satisfied with the quality of the work performed by Police Officer Lisa Matos, who is the town's PALS officer, they are not satisfied with the quantity.

PALS (Police Assisting Local Schools) started several years ago and is unique to Cohasset.

In a telephone interview, Matos — who conducts three, 40-minute periods in grades K-6 annually — said DARE is in the classroom 20-25 times a year.

"More time needs to be found for the health education period," she said. "I don't care if it's being delivered by me, Mike Gill (schools' director of health education), or another teacher," Matos said.

But she is quick to point out that having a full-time officer dedicated to education on drug and alcohol abuse is not necessarily the answer.

"In a vacuum, having a full-time officer can only do so much — the school, the parents and the community all need to work together on this."

Gill defends PALS and other school health programs and points out they are effective but have a low profile.

"DARE has become a public relations machine complete with slogans and bumper stickers," Gill told the Mariner. "The reason you don't hear about these other programs is because teachers aren't in the business of promoting."

Gill said he has repeatedly invited Drug & Alcohol committee members to attend the Health Education Advisory Council if they are concerned about the curriculum which includes PALS as part of the in-school health education program.

"This council has been in place for 17 years as a forum for discussion on what we teach our children in the schools. I have attended the Drug and Alcohol Committee meetings in the past and told them if they were really interested in this issue to do some research, bring some information or programs that have proven results."

D&A committee members said they would discuss the possibility of DARE with other people around town to gain support. Committee Chairman Craig Muir said he would approach the schools and selectmen about the issue.

Committee Seeks Direction

"Can't we just start looking at solutions?" interjected Tony Bramblett, recent student appointee to the Drug and Alcohol Committee at last week's meeting.

This frustrated plea came as a result of more and more parents commenting on the recently publicized Woburn case, where more than a dozen teens ingested handfuls of prescription pills, and other unfortunate incidences of drug and alcohol abuse.

"I feel like we really need to start discussing solutions to the problems instead of just hashing and rehashing stories of use and abuse," said Tony.

Ron Hammer, also a member of the committee, wants to know "why we (as a committee) haven't gotten involved in advising and influencing policy revolving around drug and alcohol abuse at the school. Other appointed government agencies have that function, why don't we?"

In a phone conversation following last week's meeting, long-term committee member Margo Aikens said, "I feel the committee is frustrated. We aren't really clear what our responsibilities are, but we're trying. I, for one, would like to see a more organized meeting with minutes taken and representation from the board (of selectmen)."

Craig Muir, chairman of the Drug and Alcohol Committee, expressed similar frustrations. When asked what the objective of the group was, he said, "I don't think there has been a clear cut objective because the community at large has not been able to accept that there is a problem.

"We are a committee that welcomes parents who are not satisfied with the level of drug and alcohol education in the schools. We are more of a sounding board for their concerns," he said.

When asked what their mission statement was, he responded, "Do we have agendas, a mission statement or goals? Yes, it's to save one kid from getting killed."

The focus of the meeting turned to DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), a program for which the committee is currently attempting to gain community support (see related story). The next committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 9.

— Melissa Boynton

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Standpipe Location is Paramount

Board of Water Commissioners
Town of Cohasset

The construction of a second standpipe for the Cohasset water system is long overdue. Its location is paramount to the efficient operation of the distribution system.

I feel obligated to share with you my knowledge of conditions at the Bear Hill site, and reasons why Scituate Hill is the only viable location.

First, I would like to commend your board for the great strides you have made on improvements in the distribution system recently.

An area at the highest point on Bear Hill, large enough on which to construct a two-million gallon tank, would necessitate using some portion of the area where the old earthen reservoir was located.

When the old reservoir was demolished, all material including granite cap stones, the brick gate house, the reinforced concrete core walls (some pieces the size of a pick-up truck) riprap, crushed stone, clay and top soil were bulldozed in and covered, hence this entire area is honeycombed, full of voids, air pockets and cracks, rendering it unstable as a construction site.

Without first carrying out extensive and costly test borings, and possibly facing complete reclamation of the site, I do not believe this area could withstand the hundreds of tons of concrete, steel and water that would be placed there.

Having two, two-million gallon tanks at the same location (all storage capacity for the distribution system) would be of no value in the event of a long term breakdown of the distribution lines leading to and from them. Remember the original 12" cast iron main there is now more than 100 years old, and the other feeder lines are transit mains, more than 40 years old.

Scituate Hill provides many advantages, a few of which are as follows:

(1) Highest elevation in town.

(2) Direct feed to trunk main on Route 3A.

(3) Would provide an even flow and pressure to the distribution system.

(4) Increase flow and pressure to the new Forest Ave. line, Jerusalem Road area and future service to North Cohasset.

(5) Serve proposed new large diameter mains on Route 3A, north of King Street to the Hingham line and North Main St., North from King Street, Forest Ave. to Woodside Cemetery. (This section of town has no mains. A hodgepodge of small pipes run on private property, through swamps and the railroad right of way, serve most of the businesses in this section of Route 3A).

(6) Increase fire flow on Route 3A and the north end of the distribution system.

(7) Reduce the work load of the treatment plant.

A site on Scituate Hill on property owned by the state Dept. of Public Works was chosen as an ideal site in 1980. Inquiries into the acquisition, or use of two acres was initiated at that time. It is my understanding that little or no follow-up effort was made through the 1980s. However, I am certain an equitable agreement can be reached with the Department of Public Works. Perhaps a long term renewable lease, if not an outright purchase.

This project is already 15 years behind schedule. A little extra time and expense to develop the Scituate Hill site would prove advantageous for the entire distribution system and the future yearly operations cost of the water department.

Edwin H. Pratt
Former Water Superintendent

Mr. Pratt provided a copy of this letter to the Mariner for publication.

Harbor is More Than a Place to Keep a Summer Toy

To the Editor:

Having kept a summer toy in Cohasset harbor for most of the last three decades, I've observed those in the harbor who don't. Sleeping aboard my ketch, I've felt the wake at four a.m. of the lobstermen who are starting their day. Coming down to the yacht club during a northeaster to "see how she's riding," I've been aware of the occasional work boat checking moorings or, perhaps saving a boat that broke loose.

This I know about men who work in our harbor: They see a lot more sunrises than I do, they get scared more often. They are prey to bitter disappointment more frequently than, perhaps, I am. And, they love their element more than those of us who take it more casually. Also, they land more than a half million pounds of lobster for the local economy. They, most of them, pay their bills if they can, and have loyal and loving families, but I've never seen a rich fisherman. And now, in the name of progress, the workers in our harbor are under increasing pressure.

In the last three years, the number of slips in Cohasset has doubled, and increasingly, federal and state laws require ever more concessions from fishermen and industries along our waterfront. Now, condominiums may soon erase a landmark used by fishermen and boatmen for nearly 10 generations with no one to protest. Everyone has a right to use our harbor, but in order to do so, there needs to be a balance in the facilities and support for every use that can be made for this precious asset. The harbor should not be developed solely for recreational boating ... nor for condominium owners ... nor for large yachts ... nor for marinas, but for every type of interest our town has in its waterfront.

One waterfront project, the Marine Biology Learning Lab should take its place among many other uses for this remarkable harbor. A learning center like the Marine Lab will not operate in a vacuum. It will mean jobs for some who might otherwise not be able to follow the sea as their parents did. The staff will only be about five people, but students will find jobs in the lab to supplement their incomes, and teachers will have a place right in town to work on grants and obtain other support such as teaching credits. New support businesses will grow, just as they have at a similar, somewhat larger (nine staff positions) genetics laboratory at cold Spring Harbor in New York. Everyone associated with our waterfront will have a vested interest of some form in the Learning Lab.

But, more important, I believe that no interest takes precedence over expanding the ability of our youth to equip themselves for an increasingly complex future. In this age when we can clone mammals, our educational system must adapt and develop improved methods for our kids to learn about biological science. But recipients of the biggest benefit will be the kids. Fishermen's kids may find a substitute means of working with the sea their fathers taught them to love, and future generations will have an ever clearer understanding of this wonderful, bountiful ocean before us.

Stephen N. Bobo
292 Jerusalem Rd.

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Cohasset Artist Alemian Exhibit at Library

Kimberlee Alemian of Beach Street, Cohasset, currently has on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Library a group of 25 of her recent oil paintings. The award-winning artist, who holds an MFA degree from the Visual Arts Division of Boston University as well as a degree from Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, has exhibited her work throughout New England, including the South Shore Art Center, Milton Art Museum, Robert Wilson Galleries, Nantucket, Old Sculpin Gallery, Edgartown. This most recent show, entitled, "Passages," is sponsored by the South Shore Art Center and the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library.

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Hockey Speedster Aims High

All-Star Greg Figueiredo Has Barely Scratched Surface of His Potential

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Greg Figueiredo has never drawn a lot of attention to himself during warm-up laps on the ice before a game.

But it's when the game actually gets under way that the Cohasset High hockey All-Star raises the eyebrows of the spectators in the stands.

Just an eighth grader, Figueiredo makes up in his hockey skills what he lacks in physical size. Fitting more to the mold of NHL All-Star Paul Kariya than Eric Lindros, the 5-foot-4, 138-pound Figueiredo is a lightning-quick skater who has scored many a goal by beating his opponent to the puck and breaking in on the goaltender unmolested.

In short, Figueiredo's talent pool runs deep. And at 15 years old, it's virtually untapped.

And though he isn't one of the biggest players on the ice, Figueiredo is constantly one of the most aggressive.

Figueiredo likes to drive hard to the net and that can mean some heavy hitting over the blue line.

But it's often Figueiredo dealing out the hardest hits.

"You don't have to be big to play hockey," he said simply. "You have to know how to hit."

Figueiredo put up some impressive numbers this past season for a Cohasset squad that struggled with a 4-11-2 record. He wound up with 17 goals and 14 assists, good enough to earn his second consecutive South Shore League All-Star berth.

Figueiredo has made it a habit the past two seasons of making an impact on the outcome of the All-Star game against the best hockey players from the Atlantic Coast League. As a seventh grader, Figueiredo scored the first goal of the game to give the SSL an early lead. This season he was even more of a factor in the SSL's 7-5 win.

Skating on a line with Hanover's Greg Carr and Tim Morrison, Figueiredo tied the game, 3-3, when he top shelved a quick wrist shot after Morrison worked the puck to the center of the ice.

Figueiredo, however, wasn't done contributing to the SSL's offensive outbreak. After the ACL came back to tie the game Figueiredo scored the what turned out to be the winning goal with 2:30 left. He ripped past the defense and Carr's pass from the blue line sent him in alone for an easy tally on a shot between the goalie's pads.

Figueiredo loved playing with the best players in the league, with no practice beforehand, because they were pretty much left on their own to improvise the offense.

"We were thrown together for a fun game," Figueiredo said. "It was great playing with the other All-Stars. We all got along well and talked about upcoming games."

The high school team improved on last year's record with its four wins, but the season was frustrating for Figueiredo just the same. He registered two hat tricks against Abington and Wareham.

He believes the team may have had a better overall season if the squad put together a string of wins closer to the start of the schedule. There were at least four games where the Skippers outplayed their competitors, but still came away with a loss. The overall record wasn't a true indication of just how good the team had improved.

"We did do better than last year," Figueiredo said, "but we got off to a slow start against Abington (a 9-2 loss)."

Figueiredo had a goal and assist in the game and could already feel the difference his offseason work had made. His skills were sharper for so early in the season he had bulked up 20 pounds through lifting and grew three inches.

His best game came against Division 3 state champion Hanover. Figueiredo figured in all three of the Skippers' goals in the 8-3 loss, scoring two and assisting on the other.

Without a doubt, it is the additional skating and games Figueiredo puts in that makes the big difference during the high school season.

In the summer he skates for Hockey Unlimited under Dave McCauley which strengthens his legs and further improves his already excellent speed. In fact, Figueiredo was recently timed and was rated by USA Hockey to be the fastest skater in Massachusetts, who was born in 1982.

Greg's father, Paul Figueiredo, who is one Dennis Walsh's high school assistants, realizes his son has to play year-round in order to improve and move up to the next level. But on the same token, Paul doesn't push his son to play. He actually has a tougher time keeping him off the ice.

"If you're going to be playing Division 1 or Division 2," Paul said, "you have to be playing year-round. You do have to take a break, though.

"If he goes three days without skating he's like, 'Dad, can you find some ice time'."

Even when he takes his month-long break in the spring, Greg continues to skate to maintain his leg strength. He finds that watching games when he's on hiatus proves to be too difficult.

"I get kind of bored watching the games," Greg said, "because I'd rather be out there on the ice playing."



Greg Figueiredo has been selected to two South Shore League All-Star teams and scored a pair of goals in this winter's win over the Atlantic Coast League.

He does much of his skating on Cohasset's Lilly Pond where he is free to improvise moves he can later use in games.

"It's a chance to try to do new stuff," Greg said. "It's great. You try new things and have fun with your friends at the same time."

Greg plays progressive hockey out of the Bridgewater Ice Arena in the Eastern Mass. Fall/Winter League. He plays two to three games every weekend during the high school season and well over 100 during the year.

The progressive team has a regular practice and a skills practice during the week. As a member of the All-Star squad Greg is able to play perennially strong freshmen programs such as Catholic Memorial, B.C. High and Xaverian.

Greg sees a huge difference between the progressive league and high school play.

"It's a much faster game and you know the other teams are going to be good every time out," he said.

Progressive hockey has also helped reduce Greg's bad habits on the ice. Because he is such a fast skater, Greg's stickhandling has yet to catch up with his speed on the ice. He also has a tendency to turn his back to the puck. After watching his son play so many games, Paul has come to the conclusion Greg relies a little too much on his superior skating speed to get him back into transition plays.

However, the bad habits are becoming rarer and Greg is gaining even more confidence.

And to think, there was a time as a little boy when

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EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

Spring Is In The Air?

It's the time of the year where the sports season is probably most affected by the weather.

It's not cold enough to legitimize staying in to practice, but it's just chilly enough to make things uncomfortable on the playing fields in the late afternoon as the sun begins to hug the horizon.

Budding baseball players, trying to land a spot on a limited-number roster, have only a few real chances to prove themselves worthy of earning a team uniform and playing ball through the spring.

Players have to bat and field with coaches watching them very closely. Those players on the bubble of making the cut are under added pressure to perform in weather that is less than ideal. This isn't Fort Myers folks, it's the South Shore and it can get nippy.

First basemen probably have it the worst. During infield drills they have to take the bullet throws from third, short and second. Every player who has ever fielded the position knows what I mean when I say there's a pain like no other when they catch a throw directly in the palm of their glove on a raw day in late March. Even with a batting glove on as added padding, the sting is still very much there.

And how about getting a pitch in on the fists during batting practice? Even the more forgiving aluminum bats leave the batter with a pair of throbbing, purple hands. But if you want your at-bats come late April and May when the warm weather makes being on the baseball diamond almost dreamlike, you have to pay the price now.

Track and field is a different story, sort of. Distance runners have no problem handling the 40-degree days. They generate more than enough body heat and the majority of runners race best in cool weather.

But unlike cross country, track and field also involves a slew of events where it's absolutely critical to warm up thoroughly to avoid pulling a muscle. On cold days, it's that much more important. Tight hamstrings on sprinters can turn into nasty muscle pulls just steps out of the starting blocks. High jumpers can be soaring over the bar and feel a wrench in their backs where they didn't even know they had muscles.

But, to a point, what doesn't kill us only makes us stronger. New Englanders are supposed to be a hearty bunch. We're the ones who shake aside the stinging hands and the cold to give all-out efforts, no matter what the sport.

This is the first week of tryouts and practices for the spring sports season and it's not always fun. Many kids won't hear their last names called when the final cuts are made. That's part of sports. Hey, Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. But, oh how sweet it is when you hear your name called and you're a member of a team with the same goals.

The stinging in the hands? It'll all have been worth it 100 times over.

Legion Signups, March 20

American Legion baseball signups will be held Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the George H. Mealy Post on Summer Street in Cohasset.

Athletes between the ages of 16 and 18, who reside in Cohasset or Scituate, are welcome. This meeting is mandatory, if you cannot come, please call Scott Arnold at (617) 545-1896. Hope to see you there.

21st Road Race By-the-Sea and Road Walk

The Cohasset Rotary Club would like to announce that the 21st Annual 10K Road Race By-the-Sea and Walk will be held Sunday, April 6.

This year's race is under the direction of Tom Gruber and Roy Fitzsimmons. The proceeds go to the many intown projects that Rotary supports. More than 800 runners are expected from all over New England. The start of the road race will be at 1 p.m. from the Cohasset Common. There will be free T-shirts and refreshments for all registered runners.

The road walk starts at 10 a.m. from Sandy Beach. The race is sanctioned by USATF-NE. Applications are available at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shops or from the Cohasset Rotary, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA 02025.

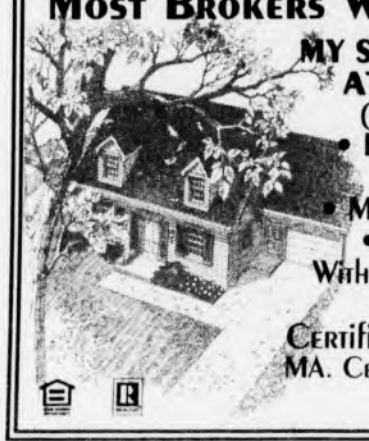
The deadline for pre-registration is April 1. Pre-registration fee is $12. Post-registration fee is $15. For race questions, call Austin Lyne at (617) 383-6550. Residents are urged to restrain dogs and to discourage children from skateboarding or riding bikes along the route since they present hazards to the runners.

If you would like to join or address the membership of Rotary, please send a note to President, Cohasset Rotary Club, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA 02025.



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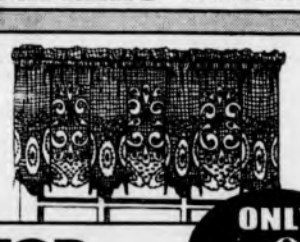
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Hockey Speedster Aims High *Continued from page 13*

Greg wasn't at all interested in playing hockey. He changed his tune as a 7 year old when he saw a couple of cousins play and decided to give the game a try.

Greg played for the South Shore Seahawks and developed rapidly. By the time he was 12 years old, Greg scored 63 goals for the Pee Wee A squad. The total was most since NHL star Jeremy Roenick.

Unfortunately, the Cohasset High hockey team will more than likely have to do without Greg on the roster next winter. He intends to try out for the Bridgewater Bandits Junior Hockey Club of the Eastern Junior Hockey League in April. The league, which is made up of players aged 16 to 20, involves a lot of traveling and would conflict with the high school squad.

Greg said the high school squad is headed in the right direction, but establishing a strong goaltender between the posts has to be the team's No. 1 priority with the graduation of fellow All-Star Jeremy Williams.

One possibility is junior-high goalie Chris Caron, who played his first season and improved steadily with each game. He liked what he saw from the younger squad, which beat some decent teams through the winter.

More than anything, Greg will miss his teammates and Walsh.

"I'll miss playing with the kids I know," Greg said. "I'll definitely miss playing for Mr. Walsh.

Walsh, who also coached Greg's dad, has the complete admiration of both father and son. Paul said Walsh is as much a teacher as a coach and has been an influence on both of them.

"He commands respect," Paul said. "He's very calm when he comes into the locker room. There's no taking when Mr. Walsh is talking."

Greg has expressed an interest in playing junior hockey in Canada a few years down the road and Walsh intends to help him any way he can if Greg decides to skate north of the border. He'll get a taste of Canada when he plays a progressive league tourney there during the Easter break.

With his solid work ethic and genuine love for the game, the fast-skating youngster has nothing but possibilities open to him in the future.



Cohasset High All-Star Greg Figueiredo gains speed as he whips down the left side during a South Shore League game.



Cohasset High All-Stars Greg Figueiredo and Jeremy Williams were vital cogs in the Skippers' lineup this winter. Figueiredo said Williams will be a tough goaltender to replace next season.

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Summer Employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for playground program counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 30 through Aug. 15 plus a one-day orientation during late June. CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school half-day program and the 5- to 12-year-old, full-day programs.

The recreation commission conducts a seven-week day camp structured program for children 3-1/2 through 12 years of age.

Should you be interested in applying, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 for an application or further information.

Pre-School Program Coordinator

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is accepting applications for a pre-school program coordinator for their summer playground program for children ages 3-1/2 through 5.

Candidates should have experience working with pre-school age children and a degree in Early Childhood Education or related fields would be an asset. The pre-school program coordinator reports directly to the playground director and is responsible for program development and staff direction.

The position is for an eight-week period working 3-1/2 hours daily Mondays through Fridays. The rate of compensation is $8 per hour. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 if interested.

Youth Lacrosse Players Needed

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse begins its second season this spring, and has just a few roster spots open for fifth- and sixth-graders. Registration for the program is limited to 30 participants, and 25 youngsters signed up during an enrollment period in the fall.

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program plays in the Massachusetts Bay Youth Lacrosse League, playing against other youth programs from around the area. In general, the team has a practice or a game twice each week, beginning in late March and running through Father's Day.

To be eligible to participate, a child must be in the fifth- or sixth-grade and must be able to supply their own equipment. The remaining spots on the team will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, call Coach Chuck Jaffe at 383-9858.



Lady Skipper gymnast Kristin Sheerin accepts her award as Cohasset High's "Beam Queen."

Little League Umps Needed

Umpires are needed for the upcoming Cohasset Little League season scheduled to start April 13. Senior citizens, adults, college students and high school students are encouraged to participate.

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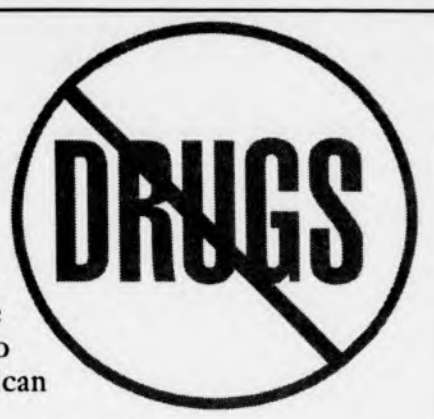
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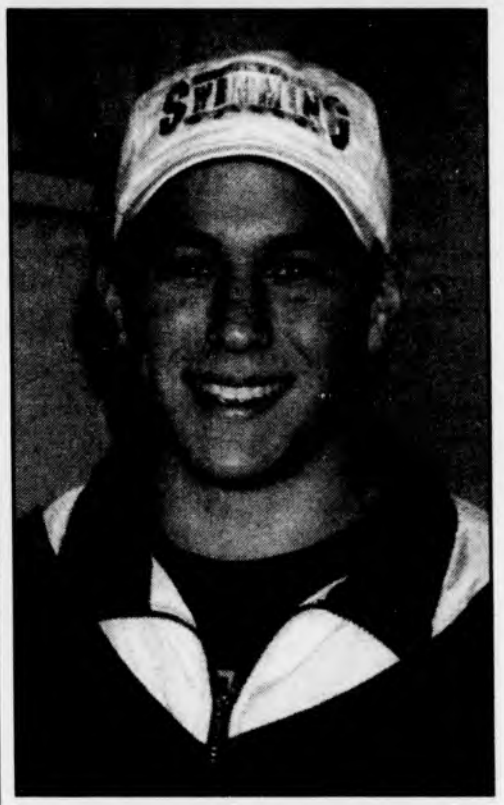


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I nominate Justin Golden for student of the month based on his consistent dedication to hard work.

— Mr. O'Neil
Latin teacher.

Deer Hill School

The Deer Hill School Council will present an evening discussion for parents on "Homework and Time Management: Balancing the Fulcrum Between Work and Play."

Hear results of surveys of parents and students; participate in an interactive discussion led by a panel of teachers, parents and students; and learn valuable survival skills, Wednesday, April 2, 7 p.m., at Deer Hill School cafeteria. Osgood third-grade parents are welcome. Door prize for one lucky family! Refreshments for all.

Middle School Meetings Slated

Wednesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. the PSO will sponsor the last in a series of three informational meetings about the imminent changeover to a middle school system in Cohasset. Available to answer questions will be middle school faculty, athletic director, Clark Chatterton; and principal, Curtis Collins. This will be the last chance to discuss how the changeover will effect the children attending the middle school. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting and you do not need to have gone to the previous meeting.

This transition should be of special interest to all sixth and seventh grade parents. All Deer Hill and current junior high parents are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in the AV room at the Cohasset High School.

Bake Sale Saturday

The teen center will be having a bake sale at the Easter Egg Hunt at Deer Hill School Saturday, March 22, at noon. It's a great opportunity to buy last minute goodies that you need for your Easter celebrations. If anyone is interested in contributing a baked good, please call Rose Collins at 383-0760.

PAC Sponsors Workshop

The Cohasset Parents Advisory Council will sponsor a workshop on "Effective Communication" (between home and school) presented by JoAnn Wadkins from the Federation for Children with Special Needs. To be held March 25, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Cohasset High School, cafeteria. All parents, guardians, and teachers of special needs students are encouraged to attend. For more information call the P.A.C. chairperson Kim Maynard at 383-2707.

School Council Elections

Each of the three public schools in Cohasset have a School Council made up of the principal, teachers, parents and a community representative. The councils are charged with formulating a school improvement plan, and meets monthly. Parent representatives are elected for two-year terms by the parent body for each of the schools.

Anyone interested in serving as a parent representative should submit their name and a paragraph about themselves and their interest in serving on the Council to the PSO Nominating Committee, C/O Sarah Markert, 11 Linden Circle, no later than Tuesday, April 1. The election is April 10 through 17.

All parents who will have children at the specific school for the two-year school period, 1997-1998 are eligible to serve on the School Council. If you have questions about the process or would like to learn more about the positions, call a member of the Nominating Committee: Sarah Markert (6124), Grace Evans (1163), Kathleen Horigan (6690), Tomi Bukowski (6771), Sarah Pease (1406) or Rosemary O'Connell (6562).

Honor Society Welcomes New Members

The Cohasset High School National Honor Society recently held an induction ceremony and dinner at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's Residence attended by the NHS members, inductees and their parents.

Guest speaker for the evening was High School Principal, Curtis Collins, who congratulated the students and commended them for their general excellence in academics, character and leadership. Mr. Collins and Mr. Paul Nakiewicz, the NHS advisor, then proceeded with the ceremony of installation of the 1997 officers and induction of the new members.

The newly-elected officers are: Kathleen Fitzsimmons, President; Kelley O'Donnell, Vice-President; Rebecca Jenkins, Secretary; Alison Kinchla, Treasurer.

Second year seniors Kathleen Fitzsimmons and Rebecca Jenkins helped to welcome the newly elected seniors and juniors:

Seniors: Rachel Begley, Burke Davis, Erica Hettstrom, Karen Niessink, Kelley O'Donnell, Justin Buckley, Monique DeVoe, and Jacqueline Hurley;

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This is the 24th consecutive year that the Pilgrim Skating Arena is awarding college scholarships to area high school seniors planning to further their education.

Interested seniors must pick up and sign for the application **in person** at the arena pro shop. Completed applications must be returned by Saturday, March 29.

Applicants will be judged by members of the scholarship committee of the board of directors at Pilgrim Arena.

For more information, please call Hoby Taylor, (617) 749-6660.

Public Notices

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THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 97P0579E1

Estate of HELEN W. BRANDT late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that ARNOLD A. BRANDT of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on April 16, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this third day of March, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

3/20/97

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 97P0634E1

Estate of ELIZABETH C. HALL late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK

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A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that PRUDENCE L. RYDER of HINGHAM in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executrix named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on April 23, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this eleventh day of March, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

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Register of Probate

3/20/97

TOWN OF COHASSET
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40 and the Cohasset Wetland Protection Bylaw that Mary C. Soutter has filed an After the fact (RDA) Request for a Determination of Applicability to address a change in access used to complete the bank stabilization project previously approved at lot 28, Whitehead Rd.

DEP File # NE 13-418

A public hearing will be held on March 20, 1997 starting at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Common causes of red flags for the IRS

By Amy K. Barrett
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Are you one of those taxpayers that can't relax after they've filed their tax forms? You worry that you've put your business expenses in the wrong column or that you've used the wrong form.

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And so you spend the weeks following the deadline in agony, waiting for the IRS to fine you for a mistake, or even worse, to audit your records.

Checking your tax returns for a few common mistakes can reduce your chances of getting audited — and could help you to sleep better. Here are some caveats from accountants who are familiar with what sends up red flags for the IRS.

If you are self-employed, you should be on your best behavior. Accountants say the people most likely to be audited are those who work for themselves because the line between business deductions and personal expenses can get murky.

If you work at home, for example, the IRS wants to make sure you don't get overzealous about the amount of rent you deduct as a business expense.

"A write-off of 20 percent or more (of your rent) could raise some ire at the IRS," said Eric Lawrence, an accountant at Gelman, Rosenberg, and Freedman in the Washington, D.C., area. Don't be unreasonable; don't count the kitchen — where you procrastinate and eat chips — as part of your home office space.

Another common error of the self-employed is neglecting to pay the self-employment tax on Schedule SE, says Sidney Kess, an attorney of law in New York.

Let's say, though, that you've done all of the above correctly, but haven't made a profit for at least three of the five years you've been working for yourself. If you haven't thrown in the towel by then, the IRS labels your endeavors as a hobby, not a business.

This means that you can no longer write off your related expenses on Schedule C or F. At best, you may be able to deduct the business costs under miscellaneous expenses on a Schedule A — a more difficult deduction to qualify for, because the costs must total 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. (If your business has anything to do with horses, you only need to turn a profit in two out of seven years). If you are employed by someone other than yourself, the miscellaneous expense column would be the place to file business-related expenses for which your employer didn't reimburse you.

Sometimes taxpayers erroneously file those costs as independent business expenses on Schedule C or F (perhaps in order to avoid the 2 percent requirement).

While the IRS pays special attention to whether deductions are legitimate, it also stays alert for special taxes often overlooked by taxpayers; those other than income and capital gains.

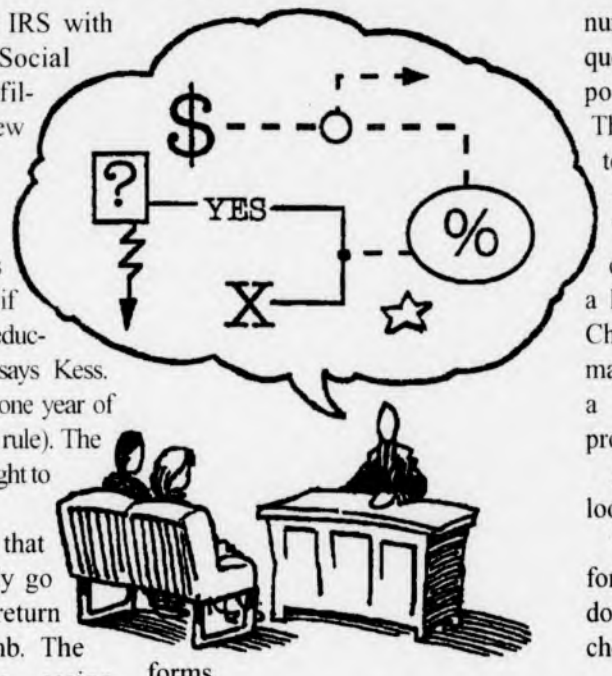
For example, people who dip into their retirement accounts before the age of 59-1/2 (the earliest one can withdraw from 401(k) and IRA accounts without incurring a penalty) must pay a 10 percent tax on the withdrawal when they file.

Some taxpayers assume they are only liable for income tax on the funds withdrawn prematurely. Form 5329 should be used to note the penalty.

And here's a good thing to know when filing 1997 taxes: Starting this year, those who make early withdrawals to cover medical expenses that are not reimbursed by a health care company won't have to pay the penalty tax.

If you use that money for a house, however, you would still owe the government.

Another potential tax quagmire involves your children. Some taxpayers fail to supply the IRS with their dependents' Social Security numbers when filing for deductions. A new tax provision has made this a stringent requirement.



"If you don't list a child's Social Security number or if you list a wrong one, (the deduction) may be disallowed," says Kess. (Children who are less than one year of age are the exception to this rule). The oversight could forfeit your right to get a tax break.

This is not to suggest that the IRS will automatically go over your individual tax return with a fine-toothed comb. The department's computers assign points to the answers given on tax forms.

The computer assigns higher numbers to those entries it finds questionable, and then adds up the points to achieve a total sc[illegible] Those individuals with the highest totals are given a closer look and are often audited.

The caveats we've mentioned are often the hot buttons that give you a higher score and greater notice. Chances are, though, that a simple mathematical error will trip you up; a mistake that probably won't prompt the IRS to initiate an audit.

And beware that you don't overlook the simplest requirements.

"People don't sign the return; they forget to," says Kess. "And they don't include the money order or check."

Financial planning for senior citizens should begin early

By Samuel J. Liang

The American population is aging at an ever-increasing rate. Every day, more than 5,000 people turn 65 years old; in 10 years, there will be more Americans over 65 than teenagers.

Happily, health and medical advances in recent years help make it possible for people to enjoy productive, vigorous lives well past 65 years of age. But inevitably, time takes its toll.

The wise people among us are those who recognize that they must plan for what will happen, not simply for what they wish would happen.

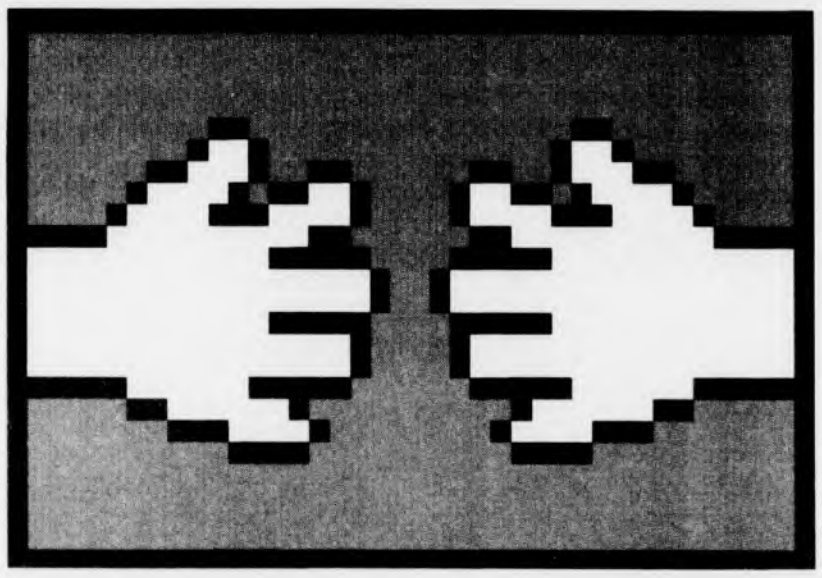
Most of all, they know that sound financial planning for the future can lessen any burden on their family and loved ones.

In financial matters, just as with your health, there's no time like the present to start taking positive steps of action. It surprises many people — too often, the shock comes too late for them to do anything — that Medicare is a health insurance program, not nursing home insurance. In fact, Medicare pays only for the first 100 days of nursing home care. Otherwise, according to federal government regulations, Medicare pays medical care — and only 80 percent of costs.

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Cohasset Harbor Travel at Shaw's

Cohasset Harbor Travel will be moving into the new Shaw's Plaza in April. The travel agency was inadvertently left off a list of shops (named in a recent article that ran in the Cohasset Mariner) that will occupy the retail spaces created in the new plaza which is under construction.

COHASSET WORKS



Phil Nicewonger of Clean Harbors watches the excavation of a storage tank on Border Street.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Police Report

Tuesday, March 4

10:49 a.m., medical aid, Spring St.

11:51 a.m., well being check, Pleasant St.

5:54 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

10:13 p.m., assist citizen, Pond St.

11:11 p.m., info, general, Beechwood St.

Wednesday, March 5

1:52 a.m, MV stop, Howard Gleason Rd.

6:08 a.m., MV stop, Brewster Rd.

6:17 a.m. arrest, juvenile. Charges: CHINS warrant.

7:24 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:38 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Lane.

9:20 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.

11:06 a.m., vandalism, Pond St.

12:00 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.

12:43 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. by Old Coach Rd.

1:09 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. by Old Coach Rd.

1:29 p.m., larceny, King St.

1:43 p.m., fire, gas leak (outside), Lot #6, Wood Way.

2:22 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

3:10 p.m., assist motorist, Cedarledge Village.

3:23 p.m., MV accident, Cedar St. by golf course.

4:35 p.m., investigation, S. Main St.

4:50 p.m., fire, brush, Ripley Rd.

5:13 p.m., general services, Common.

6:45 p.m., suspicous person, CJC Hwy.

6:51 p.m., protective custoday, 51 year old, CJC Hwy.

7:00 p.m., investigation, S. Main St.

7:15 p.m., general services, Atlantic Ave.

11:03 p.m., arrest, Atlantic Ave.

11:11 p.m., arrest, Sandy Beach, Rebecca C. Walsh, 65 Dogg Ln., Marshfield, DOB: 3/27/64. Charges: illegal possession of Class D substance.

Thursday, March 6

3:31 a.m., annoying phone calls, Aaron River Rd.

7:03 a.m., MV stop, 3A North.

7:25 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A.

7:37 a.m.., MV stop, Rt. 3A by Pond St.

8:09 a.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.

8:32 a.m., burglary (B&E), Cedar St.

11:41 a.m., wires down, Beechwood St.

11:48 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

12:00 p.m., MV stop, Square.

12:07 p.m., summons service, CJC Hwy.

12:14 p.m., threats (bodily harm), Lamberts Ln.

12:16 p.m., summons service, Locust Rd.

12:27 p.m., tree down, Cushing Rd.

12:43 p.m., tree down, Linden Dr.

12:59 p.m., open door/window, Old Pasture Rd.

2:03 p.m., tree down, Forest Ave.

2:06 p.m., tree down, Oak St.

3:51 p.m., tree down, Short St.

4:10 p.m., tree down, S. Main St.

5:00 p.m., well being check, Jerusalem Rd.

5:23 p.m., officer wanted, Lamberts Ln., 38 year old in protective custody.

8:14 p.m., assist other agency, Hull St.

8:50 p.m., suspicious person, S. Main St.

Friday, March 7

12:48 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A Cushing Plaza.

1:11 a.m., open door/window, Elm St.

6:11 a.m., MV stop, Pond St/Clay Spring.

6:33 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/Mobil Mart.

6:51 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/Pond St.

7:06 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.

9:43 a.m., annoying phone calls,

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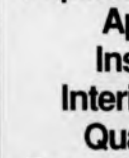
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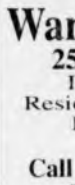
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The church, located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, has handicap access and plenty of parking in the village lot. For information call (617) 383-1083.

Cohasset Rotary Club Phone Books

Deadlines for the Cohasset Rotary Club 1997 phone book is April 1. The Cohasset phone book is a service provided to the community by the Rotary Club. All proceeds from the phone book are used for scholarships for Cohasset High School seniors. The Rotary Club also supplements the fund and accepts donations from the Cohasset Community.

If any residents or businesses would like add or change any information currently in the book or if they would like to make a donation, please call Ed Fox at 383-6411.

Cohasset Rotary meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Light Keepers Cottage and Hall. If you are interested in finding out more about Rotary or would like to address the membership of rotary, please sent a note to President. Cohasset Rotary Club, P.O Box 36, Cohasset 02025.

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"The Junior Gardeners" of "The Community Garden Club of Cohasset" are busy planning this project as a fundraiser to create more scholarships for the students of this town. These children are excited and hope the people of Cohasset will be as excited as they are. The games completion date will be in August and will be ready for sale in September.

Mad Hatter Tea Party

The white rabbit may be late, late, late for a very important date, but kids of all ages will want to be on time for this year's South Shore Community Center Nursery School Mad Hatter Tea Party...an unbirthday party celebration, March 23, 1 to 3:30 p.m., at the South Shore Community Center.

Party activities and games galore, including pin the smile on the Cheshire cat, family bowling, a giant teacup coin toss, Matt Hatter party hats to make and wear, edible necklaces, windstreamers and decorate your own cupcakes.

And since no party would be complete without refreshments, there will be a giant "unbirthday" cake for all to share, coffees, courtesy of Quikava, hot dogs and chips, and homemade baked goods.

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Advisers: Town Should Not Subsidize Sewer Projects

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The advisory committee voted 6-1 Tuesday night to change its position on the Central and North Cohasset sewer projects.

The committee's new recommendation is that the town should support both projects without a 50 percent reimbursement for users in the program. However, the committee will still support a Proposition 2-1/2 override if the article is approved at town meeting so that the voters can make the final decision.

It is expected that the sewer articles will be addressed at opening session of town meeting on Saturday at Cohasset High School.

Last week the committee supported article five on the special town meeting warrant, which asks voters to approve the Central Cohasset sewer project with the town paying half the cost of the project. A second motion in the article asks voters to pay half the

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Town Meeting Starts Saturday

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Sewers and the possibility of switching to a town manager are the hot topics before Saturday's annual town meeting.

Also there's the Lobster Lab proposal for the Hagerty House and no doubt a few surprises.

The town meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Cohasset High School gymnasium. A quorum of 100 registered voters is required before the meeting gets underway.

But Town Moderator George Marlette doesn't expect a problem with reaching a quorum and will start the meeting promptly.

In the interests of time, speakers will be limited to 10 minutes the first time they speak to an issue and five minutes the next time.

There are about 30 articles before the annual town meeting and about 20 in the special town meeting which takes place within the annual and focuses on items of business that must be paid for with this fiscal year's funds. The new fiscal year starts July 1.

Boy Scouts will provide hot dogs and

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The Rev. Gary Ritts enjoys a reception in his honor at Kimballs by the Sea on Sunday. Ritts was selected recently as the Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year. For more photos, see page 13.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Train Delayed but Not Dead, MBTA Officials say

By Alice C. Coyle
COHASSET MARINER

It may not be rolling into town in this millennium, but MBTA officials promise the Greenbush train is coming to the South Shore.

Residents and town officials up and down the 17.7-mile Greenbush rail line had mixed reactions this week to the news that the train project could be off-track by as much as two years.

Delays in environmental review and slow moving negotiations with the communities along the line are to blame for the hold up, T officials said last week.

While the the two other Old Colony lines — Plymouth and Middleboro — are still on schedule to roll in September, the Greenbush line will not meet its 1999 completion deadline.

"This is why we separated Greenbush out of the project. We

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Cohasset's Week

Snow Removal Budget in Black

DPW Superintendent Harold Litchfield reported this week that there is $3,195.24 left in the snow removal budget out of a total of $45,170. Litchfield said he is still waiting for the bill from one outside contractor.

Although there was little snow this winter, there were a lot of icy conditions and the trucks went out many times to salt and sand, the DPW office said.

Soccer Storage Shed Approved

Selectmen approved a request from the Cohasset Soccer Club this week to construct a 10x26 foot shed on Milliken field to store flags, cones, balls, and field-lining equipment.

In a letter to selectmen, Paul Cotter, David Buick and Larry Shultz of the Cohasset Soccer Club, said the building would be aesthetically pleasing and be situated on the Bancroft Road side of the field.

The structure will be inside the fence and separated from the road by both the fence and line of trees to the left of the entrance to the field. The soccer club will be responsible for all security, maintenance and upkeep of the building, which will have a shingled roof and clapboard or shingles on the exterior walls.

Milliken Field is the site of the vast majority of soccer games and practices, the men wrote.

Parking at Hagerty House

Building Inspector Robert Egan reported this week that the proposed Lobster Lab use of the Hagerty house would require between eight and 12 parking on-site parking spaces.

"Before any permits are issued, the exact number would have to be ascertained and the owner would have to demonstrate that the required spaces are available," Egan wrote in memo to Murray Campbell, president of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation.

The Lightkeepers is a non-profit group which renovated and manages the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island. The organization would like to lease the Hagerty House from the town, and fix it up so it can be used as a "Lobster Lab," a marine research and educational center.

The town owns the house and the 2.2 harborfront acres that it sits on.

Campbell pointed out that the parking spaces can be "shared amicably" with other users.

"As we have stated before, Lab activities will be curtailed on summer weekends or at any other time when heavy use for boat trailer parking is anticipated. Because parking spaces that are designated on paper as 'Learning Lab lots' will be unused by the Lab on such occasions, then boaters certainly will be able to use them," Campbell wrote.

"We have no intention of fencing off the assigned spaces or otherwise denying them to other users, and the lease could so state."

Town meeting voters will decide this week on the lobster lab proposal for the Hagerty house.

Citizens Needed for Town Boards

There are three vacancies on the Greenbush mitigation committee; two on the mosquito control committee; four on the sidewalk study committee and seven on the town history committee which compiling information for the third volume of the town's history. Any citizens interested in serving on these boards should call the selectmen's office at 383-9900.

Boston School Committee Meeting

The school committee will hold a meeting at Roxbury Community College next month for the benefit of the school system's Boston parents.

Details about the meeting and transportation from Cohasset will be announced at the school board's April 3 meeting, School Committee Chairman Ralph Kidder said last week.

There are about 50 METCO students in the Cohasset school system. METCO (Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunities, Inc.) is a state-funded, non-profit organization that places minority children in suburban schools.The program is in its 28th year in Cohasset.

RTF Closed on Easter Sunday

The Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on Sunday, March 30. It will be open to the public from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, March 31.

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Sailing Trip Backed By School Board

Three Teachers to Take Part

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

An educational program in which teachers sail around the world and communicate back to their schools via satellite got a big boost last week.

The school committee pledged $7,500 of the $30,000 cost for three Cohasset teachers to participate in the project which will reenact the circumnavigation in "Voyage of the Spray," by Joshua Slocum in the 1800s. An additional $2,500 will be needed to pay for substitute teachers during the three weeks the teachers are away for their segment of the voyage.

Organizers explained that $15,000 is coming through a corporate grant and $2,500 can be saved by buying two, not three special computers, because one can be shared between two teachers in the same building. And the Cohasset Education Foundation, a private non-profit group, has pledged $5,000.

Teachers Robert Berquist, Ken Cisnaros and David Magnussen will make up the Cohasset team on the voyage.

Communications from the Spray can be down-loaded and recorded so they can be used during class time. The teachers pointed out that lessons in science, math, history, social studies and language arts can be tied into the project.

Deer Hill teacher Berquist said the $7,500 commitment is needed to reserve their slots. He said other sources of funding would be pursued to help offset the cost to the schools.

School Committee Chairman Ralph Kidder, who cast the sole dissenting vote, said while he thinks the program, which is teacher-centered, has merit he is concerned about the cost, that the proposal is not complete, and that it sets a precedent for "providing a professional development experience for $10,200."

But school committee member Rick Shea said teacher initiative and innovation should be rewarded.

The money was approved up front and is not contingent on fund-raising but with the understanding that organizers would look for other ways to raise the money.

Berquist, one of the first teachers to get involved, pointed out that because Cohasset is close to Salem where the Spray is being constructed, that local pupils could take part in refitting the vessel and participate in the "shake down" cruises.

The voyage will start from Salem this summer and finish in Rhode Island three years later. The project is being coordinated through the University of Alabama's Center for Communication and Educational Technology.

Rename the New School?

The school committee will ask the PSO and the school council whether or not there should be a process for naming the new school and if so, what should the process entail. This question is extended to the community for their suggestions. If anyone is interested in making a suggestion, they should drop a note in a suggestion box or call a school committee member.

Please keep in mind that they are looking for process suggestions not name suggestions.

Focus for Drug & Alcohol Committee

School Committee Chairman Ralph Kidder suggested last week that the Drug & Alcohol Committee focus on getting the community involved in education and awareness programs.

His remarks followed reports in the Cohasset Mariner that Drug & Alcohol Committee is pushing for the schools to adopt a DARE program and that the committee, itself, seeks direction. Cohasset schools have adopted PALS for Wellness, which also involves having a police officer lead some health education classes.

Kidder, a former member of the Drug & Alcohol Committee, said the group should work on programs such as Tag a Keg, SAFE HOMES, and Winterfest, a drug- and alcohol-free weekend, which are community based.

"The committee seems somewhat adrift," Kidder said, suggesting the drug and alcohol committee return to its mission of looking at ways to bring the whole community into substance abuse education.

School Committee member Maureen Jerz said she would represent the school committee at the next Drug & Alcohol Committee meeting on April 9.

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Study to Examine North Cohasset Water Options

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The possibility of the town initiating an eminent domain action against the Massachusetts Water Company to take North Cohasset water pipes is being delayed in favor of a study to explore all options.

The advisory committee is supporting an article that would provide $2,500 to study the problems in North Cohasset.

There are 340 North Cohasset residents using the North Cohasset pipes, which are owned by Mass.-Water. The town does not supply water to that small portion of town.

The plant, which is in Hingham, also supplies water to Hingham and Hull.

North Cohasset residents have complained for months that their water quality has dropped while their bills have more than tripled since the new Hingham plant was built.

More than 100 residents from Cohasset, Hingham and Hull marched on the statehouse last year to protest the Department of Public Utilities' support for Mass.-Water's rate increase.

Maria Plante receives water from Mass.-American and has been a vocal opponent of the company's practices.

"That plant was supposed to cost $13 million and demands by the town of Hingham pushed the price to $42 million," Plante said. "We had no input into that process, but we're subsidizing it."

Plante said Mass.-American has not acted in good faith with its Cohasset customers. She said the company was supposed to give customers 45 days to pay their bills, but only grants users a 15-day payment period.

Eileen Commane form Mass.-Water referred questions to company vice-president Keith Bossung to comment on the situation.

Bossung did not return phone calls.

Plante also criticized selectmen for failing to intervene when the DPU set Mass.-Americans rates.

Plante said the town is planning to build a new sewer stand-pipe and should use that opportunity to connect North Cohasset residents to the town's water.

"There is an article to build a new stand-pipe and they will have trenches dug," Plante said "They can place water and sewer pipes in the same trench as long as the sewer pipes are 16 inches below the water pipes."

She said that the water Commissioner Fred Koed has opposed the plan because he believes the town doesn't have adequate water pressure to include North Cohasset.

But Koed said the best way to deal with North Cohasset's water problems is to perform a comprehensive study.

"The town line runs down the middle of Hull Street," Koed said. "How can you take those pipes when Hull residents also use them. To really look at this further you need to look at things like Hull Street with the present Tutela Engineering study."

Koed said one solution is to construct a $1.5 million loop from Cedar Street, around Hull Street, down to west corner and on the Black Rock Beach. Then there would be an additional $1.5 million cost "to put everything else in," Koed said.

"Putting the loop in solves a lot of problems," Koed said.

Koed said this is one of the options the study must explore. Koed said Cohasset residents are also paying an assessment for the new plant, and they may have to continue to pay the capital assessment even if they get off Mass.-American water.

"There are a lot of legal questions and Hingham may not just let Cohasset people off the hook and absorb the capital costs," Koed said.

Selectman Peter Pratt said it all comes down to an issue of fairness.

"We have a moral responsibility to North Cohasset paid taxes into the town since the 1940s and 1950s to take the Hingham Water plant," Pratt said.

Pratt said the town has many water mains that extend toward North Cohasset and is in a good position to build a new distribution main to North Cohasset.

"Tutela has said in their study that if we ever want to extend municipal water service to North Cohasset we'll have to spend money on a new distribution main," Pratt said. "But the costs of taking North Cohasset pipes would be on top of the estimated $1.3 million to $1.7 million distribution main. Then you have to analyze whether it makes sense to take Mass.-Americans pipes or build your own."

Pratt said Mass.-American is well aware of what is going on in Cohasset. He said the study will examine all options, including an eminent domain taking of the plant by Cohasset, Hingham and Hull.

"No one is advocating taking Mass.-American or their pipes tomorrow," Pratt said. "But it's no secret to them what is going on."

WALKers Join the Fight Against MS

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society will kick off its biggest fund-raising event of the year — the MS WALKS — April 12 and 13, with people from all parts of the state joining in the fight against multiple sclerosis. Channel 5 meteorologist Dick Albert, the 1997 WALK Chair in the Commonwealth, expressed his appreciation to the people of Massachusetts walking to help those with MS.

MS, a chronic disease of the nervous system, wears away the control you have over your body. Symptoms may range from numbness to paralysis and blindness. MS is most common in young adults, usually diagnosed between the ages of 20-40. More than a third of a million Americans are affected by this disease.

The 1997 WALKS, sponsored by WCVB Channel 5, the Tab Newspapers, Mix 98.5 radio, Couples and Sunburst Holidays, will take place in 15 communities throughout the state April 12 and 13, including Cohasset.

This year, more than 6,000 individuals and 450 teams are expected to join the WALKS, helping to raise more than $600,000 to support the mission of the society: ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis. Teams come from corporations, small businesses, churches and civic groups, giving co-workers and friends a chance to have fun while helping those affected by multiple sclerosis.

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Biggest worry: Letting the chief down.

Favorite holiday: Memorial Day.

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Favorite TV show: 'Seinfeld.'

Favorite movie: Monty Python's The Holy Grail.

Favorite book: Any good biography.

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As America's oldest commissioned Naval ship prepares to sail for the first time in 100 years, her captain, Commander Michael Beck, will be speaking about the ship's illustrious past and her even greater future. Speaking to benefit the Hull Lifesaving Museum Inc., which has worked with Constitution crew members for two years teaching them open-water rowing and sailing skills, Commander Beck will address the audience in full 1812 dress uniform. A gracious and exciting speaker, he also will welcome and answer all questions regarding the ship and her upcoming historic sail in July, 1997.

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Sewer

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cost of the North Cohasset sewer project, approved by voters last year.

The entire cost of the project is estimated at $18.5 million. Voters would have to approve a Proposition 2-1/2 override to pay for the town's half of the project if town meeting approves article five.

The advisory committee changed its recommendation after receiving a grim financial forecast from the capital outlay committee.

"If the town pays for half of the sewer projects, by FY2001, we will be devoting 14 percent of our operating budget to capital needs," said capital outlay committee Chairman Mark Baker.

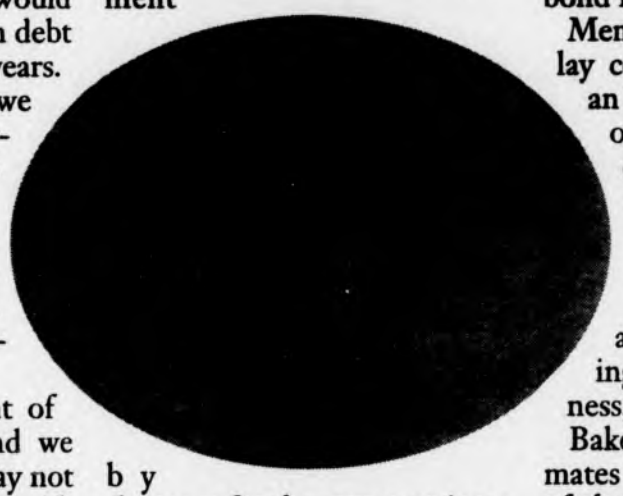
Baker said most towns devote five to seven percent of the total operating budget to capital items. He added that the new school project was already pushing capital spending to nine percent of the total budget.

"With the inclusion of the sewer bonds we would be at 85 percent of our statutory debt limit," Baker said. "That would leave us with $6 million in debt capacity for the next five years. What it means is that we wouldn't be doing anything for the next five years."

Baker said devoting too much money to capital projects could place a heavy strain on the operating budget.

"If we're at 14 percent of the operating budget and we want to clear snow, we may not have the money," Baker said. "You'll start impacting the day to day budget."

Baker said the capital outlay committee supported the second amended agreement for judgment, article four on the special town meeting warrant, and also supported the two sewer projects. But he said the capital committee could not support the 50 percent payment



by the town for the sewer projects.

"We're not here to sell or not sell the sewer project," said capital outlay committee member Sam Pease. "We're here to protect the capital budget."

Pease said that if the town borrows too much money it could receive a lower bond rating which translates into higher interest rates on loans. Cohasset currently has an AA bond rating, Pease said.

Members of the capital outlay committee also predicted an intense fight on the floor of town meeting by residents who have paid taxes for sewers even though they are not in the system.

"Ultimately, people are going to react by saying it is an issue of fairness," Pease said.

Baker said the current estimates do not include the cost of the health board's $13 million On-site Wastewater Management Plan.

He added that the state could also delay its reimbursement for the school project and prolong the time a high percentage of the budget would be devoted to capital costs.

The advisory committee recommended that the capital committee support article five without the reimbursement at town meeting.

Selectmen have indicated that they may amend article five if it fails at town meeting to also cancel the North Cohasset project.

Advisory committee member Roger Whitley said it was the sense of both the capital committee and the advisory committee that the sewer projects should be approved even if the town doesn't pick up half the cost.

"The selectmen have got to know what is happening here," Whitley said.

Town Meeting

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drinks during the lunch break at about 1 p.m.

Marlette expects Saturday's session to wrap up at about 5 p.m. and adjourn until 7:30 p.m., Monday.

Approval for the central Cohasset sewer project and a limited on-site waste management plan will be before the voters. Town meeting will also decide whether to switch to a town manager form of government (see editorial, page 10).

And the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation, a non-profit group, hopes to persuade voters to lease the Hagerty house so it can be turned into a marine research and educational facility.

Lobster Lab and Planning Article Supported

The advisory committee voted Tuesday night to support the lobster lab for the Hagerty property, and a planning board article to permit special zoning in certain residential areas.

The planning board article would allow owners of nonconforming properties in residential areas to rezone the property to a form of limited residential zoning.

Moore said the new zoning would permit residential development with more stringent density restrictions.

Moore said the article was proposed to address a specific site: Quonset huts on South Main Street. He said the owner of the property wants to build 11 two-bedroom condominiums with a shared septic system.

"It's a tradeoff that lets the owner do more than is normally allowed and the town gets the mess cleaned up in the process," Moore said.

Moore added that there were about six other sites in town that could benefit from the bylaw in the future including the Edison property on North Main Street, Wayne Robbins' repair business and the Osgood School.

The advisory committee voted 7-0 to support the article as long as the conservation commission retained its regulatory powers.

The advisory committee voted 5-3 to oppose the demolition of the building on the Hagerty property and 5-3 to support the lobster lab.

Health board member Kevin Ulmer is the project's proponent, and he told the committee the town would receive a first-class marine biology educational facility at no cost. Ulmer said building improvements and operating costs would be financed through grants.

"At the very least, if it fails, the town will get the building back with a couple of hundred thousand dollars in capital improvements," Ulmer said.

Hagerty committee Vice-chairman Vee Roebuck said her committee's opposed the lobster lab after a recent vote, but did not take a formal vote on demolishing the building.

Hagerty committee Chairman Al Moore said the committee was severely divided on the building, the lobster lab and the appropriate use for the property. He said the selectmen have not taken a leadership role on the property.

Moore said that if town meeting rejects the lab and doesn't demolish the building, the committee will be right back where it started.

"If the articles don't pass we may recommend that the board of selectmen disband the committee and start over," Moore said.

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Ruth Fennessey, curriculum coordinator, presented to the school committee recently an explicit breakdown of the computer curriculum for grades one through six. Emphasis was placed on the intent to teach students to use the computer as a tool. Linda Anderson, computer teacher at Deer Hill, offered specific examples of in class instruction.

Maureen Jerz, school committee vice-chairman, described the presentations as refreshing especially after being bogged down with budget discussions. All members expressed the desire to be back in elementary school to be able to experience the program.

Train

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knew it was going to be the hardest of the three lines to pull off," said MBTA spokesman Brian Pedro. "We knew that 1999 was an aggressive date and it was going to be hard to make."

While rail opponents hope the delay will be permanent, most town officials working to mitigate local rail impacts, say they'll continue to work as if the train were still on schedule.

According to Pedro, the state has spent $14 million on Greenbush since 1984.

Dean Rizzo, a member of Cohasset's Greenbush Mitigation Committee said his board plans to continue working on the railroad with the MBTA.

"As far as our committee goes we're going to continue on as we have been on the assumption the train is coming,"said Rizzo, who noted that the delay will give Cohasset and the other communities some "breathing room" to look at impacts more carefully, and make better decisions.

It will also give the MBTA more time to do a thorough job planning the line, said Hingham Selectman Iris Daigle, an opponent of the rail.

"I want them to do all the testing they're supposed to do. I want it done well. If it takes two, five or even 10 more years, so be it," Daigle said.

Despite the delay, Pedro said state transportation planners remain committed to building the $215 commuter rail line that will connect the coastal South Shore to Boston.

"The towns should not think we're abandoning the project. We're committed to doing this project. I can't stress that enough," Pedro said.

In the planning since the mid-1980s, Greenbush and the entire Old Colony Railroad project is being designed not only to improve public transportation for South Shore residents but also to decrease air pollution. The MBTA missed the Dec. 31, 1996 deadline set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency to finish the Old Colony restoration, but was given an extension until 1999 to complete the three-pronged rail line.

A 1991 lawsuit filed under the federal Clean Air Act by the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF, a non-profit environmental law organization, gave state transportation planners an even greater incentive to restore commuter rail to the region. The CLF suit threatened to halt work on the Central Artery Project unless the increased pollution anticipated when that project is completed is offset. The Old Colony project is in fact, mitigation for the "Big Dig."

Now that it appears unlikely Greenbush will be completed by 1999, the MBTA will have to consider other ways to get cars off the road and automobile emissions out of the air, Pedro said.

"We'll have to reduce pollution in some comparable way," he said.

Increasing bus or commuter boat service to Greenbush corridor towns may be considered, he said.

"We'll find a way to do it," Pedro said. "We'll comply."

Pedro was hesitant to set a new deadline for Greenbush service to begin, but said if the final Environmental Impact Report is filed in the fall, ground could break on the line by the end of 1998. Construction is expected to take from 18 to 24 months.

Environmental concerns raised by the Army Corps of Engineers, the lead federal agency reviewing the project, has slowed the train's momentum. The lawsuit launched by Hingham last year and studies done to switch the train station location in Cohasset have also impeded the project's progress, Pedro said.

The MBTA continues to negotiate with Scituate on the purchase and use of part of Scituate's landfill, which is slated to close in 1998, for a layover facility and train station.

On-Site Plan Funding Dries Up

The health board's proposal to create an on-site wastewater management district for the town may not come to fruition because of funding problems.

Apparently the town learned it cannot borrow money at below market rate from the state and in tern lend it to taxpayers at the same low rate.

The $13 million health board program would have offered low-interest loans from the town to users to help upgrade their septic systems.

The health board proposal was to face town meeting voters on Saturday.

In a related matter, selectmen, the health board and sewer commissioners plan to meet Friday to iron out details on the waste water management plan that is included in a court order from the state.

The health board and sewer commissioners will try to reach agreement on which homes should make up the priority areas in the septic plan.

Those homes would be subject to stricter septic management rules than under Title V, the state's environmental code.

Ritts Honored at Kimballs Reception

State and local officials, family, friends and invited guests joined the Cohasset Mariner in honoring the Rev. Gary Ritts as 1996 Citizen of the Year at Kimballs by the Sea on Sunday.

For photos of the event, see page 13.

Ritts, who is the minister at the Second Congregational Church and brought the Appalachia Service Project to Cohasset, was chosen out of 14 nominations submitted by more than 30 local citizens for the annual award. ASP is a volunteer home repair ministry serving central Appalachia. Ritts started the program in Cohasset with a handful of volunteers nine years ago and helped it grow to the 84 who now go each year.

The Cohasset Mariner kicks the Citizen of the Year nominations off in November and once nominations close at the end of December a five-member panel meets to make the selection.

Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford presented Ritts with the Citizen of the Year award on behalf of Mariner Community Newspapers.

"Nearly every day until nominations closed at the end of December, I opened letters of nominations of local citizens by local citizens.

"Some nominees were present or past town officials and others were just ordinary folk who all had one thing in common — a love for Cohasset and a penchant for giving on themselves," Ford said.

Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown presented Ritts with a proclamation from his board; and state Rep. Mary Jeanette and Jeff Granatino, state Sen. Robert Hedlund's chief of staff presented Ritts with citations from the legislature.

Ritts' son, Steve, and wife, Judy, delivered moving tributes to Ritts.

This is the fourth year of the award. Prior year Citizens are Gerard Keating, Joseph Buckley and Dr. Robert Sceery, all of whom attended Sunday's festivities.

Village Train Petition Dismissed

Selectmen will ignore the petition recently presented to them by village station proponents because of numbers.

Selectmen Chairman Merle S. Brown said the 137 registered voters who signed supporting a village station was not significant enough. Another 290 signed supporting the hiring of a consultant to evaluate the station locations in terms of traffic, noise and other impacts.

"Essentially (the proponents of the village site) did not do much better than in the straw vote," Brown said.

Last fall, selectmen called for a non-binding "straw vote" on the station location in the lobby of the special town meeting which showed the Route 3A site was preferable to the village by a vote of 3-1.

Brown said he would have no problem with an evaluation of the station sites if the MBTA pays for it.

The consensus of the board is that it will not reconsider its decision to back the Route 3A site.

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AROUND TOWN/Sallyann Chatterton

Families of Local Veterans Sought

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We start out by asking you, dear reader, if you can help **The Veteran's Memorial Committee** Ñ they are looking for the families of two Cohasset men who died in the service in Korea and World War II. The committee has been unable to locate any family members and they are attempting to find them so that they can obtain a photograph of the men for their mural project. They are looking for: the family of **Allen Buffum**: his family lived at 291 South Main St. from 1910 to approximately 1958. Allen served in the military in World War I and died in 1942 during World War II as a merchant marine sailor.

And, the family of **C. David Strout:** His family lived on South Main Street, approximately number 353, from 1949 to 1958. David was killed in February 1952 in the Korean War. Their last known address was Sun City, Ariz., but they cannot locate Mrs. Strout today.

If you have any information about these families, please call **Glenn Pratt** at (617) 356-4400 during the day and in the evenings at (617) 383-0048, or drop him a note.

The Veterans Memorial Committee really wants to thank you in advance for any help that you might be able to give them.

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The cast and crew of "The Twin Menaechmi" by Plautus, are to be congratulated for their fine performance recently! The performance was directed by **Mr. Nigel Cracknell,** who is an exchange teacher from Southend High School For Girls in England Ñ **Mr. Tom O'Neil** translated ideas from the Latin text Ñ the set design, artwork, costumes and props were done by members of the cast, who were as follows: **John Crowley-Buck, Jerry Cogill, Jenny Chastain, Meredith O'Hayre, Holly Brennock, Michael Kearney, Kelly Tufts, Justin Golden, Grace Gardner, Stephen Reynolds** and **Alex D'Urso. Jacque Hurley** was the assistant director. A most enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

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James O'Sullivan and **Stephen Reynolds** have both had a lot to do with baseball already, and the season hasn't even started yet! To celebrate Jackie Robinson's 50th anniversary of being the first black man to play the game of baseball, they wrote an essay (in 1,000 words or less) describing how Jackie Robinson has impacted baseball. Hope we hear all about it!

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Neal Finnegan, president and chief executive officer of UST Corporation in Boston, was awarded the 1997 Institute of Human Relations Award for his support of the principles that ensure the freedom and well-being of all people. An honor indeed!

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Wendy Morgenstern, a student at URI (University of Rhode Island) is really leaving a legacy behind! She is the member of a group that are helping Belize (developing country located south of Mexico). The group, composed of eight graduate students and five undergraduates from marine affairs, civil engineering and biology, spent two weeks in Belize in January, collecting information and interviewing federal and local government officials, members of organizations such as the Audubon Society, local businessmen, builders and fishery personnel. They are now back at URI hard at work writing a costal primer that will serve as a reference book; another project involves the impact of a proposed large hotel located close to the northern end of a barrier reef, and a third project that will create a profile of the quality and quantity of fresh water on Kaye Caulker, one of the islands of Belize.

Wendy's name will be among the names that will appear on the completed reports, and we should all be very proud of her and her efforts!

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The CHS class of 1987 is planning its 10th reunion for Saturday, July 26, at Kimball's. Please call **Kim (Pattison) Ryan** at (617) 545-1714 or **Kerry (Rhodes) Tower** at (617) 837-6363 if you have any suggestions or if you can help with addresses.

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Sr. Barbara Barry, SND, principal of Notre Dame Academy, Hingham, announces the honor roll for the second quarter, and here are the Cohasset students who "made the grade:" Principal's List: **Stephanie Canton, Julie Catalano, Jennifer Cellucci** and **Sally Hamill.** Second honors were earned by **Allison Berg.** Congrats to all of you!

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We are happy to report that **Margaret Bates** is home from her re-hab and doing very nicely! We are glad, she is a fine lady!

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Kevin O'Donnell Jr., CHS Class of 1995, in his second year at Emerson College, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. Kevin is majoring in writing at Emerson. Good work!

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Emily Kertzman is a first-grader at the South Shore Christian Academy and she made the honor roll for the second term. We all think you are wonderful, Emily!

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That's the news; hopefully you will have some to tell us next week! Just give me a call!

Sallyann
383-0560



Melinda Cheel attended College Year in Athens, Greece on a junior term abroad from Union College. In February, her mom Margot and sister Natalie, a CHS senior, visited her for a week. L-R are Melinda, Margot and Natalie.

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Coffee House Off the Square

The Coffee House Off the Square at Old Ship Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham, presents singer Rob Laurens and Colleen Sexton & Kerri Powers, folk singer and guitarist, Saturday, April 19, from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are $10 at the door and proceeds will benefit Central American Medical Relief.

An open mike will also be featured.

For information, call Sue Krueger at (617) 545-2798.

Engagements



Karen L. Kubik & Jeffrey L. Staton

Kubik/Staton

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Baker of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen L. Kubik of Dunwoody, Ga., to Jeffrey L. Staton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Staton of Lawrenceville, Ga.

Miss Kubik graduated from Cohasset High School and Johnson and Wales University. She is a property manager for Post Properties in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Staton graduated from Central Gwinnett High School and is continuing studies at Dekalb College. He is a technical specialist for MSI Technical Services in Duluth, Ga.

An October wedding is planned.

New England Flower Show Winners

The Junior Gardeners of The Community Garden Club of Cohasset have once more made us all proud of their accomplishments. Sixteen students went into the Flower Show last week for a tour and to see if they had won any ribbons. The children were quite excited to see that they had won 21 ribbons in all.

Blue Ribbon & First place winners: Christine Lovallo, Lauren Strazzulla, Mary Fegreus, Emily Dean and Amelia Butman.

Red Ribbon & Second place winners: Charlotte Sida, Lydia Guild, Christine Lovallo and Julia Lovallo.

Yellow Ribbon & Third place winners: Julia Lovallo, Meaghan Rizzotti and Christine Lovallo.

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Amy Cuneo, Julia Lovallo, Alex Coffey, Elizabeth Fegreus, Jenna Fegreus, Mary Fegreus and Jesse Guild.

How to Grow a Herb Garden

The South Shore Community Center is offering a one-night workshop April 8, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. on How to Design and Grow a Classic Herb Garden by Mrs. Beauvais. Mrs. Beauvais is the owner of the Church Hill Herbary in Norwell where she grows herbs, designs gardens, and does floral and herbal design.

Call to register at (617) 383-0088.

South Shore Elder Services Sponsors Free Men's Health Breakfast

Dr. Philip Kantoff, Director of Genitourinary Oncology at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Jack Colbert, Executive Director of the Hale and Dorr law firm, Boston, will speak at a Men's Health Information Breakfast on Wednesday, April 2 from 7:30 til 9:30AM at the Holiday Inn, Route 1A, Dedham.

The breakfast is sponsored by South Shore Elder Services, and is funded through grants from the Mass Department of Public Health.

Dr. Kantoff will discuss screening, diagnosis, and up to date information on treatment options for prostate cancer.

Mr. Colbert, a prostate cancer survivor, will discuss the social and emotional aspects of prostate cancer, with a special emphasis on how diagnosis and treatment can affect a man's work life.

All local men - and interested women - are invited to attend.

South Shore Elder Services is a private non-profit corporation, a Home Care Agency and Area Agency on Aging serving older citizens in the eleven South Shore communities of Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Norwell, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate, and Weymouth.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

A Yea for Town Manager

The school department has got one.

The superintendent of schools is essentially the "town manager" of the school department. In Cohasset, he handles a $7 million budget, three buildings, principals, department heads, teachers and so on.

So why doesn't the town have one, too?

A superintendent can hire and fire staff and reports to the school committee, an elected board, which has the time to set policy for the schools.

And we can't imagine Cohasset — or any school department anywhere — operating without the level of professional expertise provided by the superintendent of schools.

All the citizens' petition before town meeting this week is asking for, is a professional manager for the town side of local government. Someone to run the day-to-day operations of upwards of a $17 million business with nearly $40 million in capital projects.

A town manager will centralize and coordinate the executive authority of the town as a whole. The position will not usurp the power of the board of selectmen but will free selectmen up to set policy, look at long-range planning and focus on the bigger issues.

If you have a problem with traffic in your neighborhood or a telephone pole on your property — a town manager might be able to provide you with the proper direction to get the problem solved. He or she will also be accountable. As a result, you would probably not have to get on the agenda at a selectmen's meeting to address your problem.

How many times have the Lamberts Lane neighbors come before the board of selectmen to question what's been done to alleviate the traffic condition on their street ?

Why do north Cohasset water and sewer activists feel they have to attend every selectmen's meeting and ask the same questions week after week?

Why do more and more groups decide to take matters into their own hands through petitions to town meeting?

Frankly, many citizens have lost confidence in the selectmen who are so bogged down in the minutiae that it's becoming increasingly difficult for them to keep it all straight.

Don't misunderstand us. The selectmen are all bright, articulate and dedicated people. But it's clear they cannot do their job effectively without help.

Cohasset is a small town with big problems.

With the former, long-time town administrator resigning — the town has the opportunity to look at change.

We don't have to fire anyone or wait for a retirement. Both the job and job description is open.

Yet surprisingly, a majority of selectmen said this week the town ought to hold off switching to a town manager.

They want more time to study the proposal and think the town administrator position can be beefed up to take on more duties.

Frankly, we've sat through too many meetings in which a critical issue comes up at 11 p.m. when everyone is too tired to make any coherent points.

We say vote YEA on a town manager.

— Mary Ford
Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hedlund: Don't Micro Manage Curriculum

Dear Senator Hedlund:

Your job is to legislate. Our job is to educate.

Instead of introducing a bill in the legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to specify what should be taught in public school classrooms, I would appreciate you spending your time, energy, resources and talents on any or all of the following legislative priorities:

l) a bill to alter the funding formula of the Education Reform Act of 1993 so that the suburban communities you represent are treated more fairly and equitably in terms of the amount of state funding we receive;

2) a bill to address the long-term problem of funding for special needs education, which is (and always has been) a state mandate without sufficient state financial backing;

3) a bill to increase state funding for school construction, a problem which represents billions of dollars in unfunded liability nationwide and which poses severe financial hardships on the local communities you serve.

I happen to agree with you that the Emancipation Proclamation is an impressive historical document, although we might disagree about the reasons it was promulgated or its actual historical importance. But it isn't your job to micro manage the content of our curriculum. The taxpayers pay professional educators (and state bureaucrats) to make those decisions and elect School Committee members to oversee their implementation. If you have enough time on your hands to worry about the Gettysburg Address (and why not Roosevelt's radio address on the evening of Pearl Harbor or Chief Joseph's address to his people in the wintery mountains of the West?), then surely you have enough time to concentrate on the real educational issues for which the people of your district elected you.

Ralph D. Kidder, Chairman
Cohasset School Committee

Ed.'s note: Mr. Kidder provided a copy of his letter to Sen. Robert Hedlund to The Mariner for publication.

Thanks for Kitchen Tour Support

To The Editor:

The South Shore Community Center's Kitchen Tour was a huge success. More than 500 people attended! The four fantastic kitchens plus samplings from each of the caterers were out of this world, A "Special Thanks" to the Kupsc, Wade, Flint and Nevins families for opening up their homes.

The center would like to thank all of the many people who helped to make this event possible:

Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, St. Anthony's Parish, Saint Steven's Church, First Parish Church. Cohasset News, Tedeschi Food Shop, Stop & Shop of Cohasset, Molly Hochkeppel, Sally Chatterton, Mary Ford, Alan Chapman, Dickinson's Direct Mail, Gaffey Funeral Home, Council of Elder Affairs, Glenn Pratt, Lightkeepers, Chet Hoogeveen, Peter Tolman, Edvia Yocum, Paula Dickinson and Nancy Herlin.

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Stephanie Church
Program Director
South Shore Community Center

Question of the Week

The following candidates responded to last week's question:

'What is the biggest challenge facing the board you would like to represent? How will you make a difference?'

SELECTMAN/Alex Koines

Town government with a $17 million budget can no longer be run efficiently or economically by our elected, appointed boards and volunteer boards. I support the town manager form of government that 72 other towns in the commonwealth have already adopted.

A Town Manager form of government would transfer the financial powers of the selectmen to a more qualified professional with in-depth knowledge of Massachusetts laws, experience in town government, capital programs, contracting, municipal infrastructure, and water and sewer projects. As well-intentioned as our boards are, they lack the public administrative experience and knowledge of a professional town manager.

The property tax and debt service in our town has risen dramatically in the last few years and will continue to grow under our present system of no accountability. We cannot afford this. Every tax dollar collected must be used to its greatest benefit with no mistakes. I do not want a single retired citizen, young family or anyone else to be forced out of town because they cannot afford taxes driven out of control by those without the necessary expertise.

I support the town manager article at the upcoming town meeting. If it is not accepted, I will call for a charter commission which would continue to work toward obtaining a professional manager for our town. With a potential $45 million in capital expenditures and cost overruns, it is a necessity. Professional management is our most important challenge and I will work to that goal.

SELECTMAN/Wigmore Pierson

The most significant challenge facing the board of selectmen is that of regaining the confidence of Cohasset citizens as a deliberative and yet decisive body, which both listens and hears all citizens' concerns and then acts decisively to address the pressing issues before the town in a fiscally responsible way. In short, the challenge of leadership.

In addition, a perception exists that the board has not always asked tough enough questions of petitioners in order to elicit specific information to reach the most informed decisions in a timely manner.

Also, too often in recent years, too many major projects are presented at town meeting at the last minute requiring major commitments of financial and other resources, causing a significant impact on the tax rate, while at the same time citizens have been told they must vote "yes" or be condemned to eternal purgatory.

As a long time business owner, president of a financial holding company and career counselor, I believe I would bring to the board, a unique blend of listening skills, a sense of fairness and a sense of the importance of fiscal responsibility in representing all the taxpayers of Cohasset.

And finally, consensus building and accessibility to all citizens are extremely important to me. It is too easy to develop a sense of one's own importance on any board but especially one which is the highest office within the collective gift of our fellow citizens. I would work very hard to avoid this malady of arrogance, which too frequently overcomes elected officials.

SELECTMAN/Diane C. Sullivan

Our biggest challenge, as selectmen and as residents concerned with the future of our town, is to move immediately toward greater efficiency and professionalism in our government. Twenty years ago as a new resident from Hingham, I would have thought it inconceivable that Cohasset would employ a town manager.

Times change and so must we. Cohasset is today a municipal corporation with a $17.89 million annual operating budget. Additionally, we have before us significant authorized and proposed capital spending projects for our new elementary school, municipal sewers for two districts and septic management for non-sewered areas. These projects alone reach a total of $43 million.

Today it is inconceivable to me that Cohasset can proceed without a town manager. I endorse and fully support the town manager article at the annual town meeting. I thank the citizen proponents of the article and the town government structure committee for bringing their detailed proposal forward at this critical time.

Dedicated as our officials may be, governing is complex. While in the past I would join many in seeing a town manager as a threat to our cherished small town values, I now think our town government assisted by a town manager is the best way to preserve the quality of life and open democracy we all find in our town.

How will I make a difference? I will be an advocate for more efficient and professional government for Cohasset. We can no longer say, "Let's just think about it." We must be decisive and move forward.

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

The board's greatest challenge is in leading us through a difficult period resulting from the major capital projects undertaken and still ahead, the resulting impact on taxes, and the divisions in our community they have caused.

Our current situation demonstrates the need for sound planning and management. We need professional town management and specific project managers/ombudsmen. Most important, the town needs a master plan — a means for looking ahead, setting our priorities and knowing what we want to do and how to get there. The selectmen, as the executive authority of the town, must take the initiative and exercise their managerial authority to bring about proactive planning and coordination between all departments.

The Selectmen also must lead in ending growing frictions apparent in this and last year's major project debates. We must ensure open lines of communication with the town. In my eight years on the conservation commission, I have been most proud of the fact that with numerous views represented on a given project, often strongly-held, we routinely achieve unanimous votes with no appeals. We find a way to achieve consensus, and it is that model of governing I wish to bring to the board of selectmen.

I also believe I bring to the table from my years of town service and my professional life a firm understanding of the issues now facing the town, experience in dealing with complex legal and regulatory issues, and an aptitude for dealing with the managerial tasks that lie ahead.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Joe McElroy

I believe our biggest challenge is to update and make a five year strategic plan that is a blueprint for progress and totally integrated with a five-year financial plan. An integrated strategic/financial plan will greatly expand opportunities for the school district to get a greater share of local aid (of local communities, only Bridgewater, Norwood and Raynham, receive less).

A five year strategic/financial plan will avoid situations such as currently exist wherein resources were largely wasted on a 1993 technology plan that has been mostly ignored. Now, a "crash" plan is being assembled to meet a June 30 state mandated deadline. In the meantime, many communities have approved technology plans making them eligible for state assistance, for example, Rockland, Norwell and Scituate.

My professional career has focused on the planning and budgeting process. I hold a master of education degree, and have been an adjunct professor at Bridgewater State College as well as a course director and instructor of the year. I am certified in software analysis and design, purchasing and inventory management; skill sets that are needed on the school committee. My leadership in the volunteer restoration of the Lightkeeper's residence evidences my ability to "make a difference." Gerard Keating has commended me as a "worker, knowledgeable." Eric Orsini, former Assistant Secretary of the Army, complimented my implementation of the Department of Defense bar code technology program by citing my "...strong leadership and consistent direction..." I will act, rather than react.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Kathy Ofsthun

My name is Kathy Ofsthun, and as a candidate for school committee, I think that the biggest challenge facing Cohasset's School Committee is the inclusion of all citizens at our schools and improved communications to non-parents.

In Cohasset, as in any town, the most significant portion of the town's budget is for the schools. Certainly reason and a group of realtors will convince you of the correlation between the quality of the schools and the value of your home. But beyond that, the schools need to find ways of demonstrating to Cohasset's citizens the other values that they bring to the community.

I think there are a myriad of ways to strengthen the connection between the schools and the town. I advocate expanded community use of the facilities, for example the fitness center being developed at the high school, co-sponsored events with other groups in towns, and curricular tie-ins such as the lobster lab. The school committee has begun a campaign of improving communications with many groups in town, and I would energetically contribute to the expansion of their plan and its implementation.

My business background is in both finance and marketing. I am a C.P.A. and more recently had a business partnership in strategic marketing consulting and market research. I think this unique combination of skills has provided me with the means to understand the fiscal needs of the town and the schools and the ability to effectively communicate with the various constituencies.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Susan Turgiss

The challenge of today's school committee is to provide an excellent education for all students within the increasing demands of accountability by education reform, parents and taxpayers.

Phases of the Education Reform Act related to increased instruction time, teaching of core subjects, professional development, proficiency testing and site based management have been effectively implemented by the school committee and administrators. We must remember that education reform is still in progress and the committee will remain accountable for proposed changes in curriculum and measurements of academic achievement. The school's technology plan will soon be submitted to the state. The committee will oversee implementation of this important plan which integrates technology and learning. I believe that Cohasset's educational vision should well exceed these state mandates.

Fiscal accountability must go hand in hand with educational excellence. Cohasset is facing a major responsibility for the construction of a new school. The school committee should continue to work closely with building committees and communicate progress effectively. Facilities maintenance plans should be monitored carefully. Limited funding for programs, including special needs, presents a challenge for smaller communities like Cohasset. The committee should support efforts to increase the state's financial responsibility and explore resources.

I believe that my educational background and experience in public schools and business will help achieve our educational vision. My working knowledge of education reform will bring insight and balance to the committee. I offer skills in communication, planning, and problem solving. I will be committed and accountable.

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ASK THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Technology Committee Seeks Members

The Internet, the World Wide Web, hardware, software, local area networks, wide area networks: Who could have imagined just a few short years ago that our everyday vocabulary would include such technical language or that our schools would be faced with the daunting task of preparing children to live in such a high-tech world? When it comes to "technology" in the schools however, the future is now.

As you may know, the Cohasset Public Schools developed our first multi-phase technology plan in 1993. This plan anticipated the integration of computers and other modern technologies with the K through 12 curriculum where such integration is useful in the delivery of education. In other words, we view the computer as one of the tools in a good teacher's tool kit, to be used when it helps achieve a particular educational outcome. This 1993 plan has not been fully funded, given budgetary constraints. However, we have made excellent strides in identifying appropriate "interfaces" between technology and our curriculum and, with the help of the Cohasset Education Foundation, we've increased significantly the number of computers available to children in labs and classrooms.

The Education Reform Act of 1993 requires all Massachusetts communities to prepare a five-year technology plan. This document is in the form of a grant proposal, with the Commonwealth offering $35,000 as an incentive for completion of the plan by July 1, 1997. A technology committee has been established to complete the Commonwealth's grant proposal and, more importantly, to formulate a new multi-year technology strategy for the Cohasset schools.

The technology committee, which includes administrators, teachers, students, a school committee member and community representatives, is seeking two to three more Cohasset residents with expertise in networking, work station applications or hardware/software decision-making in the private or public sector to help us devise our technology strategy. If you are willing to serve as an advisor to this committee, please call the superintendent's office, 383-6111.

Question of the Week

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WATER COMMISSION/John McNabb

The greatest challenge facing water commissioners is to continue rebuilding the water distribution system as started by Fred Koed and the other commissioners. We must never again face the situation of the summers of 1994 and 1995, when many Cohasset homes were deprived of running water or effective fire protection. While the commissioners have solved the immediate problem that led to those losses of service, there is still much work to be done.

A second water storage tank is essential to provide the required system fire fighting capacity as required by fire safety and insurance rating organizations. There are still many miles of old water pipes in Cohasset which have not been adequately maintained, and which must be relined or replaced to enable the system to produce the minimally required 20 pounds per square inch (psi) of pressure everywhere in town.

The water commission also must continue the use of contractual services to run its operations, which has improved department finances and professional management. The town avoided an override vote this year in large part thanks to the water department, which continues to pay back its debt to the town.

I have more than 10 years experience in water supply issues, as a member of the town water resources protection committee, as one of Cohasset's representatives on the South Shore Water Supply Advisory Committee and as a legislative liaison for the state Dept. of Environmental Protection, where I helped pass many significant environmental laws, including the Water Management Act in 1985.

Next Week's Question:

• For selectmen candidates:
Do you agree with the current board of selectmen that the train station should be on Route 3A? Do you think the decision process was handled fairly?

• For school committee candidates:
There's a perception out there held by some that the schools aren't doing enough to combat drug and alcohol abuse among students. What do you think?

• For water commission candidates:
Underground sprinklers have put a drain on the system. Has anything been done about this? What do you suggest?

All responses must be received by noon Monday and may be sent by FAX to the Cohasset Mariner 741-2931 or dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street. Answers must be no more than 250 words.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'What, Me Worry?'

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of the septic system maintenance plan advocated by the Cohasset Board of Health. As I understand it, the town will reimburse any homeowner one-half of the cost of system repairs up to a maximum of $20,000; this cost will be recovered through an increase in taxes to be paid by all homeowners living in Cohasset. In addition, homeowners will be required to have their systems checked annually and pumped periodically; this cost will be recovered through user fees based on water usage.

First, there is the issue of equity. I think that it's only fair that homeowners who have had the foresight to maintain and upgrade their septic systems should be made to subsidize those who have neglected to maintain their systems. Why should only a few – those who have failed to invest in maintenance and improvements — have to suffer the burden of reduced property values?

Also, the timing is superb. This will be the perfect solution to the impending "pay-per-bag" program at the recycling center. With the burden of care for septic systems removed from Cohasset homeowners, all of us can install disposal units to flush trash down our sinks, confident in the knowledge that the town will either pump it out or pay for the resulting repairs. We can adopt a "What, Me Worry?" attitude toward our carefully maintained septic systems.

I am eagerly anticipating the adoption of other tax-based programs in Cohasset. There are several additional opportunities to mandate homeowner warranties, paid for through an increase in taxes, on various systems that we previously had to worry about (and maintain) ourselves. Furnaces and roofs seem the next logical extension, but plumbing systems would also be a good bet. After all, isn't this the kind of thinking that made America great?

Robert Simons
338 Jerusalem Road

New Water Tank Location Explained

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Cohasset Board of Water Commissioners, our office is hereby responding to Mr. Edwin Pratt's March 14 letter, published in The Mariner March 20, regarding the siting of a proposed second water tank in the town. We sincerely appreciate Mr. Pratt's sharing his knowledge relative to the matter and fully agree that the construction of the second water tank is essential for the water system operation and is long overdue. As consultants to the town of Cohasset, Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc. did extensive hydrant fire flow and water main "C" testing. The results of this testing were used to develop a computer hydraulic model of the town's water system. Based upon this model, we are able to predict pressures in the water system under various water flow scenarios. Utilizing the results of the computer hydraulic model, our office determined that the best location for the new water tank is Bear Hill.

We have provided the following in answer to some of your comments:

1) As part of our water system study, four different water main routes for connecting a water tank on Scituate Hill to the distribution system were examined. Locating the new water tank at Scituate Hill instead of Bear Hill will increase the cost by 15 to 25 percent or $210,000 to $350,000 exclusive of legal and land acquisition costs.

2) The new tank on Bear Hill will be constructed outside the footprint of the old reservoir, as was the existing tank.

3) Borings must be performed at any tank site prior to design. We do not expect the foundation material at the proposed Bear Hill site to be different than what was encountered at the existing tank site.

4) The Bear Hill location is in Central Cohasset adjacent to the greatest fire demands of the town. A Scituate Hill tank would be remote to the Central Cohasset area.

5) The Bear Hill location is directly served by two independent 12" water mains. One of the 12" mains is 100+ years old. This cast iron water main was found to be in excellent condition needing only cleaning and lining and valve and hydrant replacement. This work is scheduled for this summer.

6) The Bear Hill location is at the hub of the water system with distribution mains emanating to all extremes of the water system.

7) The higher elevation at Scituate Hill provides little to no advantage. The differential is about 10 feet between the two hills.

8) Both the Bear Hill and Scituate Hill sites would provide more than adequate fire flow capabilities to the Jerusalem Road area. The Scituate Hill site would maintain a slightly higher residual water pressure (about 5 percent higher) under fire flow conditions.

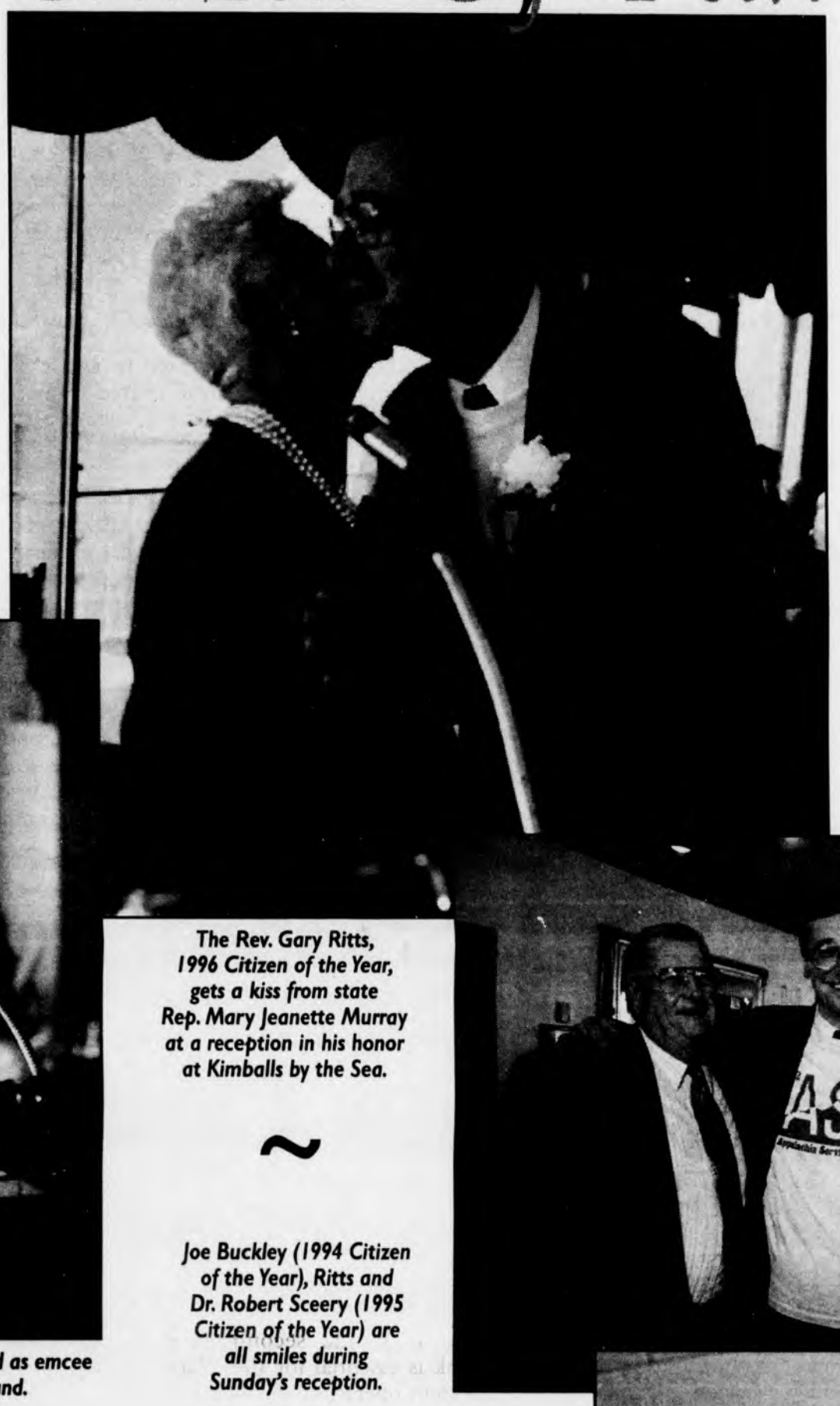
9) No new main is currently proposed for Route 3A north of King Street to the Hingham line. If there was a water main in this location, both the Bear Hill and Scituate Hill sites would provide more than adequate fire flow capabilities. The Scituate Hill site would maintain a slightly higher residual water pressure (about 5-1/2 percent higher) under fire flow conditions.

10) Both the Bear Hill and Scituate Hill sites would provide more than adequate fire flow capabilities to a possible future north Cohasset service area. The Scituate Hill site would maintain a slightly higher residual water pressure (about 4 percent) under fire flow conditions.

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Ritts is Honored as Citizen Of Year

Special Reception Held at Kimballs by the Sea



Staff photos/Alan Chapman



Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford, who acted as emcee for the awards program, gives Ritts a hand.

The Rev. Gary Ritts, 1996 Citizen of the Year, gets a kiss from state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray at a reception in his honor at Kimballs by the Sea.

~

Joe Buckley (1994 Citizen of the Year), Ritts and Dr. Robert Sceery (1995 Citizen of the Year) are all smiles during Sunday's reception.





Ritts (center) is surrounded by his son, Steve, and wife, Judy. The fourth family member, daughter Alli, is away in New Zealand but sent a poem which Steve read during the program.



Mig Buckley, whose husband Joe was the 1994 Citizen of the Year, chats with Gerard Keating (1993 Citizen of the Year).

Kathy Ofsthun to Run for School Board



Kathy Ofsthun

It is an exciting time for Cohasset's schools, and it is my strong desire to play an active role in implementing the positive changes already envisioned and to lead a process of expanding our vision and setting new goals. Therefore, I am presenting myself as a candidate for the School Committee.

Many positive changes are already underway including block scheduling at the high school, the establishment of a middle school, and construction of a modern elementary school facility. These will require vigilant yet supportive oversight to ensure their success, and it is my goal to provide such attention.

Furthermore, I would energetically work to expand the communication efforts begun by the current committee members. For some problem-solving, I would employ the expertise of the school councils as well as Cohasset's talented parent resources. Related to specific curriculum, I would work to add world languages at the elementary level, ensure adequate keyboard training, and initiate programs for gifted students.

I have been active in the schools for several years, currently serving on the Parent School Organization as its President. My three sons attend the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools. I have a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from the University of Illinois and graduate work towards an MBA a the University of Chicago. My years as a C.P.A. will lend a financial expertise to the school budget process. I also have many years of experience as a marketing consultant which will assist the committee in understanding the town's needs and in targeting their communications.

I would look forward to the opportunities and challenges a position on the School Committee provides. If you care to help, I welcome your support. Kathy Ofsthun, 45 Fair Oaks Ln., Cohasset, ph/FAX 383-9396. Thank you.

Turgiss is a Candidate for School Committee

Susan Turgiss announces her candidacy for the Cohasset School Committee. Susan's educational background includes a Master of Education degree from Northeastern University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bridgewater State College. She continues training at the post-graduate level.



Susan Turgiss

Susan has 15 years' experience as speech and language pathologist working in grades pre-kindergarten to 12th, with her most recent position being in the Rockland Public Schools. She has working knowledge of the Education Reform Act and its implementation. Susan serves as a community resource person in her field not only in the town of Rockland but also for the town of Cohasset. From 1992 to present, Susan has been a field supervisor for Emerson College training graduate students. Her business experience includes working in marketing for the Xerox Corporation and as configuration control analyst for the Northrop Corporation.

Susan has been continually involved with the Cohasset Public Schools. She is currently a parent representative on the Deer Hill School Council which meets regularly with the principal to assist in identifying educational needs, review budget, and formulate the school improvement plan. As a member of the 1995 Cohasset Public School Strategic Planning Committee, Susan participated in identifying system wide educational goals and developing strategies to implement the plan. She has been a member of the PLS.. board (1994-95) and a volunteer for both academic and enrichment activities in the schools.

Susan is committed to the pursuit of academic excellence in Chaste Public Schools. She states that increasing demands of accountability due to the curriculum and testing mandates of Educational Reform and funding constraints present a challenge that must be met by the public schools. Susan sees strengthening community involvement and support for the schools as an important component towards fostering enthusiasm, respect and achievement in education. She also states that the community should be encouraged to use the school facilities for activities such as adult education and

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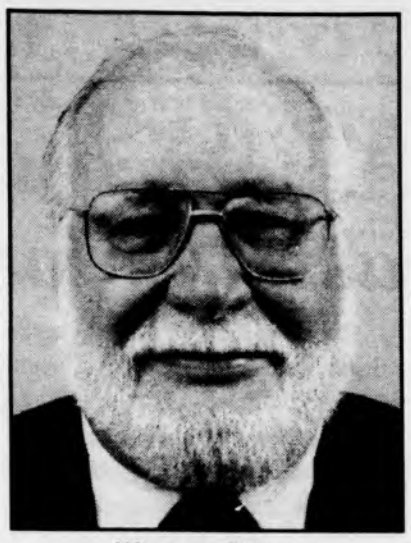
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Pierson Announces Candidacy for Selectman



Wigmore Pierson

Wigmore A. Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave., is announcing his candidacy for a three-year term as selectman.

"I would bring a special independence to the board that will enable me to represent all the citizens of the town," said Pierson. "I will try to listen to everyone's concerns without bringing my own agenda to the board."

Pierson feels that few public officials are listening to the citizens and that they do not understand or care about peoples' financial difficulties when they agree to higher taxes, however meritorious the need may be.

"I believe we must respond to the rapidly changing society around us while remaining sensitive to already dreadfully burdened taxpayers. We have a big enough government and don't need any further bureaucracy," he said.

Pierson has been active in town affairs since moving to Cohasset in 1985 from Bethesda, MD. He was appointed by the selectmen to the first drug and alcohol committee in 1988 and subsequently was appointed to the Common Historic District Committee.

Since 1990, he has been a member of the historical commission and is currently serving as chairman of the new town history committee, which is charged with writing a third volume of Cohasset history.

He is also a member of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and the town's Historical Society.

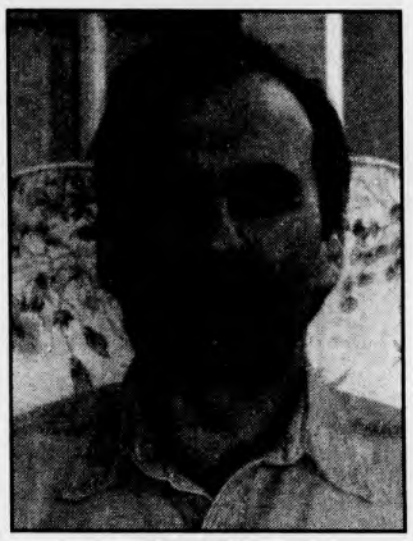
Pierson has taken a leave of absence from "Pierson to Person," his critically-acclaimed public affairs cable television program, for the duration of the campaign.

He has been active in public affairs since he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru, running twice for the state House of Representatives and serving as the chairman of the Massachusetts chapter of the Partners of the Americas.

On the national level, Pierson served as associate director of the Partners of the Americas in Washington, D.C., and was a member of President Gerald Ford's advance staff.

Pierson earned a bachelor's degree from Lake Forest College, where he served as a trustee for eight years, and attended the Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College.

He is the father of three children: Elizabeth, 17; Morgan, 15; and Carrie, 13.



Alex Koines

Alex Koines Candidate for Selectman

I grew up in Cohasset and live here with my wife and our daughter. My career has been in sales and marketing. Through my experience as a sales manager, I have developed a clear understanding of priorities and the ability to solve problems expediently, qualities I feel are not just useful, but essential in a selectman. I am a fiscal conservative and believe that every tax dollar should be used carefully. I will work hard to maintain a balance of sensible spending and efficient, reliable services for our town.

Turgiss

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summer programs.

Susan and her husband, Robert, have an 11-year-old daughter named Nicole who attends the Deer Hill School. They reside at 96 Jerusalem Rd.

Persons interested in learning more about Susan Turgiss candidacy can call her at 383-9145.

Meet Susan Turgiss

Meet Susan Turgiss, candidate for school committee, at the Carriage House Nursery School, 23 North Main St., Friday, April 4, at 9 a.m.

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Inquiries may be made to Marie Kelly at 383-1924.

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Bermuda: A portrait in living pastel color

By Linda Saulnier

At first blush, it is Bermuda's pink sand, turquoise waters, and limestone cliffs that summon you to this semitropical island 650 miles east of North Carolina. But behind the pastel perfection, Bermuda bursts with excitement, daring you to windsurf across the Great Sound, parasail off awesome coastlines, explore Ice Age caves, or scuba dive amid ancient shipwrecks.

Whether you arrive by air or sea, romance is sure to follow. If the island's famous perfumery, exotic gardens, and flora don't create the right ambiance, Bermuda's dazzling nightlife and lagoon sunsets surely will.

But if playing golf at sunset is your idea of romance, you will fall in love with Bermuda's lush greens at first sight.

Golf and Bermuda. It is a match made in heaven. Bermuda's Bureau of Touris mclaims you can play year round on courses designed by Robert Trent Jones and Charles Banks. Stuff a camera in your golf bag if you plan to play courses — like the 18-hole Castle Harbour Golf Club — that have panoramic views.

"Many of Bermuda's major resorts have their own golf course, or offer privileges at a nearby course," says Mike Mota, a travel agent with AAA Travel.

Some guidebooks list private clubs that offer specials to non guests, but greens fees can be pricey. There are a number of exclusive courses, like the Mid Ocean Club in St. George, considered to be one of the top courses in the world. Ask your travel agent about the possibility of playing there.

If your hotel or guest house has a private beach, don't stay put. Beach hop. Otherwise, you will miss seeing some of the most interesting stretches of Bermuda lace, the name for the offshore reefs that jut from the coastline. Elbow beach is a favorite with tourists. Other beach havens are the luxurious Horseshoe Bay, deemed outstanding by Mota. Nearer to St. George is Whale Bone Bay, where the sand is black, not pink.

You can view Bermuda's spectacular beaches from a sailboat, excursion cruise, or helicopter. Or you can descend a rocky hillside and wade through pools of water at low tide to swim in a less-touristy area. According to Bermuda's Bureau of Tourism, lifeguards are on duty at public beaches from May through September.

Dining can be formal or fun. Bermuda cuisine includes a bountiful fare of locally grown fruits and melons. For seafood lovers, mussels are a must. If you are adventurous, you will find shark and game fish a departure from the more popular red snapper. Where else would you find Bermuda Onion Pie on the menu? Bermuda Triangle ale is the local microbrew, and Black Seal Rum is about as stormy as it gets in Bermuda.

Rental cars are not available. To travel the island, you will have to rent a bike or motor scooter, take a taxi, or brave the bus, an escapade that will prove well worth the fare. Bermuda is British, so you will drive on the left side of the road. Follow the Old Railway Trail from parish to parish. Map your itinerary to include a stop in Somerset where you can picnic near the world's tiniest draw bridge, which is cranked by hand.

From the bustling city of Hamilton to the quaint streets of St. George, Bermuda's history comes alive in its 17th century buildings, churches, and forts. Its many museums are filled with exhibits and artifacts from land and sea. You will learn Bermuda's fascinating perspective on early colonization and the Civil War.

Pirates, rum-running, and witchcraft contribute to Bermuda folklore. At the Royal Naval Dockyard, once a naval bastion where legend claims a secret military facility operated as recently as 1993, you can visit a prison built by convicts in the 1800s, and a maritime museum. From the ramparts of Fort Scour Hill, you can catch a great view of the Great Sound. At Clocktower Mall you will find unique crafts and boutiques. Stop to sip a cup of tea served in a china cup.

Shopping in Bermuda is an international experience. French, Italian, and Swiss imports, local wares, Irish wools, and Bermuda pottery are among the treasures you can bring home duty-free. United States currency is accepted everywhere, as are major credit cards.

Mota says a passport is not required to enter Bermuda, but you will need two forms of identification for proof of U.S. citizenship accompanied by a photo ID such as a driver's license. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you will need a green card and federalization papers, in addition to a passport.

You can fly from Boston to Bermuda nonstop on American Airlines and Delta Airlines, or sail away on a week-long cruise. Flights are 2-1/2 hours. Mota says fares vary, but it is usually cheaper to go during the week than on the weekend.

Royal Majesty cruises sail from Boston April through October. Mota says agencies can offer special rates until the ship is 90 percent full. Then, the cruise line usually determines the going rate.

(Linda Saulnier is a freelance writer for Community Newspaper Company.)

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Cape Ann: A land of culture, history, and wildlife

By Stephanie Maughan

Rugged coastline and sandy beaches ... wildlife ... museums ... music ... art and antiques. Cape Ann, a peninsula that juts off the Massachusetts mainland 35 miles north of Boston with bustling towns rich in maritime history and quaint seaside villages, has something for everyone.

To get a feel for Cape Ann — named in the early 1600s by Charles I of England for his mother, Anne of Denmark — head out from downtown Gloucester northeast along Route 127A, the coastal route to Rockport.

On a clear day, it's breathtaking. As you wind your way along the ocean past impressive homes and hotels, you will probably want to stop at several points — such as Bass Rocks — walk around, and listen to the waves crashing against the rocky coastline. Further along there are sand beaches, Good Harbor Beach and Long Beach. Downtown Rockport is a couple of miles ahead of these, past several secluded coves.

This town is one of Cape Ann's centers for art and music. There are often multitudes of people strolling down Main Street and Bearskin Neck toward the ocean's edge, visiting the many artists' studios. Artists also display their work at the Rockport Art Association's gallery on Main Street.

At night during the summer, this gallery becomes a concert hall for the Rockport Chamber Music Festival. From June 12 through July 6, you will be able to hear the Brentano String Quartet, and pianists Russell Sherman and Menahem Pressler among other internationally known musicians.

Driving several miles north along Route 127 from Rockport, you will reach Halibut Point State Park, one of the sites of Cape Ann's granite industry, which flourished in the 1800s. It's a peaceful place high above the Atlantic to walk and meditate as you look out over the wide expanse of ocean.

You can return to Gloucester by taking Route 127, which goes inland south of Rockport, or by Route 127A.

Since Gloucester, the first and largest town on Cape Ann, was colonized by the Pilgrims back in 1630, fishing has been its livelihood. To learn about this history, start with a narrated boat tour of the harbor. As you pass lobster boats, haulers, and draggers, the narrator will tell how fishing has been passed down from generation to generation and that in the late 1800s, Gloucester was the center of North America's fishing industry.

The tour will pass by Ten Pound Island, where Winslow Homer, one of America's great nautical painters, lived for a while.

Further out, to your north, will be Eastern Point, with Beauport, the Sleeper-McCann House built by Henry Davis Sleeper, a prominent collector and interior designer. The building is now a museum. Another museum, Hammond Castle, once the home of John Hammond Jr., America's second-greatest inventor, is to your south.

When you get back on shore, learn the art of eating lobster or enjoy other fare from the sea at the Landmark Gloucester House at Seven Seas Wharf.

Adventure at sea

Gloucester's seafaring past will come alive when you visit the Adventure, one of the last and most famous of the large wooden fishing schooners. This dory trawler, otherwise known as "The Old Lady," has been restored as a national historic landmark by volunteers, and is moored just off Route 127 at the Gloucester Marine Railway's Pier.



Tourists stroll among the many shops on Rockport's Bearskin Neck.
PHOTO BY FREDRIK D. BODIN

In her 27 years as a fishing schooner under captains Jeff Thomas and Leo Hynes, The Old Lady's crews caught a record amount of fish, mostly cod and haddock. But when you first step on her deck, you'd hardly know that they walked on it day and night, year-round. A lone dory sits on it like a decorative object. Once, it was one of several rugged craft that the fishermen launched from The Old Lady, then cast their baited "trawl" lines. Now, the miles of trawl line are gone.

When you walk around, you'll see a telling sign of this schooner's legacy — a sizable depression in the wood just outside the captain's quarters where the helmsman stood at the wheel and looked at the compass that was in a box in the quarters just ahead.

Descend the steep wooden stairway into the captain's quarters to see where both captains and their buddies lived.

The two small electric lamps on either side of its cyprus and fiddleback maple walls cast a low light throughout the cabin, giving it an elegant, yet cozy feel. A small wood burning stove along the far wall adds to the mood.

Sit in Thomas's worn gray caned chair just to the right of the stairway or on benches that run along two sides of the cabin, and listen as volunteers talk about this boat's legacy. They'll share anecdotes about Hynes's daredevil spirit and how he would do whatever it took to find fish, even if it meant being out in a major winter storm or spending hours — day and night — poring over charts, then marking the depths against them, feeling whatever came up from the bottom.

One story they'll tell will be how in 1943 Hynes braved the riptides on George's Bank and brought in enough fish to fill the boat, Adventure's biggest catch.

Get a sense of just how much fish this was by touring the rest of The Old Lady. Walking down the hallway from the captain's quarters, you'll go past eight sleeping cabins on either side where the massive fish hold was. The galley at the end is where the 24 crew members slept and ate.

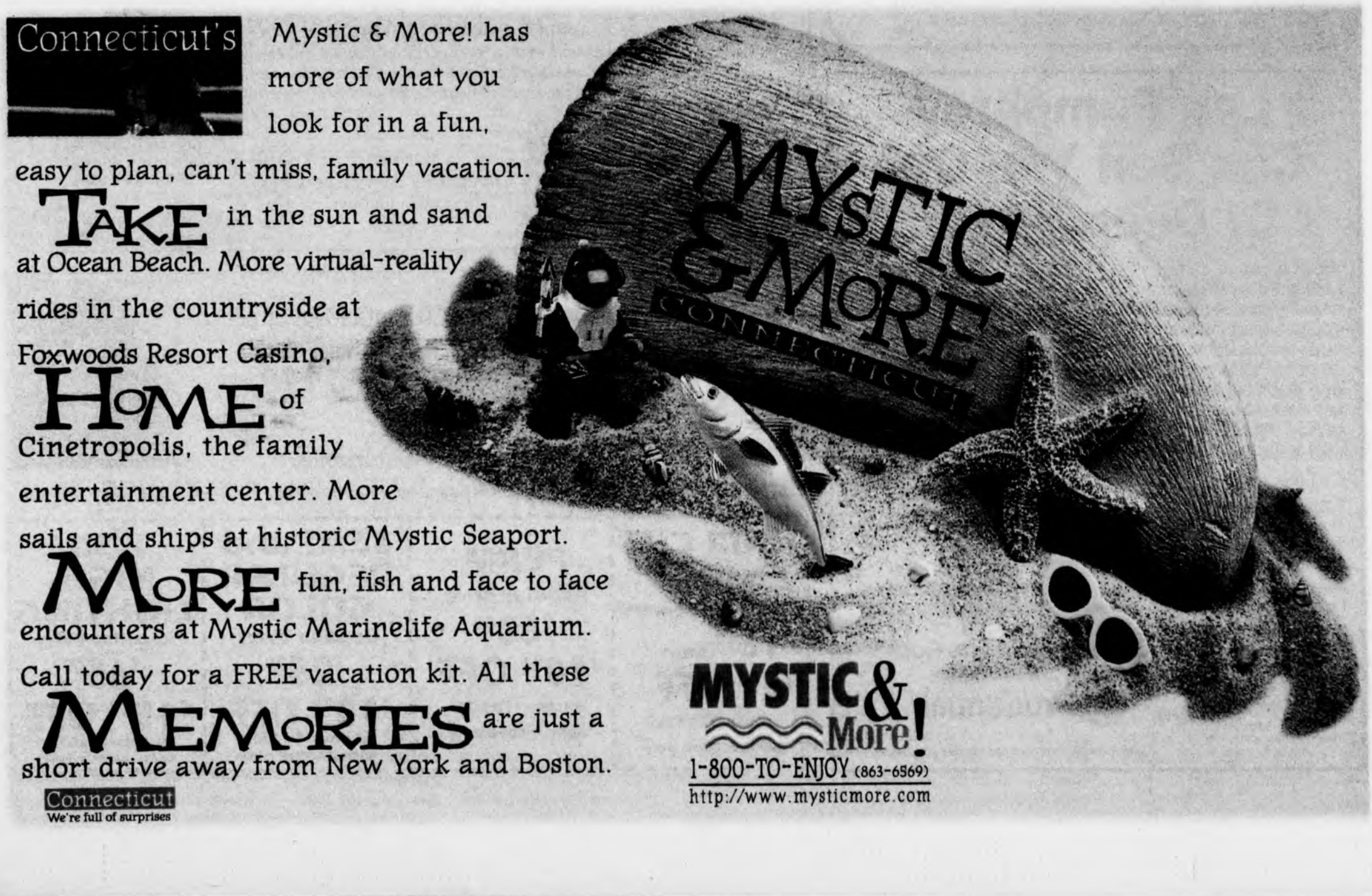
The Adventure is one of only five fishing schooners remaining out of the nearly 4,000 that shipbuilders constructed in Essex, a town on Route 133 just west of Gloucester. This town was once the largest shipbuilding center in America.

You can learn about these schooners at the Essex Shipbuilding Museum, located on the north side of town. They were sailed up the Essex River, then out into the Atlantic south toward Gloucester Harbor.

Be sure to make reservations to take a similar trip up the Essex River on a pontoon boat with Agawam Boat Charters or Essex River Cruises.

At the end of your day, enjoy the hospitality and charm you'll find at the numerous inns and bed and breakfasts that dot the roads along the way.

(Stephanie Maughan is a freelance writer for Community Newspaper Company.)



Pay Per Bag Committee Comes Armed With Education

But Program is Delayed a Year

By Melissa Boynton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Anticipating concerned citizens seeking more information about the controversial Pay as You Throw Program, committee members Arthur Lehr (chairman), John McNabb, and Selectman Merle Brown were ready at the recent educational forum.

Bags of trash sat at the end of the long conference table containing three microphones for the committee. After three participants came in the committee proceeded with their agenda despite the disappointingly low attendance.

But selectmen this week made it official — the pay per bag program will be put off a year. They hope that through more educational forums, like the one described in this story, townspeople will become entbusiastic about the program

Merle Brown began the March 13 forum by saying, "The purpose of this meeting is to educate those concerned about the program."

He then held up various see-through garbage bags which bear the names of towns around Massachusetts.

"There are 75 cities and towns across the Commonwealth that are participating successfully in the program," said Brown adding, "There is just no reason why we can't too."

He bases this belief in the success of the program on Cohasset's already impressive record of recycling.

"It is obvious to me that people in this town are already doing a good job," Brown said, "we're in the top percentage in the state." Grabbing the first of the three bags from the conference table he adds, "But we can do better."

He pulled a large pile of recyclable items from the bag which including toys that could have been put into the "Boutique", several cardboard boxes and many sheaves of white paper.

"I don't think people are aware of all of the things that are recyclable these days," he concludes.

Arthur Lehr then passed out pamphlets which were generated by Brown on his home PC. It states the basic facts about the program which are:

> **'Unit pricing is part of many things — water, electric, gas. Why not trash removal?'**
> *— Arthur Lehr, recycling committee.*

- Every bag of trash that is thrown away represents a cost to the town of Cohasset. It costs the town approximately $75 per ton to dispose of our trash. The proposed Pay as You Throw system will pay for half this cost. The other half is paid by property taxes.
- The premise of the program is that people who generate larger quantities of trash pay more for disposal than those who generate very little. People who recycle pay less for trash disposal and do not subsidize those who choose not to recycle.
- Special bags will be made available at local stores (TBD), DPW Garage and the RTF. Only the special bags will be accepted at the recycling transfer facility. You have the option of recycling at no cost many things you may now be throwing away. This system provides an incentive to reduce the amount of material you throw away.
- There are two bag sizes — 33 gallons which holds up to 25 lbs. of trash and 20 gallons which holds up to 15 lbs. of trash. They come in packs of 10. The 33-gallon pack will sell for $10, the 20-gallon will sell for $5. The stickers will cost 50 cents and would be used when disposing of large items that would not fit into the bag, for instance plastic toys.

It is the hope of the committee that by recycling more the cost to SEMASS can be reduced.

"If the cost to SEMASS is reduced, the budget for trash removal can be reduced and that money can be put elsewhere," Brown said.

The reason the committee aimed for a May start date is because that is when the existing RTF permit stickers expire. They also wanted to take advantage of the Dept. of Environmental Protection's grant.

"We (as a town) have been offered a grant of $4,600 to be used towards the purchase of the bags," Brown said, "and we're just not certain that we will be given those moneys next year." They realized that they had their work cut out for them if they are going to meet that May deadline.

"We realize that there is a big demand for education on this program, that's why we came with pamphlets in hand."

Committee member Lehr doesn't understand why this concept is so foreign to people.

"Unit pricing is part of many things — water, electric, gas," said Lehr, "why not trash removal?"

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Large Field Expected For Annual 10K

By-the-Sea Race Set For April 6

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Spring officially arrived last Friday, but runners participating in the 21st Annual Cohasset Roadrace By-the-Sea 10K, the change of season won't be here until April 6.

The race begins at 1 p.m., in Cohasset Village on North Main Street. For the second year in a row, Herb Elliot, the great Australian miler who won the gold medal at 1,500 meters in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, will serve as the race's grand marshall.

The race has long been recognized as one of the most scenic courses in Massachusetts, let alone the South Shore. The certified 6.2-mile route, which features some of Cohasset's most picturesque scenery, has been recognized by New England Runner as one of the top-20 routes among the races in the six states.

"The beauty of the town and natural beauty of the course is an attraction," said race director Roy Fitzsimmons. "I think the race has lasted this long because we focus on what we can do for the runners."

Local businesses have also played a big part in the race's history and this year is no exception. More than 50 sponsors have come forth with donations and prizes.

"The involvement of the community has been the lifeblood of the race," Fitzsimmons said. "It's a real community event."

The race is popular locally, but made a difference at the international level last year. Sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary Club, the 1996 race raised $8,500. The money was used to complete a list distributed by the United Nations. The list described what was needed to eradicate polio in Kenya. That goal has been the pledge of Rotary Club International.

The local donation completed the list and the Cohasset Rotary Club was honored with a visit and banquet at the Charter House by the deputy ambassador to Kenya.

"It was pretty incredible," Fitzsimmons said.

The size of the race's field generally can't be predicted because the majority of entrants post-register on the day of the event. As of Tuesday, 300 entries had been received for the race and another 50 for the walk, which begins at 10 a.m., at Sandy Beach.

Fitzsimmons said weather plays a big part in determining the size of the field. "We're hoping for a good day with little or no wind."

A clear, cool day almost guarantees a large field. Last year nearly 1,200 runners competed, with no more than half of them pre-registering.

The loop course starts on North Main Street, proceeds past Kimball's By The Sea and takes a sharp left onto Atlantic Ave., where homes are nestled at the end of long driveways, concealed by the woods on both sides of the street.

Near the two-mile mark runners emerge from the shade and make their way along the seaside section of the course, passing Sandy Beach and towards the rolling Jerusalem Road section.

Runners stride past scenery resembling subjects of Norman Rockwell works, including Sandy Beach and breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean.

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Orange Crush Gives Wrestlers Offseason Alternative

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Are you a wrestler, or ever wanted to be one?

If so, the Orange Crush Wrestling Club is your answer to limitless opportunities on the mats.

The biggest club of its kind on the South Shore and arguably in Massachusetts, Orange Crush provides coaching and competition for wrestlers who are new to the sport and champion-calibre grapplers who want to get a leg up on their competition during the winter season.

The club has been received well among local wrestlers. One only has to look at the enrollment numbers to realize a serious, summer wrestling club was in demand in the South Shore.

After coaching a squad of 20 last summer, the enrollment took a gigantic leap to what head coach Mike Kenney believes will be an eventual 125 members from at least 17 different towns by the beginning of April.

Among the wrestlers in the club, 14 are South Sectional champions, seven are State winners and 10 placed in the New England championship.

The club isn't without a local flavor. Heading the group is Kevin Duffy, who this winter put together a monster season, culminating with the All-State championship, the first in Cohasset High's history. Division 3 South Sectional champion Justin Buckley is a member, as well as Mike Baird.

The squad is loaded with elite wrestlers, but the doors are open at Hingham High, the official home of the club, for novices as well. Practices are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m., for anyone from junior-high age through college.

Kenney said wrestlers who don't have a high-school program during the winter season can petition the MIAA and compete for a local school that does.

The club will more than prepare a budding wrestler for the school season and sharpen the skills of the more experienced athletes.

"When you go to these (summer) tournaments you're wrestling the equivalent of two full high-school seasons," Kenney explained. "That gives you an extra 100 matches over opponents you'll wrestle during the (school) season."

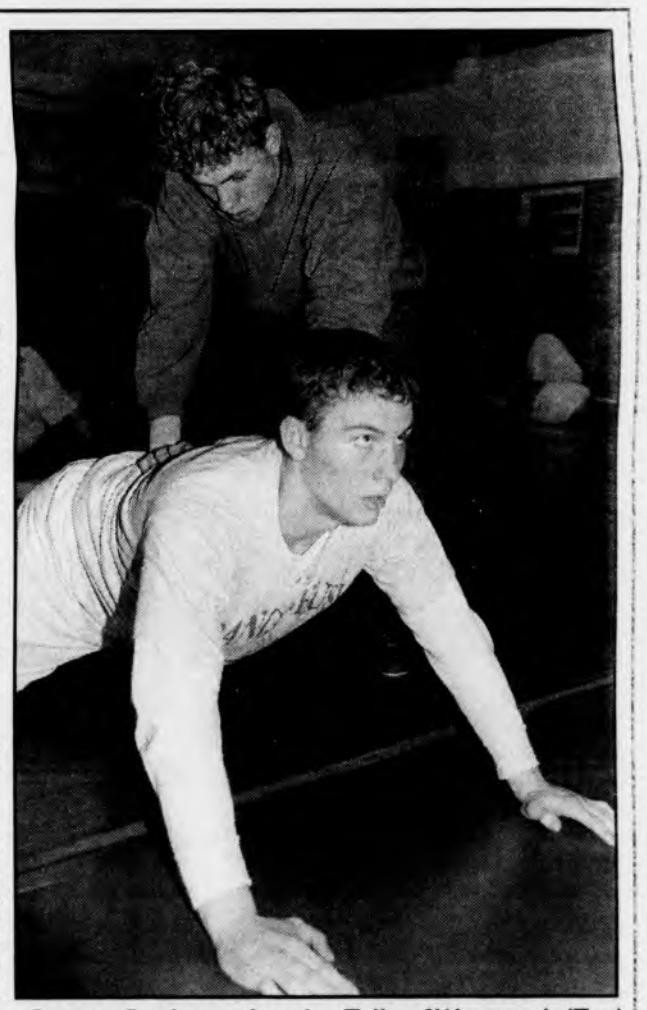
Kenney, who hails from Pittsburgh, PA., attended Clemson University where he wrestled on the school's varsity squad. In fact, the club was named for Clemson's school nickname.

"It was a name that kind of jumps out at you and the kids liked that," Kenney said.

Kenney made the most of his talent on the mat and is eager to continue sharing his experiences in developing local wrestlers. Wrestling in the power belt of the sport in the United States, Kenney knows the effort that goes into succeeding at wrestling in the region.

"I've been there and gone through

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Orange Crush members Joe Tully of Weymouth (Top) and Cohasset's Kevin Duffy work out during a club practice. The Orange Crush Wrestling Club the chance for wrestlers of all abilities to keep their skills sharp during the offseason.

Staff photo by Victor Pryles

Skippers Headed For Baseball Ride

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last year the Cohasset High baseball team earned a berth in the state tournament. The Skippers' accomplishment marked the first such entry into the tournament in 24 years. Led by a trio of seniors, Cohasset nonetheless were driven by a corps of underclassmen.

This year, Cohasset has 11 returning lettermen and a solid crop of four seniors, all of whom have a legitimate chance to be South Shore League All-Stars. There is no reason to doubt the Skippers in their quest for a second consecutive spot in the tourney.

Rob Buckley was a sparkplug last year for the team. It seemed as though, whenever the squad needed a key hit, "Buck" would deliver. He saw time at both designated hitter and catcher and should do the same this year. With a strong arm and excellent defensive skills, Buckley is a solid backstop. But it is his bat that makes it impossible to keep him out of the lineup.

Grant Emde, a four-year varsity player, will undoubtedly be in center field for the Skippers this year. With lightning speed, a solid arm and a quick bat, Emde was elected to the All-League squad. Even more is expected of him this year. His leadoff ability is among the best in the league and his quickness in center field makes nearly every fly ball a sure out.

Joe Magner is another senior who has done good things on the diamond for Cohasset. After a hiatus during his sophomore year, Magner rejoined the squad last season without missing a beat. Possibly the best baserunner on the team, Magner used his rocket arm both at third base and on the mound. His powerful bat

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O'Sullivan

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should make him a lock in the meat of the lineup.

Kevin McKenna hit .431 last season and also was chosen for the All-Star team. Nearly impossible to strike out, McKenna was the team's best hitter last year and, although this year's crew will give him a run for his money, shows no signs of relinquishing the title. McKenna made one memorable play in the last game of the year, diving to his right to miraculously spear a line drive. A team leader, McKenna should have a monster year.

With this nucleus of four seniors, the Skippers once again are strong in the underclassmen department. Infielder Pat Hurley is the only junior, but he brings speed and a quick bat to the team. Hurley will be used primarily as a second baseman, but could see time elsewhere. The crop of sophomores is quite strong this year, as at least seven will see time with the parent club.

Greg Taylor will be playing in his third season as a member of the varsity and continues to get better every year. Hitting third in the lineup last year, Taylor was also a force on the mound. This year he will vie for the coveted spot of staff ace. He is joined by classmate and battery mate Mike Rossi. Rossi started for varsity last year, too, and, once he found his hitting stroke, brought another strong bat to the lineup. Rossi is an excellent opposite-field hitter and has had his baptism by fire.

Big Al Schwerin will compete for the third-base job this year and he brings another presence to the lineup. "Big Al" is an outstanding contact hitter and a sure thing in the field. Sophomore Sean Parkinson was last year's JV catcher and his skills behind the plate improved greatly by the end of the year. He was just short of batting .300 on the season on JV and should bring his hitting skills to the varsity squad this year.

Ben Ketchum also lettered last year, but pitched enough for the JV to record a no-hitter against Hull. He stroked the ball at a .441 clip for JV last season and looks to build on that this year. He is joined by another member of the pitching staff, Jim O'Sullivan. O'Sullivan throws consistent strikes and lets the fielders make the plays. His glove should earn him a little time in the infield as well.

John-Paul Laugelle will bring his talent to the ball club this year, too. A first and third baseman, Laugelle also can be used as a pitcher and should help out CHS with his slugging this year. Freshman Joe Pergola showed his stuff last year as an eighth grader, winning several big games for the Skippers and exhibiting a vicious fastball and a biting curve. Pergola will get better as he grows and promises to be an integral piece of the program for four more years.

Cohasset's baseball team looks to be deeper this year than it has been in a long time. The pitching staff has three strong hurlers in Magner, Taylor and Pergola, and a bullpen full of hungry pitchers. Head coach Ron Ford guided the team to the Promised Land last season, and has an even more talented team this time around. The Skippers should be in for a good ride.

1997 Summer Sports Camps and Programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 1997 for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball Camp

Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27, ages 7 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $140. Ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $75. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club.

Basketball Camp

Tuesday, July 8 to Friday, July 11, grades four to six, price $120. Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18, grades six to nine, price $150. Price includes a camp shirt. Cohasset High School. Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff.

V.I.P. Soccer Camps

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25, front field, CHS. Soccer ABC's, ages 4 and 5, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., price $50. Half day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., price $80. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by V.I.P. soccerÑDave Pike and Ross Irwin.

South Shore Soccer Camps

Both weeks are optional for boys and girls. Monday, Aug. 4 to Friday, Aug. 8, ages 8 to 18. Monday, Aug. 11 to Friday, Aug. 15, ages 8 to 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., price $175, Cohasset High School. Price includes camp shirt and ball. Directed by SSSCÑJon Anderson and Larry Shultz.

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the successes and failures," he said. "I've done the things these kids are doing now. I want to give the knowledge I have to these kids and help them avoid the wrestling mistakes I made competition, as well as the things that proved successful."

Kenney is quick to credit Hingham High Athletic Director Bill Barges for providing the "great facilities" and "for giving these kids an opportunity to compete."

And the work put in by assistant coach Eric Burns, who like Kenney is a Weymouth High assistant, has been worth its weight in gold. Along with Burns' solid coaching, he offers the kids much more.

"Eric's a good role model for the kids," Kenney said. "He's an accomplished freestyle wrestle. The kids respect him and like him a lot."

This summer promises to be a busy one for the club with several tentative opportunities in the works. The club will be participating in 26 tournaments in nine states, including the National Freestyle Tournament in Fargo, North Dakota.

Kenney also plans on bringing 10 to 12 All-American college wrestlers to practices to conduct clinics. He is also considering putting on a wrestling exhibition at the Marshfield Fair in August and holding a camp next summer.

Other towns throughout the state have heard of Orange Crush and are anxious to improve their own wrestling clubs. Natick, Lowell, Fall River, Framingham and Franklin are only a few of the towns who have expressed an interest in forming a summer dual-meet league with Orange Crush as a member.

"With numbers I have," Kenney said, "I can pretty much produce five teams."

And with the talent the club already has on its roster, newcomers can only get better.



Torin Sweeney spots John Andrade on the side horse during gym class at the Deer Hill School.
Staff photo by Alan Chapman

Kings Win Hockey Tourney

The South Shore Kings of the Boston Metropolitan Hockey League became champions of the world at the Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament of Quebec at the Colisee Arena in Quebec City, Canada. Two local Scituate youths, Jack Greeley and Ryan Whitney, are members of the team, along with Brendan Bryne of Cohasset and Ben Spitz of Norwell.

These 13- and 14-year-olds played in front of a crowd of more than 10,000 to clinch the championship with an overtime goal and a 2-1 victory over the Toronto Richmond Hill Stars. The Kings fought their way through ten days of competition involving 93 teams from 14 countries around the world. They defeated the only other New England team, their rivals, the Middlesex Islanders, with a 3-1 victory in the semi-finals. They also defeated St. Catherines of Ontario and Zurich, Switzerland on their way to the championship.

It has been 18 years since an American team has won this historic tournament, which has seen scores of Pee-Wee participants go on to the NHL and WHL. The game was televised on TSN (Total Sports Network) of Canada and should be re-aired on ESPN2 at a later date.

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The race, however, is hardly a sight-seeing event. Jerusalem Road is testimony to that.

The most demanding section of the course is also the most deceiving. While no one hill is all too tough, runners must contend with a half dozen rolling hills and a major climb just past the half-way point. More than a few times the race for first place has been decided on Jerusalem Road as strong hill runners gain a definite advantage.

"It's a challenging course with some rolling hills beginning at three miles," Fitzsimmons said.

Runners face their single biggest test when they turn left from Jerusalem Road onto Forest Avenue and head up the toughest climb on the course. Once at the top of the hill, the road rolls down to North Main Street. The final mile and a half is mainly flat and fast, finishing in front of town hall on the opposite side of the starting line.

Many runners who compete in the Boston Marathon on Patriot's Day enter Cohasset to get a bead on their fitness level heading into the 26.2 miler from Hopkinton to Boston. Runners are able to see how they handle hills and pacing, two musts if they hope to run well at Boston.

The race is USATF-NE sanctioned and also offers a walk, beginning at Sandy Beach at 10 a.m. Runners can obtain applications at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shops or Cohasset Rotary, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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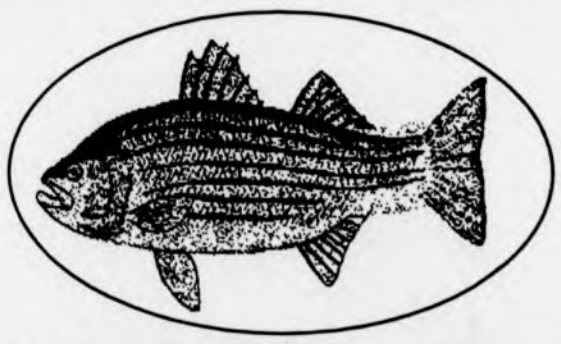
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Summer Employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for playground program counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 30 through Aug. 15 plus a one-day orientation during late June. CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school half-day program and the 5- to 12-year-old, full-day programs.

The recreation commission conducts a seven-week day camp structured program for children 3-1/2 through 12 years of age.

Should you be interested in applying, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 for an application or further information.

Pre-School Program Coordinator

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is accepting applications for a pre-school program coordinator for their summer playground program for children ages 3-1/2 through 5.

Candidates should have experience working with preschool age children and a degree in Early Childhood Education or related fields would be an asset. The preschool program coordinator reports directly to the playground director and is responsible for program development and staff direction.

The position is for an eight-week period working 3-1/2 hours daily Mondays through Fridays. The rate of compensation is $8 per hour. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 if interested.

'Girls Night' Set

"Girls Night Out" will be held Friday, April 4, for ages 5 to 11 from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Come join Ruthann, Susie, Jan, Tiffany and George for a fun-filled evening of obstacle course, gymnastics, make your own pizza and bowling. Everyone receives something for participation.

Additional prizes will be given out to top bowlers and winners of the obstacle course. Cost for this evening is $15, must be pre-paid and no drop-ins. Limited space.

CYB Coaches Meeting

Cohasset Youth Baseball will hold a coaches meeting for Farm League, Minor League and Major Leagues March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Deerhill School. Anyone interested in coaching a team should attend. The draft for Farm and Minor Leagues will also be held.

For more information, call Bob Moody at 383-0385.

Little League Parade, May 3

The Cohasset Little League will hold its annual opening day parade Saturday, May 3. The parade starts at the Red Lion Inn, 71 South Main St., Cohasset, at 8:15 a.m. and progresses up Main Street to Barnes Field.

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School Notebook

Homework and Time Management

Deer Hill School Council will present an evening discussion for parents entitled Homework and Time Management: Balancing the Fulcrum Between Work and Play, Wed. April 2 at 7 p.m. in the Deer Hill School cafeteria.

Hear results of surveys from parents and students. Participate in an interactive discussion led by a panel of teachers, parents and students. Learn valuable survival skills. Osgood third grade parents are also welcome. There will be refreshments and a door prize.

Teen Center 'Wizard' Benefit

Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. the Cohasset Dramatic Club will present the musical "The Wizard of Oz" in the auditorium of the Scituate High School to benefit the Cohasset Teen Center. The tickets are $10, and are available from Betsy Connolly, 383-1248, the recreation department or at the door.

Attend this fabulous show and support the many talented young actors and actresses from Cohasset. The Cohasset Teen Center appreciates community support.

School Council Elections

Each of the three public schools in Cohasset have a School Council made up of the principal, teachers, parents and a community representative. The councils are charged with formulating a school improvement plan, and meets monthly. Parent representatives are elected for two-year terms by the parent body for each of the schools.

Anyone interested in serving as a parent representative should submit their name and a paragraph about themselves and their interest in serving on the Council to the PSO Nominating Committee, C/O Sarah Markert, 11 Linden Circle, no later than Tuesday, April 1. The election is April 10 through 17.

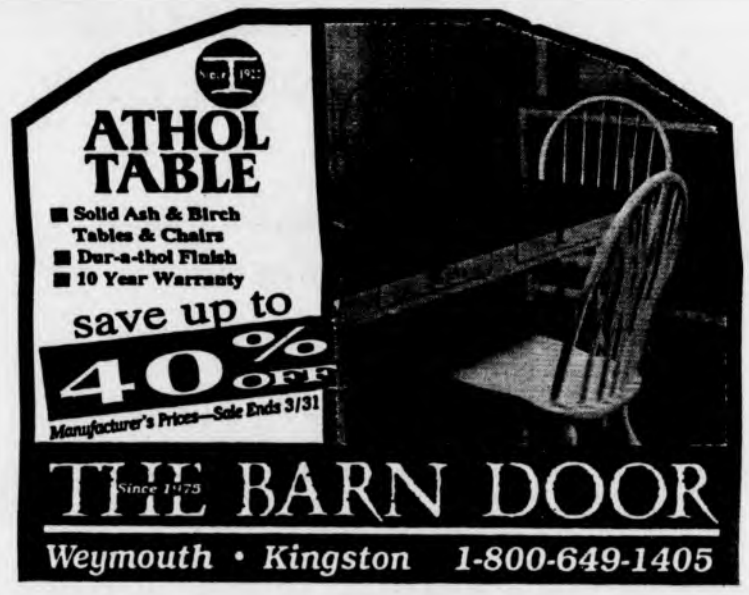
If you have questions about the process or would like to learn more about the positions: Sarah Markert (6124), Grace Evans (1163), Kathleen Horigan (6690), Tomi Bukowski (6771), Sarah Pease (1406) or Rosemary O'Connell (6562).

STUDENT OF THE MONTH/Jane Flaherty

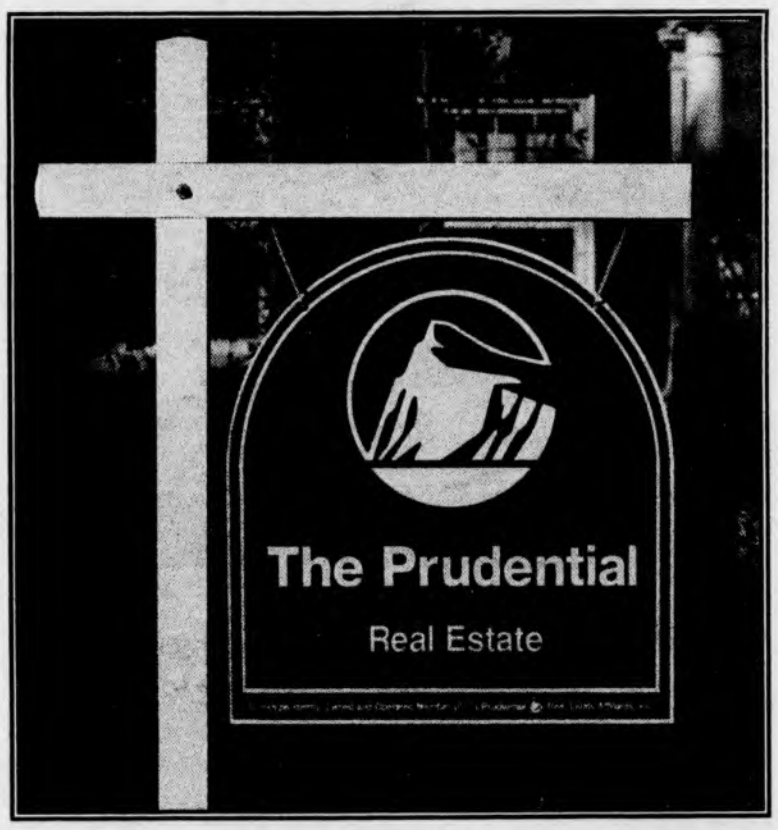


I would like to nominate Jane Flaherty as student of the month for a number of reasons. First, she donates her time to help behind the scenes in many ways, for many projects. She is a mainstay in the production of Whispers and Shadows, staying long after school to work on typing, layout and printing. She not only performs, but also has done important clerical and organizational work for The Mikado. In all endeavors, she is efficient, reliable, and positive. Most of all, however, Jane is nice. She says positive things to and about people; she encourages others to succeed, and she is at the same time shy about her own excellent qualities. She is a gift to all who work with her. Elle est précieuse.

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BY ROBERT PRESTON
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Restaurant Proposed for Cafe Andre's Site

BY ANNA KAREEN
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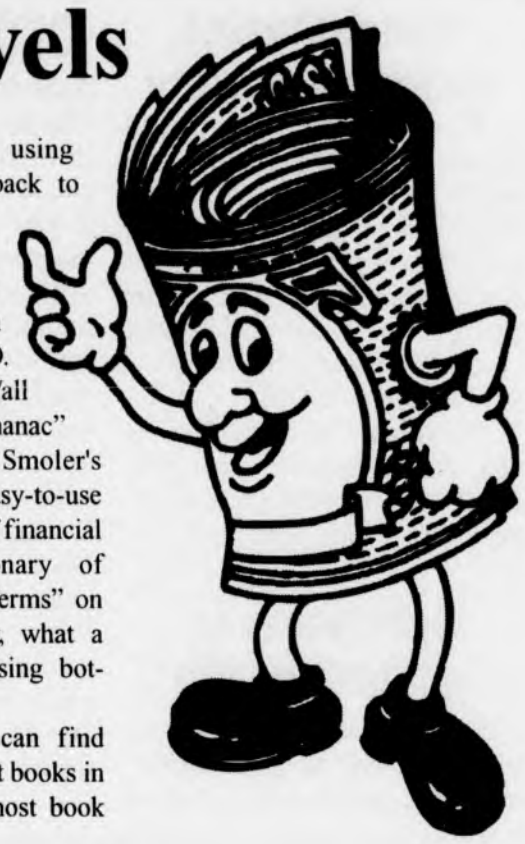
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PERSONAL FINANCE

Investing: A reading list for all skill levels



By Amy K. Barrett
WORTH MAGAZINE

Individual investors, new and seasoned alike, often rely on the advice of financial newspapers and periodicals and the opinions of their brokers when making an investment decision. And then, of course, the musings of friends: "I bought shares in XYZ Corp. because my uncle's boss's best friend said they have a big contract in the works."

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The problem with this kind of approach isn't necessarily that it doesn't work — I know plenty of people who have done quite well by it — but that it keeps investors in the dark about the risks they are taking.

Many of these investors have large gaps in their understanding of financial markets. They may have bought shares of Microsoft Corp. when founder and president Bill Gates began to appear on magazine covers, figuring the software company was turning into a technology blue chip like IBM. Meanwhile, most couldn't tell you what events could hurt the company's earnings growth or how a change in interest rates might affect their investment.

The more you understand what's at stake, the better able you are to decide what the best investment would be for you — perhaps municipal bonds would be more appropriate for you than Microsoft shares. I know of people who have put the whole of their savings into the stock market, apparently without concern that a sudden political or economic event could trigger a bear market and diminish their investment significantly. Their confidence comes from the last six years of more or less steady gains in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, a broad market measure.

If you are guilty of such behavior — and you don't have the time or inclination to take Financial Markets 101 at your local community college — then you can remedy your shortcomings with the following bare-bones reading list. My first editor made a couple of these must-reads for me when I was an intern at Bloomberg Business News, and I've kept them in my library.

The first book to grab explains the most basic concepts of finance: "Understanding Wall Street" by Jeffrey B. Little and Lucien Rhodes and published by McGraw Hill Inc. This book doesn't assume you know the difference between a bond's coupon and its yield — or even that you understand what a stock is. It lays out the investment ABCs, explaining how to read a company's financial statement, how to calculate a bond's yield to maturity, how to trade stock, how stock options work, how Wall Street got its name, why investors buy gold and silver, and how to sell stocks "short" — among other things. You should be aware that this book places a greater emphasis on stocks than on bonds and other investment tools. The writing is clear and succinct and, what's more, it's illustrated.

Having grasped the basics, you can move on to a classic that dwells on investment philosophy. Benjamin Graham's "The Intelligent Investor," published by Harper Collins, has survived the test of time. First published in 1949, the book outlines an investment philosophy most would now consider conservative; in short, Graham advises investors to buy shares in companies with what he calls good underlying value and to hold them for years. Graham pounds home the idea that to buy a company's stock is to buy part of the business. Never mind what the Dow Jones is doing. Never mind the company's short-term outlook and performance.

Do you, based on real information and not on tips or hunches, believe this company is well positioned to prosper in coming years? That's the only reason to own the stock, according to Graham. "The Intelligent Investor" offers methods of analyzing companies based on the belief that slow and steady wins the race. A writer and a teacher, among other things, Graham was a mentor to the famous investor Warren Buffet, whose company, Berkshire Hathaway, has made millions of dollars using a similar investment strategy.

The next step might be to get an idea of the context within which these investing forces and strategies work. Michael Lewis, the author of "Liar's Poker," is no market guru — nor does he proclaim himself to be — but he understands that what we think of as "the market" is, for better and for worse, a collection of people. Lewis, who worked at Salomon Brothers in the 1980s, reports not just on Wall Street culture, but also on how it affects the movement of billions of dollars every day. Conversational, fluid, and funny —Wall Streeters are fond of fraternity-like initiation pranks — Lewis's story follows his stint at the firm as he witnesses the birth of the mortgage bond, the rise of the junk bond, and finally the stock market crash of 1987. All of these events are the more poignant because they precede Salomon chairman John Gutfrieund's downfall at Salomon Brothers. The book is one part Wall Street history and one part personal memoir — and a lot of fun to read.

That's a good start: a mix of hard fact and useful perspective. If you have a taste for more, let me recommend the following:

"The Only Investment Guide You'll Ever Need," by Andy Tobias. will expand your idea of what an investment really is — saving 10 cents on a roll of toilet paper counts because it can be used to buy more toilet paper, or even invest it. Tobias's mantra of "a penny saved is a penny earned" takes on other creative forms, and his prose style is as droll as Lewis's.

Frederic Smoler, an economic historian and an editor of Audacity magazine, recommends James P. O'Shaughnessy's "What Works on Wall Street: A Guide to the Best-Performing Investment Strategies of All Time." Shaughnessy tests popular strategies and conventional wisdom about the markets using financial history dating back to 1950.

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Richard Brealey's "An Introduction To Risk and Return From Common Stocks" and John D. Brown's "101 Years on Wall Street: An Investor's Almanac" are a couple more of Smoler's favorites. And I keep the easy-to-use and complete dictionary of financial terms "Barron's Dictionary of Finance and Investment Terms" on my desk to explain, say, what a "cushion bond" or a "rising bottoms" are.

And, of course, you can find shelves of other investment books in the business section of most book stores.

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Individual membership is $20; family membership, $30; junior membership, $5; sustaining membership, $50.

Eight Weeks to Optimum Health

"A proven program for taking full advantage of your body's natural healing power." Following the guidelines set forth in Dr. Andrew Weil's book "Spontaneous Healing," a support group will be forming to pursue OPTIMUM HEALTH! Each week of Dr. Weil's approach includes five basic areas of focus. There will be an assigned "Project" which includes such things as studying the local water quality and taking a steam bath. The second area concerns "Diet" where we will explore cutting back on meat and oil, and increasing fruits and vegetables. The "Exercise" component will focus on a gradually increasing amount of time for walking each day. We'll also be attending to our "Mental/Spiritual" health through such things as deep breathing, "news fasts" and bringing flowers into our day. And finally, there will be an "Optional" challenge including such things as vitamin and plant supplements, tonics for specific minor health problems and forms of fasting.

Rev. Gary Ritts will be facilitating the support group to begin its nine weekly sessions Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. It is recommended that each participant have their own copy of Dr. Weil's book, "Spontaneous Healing" (which contains the eight-week regimen and is available in paperback). His latest book, "Eight Weeks to Optimum Health," (hardback only) will be used as a supporting text. The program is free of charge and is open to the public. If you have any questions, would like a brochure or would like to register for the course, please stop by the church or call Rev. Ritts at 383-0345.

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Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter, a candlelight service Saturday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. The worship is dramatic, beginning with the church in darkness. Candles are lit and at the moment when resurrection is proclaimed the lights are turned on signifying that the resurrected Jesus is the light that leads the world out of darkness.

Worship Easter morning, Sunday, March 30, will be at 8 and 10 a.m. with the full choir and choristers. Both services, Eucharist with sermon, will be in the church.

Prior to Easter, there will be worship in the church on Maundy Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. This Eucharist commemorates the last supper and the importance of community for the church's life together in Christ. Following the Eucharist will be a simple meal of foods typical of Jesus' place and time — breads, cheese, olives, nuts, fruits, and milk and honey!

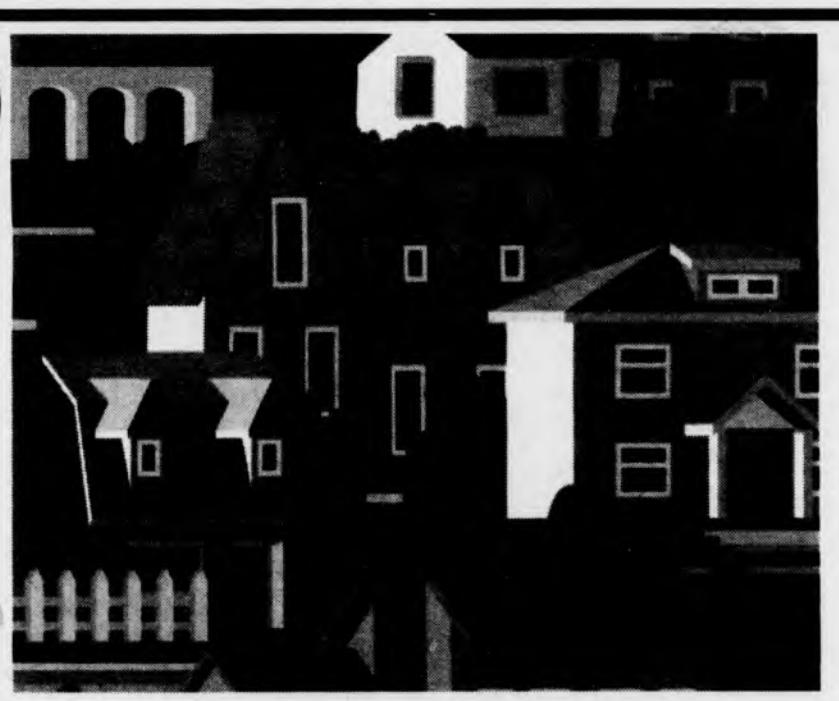
A 24-hour Prayer Watch will begin Maundy Thursday at 3 p.m. Parishioners sign up for an hour throughout the day to be in church to read, pray, just to be quiet or meditate. It recalls the words of Psalm 130: "my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning." It is a powerful experience of prayer each minute throughout the day bringing the church into Good Friday.

Good Friday worship begins at noon March 28 with an hour of quiet. The Prayer Book liturgy begins at 1 p.m. A service for children takes place at 2 p.m. followed by a half hour of quiet reflection and prayer to end the traditional three hours of worship while Jesus was on the cross. A number of parishioners and the youth group will participate in the 20-mile Good Friday walk raising money to assist economically poor areas of the South, particularly in rural Mississippi.

Wellspring Walkfest Slated

Tired of the cold? Picture a June day, a long deep, low tide, Nantasket Beach, an invigorating or leisurely walk from the pavilion to "R" Street and back. It's the Wellspring Annual Walkfest scheduled for Saturday, June 14. The only beach walk on the South Shore, maybe even in the state, or universe, and all are invited. Bring your bridge group, or your baseball team; your extended family or your wedding party. Pay a fee to enter or fill a pledge sheet. We just want you, all of you, to come. Celebrate Wellspring and celebrate summer. Think about it, write it on your calendar, and your toes will start to feel warmer already.

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Cruising Lecture to Benefit CHS ExCeL Program

Saturday, April 5, at 8 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Walton Hall, the Cohasset Yacht Club will present an illustrated slide and chart lecture by Bim Holt who cruised for four weeks on the Hudson River, Erie Canal, Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence Seaway, Richelieu River and Lake Champlain.

All proceeeds will benefit the ExCeL alternate school program at Cohasset High School. The ExCel (Experimental Center for Learning) program is an interdisciplinary accredited program for students in grades 10 to 12 offering unique marine experimential activities and traditional coursework in science, social studies and English. Students may enroll in the program for one, two or three years. Course work includes field studies and lab work in fundamental principles of oceanography, physical science, navigation, aquatic environmantal science and nautical science. Outdoor activities include learning to crew and care for a traditional pulling boat. Students also learn the fundamentals of boat building by working on current wooden boat projects.

This is the second year that the Cohasset Yacht Club has presented an illustrated slide cruising lecture open to the public to benefit the ExCeL program. Advance reservations may be made by telephone before April 1 by calling Meg Bertolami at 383-2968, $8 for adults and $4 for students under 18. Unreserved tickets at the door will cost $10 for adults and $5 for students under 18.

Secret Donor Offers $10,000 To Carousel

An anonymous donor has issued a challenge on behalf of the Friends of the Paragon Carousel, according to board President Susan Fleck, who announced the offer at a recent benefit dinner held at Tosca Restaurant in Hingham. The benefactor will adopt a horse for a donation of $10,000, if another horse is spoken for within 30 days. Horses may be adopted by individuals, families, clubs, businesses or any group wishing to support the restoration of the historic carousel at Nantasket Beach. A brass plaque commemorating the adoption will be placed at the foot of each horse for the thousands of carousel visitors to see.

"There is a stable-full of horses awaiting adoption," Fleck said. "We believe in single-parent families, group homes, even corporate parenting. Let's not let this challenge go unmet."

The Adopt-a-Horse Program is part of a multi-faceted capital fund-drive currently being undertaken by the Friends for the purpose of retiring the debt incurred in the purchase of the carousel and to meet the terms of the Massachusetts Historical Commission $100,000 challenge grant recently awarded to the organization.

More information on the Adopt-a-Horse Program may be obtained by calling 925-0472.

New Courses at Art Center

Spring courses and workshops begin the week of April 5 at the South Shore Art Center including several exciting new opportunities. To fit into everyone's hectic schedule, courses are offered in four-, six- and eight-week sessions and workshops are offered for one, two and three days.

For Young Artists offerings include instruction in sculpting and printing and for teens a figure drawing workshop and a painting and printing studio. A special afternoon for families, True Colors, is planned for Sunday, May 4, where children can try a variety of activities and are sure to find their niche. April Vacation Art Plus Camp and summer camp registration is also offered.

Adult courses include drawing, figure drawing, oil pastel and paint stick, collage/assemblage, pastel painting, watercolor, clay, photography, Chinese brush painting and mono-printing. Special workshops include hand coloring black and white photographs, large format photography, technical rendering, pastel weekend workshop and outdoor watercolor and painting.

Courses and workshops are available for ages Pre-K through adult and for all levels and abilities. The center is located at 119 Ripley Rd. in Cohasset. For a complete brochure or to register by mail call the Art Center today at (617) 383-ARTS (2787). It may be hard to believe, but spring is just around the corner and classes fill quickly!

Spring Lectures with Women Artists

The South Shore Art Center is offering a series of lectures by award-winning women artists April 16, 30 and May 14. April 16 Catherine McCarthy presents her layered paintings, work formed by a strong connection to childhood memories and portraying the interconnection between the physical, intellectual and spiritual experience. April 30 Emily Eveleth discusses her best-known work, a series of heroically scaled paintings of doughnuts, celebrated as being both majestic and funny. Amanda Tuttle, a watercolorist, will share her trompe l'oeil paintings inspired by her love of antiques and found objects.

Each lecture begins at 7 p.m. and you may attend each lecture for $7 members or $10 non-members or purchase the entire series for $15 members and $20 non-members. The lectures will be held at the South Shore Art Center on 119 Ripley Rd. in Cohasset.

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Police Report

Friday, March 7

9:55 a.m., threats (bodily harm), Windy Hill Rd.

10:01 a.m., suspicious (other), Sohier St.

10:23 a.m., suspicious auto, Doane Beechwood St.

11:09 a.m., assist motorist, Nichols Rd.

1:55 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

2:17 p.m., assist motorist, N. Main St.

3:13 p.m., disabled auto, King St.

3:42 p.m., wires down, Beechwood St.

6:02 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

6:51 p.m., property (recovered), Border St.

8:42 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.

9:16 p.m., investigation, Cedar St.

9:45 p.m., general servcies, CJC Hwy.

11:37 p.m., disabled auto, Atlantic Ave.

Saturday, March 8

1:14 a.m., general services, Border St.

1:46 a.m., MV stop, West Corner.

1:58 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.

2:07 a.m., medical aid, Wheelwright Farm.

5:38 a.m., medical aid, Wheelwright Farm.

10:00 a.m., property (lost), Jerusalem Rd.

10:54 a.m., medical aid, Holett and Country Way.

11:02 a.m., medical aid, Norman Todd Ln.

11:28 a.m., MV accident, 3A @ Scituate line.

4:42 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

4:55 p.m., info, general, N. Main St.

5:11 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

5:28 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

6:36 p.m., suspicious person, Church St.

8:58 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

9:10 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

9:36 p.m., assist citizen, Pleasant St.

9:45 p.m., assist other police department, CJC Hwy.

10:25 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

10:31 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

11:02 p.m., medical aid, Linden Dr.

Sunday, March 9

12:43 a.m., suspicious auto, Ledge Way.

12:51 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Rd.

12:56 a.m., MV stop, Crocker Ln.

1:25 a.m., MV stop, King St.

4:47 p.m., well being check, Nichols Rd.

6:13 p.m., medical aid, Border St.

7:23 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:28 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

Monday, March 10

12:20 a.m., MV stop, Cushing Plaza.

3:29 a.m., annoying phone calls, Bancroft Rd.

5:21 a.m., assist other agency, all over town.

6:08 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

8:03 a.m., MV accident, Jerusalem Rd. Dr.

8:27 a.m., MV accident, N. Main St.

9:12 a.m., assist motorist, N. Main St.

9:21 a.m., abandoned auto, 200 block of Jerusalem Rd.

10:55 a.m., medical aid, Branch St.

11:50 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

4:59 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.

5:54 p.m., general services, S. Main St.

7:52 p.m., threats (bodily harm), Pond St.

7:55 p.m., annoying phone calls, Norfolk Rd.

9:52 p.m., transport, Cohasset/Hingham Line.

Tuesday, March 11

6:56 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

8:27 a.m., medical aid, Joy Pl.

8:47 a.m., MV violations, Ripley Rd.

8:48 a.m., medical aid, HQ.

10:14 a.m., property (lost), Shaw's Parking Lot.

12:15 p.m., info, general, King St.

11:49 a.m., assist other police dept., Scituate.

12:29 p.m., investigation, Church St.

2:14 p.m., medical aid, Border St.

2:50 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

4:57 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

5:11 p.m., transport, Forest Ave.

5:56 p.m., annoying phone calls, Elm St.

6:16 p.m., serve restraining order, Jerusalem Rd.

6:22 p.m., assist citizen, Holly Ln.

10:39 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St. Arrest: Claudia M. Gockel, 78 Elm St., Cohasset, DOB: 2/9/51. Charges: operating after suspension of registration, operating after license or right to op. suspended, operating uninsured MV.

Wednesday, March 12

12:35 p.m., assault, Church St. Arrest: Richard J. Sargent, 11 Church St., Cohasset, DOB: 8/9/50. Charges: assault & battery.

10:10 a.m., larcney, Atlantic Ave.

2:32 p.m., vandalism, Forest Ave.

3:07 p.m., suspicious person, the Square.

3:17 p.m., trespassing, Lamberts Ln.

3:41 p.m., MV stop, Cedar St.

4:18 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St. by the line.

4:26 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St. by the line.

5:32 p.m., larceny, Pond St.

6:29 p.m., property (lost), S. Main St.

7:45 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.

Thursday, March 13

10:00 a.m., general services, Surry Dr.

11:41 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

12:15 p.m., investigation, Jerusalem Rd.

1:35 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

4:11 p.m., suspicous (other), CJC Hwy.

8:09 p.m., general services, Sohier St.

9:29 p.m., suspicious auto, Heather Dr.

10:44 p.m., property (lost), King St.

Friday, March 14

12:25 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

12:30 a.m., arrest. Nicole J. Kramer, 32 Clover Ln., Scituate, DOB: 12/1/51. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor; state highway marked lanes violation.

1:26 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

6:16 a.m., MV stop, Red Gate Ln.

7:16 a.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.

10:23 a.m., investigation, Highland Ave.

10:29 a.m., vandalism, Jerusalem Rd.

11:33 a.m., info, general, HQ.

12:11 p.m., suspicous auto, Bailey Rd.

12:38 a.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

2:11 p.m., Mv stop, N. Main St.

2:36 p.m., officer wanted, King St.

3:07 p.m., MV violations, Beechwood St.

5:39 p.m., property (lost) CJC Hwy.

5:55 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

6:52 p.m., animal complaint, Atlantic Ave.

8:01 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

10:14 p.m., medical aid, Wheelwright Farm.

11:55 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

Saturday, March 15

1:16 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

2:14 a.m., MV stop, Fairoaks Ln.

10:44 a.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.

1:36 p.m., officer wanted, Atlantic Ave.

2:19 p.m., assist motorist, Square.

2:41 p.m., medical aid, HQ.

2:55 p.m., transport, Marion Way.

4:00 p.m., info, general. HQ.

5:17 p.m., assist other PD, Hull St.

5:55 p.m., assist citizen, Elm St.

7:19 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

8:30 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

9:33 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

Sunday, March 16

12:12 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

12:34 a.m., MV stop, Border St.

12:53 a.m., MV stop, King St.

1:07 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

1:11 a.m., suspicious auto, Jerusalem Rd.

1:48 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

2:29 a.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.

8:20 a.m., parking violation, Pond St.

2:31 p.m, traffic safety inspection, Cedar St. by the Dump.

4:31 p.m., MV violations, Atlantic Ave.

5:48 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Schofield Rd.

6:02 p.m., fire, outside, Cedar Acres Ln.

7:49 p.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.

9:51 p.m., medical aid, School St.

10:36 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Cohasset Imports,. Arrested Jason Brown, 153 Jericho Rd., Scituate., DOB: 3/14/73; charges: failure to use care in passing, no license in possession, operating after suspension;

11:04 p.m., arrest, 3A by Cohasset Imports.

Monday, March 17

12:06 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:42 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

6:51 a.m., MV stop, Mill Ln.

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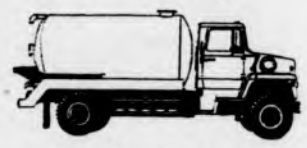
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Cohasset's 'Middle' Students Get Their Own School

By Kerry Herlihy
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Cohasset joins the middle school movement to better serve preadolescent students, the age when many students fall through the cracks while their futures are being molded.

In September, the Cohasset Junior/Senior High School will open with the new name of "Cohasset Middle-High School."

In December 1995, the school committee determined that grades seven and eight had to stay at the high school for financial reasons. However, the committee agreed with plans to keep grades seven and eight separate from grades nine to 12 by creating a middle school. The faculty will be separate but the administration will be shared by both schools.

"We do not want to create a mini high school but a school more appropriate for ages 11 to 13," said Curtis Collins, principal of Cohasset Junior/Senior High School.

The Cohasset Middle School teachers will be teamed to include a teacher from each core subject. Each team will share the same students and will have one mutual planning period.

"The intent is to become less developmental- and more team-centered in order to really focus on the students and their needs. This type of team teaching will provide more opportunity for interdisciplinary instruction as well," Collins said.

Plans are being made to add an advisory period into the daily schedule.

"We want to assist the students with their changes and growth. These students need someone to understand them and become their advocate. Advisors can give that support," Collins said.

The teachers will be advisors to the students in their group which will eliminate a need to increase staff.

In addition to adopting a new philosophy and consolidating faculty, the middle school will have its own athletic program and extracurricular activities. This will allow more room for advancement and achievement for the participating students. Independence from the high school will let the middle school students take control in areas that would otherwise not be an option for them.

'Middle schools acknowledge the differences emotionally, socially, intellectually, and developmentally between preadolescent and adolescent students.'
— Robert Spear, of the New England League of Middle Schools.

Grades seven and eight currently comprise the junior high part of the school. In 1967, the left wing of the building was built connecting to the main building by a hallway. The seventh- and eighth-graders spend 85 percent of their day in this wing. Lunch and gym are held in the main building.

Therefore, the change from a junior high school to a middle school will not be a physical move but a philosophical adoptment.

"Middle schools acknowledge the differences emotionally, socially, intellectually, and developmentally between preadolescent and adolescent students," said Robert Spear, executive director of the New England League of Middle Schools.

Spear sees the change from junior high schools to middle schools as much more than a name and grade level configuration but as a specific change in the way teachers and staff work with young adolescents.

Junior high schools were created in the early years of this century to serve as an expedient alternative for schooling when schools were too crowded. Students, typically from the lower class, would attend a junior high school, learn a trade and get a job while the students with a more prominent status would further their education at the high school.

Middle schools were established after World War II when educators discovered that children between the ages of 11 to 14 needed specific appropriate attention and instruction. Both schools are comprised of the same age group of children but were created for different reasons. The junior high school no longer serves as an alternative to the high school but as a preparation for the high school. However, the middle school has kept its original philosophy while adding sophisticated goals and techniques to accommodate change through the generations.

The state of Massachusetts has 44 junior high schools and 214 middle schools. The junior high school notion is progressively being replaced by the middle school. The only towns in the area with a junior high school are Weymouth and Kingston/Pembroke. Duxbury and Hull will be moving from junior/senior high schools to middle schools in September. Hanover, Hingham, Norwell, Scituate, Marshfield and Quincy currently have middle schools.

The middle school teachers have already begun training for the fall. Cohasset is a new member of the New England League of Middle Schools. The League is a 23-year-old nonprofit organization with close to 1,000 members. This organization focuses on helping adults work more effectively with young adolescents through professional development training. They hold conferences, workshops and seminars throughout the year in addition to visiting schools to review and help where needed.

With the location and the number of faculty remaining the same, there is no cost for this change-over at this point. There will be a cost for future professional development training to keep the team teachers current on the research and methodology of middle schools.

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Mariner Delayed

Due to the Tuesday blizzard, Mariner Newspapers' production was delayed because of power outages in Marshfield.

Lobster Lab Weathers Town Meeting Debate

Decisive Vote Gives Project Clear Sailing

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Not even accusations of using the children as "pawns for the project" could sink the "Lobster Lab" proposed for the Hagerty House on Parker Avenue at town meeting on Saturday.

The proposal survived nearly 90 minutes of debate to win with a decisive vote of 241-118. The vote sets the stage for the town to lease the former Cohasset Colonials offices to the non-profit Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation for $1 a year to establish a learning laboratory for marine biology and genetic research in the 100-year-old house.

Selectman Michael H. Sullivan, speaking for the majority of selectmen, led the charge against the lobster lab and asked voters to remember why the town purchased the 2.2 acre Hagerty property, which includes the house, four years ago. He said it was to provide a recreational area and access with adequate parking to the harbor.

"It makes no sense to lease to a private organization with a pilot program with an unproven need, unproven interest

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Sam and John Roth climb over snowdrifts on Cohasset Common on Tuesday afternoon.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

April Fools' Day Storm is No Joke

Spring Snow is a Real Record Breaker

By Alice C. Coyle and Jennifer R. Horan
COHASSET MARINER

Mother Nature played the biggest April Fools' trick of all this week, dumping two feet of heavy, wet snow on the South Shore.

After a sunny, Easter Sunday with temperatures well into the 60s, the spring blizzard, while well forecasted, was especially tough to take.

Heavy rains which began Monday morning, mixed and turned to wet snow by evening, burying the crocuses just starting to bloom, and turning Cohasset into a winter wonderland.

At midnight Monday, six inches of the white stuff had already fallen. During the height of the storm, most of the area experienced white-out conditions along with a spectacular lightning display and rumbling thunder — which, according to Mariner Weather Observer Robert Skilling, is not unusual in severe snow storms. By 9 a.m. Tuesday, the total was

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Town Meeting Resumes Saturday

The annual town meeting resumes at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Cohasset High School gymnasium.

The nor'easter that started late Monday afternoon and continued through most of Tuesday quashed plans to hold the second and possibly third sessions of town meeting on those evenings.

Town Moderator George Marlette decided to take no chances and at about 1 p.m. on Monday, he made the decision to postpone the continuation of town meeting.

Interesting business in Saturday's session includes the following proposals: creating the position of town manager, a mechanism to recall elected officials, holiday lighting on the town common, authorizing a study to look at taking the north Cohasset water district by eminent domain, setting new water rates and constructing a new standpipe.

Cohasset's Week

Hingham-Cohasset Sewer Agreement

Town meeting overwhelming approved an intermunicipal agreement with Hingham in which Cohasset will purchase an interest in a pump station at West Corner for $540,000. Half of the cost will be paid for through property taxes if the May 3 override passes, if it fails north Cohasset sewer users will pay 100 percent of the costs.

Hingham's west corner neighborhoods are also hooking up to the Hull treatment plant.

This agreement is in connection to the north Cohasset sewer project approved at the 1995 annual town meeting. The 345 homes in north Cohasset will be hooked up via a sewer main to the treatment plant in Hull. Cohasset officials initially planned to build a pumping station in the old north Cohasset fire station but say the shared-pumping station with Hingham will save money.

"It is more economical for Cohasset to buy a share of the Hingham facility than to construct our own," sewer commission chairman Ted Guild said.

Septic Management Plan is Postponed

Health board chairman Tom Cook told town meeting on Saturday that his board's proposal to put the 1,500 non-sewered homes on a septic-system management plan is being postponed.

The plan would cost the homeowner of a $300,000 home about $177 per year in maintenance fees which would cover periodic inspections and pumping. The program would have also involved the town being able to loan money at below-market rates for septic system repairs and upgrades.

Cook stressed that the health board's intent when developing the program was to put together a town-wide plan that would protect the environment and public health and also provide equity to those whose homes would not be put on the sewer lines. Taxpayers will be asked to subsidize the north and central Cohasset sewer projects at the May 3 override. Some feel that those with septic systems will not support the override because the sewer projects do not benefit them directly.

But legality issues surrounding how the septic management plan would be financed have sidelined the program for the time being.

Health board member Kevin Ulmer said there is "no such thing as a free flush." He said the board would continue to look at programs and try to find an equitable solution.

"We hope to come back to town meeting with a proposal," he said.

Limited Septic Management Plan Okay'ed

Town meeting voters did pass a limited septic management plan required under the same court order that directs the town to upgrade and expand its sewer system. The Lily Pond and Nichols Road areas will be covered under this septic plan which will be administered by the board of health. The town will be able to offer low interest loans to those homeowners in the affected areas who must upgrade their septic systems. The town can borrow $3 million ($500,000 a year for six years) through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

Adviser Dan Evans explained the subsidized loans are in exchange for the houses being subject to mandatory inspections resulting from being in a priority area.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said this program allows the town to offer some financial assistance to those homeowners.

Custodial Services Explained

The Fiscal Year 1998 budget includes money to pay for a part-time custodian at town hall. Since the retirement of long-time custodian Polly Litchfield, the town has contracted out for services. But in July, the town hall may go back to having a custodian on staff because the staff position provides more flexibility, interim-town administrator Ed McCann explained at Saturday's session of town meeting.

"The contracted services do a satisfactory job but do not provide the services that the previous custodian did," McCann said. He pointed out that there were numerous "little things" that the previous custodian did that were accepted as a matter of fact and aren't accomplished with a cleaning service that works from 4 to 6 a.m.

Selectman Nan Roth said selectmen had not made a final decision but money for 21 hours a week for a custodian or custodial services is in the budget to "give us the flexibility to make the final decision."

Martha Gjesteby, 75 Old Pasture Rd., asked that the matter be explained to town meeting on Saturday.

Town Budget Gets Nod

Town meeting approved a Fiscal Year 1998 operating budget of $17,893,904 on Saturday. The new fiscal year starts July 1.

The budget is a 5.5 percent increase over this year's and will add about 51 cents to the tax rate.

Last fall, town officials predicted a $450,000 deficit but improvements in sources of revenue and some savings in anticipated expenses reduced the deficit to about $170,000 which can be covered through free cash, officials said.

Photos of Beacon Rock Sought

The Cohasset Historic Commission is looking for any photos of Beacon Rock — aka Signal Rock — that will show what was there in the mid/late 1800s. Please call Ham Tewksbury at 383-1074 if you have any information and/or pictures of what existed at that historic installation.



Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild speaks to the voters at the opening session of Cohasset town meeting on Saturday.

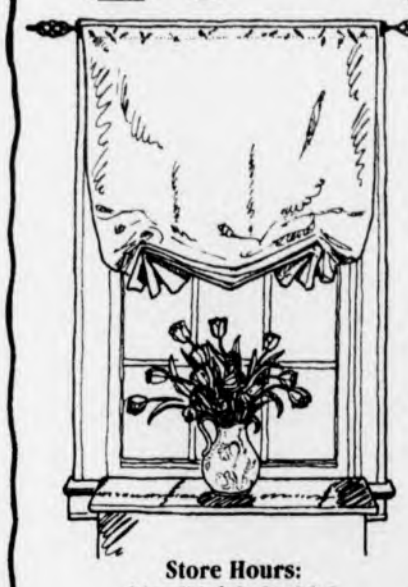
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Sun. 6	10:57	11.4	4:43	11:23	11.6	5:09
Mon. 7	11:50	11.5	5:36	——	——	5:59
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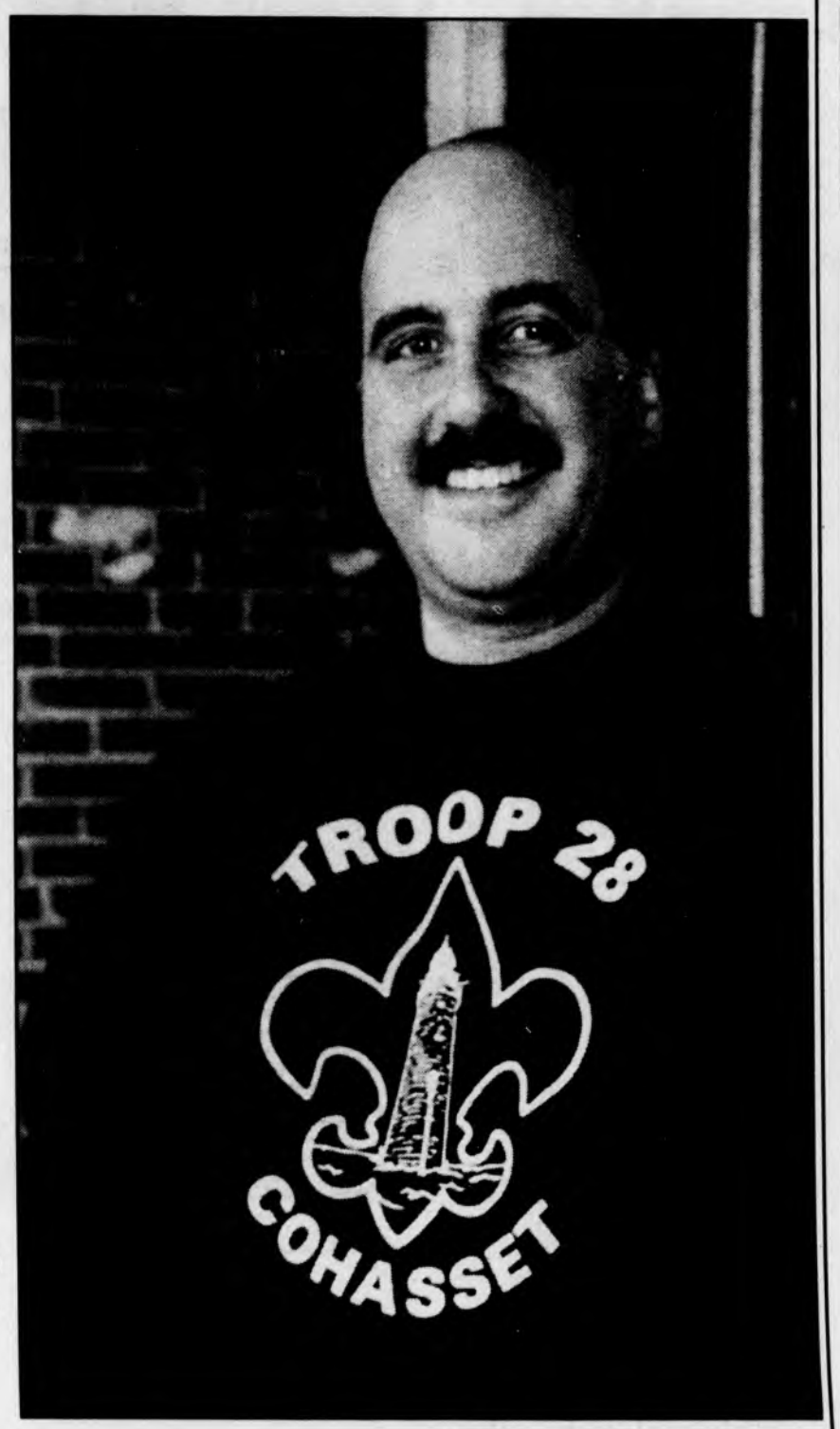
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Name: Jim Dedes

Occupation: Vice president Daylor Consulting Group; conservation commission member; past president Nativity Assumption Greek Orthodox Church; Troop Committee Troop 28.

Goal: To get my PhD in Environmental Science.

Best Day of Your Life: I have four. The day I was married and the days my three kids were born.

Biggest Worry: Not being able to give my kids all the opportunities they need.

Favorite Holiday: Easter.

Favorite Season: Spring.

Favorite TV Show: 'E.R.'

Favorite Movie: 'My Fair Lady.'

Favorite Book: 'How to Win Friends and Influence People,' by Dale Carnegie.

Favorite Junk Food: PayDay.

Most Embarrassing Moment: Getting a nose bleed in the middle of a public presentation.

Person You'd Most Like to Meet: Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Pet Peeve: Coming home after work and finding my kids' books, clothes and athletic equipment scattered all over the place!

State/Town Sewer Accord Approved

Town Meeting voters approved a court-ordered agreement with the state obligating the town to upgrade, expand and modernize its wastewater system. This replaces the first "agreement for judgement" approved at the October 1994 town meeting and includes new performance dates. It also incorporates a number of benefits to the town including increased flow authorization which will reduce the town's liability for excessive flow penalties and permit limited expansion of the existing system now.

The increased flow authorization will allow the town's new school to hook up to the system. This will save on the school project's costs because the school would not have to build a treatment plant. The increased flow will also allow some increase in allocation for businesses in the village and allow some homeowners currently on the sewer system to increase their wastewater flow.

The agreement also is more loosely worded in dealing with on-site systems which will allow the town more flexibility in determining which homes have to be put on a on-site wastewater management plan. This will limit the town's contractual liability regarding on-site systems, Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild pointed out.

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Homemade Hat Day At Deer Hill School

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER



Art teacher Ann Berman with her pupils who knit their own caps at the Deer Hill School.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

March 19, Deer Hill School pupils staged a 'Homemade Hat Day' by wearing hats into school that they invented, created, built or knit.

The idea for dedicating a day to hats came from Ann Berman, Deer Hill School's art teacher, who has made hats a part of the fifth-grade students' after-school art activity program this year.

"There are two reasons for hat day," Berman said recently. "Today is the last day of winter. Instead of celebrating the first day of spring like everyone else, I thought it would be fun to wear hats to celebrate the end of winter. Unfinished hats fifth-graders are making are being displayed on a table in the school's front hall. I expanded the idea to include anyone in the school who wanted to wear a hat, whether they were involved in my hat knitting project or not."

She smiles, "It's been fun walking around today, seeing what the kids have come up with."

The hat project started earlier in the year when Berman took classes given by the Massachusetts Art Educators.

"I had taken some really high-powered classes and I saw the advertisement for this class that said, "Learn to knit, make a hat, teach the children, have fun."

Intrigued, Berman tried it, bringing into class with her a #8 16" round needle.

"In two hours, I had started a hat. I was thrilled because it was so easy. I learned how to change colors, but not how to fix mistakes. If there were drop stitches or holes, I'd just tear out."

Berman finished the hat and decided to introduce the project to the Deer Hill children.

"In the last two minutes of class, I'd hold up the hat I was working on so they see my progress. I'd talk about knitting in general and about making that hat. I told them how fishermen were the first knitters because they had to repair their nets. At least one boy in each class would raise his hand and tell me how his father is a fisherman who knits."

Interested students went to Woolgatherers in Hingham. Jan Fish, the owner, would point them in the direction of the proper yarn and needles.

"I'd also have them pick up a skein of yarn, any color, to bring me. I'd make several little balls of yarn out of that skein and put the balls in my basket. The children could make their hats any color they wanted. They had the yarn choices. Everybody used everybody's yarn. It worked great!"

> *'Children would see their classmates and friends knitting in class, and they'd want to do it.'*
> — Ann Berman, art

Berman says there are from 40 to 50 children making hats. Many are girls, but there are boys, also.

"Children would see their classmates and friends knitting in class, and they'd want to do it. I had mothers from Hingham and Scituate coming in, asking for the needle, yarn, and instructions because their daughter's friends from Cohasset were showing them. Jan at Woodgatherers began keeping the instructions for the hat in her shop."

METCO students making the long ride in every day from Boston were knitting on the buses. When the flu this winter kept children home from school, they knitted in bed. During vacation, some students finished one hat and began another. Hats were made for family and friends.

One boy decided to make a Bruins hat. He and Berman sat down together and drafted

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Fifth-Graders Learn Knitting is Fun

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Amanda Maynard, Nicole Plante and Jenna Fegreus model the caps they knitted themselves.

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the hat, black with a big yellow spot, on a piece of graphing paper.

"We figured it out," laughs the art teacher, "It took a while, but we did it. He did it, and it looks great! "

"For the most part, it's been a wonderful experience for all of us. For a lot of the kids, this is a very good and therapeutic exercise that helps them relax and concentrate. A few pitfalls, though. One little girl, who'd been working diligently on her hat, placed it one night on the table next to her bed. During the night, her cat got at it. He didn't tear it. He chewed a big hole right in the middle. The little girl came in the next day, practically crying, and asked me to fix her hat. She felt so terrible and was so sad, I couldn't tell her I didn't know how. I patted her shoulder and told her I would have it for her the next morning.

"As soon as school was out, I drove quickly over to Woodgatherers. Jan told me what I had thought might be true. The stitches had to be taken out and started over. Now, just so you know, the hat was about two rows away from being finished. I was heartbroken. Jan was helpful and tore it out and I left for my graduate course with the hat. That night, I sat in class, with the professor up front. My notes and pen were on my desk. I looked up now and then to let him know I was listening. But below the desk, on my lap, I was knitting with fury — 10 rows of red, 10 rows of gold!"

Berman throws back her head and laughs.

"I still can't believe it got fixed. The little girl was so happy, she beamed. It was so important."

"Knitting a hat is not instant gratification," says Berman says. "The children have to work at it. They learn there are no knitting fairies who do it for them. If they bring it home to work on and it just sits there, it doesn't get done. A little a day, I tell them, and it'll be done."

Berman plans to teach knitting to the fifth-graders next year.

"I think it's great that they can make something they actually use. A lot of the children will become knitters for life.

Besides, she smiles, "I'm also having fun with it and learning as well."

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Sewer Override Vote is May 3

Central Cohasset Project Gets Nod

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Whether or not the town will subsidize construction of north and central Cohasset sewers will be left up to voters at the May 3 town election, town meeting decided Saturday.

On the ballot will be a debt exclusion override question, which, if passed, would appropriate half of the cost of the about $20 million sewer projects through property taxes. The vote is necessary because the costs of the project cannot be absorbed within the tax base which by law can only increase by 2-1/2 percent over the prior year without an override.

The override would raise the taxes on the average Cohasset home valued at $308,000 home by about $169 a year.

If the override fails, users will have to pay for the entire project through betterments over 20 years.

The advisory board and capital outlay committee said last week that they do not support the town subsidizing 50 percent of sewer projects because the borrowing would put the town dangerously close to its debt limit.

Arne Gjesteby, 75 Old Pasture Rd., took exception to that announcement and asked why the boards weren't concerned when the town approved the DPW garage, high school athletic field, and purchase of the Hagerty Property. Those projects, approved over the past three years, all required override votes.

He questioned why the sewer project was "too expensive for the town but not too expensive for the minority" who will get the sewer.

Through an amendment to the sewer article at Saturday's session of town meeting, Gjesteby, who lives in the central Cohasset sewer district, unsuccessfully tried to have both the north and central Cohasset projects fail if they were not 100 percent paid for through the override.

He tried to make the point that without the enthusiastic support of the advisory board and capital outlay committee, the override vote is a "sham" and has no chance of passage.

Jeff Watson, 15 Spindrift Lane, also questioned the fairness of asking users to pay for a major public works project. He noted that all taxpayers will pay for the new school and not just those who have children in the schools.



North Cohasset resident Maria Plante asks officials to explain some of the sewer articles as last Saturday's session of town meeting.

Staff photo/Victor Pryles

Gjesteby's amendment failed by a vote of 75 to 185.

The $13.5 central Cohasset sewer project and joint override for the $6.6 million north Cohasset sewer project were overwhelmingly approved with a vote of 264-3.

The town is under a court order to upgrade its sewer system or face stiff fines from the state.

Lobster Lab

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when we have a proven need to access the harbor. We didn't purchase the property with the intention of having a regional science center there."

He also said it sets a bad precedent to allow an individual to put his business into the building. The lobster lab is the brainchild of resident and biologist Kevin Ulmer, who plans to rent office space at market rates on the third floor of the Hagerty House for his private business. He will serve as unpaid director of the lab.

Presenting the minority view on his board, Selectman Peter Pratt said one of the town's greatest strengths is in its volunteer organizations. He pointed to the South Shore Playhouse Associates (parent company of the Music Circus), Art Center and Community Center as examples.

"The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation has joined the front ranks of those organizations" and urged voters to move ahead with the proposal. The non-profit Lightkeepers renovated and manage the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island which has become a popular spot for local functions.

The harbor and school committees also backed the lobster lab proposal. And the capital outlay committee preferred establishing the lab over demolishing the building, which is the alternative offered by selectmen.

School Committee Chairman Ralph Kidder said there was "little downside" to the proposal. He pointed out that if attempts to raise money to put the house in order failed, the structure would revert to the town.

The advisory board took no stand on the lobster lab.

But adviser Leland Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Rd., speaking as a citizen, said the Hagerty property should provide full and maximum use of the only public boat ramp in Cohasset. The boat ramp is at the end of Parker Avenue and is adjacent to the Hagerty property. Jenkins said there would not be adequate parking or turn around space for cars with boat trailers with the lobster lab there.

Proponents said the 8-12 parking spaces that would have to be included with the house under the town by-laws could be shared with the town. They said demands on the limited parking area would be limited to the summer months when people are boating.

Russ Bonetti, 20 Parker Ave., a member of the Hagerty Property Committee that is charged with developing a plan for the harbor front site, said the area was supposed to provide recreation for all townspeople and not solely provide a parking lot for boaters. Giving credence to proponents' arguments about seasonal parking demands — Bonetti pointed out that the need for parking does indeed drop off in the winter as evidenced by the fact that selectmen had allowed the yacht club to store floats there.

Pat Walsh, 270 S. Main St., accused proponents of using the town's children as "pawns for the project."

And Jim Drysdale, 4 Cedar Acres Lane, a professor in the field of marine research, said it is inappropriate to think that high school students can do meaningful work without a larger scale operation.

Roy Fitzsimmons, 116 Doane St., failed in his attempt to amend the proposal to get the terms of the lease changed to three-year renewable.

Ulmer told town meeting that three years is too short in light of the amount of money that has to be raised. Plans are to raise $1/2 million for improvements to the building and the Lightkeepers would prefer a 10-year lease with conditions for termination written into lease.

The town leases other property to non-profit corporations for a nominal fee including the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island, the boat house on the Hagerty property which is an educational rowing center, and the Teen Center on South Main Street.

Cohasset Colonials, a furniture kit manufacturer, relocated to Hingham when the town bought the Hagerty property in 1993.

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April Fools' Day Storm

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up around 19 inches — the greatest snowfall ever recorded this late in the season, said Skilling.

By the time the storm ended at 2 p.m. Tuesday, 23 inches of snow had fallen, making the blizzard of '97 the second greatest storm on record on the South Shore, second only to the legendary blizzard of '78 during which 28.3 inches of snow fell. The main difference in the two storms came in the wind speeds, Skilling said. While winds gusted upwards of 60 miles per hour during this week's storm, winds during the blizzard of '78 reached 90 mph on the coast, he said.

Accompanied by near hurricane force winds at the coast, the storm and heavy snow downed tree limbs and power lines leaving thousands of residents and dozens of businesses without electricity. In its Brockton service area, which includes the South Shore towns of Cohasset, Norwell, Hanover and Scituate, Eastern Edison reported up to 41,000 customers lost power at some point during the storm, said electric company spokesman Hank Senate. Work crews toiled in 16-hour shifts around the clock and by Wednesday afternoon, power had been restored to all but 4,300 Eastern Edison customers — 203 of them in Cohasset. Four out-of-state work crews from Central Maine Power were on hand Wednesday to lend a hand in Cohasset.

By Thursday morning, all but 17 Eastern Edison customers had their power restored, the electric company said. The remaining power outages were due to downed lines servicing individual homes.

Senate said the storm was especially difficult to deal with because it packed both high winds and heavy snows, downing thousands of power lines in the service district.

"It was like hand-to-hand combat," Senate said. "It takes a long time to go from street to street and pole to pole to put things back together again." Treacherous driving conditions made it tough for work crews to get around town, he said.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said officials were unhappy with Eastern Edison because the lines of communication were not open between working crews and the town.

Sullivan said that when a storm hits, Eastern Edison activates a plan to restore power quickly and keep the town abreast of developments in restorations.

"During this storm, (the plan) fell apart," Sullivan said. "The communication was not there that we had experienced in the past couple of storms. It makes it frustrating to everyone because nobody can give any feedback to the citizens. It increases the level of anxiety."

The town had no idea how many Eastern Edison crews were working, where they were working, what they were working on, or how soon service would be restored, Sullivan said.

Selectmen will discuss the communication breakdown with electric company representatives at an upcoming meeting,.

"I have already talked with (Eastern Edison Vice President) Barbara Hassan and told her we weren't happy," he said.

Police reported no storm-related injuries and only three minor accidents — fender benders and spin-outs as the roadways got progressively worse, going from wet to slushy to snow-covered by late Monday afternoon.

Cohasset Police Chief Brian W. Noonan said that, despite receiving 10 to 20 times the normal number of calls, the storm did not have an "extraordinary" effect on the town.

"For the type of storm it was, there could have been a lot more damage," Noonan said Wednesday. "We're pretty fortunate, for the weight of the snow and the size of the storm, that we didn't suffer a lot more."

Once the snow began to pile up, Public works crews worked around the clock to keep pace with the white stuff, which fell at a rate of almost three inches per hour after early Tuesday morning.

By about 8 p.m.Tuesday, the Cohasset DPW had cleared most of the roads in town.

"The DPW did an outstanding job keeping the roads open," said Civil Defense Director Arthur Lehr.

Nevertheless, school was cancelled Tuesday and Wednesday due to the storm.

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen declared a state of emergency Tuesday morning and requested additional snow removal equipment from the state. Officials never saw any extra equipment; they assumed the assistance went to areas that were harder hit.

Public Works Director Harold Litchfield said the blizzard of '97 cost the town between $15,000 and $18,000. The snow removal budget, which started the season with $45,170, contained $3,195.24 before the storm hit.

Only nine people had to be evacuated Tuesday to a shelter set up at the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue, Lehr said. The building, equipped with heat, power, cots, blankets and a kitchen, kept evacuees warm and sheltered throughout the afternoon. By nightfall, the nine people, mostly from the Elm Court area, found other accommodations. The evacuation center did not need to be reopened Wednesday morning, he said.

"It was one of those days where you hoped people got up in the morning with a certain degree of patience," said Sullivan.

Lehr recommended that residents try to dig out catch basins near their homes to prevent flooding and uncover fire hydrants for safety.

Cohasset merchants tried their best to cope with power outages that lasted to the middle of the week.

Despite a lack of power since midnight Monday, Cohasset News on Brook Street stayed busy with customers Wednesday.

"The door's open and we're doing fine," said Dan Moran. "Hopefully the power will come back on soon."

At the Red Lion Inn on South Main Street, conditions were not as cozy as usual, said Mike Anderson, one of the managers.

"We're not open because we have no food. We have no refrigeration," he said. The inn also had no heat, a temporary phone system and could not open the bar without serving food.

Some die-hard guests were sticking it out on the third floor of the hotel, but no new lodgers had shown their faces in about 48 hours, Anderson said Wednesday.

"We were hit real hard," he said. "This is not a very comfortable place to be right now."

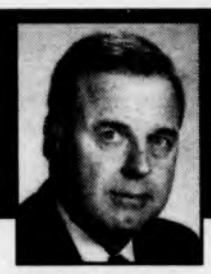


Caroline Wampole digs out along South Main Street. She said she is visiting Cohasset from California to enjoy springtime in New England.

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Amanda Cellucci Celebrates her Birthday in Style!

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Did you wonder what was going on at Zinnia's Cafe a few weeks ago? Well, we can let you in on the secret now! It was **Amanda Cellucci's** 13th birthday, and her grandmother decided to have a surprise birthday party in the form of a Victorian Tea! Complete with several tea sandwiches and yummies, the tea was served in china cups. It was a festive time for all, especially Amanda, and we think it was a memorable way for her to begin her teen years! And, hats off to **Lynn** (owner/chef of Zinnia's) for doing a fantastic job! Sunday, March 9, was the big day.

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It was supposed to be a championship tournament held in Lebanon, N.H., to determine the best "B" ranked players in the Northeast. However, when the Seahawks arrived they found most of their competition blatantly wearing hats and jackets showing that they were "A" teams. Their opponents had banners and flags, pamphlets and matching uniforms proclaiming superior hockey players. The Seahawks were clearly outclassed, or were they?

The Seahawks brought with them homemade signs, supportive families and an incredibly motivational volunteer head coach, **Frank DiCristofaro**. They played in the same jerseys as they did all season. They won, again and again. The Seahawks played spectacularly, and the Cohasset contingent was again present — **Michael Rasmussen, Michael Colorio** and **Michael Hajjar,** and they were awesome! **Mike Rasmussen** scored the tying goal in the final game taking the team into sudden death overtime. **Mike Colorio,** with his fantastic shot, scored while playing defense. **Mike Hajjar** played outstanding center position. Every player played with heart and dedication. It was a team effort, they just would not give up!

It was a festive time for all, especially Amanda, and we think it was a memorable way for her to begin her teen years!

The Seahawks are now the champions of the Northeast! Congratulations, Seahawks!

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There is another class planning its reunion — this time it is the Class of 1967, CHS — **Pam (Flint) Agni** and **Sue (Williams) Cox** are the gals behind this effort, and have planned the date for July 12. They are anxious to have fellow classmates respond, help, give and get addresses, etc. Call Pam at 545-7047 or Sue at 383-0072 for more details.

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March 15, the Legion held its annual corn beef dinner, with **Rocky Laugelle** and **Ed Brennock** chief chefs. Well, they got the meat all cooked and were about to begin the veggies when the gas valve in the street malfunctioned. The gents put in a call to the Chart House, hoping they would be able to help them out. Even though they had a wedding going on, and a full house there for dinner, they still cooked the four pots of vegetables for the Legion. It takes special people to do something like that, and **Ed Sopneski** (the manager) and his able crew surely deserve a tip of the hat for their efforts! Not only do Rocky and Ed thank Ed and his chefs, the people who dined that evening do too! Isn't it nice to live in a small town?

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Remember **Jon Anderson,** teacher and soccer coach extraordinaire at CHS some years ago? Well, he was awarded a certificate from Babson College's coordinator of student affairs, **Joseph M. Ford,** and president **William F. Galvin** for 10 years of dedicated service to Babson College! We certainly think that's special, and congratulate him! We still miss you though, Jon!

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Former Cohassetite, **Dana Doggett,** and his eldest child, **Tommy** (age 14), went on a trip to Israel and the Holy Land. They traveled with the Brigham Young University tour group and attended a concert at the BYU, Jerusalem Center. Dana and his wife feel that a trip such as this one is one of importance and hope to take each of their five children. The Dana Doggetts make their home in Orem, Utah.

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Hats off to **Penelope Dane,** what a great academic career she has had for herself! She will graduate from Rollins College June 1 (Rollins is located in Winter Park, Fla.), where she was on the dean's list in the spring of 1995; Penelope made the president's list both fall and spring of 1996 and made the dean's list last fall while studying at the Sarbonne in Paris with San Francisco State College. Isn't that great!

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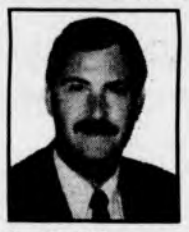
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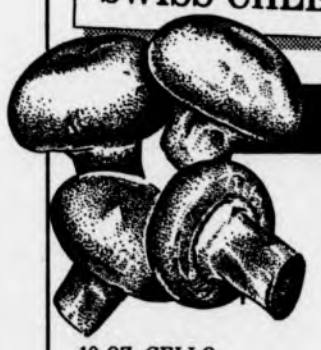
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The 'Dazzling Uncertainty' of It All

There is a sumptuous variety about the New England weather that compels the stranger's admiration — and regret. The weather is always doing something there; always attending strictly to business; always getting up new designs and trying them on the people to see how they will go... Yes, one of the brightest gems in the New England weather is the dazzling uncertainty of it.

— Mark Twain.

It's hard to believe that on Sunday before sitting down to Easter dinner, we were enjoying sunshine and conversation with our family on the deck.

Less than 48 hours later, the new snowblower that has been idle nearly all winter was revved up to tackle 30 inches of snow in the driveway.

And by the time you read this editorial — temperatures may be back up to 60 degrees.

As Mark Twain points out, this is New England and our weather, if anything, has variety.

Who could have predicted after the mild winter we've had that an April Fool's Day nor'easter would be the third worst for snow accumulation on record?

This storm stood as a nasty reminder about how brutal winter can be. To most of us the winter of 95-96 with its hundred-plus inches of snow was buried deep in memory until Tuesday. Then it all came back. The mess, the cold, the power outages, loss of cable, the shovelling, and the disruption of our routine.

And to top it off, we spent the day in the 'E.R.' That shiny new snowblower beckoned for a long awaited workout. But unfortunately, a tree limb laden with heavy wet snow had other things in mind and managed to come crashing from the sky onto Dad's head as he forged a path through the white stuff.

A nasty gash on his scalp, a concussion and a sprained neck are souvenirs of what could have been much worse — so, we're not complaining.

We're grateful for the 9-1-1 system, for all those emergency personnel out there, the DPW crews and power people who worked when the rest of us couldn't and looked after us.

While we grumble about inconveniences, they are hard at work throughout the day and into the night doing their level best to dig us out, reconnect wires and put our lives back together again.

For most of this winter we were able to take our daily routine for granted. But Mother Nature brought us all back to reality. So to all the firefighters, EMTs, police, dispatchers, doctors, nurses and road crews out there — we say thanks for being there.

All of us need to be reminded from time to time that the good health and love of our families is what is really important. With those in our camp, we should be able to weather any meteorological difficulty.

— Mary Ford
Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Statesmanlike Process Needed

To the Editor:

Another letter on the subject of train service is surely not needed. But if the March 26 Mariner accurately reported the views of the chairman of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen, it is worth making clear what he obscured when he said, "the proponents of the village site did not do much better than the straw vote" (where the count was 311-312 in favor of a Route 3A location distant from Cohasset Village).

Even if the issue were a battle of numbers — which it is not — he still has it wrong. At the selectmen's March 10 meeting, we presented three petitions representing a total of at least 540 Cohasset residents or merchants. All three petitions had in common a request that the selectmen revisit their earlier decision against a Village stop. We recommended an objective comparison by a paid consultant of the alternative sites in terms of traffic, parking and impacts on property and residents. I was authorized by the chairman of the advisory committee to say that funds were available — a fact Mr. Brown disregards by now saying the MBTA should pay.

The third petition the chairman did not mention was one signed by more than 90 percent of Cohasset Village's merchants, who consider their livelihood and even survival at stake on this question. It is irrelevant whether or not they are voters. They are at the core of life and service in the "Quaint Cohasset Village" opponents say they wish to restore (and which incidentally had a train running through it).

Others have reported the extraordinarily discourteous treatment displayed by the chairman at the March 10 meeting, including using my time to invite opponents to give pre-planned presentations while volunteer architects, who had worked hard with creative plans for our presentation, were left cooling their heels in the hallway. My own primary concern, as a 40-year resident of Cohasset, is the need for a decision-making process aimed at dissipating the bitterness and division on the train issue that now rends our community. Failure of the board to comprehend that need has turned the crisis into not only one of transportation, but of governance as well. Both crises can be addressed only by a statesmanlike process that is not only fair, but also seen as fair by the people who in good faith have strongly differed on this subject.

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Keep Station on Route 3A

To the Editor:

If a major reason for a village station is people will walk, how many really will. New England weather alone keeps people in cars. Good intentions to walk contrast the reality of driving to the station as people rush to catch a train.

Stories of walking 50 years ago when the train stopped on the original right-of-way hardly compare to moving the tracks 100 feet into the residential neighborhood. The monstrous 800-foot concrete and steel platform required for a station will be an eyesore.

Don't forget the blasting of ledge to create a 450-car parking lot the MBTA requires. Picture a traffic nightmare as the lot fills with cars rushing to the station, the same time children are going to school. The increased exhaust fumes from all those cars cutting through the hillside adds to the pollution of the diesel trains.

The major reason for no village station is the flooding of James Brook. If the village is filled with concrete and asphalt and water seeks its own level, the village and surrounding residential neighborhoods will be under water. Keep the station on Route 3A and preserve our village.

Cindy MacCleave
9 James Lane

Question of the Week

The following candidates responded to last week's question of the week:

For selectmen candidates:

Do you agree with the current board of selectmen that the train station should be on Route 3A? Do you think the decision process was handled fairly?

SELECTMAN/Wigmore Pierson

This highly emotional issue begs for equivocation. However, because I believe in a government which listens to its citizens and then acts decisively, I feel compelled to state my view as clearly as I can.

Accordingly, I believe this issue should be revisited by the board of selectmen. I hold this view for several reasons.

First, the vote by the board of selectmen Nov. 12, 1996 was taken too hastily under the pressure of an overheated packed house, and the board may have been "railroaded" into a premature vote under the pressure of what in retrospect was a false deadline imposed by the MBTA.

Second, the MBTA recently announced for a variety of reasons, unrelated to the location of the Cohasset station, there will be a two-year delay in the re-establishment of rail service to Greenbush. Therefore, we have time to make as informed and dispassionate a judgment as possible on this issue which has huge implications for the future of Cohasset.

Third, the straw vote taken at the Oct. 28, 1996 town meeting was in fact "non-binding."

Fourth, nearly 600 citizens and merchants have signed petitions asking for an in-depth independent evaluation of a village station. Under the circumstances, how can this request be dismissed out of hand? I believe it neither can nor should.

In sum, a final decision on "village or 3A" should be rendered only after more facts are known. A decision of this magnitude demands no less.

SELECTMAN/Diane C. Sullivan

I don't feel the selectmen made the decision to site the train station on Route 3A; I believe the people did. Selectmen can't and should not bring their own personal preferences on issues to the board when the people have spoken.

While many have complained about the "straw vote" that was taken to determine how residents felt about the station site, it is a fact that both sides could have voted that day and affected the outcome. I feel it would have been improper to go against the residents' vote.

It is absolutely true that we elect our selectmen and expect they will use wise judgment in governing our town. However, the first rule to my mind is that they first follow the mandate of the people.

We all want our downtown businesses to succeed and to that end the business tax rates and rubbish rates, I believe, are the same as residential rates.

Would business hours of operation coincide with train departure and arrival times? When people rush to jump on a train they might grab coffee and a newspaper, but I can't imagine having time for much else.

The most important part of this issue is restoration of train service and it seems to me a Route 3A station site is the fairest location for the majority of Cohasset residents. After all, everyone is concerned with our quality of life and we must not fail to protect as many as we can so that they may enjoy as much peaceful enjoyment of their homes as possible.

SELECTMAN/Alex Koines

A village station has the most immediate appeal but after examining the facts, I believe that Route 3A would be the most practical and workable of the two. The selectmen made a fair decision by weighing all factors, as is their job. However, I would have preferred a non-binding referendum question at the polls to the straw poll at the summer town meeting, well attended as it was.

I have spoken with village merchants who feel that sufficient parking is currently a problem at the town lot. If many of the commuters' cars were to park at a 3A station, the result would be more parking downtown for shoppers and those seeking services there. This, I feel, would do more to boost the appeal of the village than vast, expanded parking fields filled with empty cars all day. We must also consider the extra traffic and congestion that cars flowing into the village on both ends of the commute will add to streets that were never designed to handle that type of volume. Another important point to consider is where we will be in 10 years. If ridership increases, and I feel it will, traffic would increase and the village lots could become too small and outdated in the years to come.

There is one other option that should be examined: the soon to be retired Osgood School. Parking possibilities there are excellent, congestion in the village would be eliminated and access would be a workable compromise.

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

Each station site has innumerable problems and no single overriding good point. On balance, my lesser of two evils view is that a 3A station is probably the better site. The lot should be made smaller, however, to avoid Cohasset becoming a hub should the North Scituate station disappear (as some would have it do).

I have no problem with the way the decision was made by the selectmen. Each side had an opportunity to be heard and get out its vote. The process was fair.

The problem with the process is not with our boards, but with the T itself. I do not perceive a sincere effort to address local concerns, but only a desire to impose a project having no clear mandate for it in any town in any vote, including Cohasset. While we expend our energy in debating mitigation and stations, we are diverted by a co-opting strategy from the real questions of cost, sound transportation policy, and the substantial environmental issues. The cost alone begs the question of the project's justification. Federal money is being foregone (begging still more questions), and the T thus far does not want to assist us in retaining expert assistance with this project or paying for the project's major impacts, such as on the James Brook flooding problem. Where the selectmen need to be in this "process" is to be more assertive in advancing the town's interests. Our agenda, not the T's, should be the framework of discussion.

For school committee candidates:

There's a perception out there held by some that the schools aren't doing enough to combat drug and alcohol abuse among students. What do you think?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Susan Turgiss

Alcohol and drug abuse is a serious, complex problem that touches all ages and sections of society. The Cohasset schools acknowledge that academic achievement must be promoted alongside emotional maturity and responsible citizenship within its 1995 mission statement. Accordingly, the school has a role in addressing drug/alcohol abuse as part of a student's educational development.

Currently, the schools have a comprehensive K-12 health curriculum which teaches drug/alcohol abuse awareness and appropriate decision making. As a parent, I have received information from the schools telling me when this issue is being addressed in class. I believe communication is important as it facilitate home discussion. I support the efforts presently afoot by schools to increase the extra curricular activities to meet the diverse interests of students. These activities are one of the key elements to healthy involvement.

The police department is assisting the schools through the "PALS" program which brings police officers to the schools to talk about issues and improve police-youth relationships. The Drug and Alcohol Committee is working to develop community awareness through forums and activities. Parents must continue their important role by discussing drug/alcohol issues at home, keeping current with information, and serving as role models. Churches and youth organizations such as the Teen Center and sport groups also have important roles.

Cohasset must continue to address drug/alcohol abuse through a partnership and open network of home, school and community. I support the approach of education, communication and community partnership in resolving this issue.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Kathy Ofsthun

The increase of drug and alcohol use among teens nationwide is well documented, and Cohasset, too, is at risk. Although the responsibility for teens' drug/alcohol usage lies first with them and their parents, we all expect that while our children are at school they are safe and that illegal substances are not tolerated.

Our schools are confronting drug and alcohol use through a comprehensive health curriculum that begins with the P.A.L.S. program at the elementary level and continues through high school. The high school handbook details policies for disciplinary actions to be taken. I have been told that appropriate discipline is being taken.

Nevertheless, it is possible more could be done: increased monitoring of students, expanded communication, and parental involvement in policy setting would contribute to improving the situation at our schools.

- The Cohasset student population is small enough to be manageable. Reputed occurrences on school grounds could be reduced through increased adult supervision of trouble spots, e.g. bathrooms, parking lots.
- While respecting the rights of privacy, I believe that information could be regularly disseminated that would 1) assure the community that the schools are abiding by their discipline policies and 2) let parents and students know the level of the problem.
- My experience with the P.S.O. has demonstrated the opportunity and value in using parents for problem solving. A survey measuring their satisfaction with the handling of drug and alcohol cases and providing a channel for expressing their ideas for change would help in re-examining the adequacy of current policies.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Joe McElroy

There is a serious problem of student drug and alcohol abuse that has to be addressed by a more unified effort of parents, the schools, and law enforcement. I have attended recent meetings of the town's drug and alcohol committee, heard verbal testimonials and reviewed a 1996 survey of the Cohasset School District that documents the drug and alcohol problem threatening Cohasset youth.

Cohasset schools face the same issues that District Attorney Michael Sullivan described in a media interview: "...schools are sometimes put in the awkward position of trying to safeguard all the children involved, placate parents, and preserve the school's reputation." Additionally, staff and faculty are confronted with delicate legal issues when they suspect students of misconduct on school property.

Regardless of the difficulty, our staff and faculty must vigorously comply with existing law and school policy that requires reporting all drug crimes to local police. Secondly, the community should embrace Principal Curt Collins' skillful initiative to create a long-overdue middle school for grades seven and eight. I believe the middle school will offer a crucial "firebreak" in fighting peer pressure from older students to "test the waters" of alcohol and drugs.

During January, I initiated a meeting between the chief of police, Police Alliance with Local Schools (PALS) Officer Lisa Matos, the PSO president, and myself to promote town-wide efforts to confront parental denial and unify the efforts of about six local organizations that are fighting substance abuse. I then coordinated an added PSO mission statement which has them assuming a more pro-active role. At its March meeting, the PSO approved dedicating a person to work with the entire town to combat this serious problem. I am grateful for the positive response of the PSO.

Substance abuse is a community problem and the schools must do more, but they cannot do it alone. We must work together. I will act, rather than react.

Next Week's Question:

For Selectman Candidates:

Do you think establishing a municipal land bank would be a good way for the town to accumulate money to buy open space? Why or why not?

For School Committee Candidates:

In two years, Cohasset tenth-graders will take the "high-stakes" statewide testing implemented under the Education Reform Act and must pass in order to graduate. Is it the state's or town's responsibility to deal with the ramifications of the new tests?

For Water Commission Candidates:

Is taking the north Cohasset water district by eminent domain the best way for the town to deal with water quality problems and high water rates in that part of town?

Question of the Week

Sullivan Announces Candidacy for Selectman



Diane C. Sullivan

Ms. Diane C. Sullivan announced her candidacy for the open seat on the board of selectmen created by Selectman Peter Pratt's decision not to seek re-election due to professional considerations.

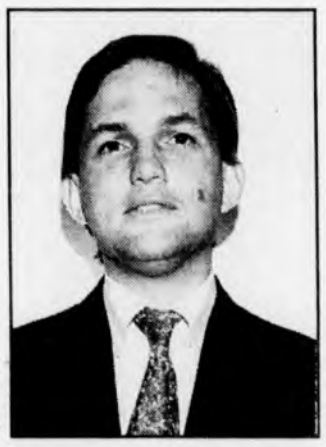
"I decided to run for the now available seat on the board of selectmen to bring my experience as a former selectman back to the board as it works toward resolution of the many issues facing Cohasset. I believe my prior service as a member and chairman of the board demonstrated to town residents and to fellow board members my commitment to the type of hard work, fairness for all, and detailed grasp of the issues that the town absolutely requires today," said Sullivan.

Sullivan served as a selectman following the period that the board of selectmen expanded from three to five members after changes to the town bylaws. In 1987, when a possible move out-of-state necessitated by her husband's business obligations faced her family, she chose not to seek re-election. Prior to serving as a selectman, Sullivan was a member of the fire station renovation committees, drainage advisory committee, sewer advisory committee and Cohasset Community Center directors. While a selectman, she served as Cohasset's representative to the South Shore Coalition and was the board's liaison to several town committees, including committee on elder affairs and the harbor committee.

"As I now look at town government, and as I especially view the hard-working volunteers who fill our appointed and elected town boards, I am convinced the time has come for Cohasset to have a town manager reporting to the selectmen. We must acknowledge and act on the need for a qualified professional manager to support the selectmen as they address the growing complexity of governing Cohasset. I am convinced that we need a town manager to maintain the character of Cohasset, and to improve the efficiency of our fiscal and operational management. If this goal is not achieved by Cohasset at our annual town meeting, efforts must continue until this goal is accomplished," concluded Sullivan.

She resides with her husband Jack, an executive in the meat industry, at 708 Jerusalem Rd. Son Michael, a graduate of Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., resides with his family in Amherst, N.Y.; and son Jason is a student at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Sullivan is employed as manager of cost containment and managed care services for Medical Claims Service Inc. of Quincy.

Callahan Announces Candidacy for Selectman



Tom Callahan

Today, I am announcing my candidacy for the vacant seat on the Board of Selectmen.

I decided to run after Mr. Pratt's decision not to run for three reasons. First, I was concerned about the void created by his departure, as I often shared his views on town issues. Those views need to continue to be represented.

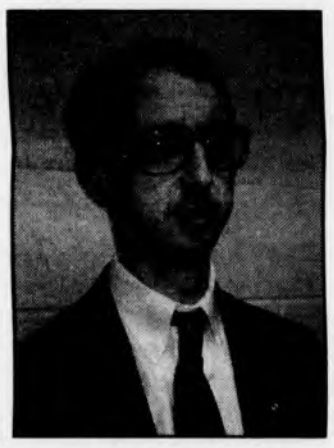
Second, as a taxpayer and homeowner, I am alarmed at the flood of major capital projects and attendant tax increases we all face. In my view, the fact that we are having to pay for these major projects all at once points out the need for proactive planning and management, including the creation of a Master Plan. With or without a town manager (and I agree professional management staff is needed in both town hall and on individual capital projects), the Selectmen as the executive authority of the town must take the initiative in bringing about a better coordinated government. I have been working on the Conservation Commission with the Selectmen on one issue, getting legal costs under control, and I think we're moving in the right direction. I believe I can make a valuable contribution in this regard to wider town issues.

Third, I am also alarmed at the level of divisiveness apparent in last year's town meetings and that which may face us in this year's meetings. I am dismayed at the threat to the integrity of our town meeting process evident from last year, and the larger threat to our sense of community. I am not propelled into this election by criticism of our current government, or a single issue, or to represent a particular point of view or segment of town. My goal is to help bring back the consensus that I have seen us achieve on other major issues. During my tenure as a Conservation Commissioner, I have been most proud of the fact of our ability to build consensus. Even with 9+ differing viewpoints represented, often with strongly held positions, most of the time we come to a unanimous vote, as we are able to achieve consensus amongst ourselves and applicants. Differing viewpoints are valuable and should be welcome in helping define an issue, but in the end, we should be able to find common ground. I would like to continue my service to the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen and bring a consensus-building method of government with me.

I have lived in town for more than 11 years and live on Hillside Drive with my wife, Alison, my daughter, Katie, 7, and my son, Peter, 4. I am an attorney with my own practice in Boston and Holbrook. I have been a Conservation Commissioner for eight years, with two terms as chairman. I am a member of the Massachusetts, New York and West Virginia Bars, the New England Association of Environmental Professionals, the Mass. Association of Conservation Commissions and the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce. I look forward to meeting with the citizens of the town and discussing our many pressing issues with you.

— Tom Callahan

McNabb Announces Candidacy For Water Commissioner



John McNabb

John K. McNabb Jr., 53 Pond St., Cohasset, today announced his candidacy for a three-year term on the Board of Water Commissioners.

"I am running for Water Commissioner to continue the work of Fred Koed and the other Commissioners in the last three years to rebuild our water system. While the Water Commissioners have made significant improvements in the distribution system to eliminate the water shortages experienced from Beechwood to Jerusalem Road in the summers of 1994 and 1995, there is still much work to be done. We must ensure that managerial and engineering improvements continue at the Water Department so that clean drinking water and fire protection can always be guaranteed for all areas of Cohasset," said McNabb.

"A second water storage tank is essential to provide the required system fire fighting capacity as required by fire safety and insurance rating organizations. There are still many miles of old water pipes in Cohasset which have not been adequately maintained, and which must be relined or replaced to enable the system to produce the minimally required 20 pounds per square inch (psi) of pressure everywhere in town.

"The Water Commission must continue the use of professional contract services for the management of operations at the Water Department," said McNabb. "These contractual services provide the town with important cost controls which have allowed the Commissioners to pay back all but about $100,000 of the about $450,000 the Water Department has owed to the town for decades, and are one reason why the town was able to avoid having a general override vote this year."

McNabb is Chairman of the town Water Resource Protection Committee, which recently was successful in acquiring a $10,000 grant from the US Army Corps of Engineers to conduct water quality sampling in the watershed for Lily Pond, the primary source of public drinking water supply for Cohasset. He is one of Cohasset's representatives on the South Shore Water Supply Advisory Committee.

McNabb additionally serves as a member of the town Recycling Committee, and is the Cohasset representative on the South Shore Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board. He served as Chairman of the town Groundwater Protection Committee in 1991, as member and chairman of the Town Government Structure Committee from 1983 to 1987, and as an elected member of the Board of Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from 1984 to 1987.

He is Vice-President and a co-founder of SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion) which has been successfully fighting the proposed 27.5 acre "Area V" expansion of the private Cohasset Heights Ltd. (CHL) landfill. He also served as a Representative of the 15 ten-citizen group intervenors in the Site Assignment Hearings on the proposed CHL expansion before the Board of Health last year.

McNabb is an environmental government relations consultant, where he has represented various local and state environmental groups at the State House. From 1983 to 1989 he was a Legislative Liaison for the Mass. DEP, where he dealt with many water supply regulatory issues and helped pass many significant environmental laws, including the Water Management Act in 1985.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Coffees for Callahan

Tom Callahan, candidate for selectman in Cohasset, announces the following additional coffees:

April 6, 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mark and Lynne DeGiacomo, 14 Holly Lane.

April 20, 4 p.m. at the home of Jack and June Hubbard, 144 Beach Street.

April 27, 4 p.m. at the home of Steve and Kellie Gaumer, 208 Fairoaks Lane.

For information about any of these events, please call Tom Callahan at 383-1081.

Coffees For Koines

Alex Koines, candidate for selectman, has recently met with supporters. Joining his campaign are Jack Doherty, Mary Edmonds, Lynn Eisenhauer, Edythe Ford, Fred Grassie, Lee Jenkins, Tom and Florence Jerome, Norman Knight, Marty Marcus, Jim Mullen and Marjorie Smith.

Upcoming coffees to meet Alex and discuss his views on town government are to be held at the homes of Will and Marjorie Smith (383-2387) and Tom and Florence Jerome (383-2139). For further information or to host an event in your home for the candidate, please call coordinator Jack Doherty at 383-6625.

Contributions to the Committee To Elect Alex Koines can be sent to treasurer Lee Jenkins at 198 Jerusalem Rd. (383-0024).

Coffees for McElroy

Joe McElroy, candidate for the Cohasset School Committee, will be present at a series of coffees to answer questions, listen to concerns and accept suggestions:

Sunday, April 13, 2 to 4 p.m. at Peg Smart's, 78 Wheelwright Farms. Coordinator is Addie McGrath, 383-0952.

Sunday, April 20, 2 to 4 p.m. at Carl and Martha Hurtig's, 58 Gammons Road. Coordinator is Barbara Dillon, 383-0025.

Sunday, April 27, 2 to 4 p.m. at Merle and Joan Brown's, 546 Beechwood Street. Coordinator is Pat Buckley, 383-0304.

Interested citizens are requested to call listed coordinators if they would like to meet the candidate.

Meet Susan Turgiss

Come meet Susan Turgiss, candidate for school committee, at the Carriage House Nursery School Unitarian Parish House, 23 North Main St., Friday, April 4, at 9 a.m.

Coffee and pastries will be served.

Inquiries may be made to Marie Kelley at 383-1924.

She will also be at the home of Joel and Marita Carpenter, 370 King St., Monday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. For reservations, call Marita Carpenter at 383-2914.

Question of the Week

For water commission candidates:

Underground sprinklers have put a drain on the system. Has anything been done about this? What do you suggest?

WATER COMMISSION/John McNabb

Underground sprinklers, which can draw down a large portion of the standpipe overnight, were a major contributing factor to the water crises of 1994-1995 that left many homes without any running water. To deal with the incredible drain on the system caused by sprinklers and to resolve other deficiencies in the water distribution system, the water department installed a water line down Forest Ave. to "complete the loop" in that area, replaced water pipes in Beechwood, and made other essential improvements in the water distribution system.

The water commissioners have also proposed a two-tiered new rate structure, known as an increasing block rate. This structure more fairly assesses the true costs of operations by charging a second higher rate similar to a surcharge for larger volume users, who would then pay a higher share of the increased costs of the system, which is enlarged to supply the increased demand. This new rate structure will make the rates more equitable by charging the heaviest users, including homes with sprinklers, a greater share of the costs of the system than those charged to the average homeowner.

All sprinkler users should be required to install backflow preventers to prevent flushing of contaminants into the system. Coordination is needed between the plumbing inspector and the water department to ensure that all sprinklers are properly connected to the system and are properly metered. Sprinklers, and their timing schedule, should be registered with the water department so their demands on the system could be better managed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arts Celebration Poorly Organized

To the Editor:

The "Celebration of the Arts in the Cohasset Public Schools" evening held at the Jr./Sr. high school March 19 was an absolute travesty. The celebration was intended to display visual arts, and to allow students throughout the grades to perform musically, but it was so badly organized that many families never saw or heard their children perform or saw the art on display.

The performances could not be held in the high school auditorium because of renovations. Therefore, permission was given to use the "upper gym". At the last minute, the day before, the gym was rescheduled for something else, reportedly softball practice. Evidently, the only option was to use the junior high wing with the band room and chorus rooms being the only performance spaces available. These are classrooms with space for students only. Parents, grandparents, and friends milled around in the corridor while waiting to squeeze in to hear students sing or play instruments. Unable to hear anything while out there, they demonstrated the usual loud crowd noise which drifted in through the open doors and overpowered the musicians.

The art, which had been arduously and carefully put on display near the "upper gym" in anticipation of the evening's events was not viewed by most people since it was on the other side of the school.

Whoever was in charge of rearranging the schedules for using possible performance space at the last minute is clearly not interested in the arts. This disrespect for the value of the arts in education demonstrates an unhealthy philosophy: that the arts are worthless pastimes, mere hobbies, easily superseded by sports events.

Those of us in the community who have any intelligence know this is not true. The arts teach self-confidence, critical thinking, creativity, cognitive development in the way of problem-solving and personal discipline. The study of music encompasses reading, writing, and arithmetic. The College Entrance Examination Board announced that in 1993 students who studied the arts and music scored significantly higher than the national average on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Participation in music performance and other artistic pursuits elicited scores of 31 to 50 points higher for the math and verbal scores.

The administrators owe an apology to the faculty members who spent so many hours preparing the students, the students who spent so many hours rehearsing and creating, and the families and friends who were disappointed. The students performed well. The arts are important. Let us give them the same respect we give other elements of education.

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Elizabeth Sherman clears snow from her roof on Pond Street following Tuesday's nor'easter.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Advisory Committee Approves Greenbush Species Study

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The advisory committee has approved a $2,000 transfer to the town's Greenbush mitigation committee to identify and document the existence of vernal pools on the MBTA's right of way. Advisory committee members approved the study by a 4-3 vote.

Mitigation committee member Michael Dick said the funds would also be used to train high school students to identify vernal pools and endangered species near the tracks. Dick said the high school students would receive hands-on training as amateur biologists, while contributing information to the town's open space plan.

"We discovered in the course of the open space study that there may be vernal pools along the T's right of way," Dick said. "Vernal pools are esoteric things which are wet in the spring and dry up in the summer. Certain amphibious species survive in vernal pools."

Dick said the study would identify and study rare, endangered and threatened species along the Greenbush Line.

> *'Vernal pools are esoteric things which are wet in the spring and dry up in the summer. Certain amphibious species survive in vernal pools.'*
>
> — Michael Dick, Greenbush Mitigation Committee.

Dick said the existence of any vernal pools would not stop the Greenbush project, but it would force the T to give special consideration to those areas.

Andrew Brennan, the MBTA's manager of environmental affairs, told town officials he doesn't believe there are any endangered or threatened species along the right of way. Brennan said the town would have to provide proof that these species existed for the MBTA to provide special consideration.

Advisory committee member Ken Ingbert wanted to know if the MBTA, the Department of Environmental Protection or some other government agency would pay for the study.

Dick said the MBTA was not required to pay for the study, and would not even adhere to town bylaws.

"From the beginning the conservation commission has been concerned that the T will fill more wetlands than is necessary," Dick said. "The T is not required to follow our bylaws either. The T does not have a good record of finding things that will slow it down."



Turn Clocks Ahead Sunday

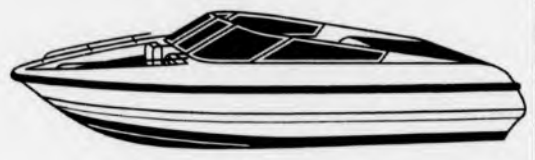
Remove Flowers, Wreaths

All artificial flowers, wreaths, ornaments, etc. must be removed from gravesites at Woodside, Beechwood and Greengate Cemeteries before April 15.

Anything left after this date will be disposed of by the cemetery workers, DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield said.

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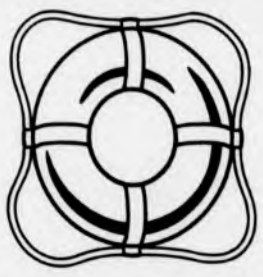
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Laxmen Look to Playoff Season

Lacrosse Team is as Strong as it Has Been in Years

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

The devastating spring blizzard may have done the job in delaying the start of the high school's spring sports season, but it did nothing in dampening the optimism of a solid Cohasset High lacrosse team.

The Skippers are as sound a squad as they've been in a long time. The offense should provide plenty of punch throughout the spring, while the speed it possesses could make transitions nearly unstoppable.

Cohasset, the smallest team in the state to qualify for the tourney last season, has what head coach Ken Ekberg feels is its best team in several years. And you can't lessen the importance of Cohasset's overall experience, both in regular-season play and playoffs.

The Skippers have no real weak spots in any particular area and have a seasoned goaltender with Ely Kahn between the posts. Add 40-goal scorer Jamie Buick and Jon Lacks to the mix and Cohasset could advance further than the opening round, where it has lost two tight games to Weymouth in consecutive years.

Ekberg was impressed with what looks to be a particularly tough defensive squad. The defense stood out in the Skippers' final exhibition game against Boston College High. And while no scores are kept during the scrimmages, it was Cohasset who netted the most goals and contained B.C. High's offense. The Skippers also scrimmaged Waltham and Sandwich.

"Defensively, we're heading in the right direction," Ekberg said.

Kahn, one of the team's tri captains, is the backbone of the defense and is one of the top goaltenders in the state. The Harvard-bound senior has put

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21st Road Race By-the-Sea and Road

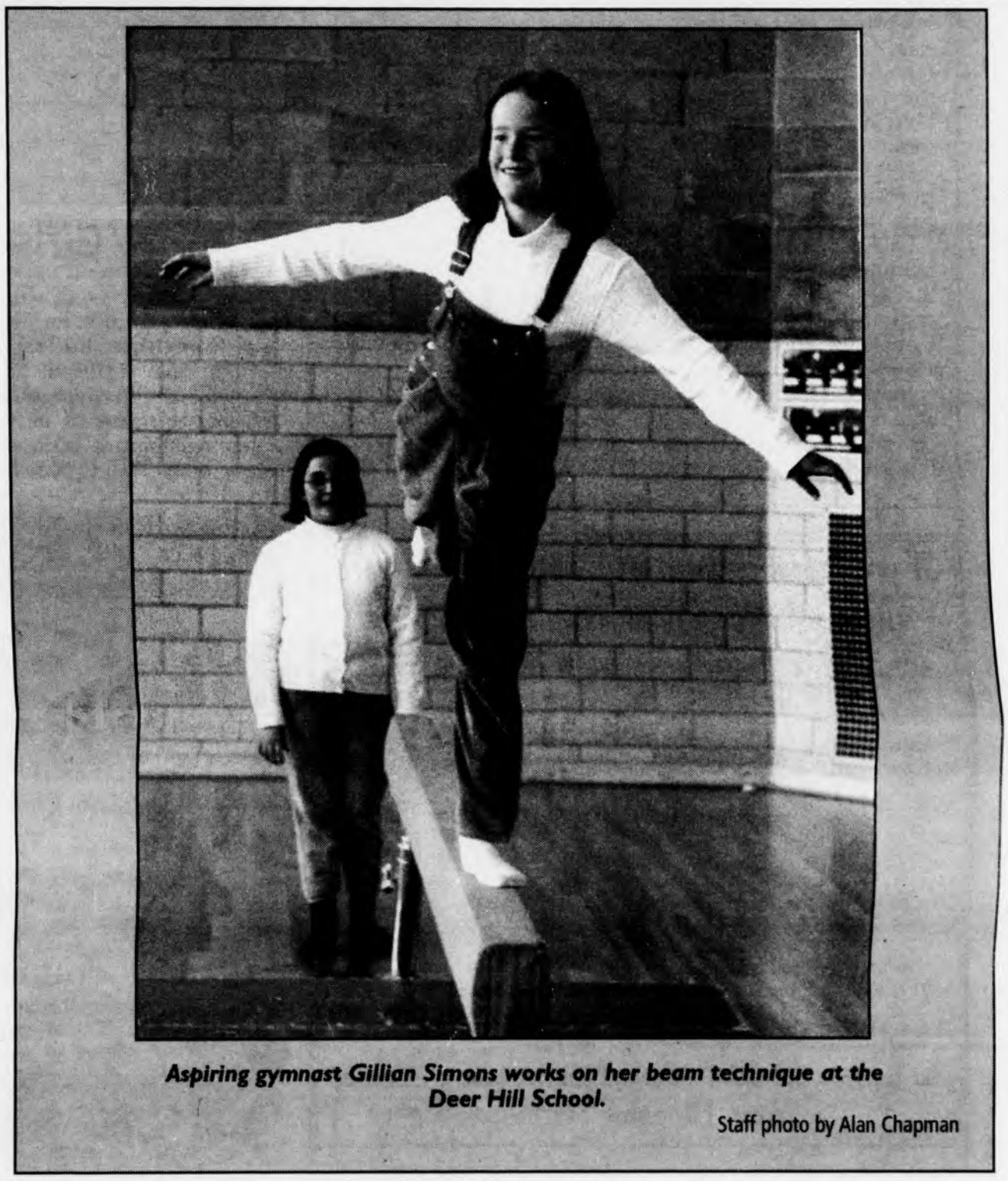
The Cohasset Rotary Club would like to announce that the 21st Annual 10K Road Race By-the-Sea and Walk will be held Sunday, April 6.

This year's race is under the direction of Tom Gruber and Roy Fitzsimmons. The proceeds go to the many intown projects that Rotary supports. More than 800 runners are expected from all over New England. The start of the road race will be at 1 p.m. from the Cohasset Common. There will be free T-shirts and refreshments for all registered runners.

The road walk starts at 10 a.m. from Sandy Beach. The race is sanctioned by USATF-NE. Applications are available at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shops or from the Cohasset Rotary, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA 02025.

The deadline for pre-registration is April 1. Pre-registration fee is $12. Post-registration fee is $15. For race questions, call Austin Lyne at (617) 383-6550. Residents are urged to restrain dogs and to discourage children from skateboarding or riding bikes along the route since they present hazards to the runners.

If you would like to join or address the membership of Rotary, please send a note to President, Cohasset Rotary Club, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA 02025.



Aspiring gymnast Gillian Simons works on her beam technique at the Deer Hill School.

Staff photo by Alan Chapman

EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

Blizzard Leaves Teams in The Lurch

They were supposed to be on the tracks and baseball fields, kicking off the spring sports season.

So what do we get instead? Only the third biggest blizzard on record. Instead of planting flowers people are shoveling out mountains of snow in their driveways.

South Shore high school athletes had the day off from classes but it was hardly fun in the sun. They weren't taking trips to Aruba, Jamaica or Florida. They were clearing walkways and stairs.

What Mother Nature spared us from in the winter she more than made up with on Monday night and Tuesday.

And it's put quite a fly in the sports season ointment. Baseball and softball coaches not only have to wait for the white stuff to disappear, but then must twiddle their thumbs while the infield changes from a pudding consistency to dirt. There's really no other choice for them. Can you picture how embarrassing it'd be for the home team if its starting lineup sank into the mud in the opening game of the season with only its caps sitting lightly on the quagmire? Talk about a sports program having to start from scratch, not to mention having to forfeit the game entirely. There's nothing quite as disheartening as losing on opening day. Having your whole team disappear in thick mud only adds insult to injury.

Coaches, though, refuse to let the weather conditions outside affect their team's workouts for any lengthy amount of time.

Take it from someone who played for East Junior High School in Braintree in seventh and eighth grade: It's not always fun.

Practices moved in the gymnasium back then. Coaches still utilize the gym as well as they can when the weather forces them inside.

I learned very quickly a gymnasium floor was meant for bouncing a basketball, not fielding groundballs. A routine play on a diamond becomes an entirely new experience inside. Balls travel at speeds of up to MACH 3 when they ricochet off a gymnasium floor. Alex Rodriguez would be fending for his life, forget a high school shortstop.

Instead of live pitching, batters have no choice but to swing at wiffle balls popping out of a machine.

By the end of the week, temperatures are expected to creep into the 60s. The meltdown will be well under way. Spring will battle the remnants of winter with the sports season lying in wait.

Hopefully, the baseball fields will be in good enough shape for teams to jump right into their games. Them more games that are canceled, the more of strain put on the pitching staffs.

Last spring several games were postponed because of driving rains. As a result, teams were forced to play four and five games per week, in order to get enough in before the tourney deadline. Thin pitching staffs were used to excess because games piled up. Sore and tired arms inevitably developed. The MIAA will have to be more reasonable in scheduling games if injuries are to be avoided.

But that's the worst scenario. Chances are, the fields will be in good enough playing condition where the games can be strung out at more forgiving intervals.

Good luck to all the spring-sports athletes. This snowstorm will be a distant memory in late May. For now, we just have to grin and dealt the hand we were dealt. Only in New England.

Playoff Season

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in a solid year's worth of lacrosse and Ekberg said the results aren't hard to see.

"It's obvious all the work he put into the game has move it to a higher level," Ekberg said.

Fellow tri-captain Matt Belson will spend much of the season taking faceoffs and covering the opponent's top offensive player. Belson plays the entire game and is strong and versatile. After a year of prep school, Doug Cameron is back on the squad. Like Belson, Cameron also is very quick and is fully capable of covering proven goal scorers.

As for Lacks, Ekberg has seen enough of his play over the past few years to put him into a category of his own.

"He's the best all-around lacrosse player we've ever had," he said.

Lacks should play every minute of every game for the Skippers and has the responsibility of running Cohasset's offense. He's ambidextrous when it comes to getting off shots and is extremely tough to cover as a result. Lacks' quickness is a major strength and he can take hits as well as he gives them out.

Ekberg said he's just as vital in his captain role.

"The other kids look to him because of the type of player he is and the type of kid he is," he said.

Bob Stansell, who moves strong and hard to the left, complements Lacks nicely, giving Cohasset an obvious strength moving the ball upfield.

Matt O'Connor's strength lies in his defense, but is a good playmaker as well, bringing good balance to the midfield section. Dave Noble brings size, speed and a good deal of athleticism to the lineup and Burke Davis has the "savvy" and an "innate understanding of athletics and positional play," to help further strengthen the Skippers.

As good as the team looks on paper, Ekberg said it still has to play hard against a tough schedule. Cohasset plays Hingham, Falmouth and Duxbury twice each, and meets Barnstable, Sandwich, Marshfield and Norwell.

1997-98 Hockey Tryouts
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Mites (1989 birthdate) — Tuesday, April 15, 5:20 p.m., Pilgrim Rink A; Saturday, April 19, 3:20 p.m., Bridgewater Arena. For further information, call Paul Cole at (617) 380-7528.

Squirt Minor (1988 birthdate) — Friday, April 18, 5 p.m.; and Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m, both at Hobomock Arena #1. For further information, call Rob Taylor at (617) 749-2635.

Squirt Major (1987 birthdate) — Friday, April 18, 8:10 p.m.; and Saturday, April 19, 4:30 p.m., both at Bridgewater Arena. For further information, call Ted Malley at (617) 545-8339.

PeeWee Minor (1986 birthdate) — Friday, April 18, 7 p.m., Bridgewater Arena; Sunday, April 20, 11:10 a.m., Hobomock Arena #1. For further information, call Buzz Olson (617) 749-8835.

PeeWee Major (1985 birthdate) — Wednesday, April 16, 5 p.m.; and Saturday, April 19, 11:40 a.m., both at Hobomock Arena #1. For further information, call Jack Burns at (508) 428-3876.

Bantam Minors (1984 birthdate) — Monday, April 14, 8 p.m.; Monday, April 14, 9 p.m.; and Friday, April 18, 9:20 p.m., all at Bridgewater Arena. For further information, call Greg Coady at (617) 826-2993.

Bantam Majors (1983 birthdate) — Wednesday, April 16, 7:20 p.m., Hobomock Arena #1; Saturday, April 19, 2:10 p.m., at Bridgewater Arena. For further information, call Charlie Paris (617) 843-0429.

The league features great competition, two practices per week, checking at all levels, excellent coaching, weekly power skating and goalie clinics.

'Girls Night' Set

"Girls Night Out" will be held Friday, April 4, for ages 5 to 11 from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Come join Ruthann, Susie, Jan, Tiffany and George for a fun-filled evening of obstacle course, gymnastics, make your own pizza and bowling. Everyone receives something for participation.

Additional prizes will be given out to top bowlers and winners of the obstacle course. Cost for this evening is $15, must be pre-paid and no drop-ins. Limited space.

Little League Dance

The annual Little League dance and fund raiser will be held on May 17 at Kimball's by the Sea from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. There will be hor d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Music will be provided by "The Greatful Dads." Tickets are $25. For tickets or donations to the auction, contact Kevin Lewis at 383-2076.

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RECREATION NOTES

Summer Employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for playground program counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 30 through Aug. 15 plus a one-day orientation during late June. CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school half-day program and the 5- to 12-year-old, full-day programs.

The recreation commission conducts a seven-week day camp structured program for children 3-1/2 through 12 years of age.

Should you be interested in applying, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 for an application or further information.

Pre-School Program Coordinator

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is accepting applications for a pre-school program coordinator for their summer playground program for children ages 3-1/2 through 5.

Candidates should have experience working with pre-school age children and a degree in Early Childhood Education or related fields would be an asset. The pre-school program coordinator reports directly to the playground director and is responsible for program development and staff direction.

The position is for an eight-week period working 3-1/2 hours daily Mondays through Fridays. The rate of compensation is $8 per hour. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 if interested.

1997 Summer Sports Camps and Programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 1997 for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball Camp

Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27, ages 7 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $140. Ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $75. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club.

Basketball Camp

Tuesday, July 8 to Friday, July 11, grades four to six, price $120. Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18, grades six to nine, price $150. Price includes a camp shirt. Cohasset High School. Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff.

V.I.P. Soccer Camps

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25, front field, CHS. Soccer ABC's, ages 4 and 5, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., price $50. Half day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., price $80. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by V.I.P. soccer—Dave Pike and Ross Irwin.

South Shore Soccer Camps

Both weeks are optional for boys and girls. Monday, Aug. 4 to Friday, Aug. 8, ages 8 to 18. Monday, Aug. 11 to Friday, Aug. 15, ages 8 to 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., price $175, Cohasset High School. Price includes camp shirt and ball. Directed by SSSC—Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz.

Lacrosse—Full Contact Clinic

Monday evenings, 6:30 to 8 p.m., grades five and six (entering fall '97), Deer Hill School, June 30 to Aug. 18, price $35. Full equipment necessary, gloves, helmet, pads and stick.

All camps have individual application forms. Call the recreation office at 383-6791, or stop by the town hall for more information.

Little League Parade, May 3

The Cohasset Little League will hold its annual opening day parade Saturday, May 3. The parade starts at the Red Lion Inn, 71 South Main St., Cohasset, at 8:15 a.m. and progresses up Main Street to Barnes Field.

The Deer Hill School Band will lead the parade, followed by an excess of 300 players, a fire truck with last year's champions and our special guest, Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray. We expect more than 1,000 town residents to participate in the parade and ceremony.

CYBA Announces Scholarship

The Cohasset Youth Baseball Association is pleased to announce its first $500 scholarship award. Candidates will be former Little League members. One scholarship will be awarded to the recipient at the start of his/her second semester of freshman year. Applications will be available at the high school guidance office. Deadline for the applications must be returned by April 30. Call Bob Moody at 383-0385 for more information.

Summer Hockey Registration

Cohasset Summer Hockey registration is scheduled for April 12 at Deerhill School from 9-11a.m. This is the only opportunity to sign-up for the try-out team. The leagues run from the end of June to the middle of August. The try-out cost of $10 is non-refundable. For more information, call Bob Moody at 383-0385.

Summer Playground Camp

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is pleased to announce that Ms. Kristin Wrye will again serve as director for the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3-1/2 to 12.

The recreation commission has also established fees for the 1997 playground program which will remain the same as the 1996 program and are as follows:

5- to 12-year-olds: $150 for first child ($275 for non-residents).

3- to 5-year-olds: $125 for first child.

ACTIVITY FEE

A $35 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee, separate from program fee, to be paid at registration, will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

– Limited enrollment has been set for each program.

– Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis, and there are no discounts available for multiple children.

– All children must be toilet trained.

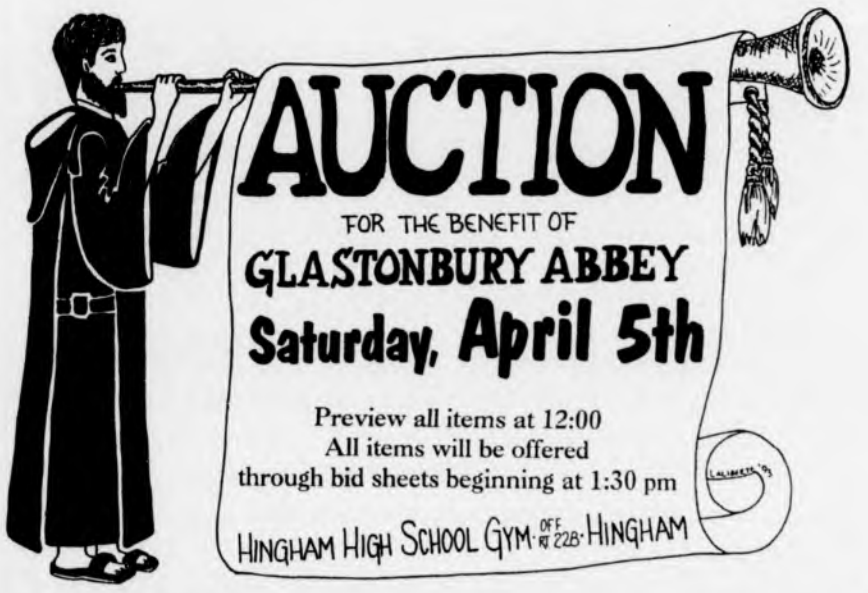
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5- to 12-year-olds, full day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children must have been born between Aug. 31, 1984 and Dec. 31, 1991 to qualify. The 5- to 7-year-old program will be held at the Joseph Osgood School; the 8- to 12-year-old program, at the Deer Hill School.

Pre-school 3- to 5-year-old, half day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children must have been born between Jan. 1, 1992 and March 1, 1994 to qualify. This program will take place at the Deer Hill School.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Thursday evening, June 19, 5 to 7 p.m.



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Museum members are requested to make a minimum donation of $30 per person, non-members $35. Delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine, and soft drinks will be served. A final pleasure will be the view of the sun setting over Cohasset Harbor at 7:30 p.m. For information call Barbie Guild, (617) 925-5433.

Raffle to Benefit Community Center

It's a win/win situation. Some lucky person could win as much as $25,000 and the South Shore Community Center will raise an equal amount of money in a 50/50 raffle to kick off during the Cohasset Road Race by-the-sea Sunday, April 6.

Tickets are $100 each with a goal of 500 tickets to be sold. Ticket donations are tax-deductible. The winner will be selected at Cohasset's Harborfest Sunday, June 15. The winner need not be present to win.

The South Shore Community Center is a non-profit organization offering a wide range of educational and entertaining programs for infants to seniors.

Tickets can be purchased at the center, located at 3 Main St. in the center of Cohasset. Cash, check or credit cards are accepted. Tickets can also be obtained by calling the center at (617) 383-0088.

Hingham Civic to Produce 'South Pacific'

Hingham Civic Music Theatre will present "South Pacific" May 2 and 10 at 8 p.m., May 4 at 2 p.m., and May 11 at 3 p.m. in the Hingham High School auditorium.

"South Pacific" is set in an island paradise during World War II, where two parallel love stories are threatened by the dangers of prejudice and war. Adapted from the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by James A. Michener, "Tales Of The South Pacific," this musical is famous for such songs as "Some Enchanted Evening," "There is Nothin' Like a Dame," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out-a My Hair," and everyone's favorite, "Honey Bun."

"South Pacific's" cast members come from numerous South Shore towns including Braintree, Bridgewater, Cohasset, Hanover, Harwich, Hingham, Hull, Plymouth, Quincy, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

Get your tickets early. It is expected that "South Pacific" will sell out quickly. Presale ticket prices are $10. They may be purchased at Hingham Public Library, Nobles Camera Shop in Hingham Square, Olden's Pharmacy in So. Weymouth's Columbian Square, or from any cast member. Group sale tickets are available by calling (617) 749-4540. All tickets sold at the door will be $12.

Cruising Lecture to Benefit CHS ExCeL Program

Saturday, April 5, at 8 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Walton Hall, the Cohasset Yacht Club will present an illustrated slide and chart lecture by Bim Holt who cruised for four weeks on the Hudson River, Erie Canal, Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence Seaway, Richelieu River and Lake Champlain.

All proceeeds will benefit the ExCeL alternate school program at Cohasset High School. The ExCel (Experimental Center for Learning) program is an interdisciplinary accredited program for students in grades 10 to 12 offering unique marine experimental activities and traditional coursework in science, social studies and English. Students may enroll in the program for one, two or three years. Course work includes field studies and lab work in fundamental principles of oceanography, physical science, navigation, aquatic environmantal science and nautical science. Outdoor activities include learning to crew and care for a traditional pulling boat. Students also learn the fundamentals of boat building by working on current wooden boat projects.

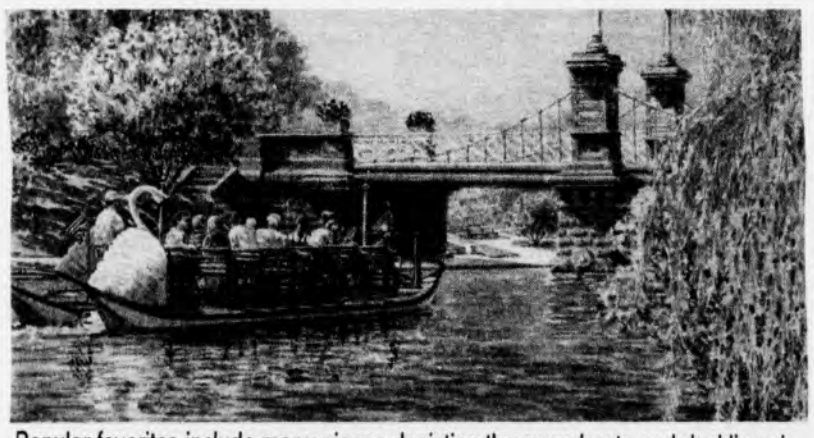
This is the second year that the Cohasset Yacht Club has presented an illustrated slide cruising lecture open to the public to benefit the ExCeL program. Advance reservations may be made by telephone before April 1 by calling Meg Bertolami at 383-2968, $8 for adults and $4 for students under 18. Unreserved tickets at the door will cost $10 for adults and $5 for students under 18.

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Rev. Gary Ritts will be facilitating the support group to begin its nine weekly sessions Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. It is recommended that each participant have their own copy of Dr. Weil's book, "Spontaneous Healing" (which contains the eight-week regimen and is available in paperback). His latest book, "Eight Weeks to Optimum Health," (hardback only) will be used as a supporting text. The program is free of charge and is open to the public. If you have any questions, would like a brochure or would like to register for the course, please stop by the church or call Rev. Ritts at 383-0345.

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It's Happening

Pianist Goodman Presents Spring Concert

South Shore Conservatory presents pianist Mark Goodman in concert Sunday, April 13, at 4 p.m. in Cox Hall at the Hingham campus.

With this recital, Goodman, a faculty member at South Shore Conservatory since 1981, completes his cycle of the "Catalogue d'Oiseaux," a work by Olivier Messian describing the birdlife throughout France.

Other selections include music by Bach, Mozart and Ravel. "Miroirs" by Ravel includes the popular "Alborada del gracioso."

Admission to the Goodman concert is free and open to the general public. South Shore Conservatory, located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham, is handicapped-accessible.

For more information, call (617) 749-7565, Ext. 16.

Annual Great Chefs Event April 9

Tickets are now on sale for the 10th annual Great Chefs of the South Shore fund-raiser to benefit the Hingham Visiting Nurse Association. The event will be held Wednesday, April 9, beginning at 6 p.m., at the South Shore Country Club, Hingham.

Chefs from some of the South Shore's finest restaurants and caterers will donate food for the evening. This year will also feature a very special wine tasting hosted by Bare Cove Wine Annex. Proceeds will help provide home health care to people in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Weymouth and other South Shore towns who cannot otherwise afford to pay for it.

Guests will enjoy chefs' specialties from Abbadessa's, Fireking, The Cookery, Jake's Seafood, Special Events Catering, Nino's Steak and Chops, Star's on Hingham Harbor, Joe's American Bar & Grill, Papa Razzi, P.J.'s Country House, Tosca, The Whiton House, Z Chefs Caterers, and others.

Tickets for the event are $60 per person, which includes all the gourmet delicacies offered and the wine tasting. Tickets are limited and are available by calling 749-8755.

The Hingham Visiting Nurse Association is a Medicare-certified, non-profit, community-based agency providing home health care services to people in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Weymouth and surrounding South Shore towns.

WALKers Join the Fight Against MS

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society will kick off its biggest fund-raising event of the year — the MS WALKS — April 12 and 13, with people from all parts of the state joining in the fight against multiple sclerosis. Channel 5 meteorologist Dick Albert, the 1997 WALK Chair in the Commonwealth, expressed his appreciation to the people of Massachusetts walking to help those with MS.

MS, a chronic disease of the nervous system, wears away the control you have over your body. Symptoms may range from numbness to paralysis and blindness. MS is most common in young adults, usually diagnosed between the ages of 20-40. More than a third of a million Americans are affected by this disease.

The 1997 WALKS, sponsored by WCVB Channel 5, the Tab Newspapers, Mix 98.5 radio, Couples and Sunburst Holidays, will take place in 15 communities throughout the state April 12 and 13, including Cohasset.

This year, more than 6,000 individuals and 450 teams are expected to join the WALKS, helping to raise more than $600,000 to support the mission of the society: ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis. Teams come from corporations, small businesses, churches and civic groups, giving co-workers and friends a chance to have fun while helping those affected by multiple sclerosis.

For information on joining the fight against multiple sclerosis by walking, forming a team or volunteering at a WALK site, call the Massachusetts Chapter at (800) 493-WALK.



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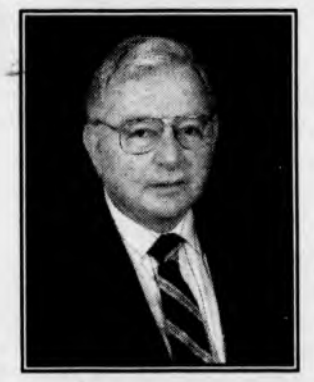
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Dramatic Club's Wizard is a Family Affair

Curtain Rises April 5

By Melissa Boynton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Entering town hall for the Cohasset Dramatic Club's rehearsal of the Wizard of Oz, I expected a crowd of unruly and bored munchkins, a stuffed Toto, and amateurish sets.

Instead I was treated to a group of children immersed in their roles, and a bonafide terrier named Toto enviably trained to calmly reside in Dorothy's basket.

The sets were also impressive. Nancy Wheeler, the Scenic Designer, has managed to capture the transition from the pre-Oz black & white setting to the Technicolor Emerald City in a way you'll have to see to appreciate.

To boot, not to alarm the local fire department, the Wicked Witch of the West played by Letitial Riel of Norwell even hurls what appear to be real fire balls at the Scarecrow!

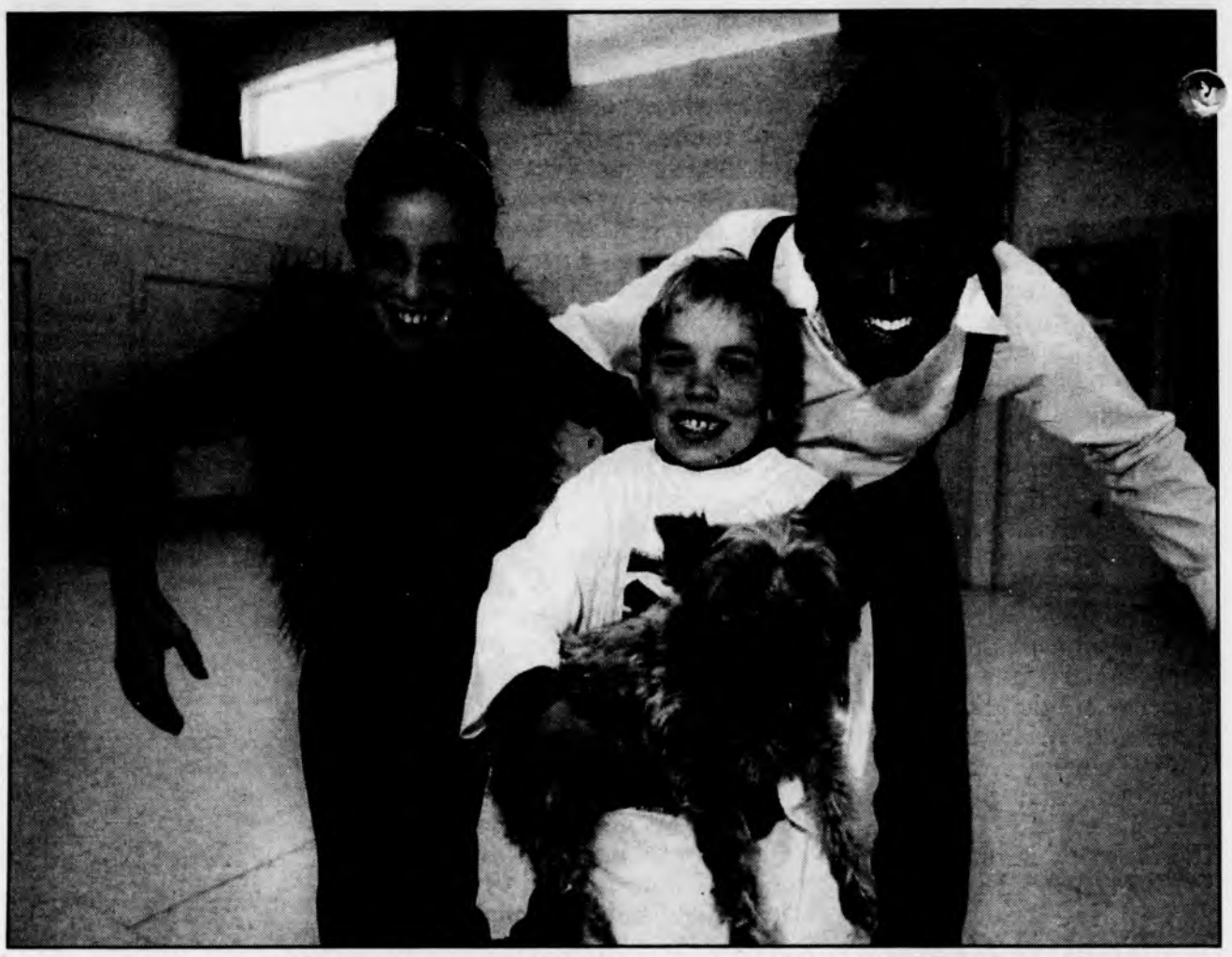
Obviously this was my first brush with the Cohasset Drama Club whose roots reach back into the early 1920's. The troop is both serious and playful in its approach to this production. Members spend scene breaks in the bowels of Town Hall encouraging and tormenting one another with thespian humor. They seem like one big happy family and with surprising frequency I find that they really are. Glenda , Auntie Em and the Wizard have all parented munchkins and believe it or not, Uncle Henry is father to a flying monkey! Should the genetic history of this Oz be traced, I am quite sure that more tangled roots would emerge.

While attempting an interview with Glenda the Good Witch, played by Holly Harris of Cohasset, her husband Charlie Dattola scenery assistant, kept popping by with comments like "Now you're not telling her about my stint on Broadway are you?" or "Forget about those Brannaugh years, they're really not worth mentioning!" They bantered back and forth so quickly that my pen couldn't keep up.

Their son, Kyle Dattola Harris, 8, is the serious stage player in the family complete with immodesty. When asked what his favorite scene is in the play he responds, "Mine. The munchkin scene is definitely the best!" Trying to get to the little boy that resides inside the munchkin I ask, "Why is it that your mom makes a good Glenda?" Expecting to hear because she is nice, sweet and kind, he surprises me with, "Because she is a fine actor." The munchkin shell finally cracks when I ask him why the munchkin scene is the best, Kyle responds with a smile, " Because I get to be on stage with my Mom!" The family has been involved in one way or another in the past three spring productions.

Uncle Henry, played by Ed Lappen of Cohasset, is pleased to be back on stage. He describes his 17-year history with the drama club by saying, "I really didn't expect to get back on stage before my girls hit college. I took a break from performing due to the time constraint. In addition to running a business, I also chose to spend time with by family. The practice schedule is tough."

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Rehearsing for the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of 'The Wizard of Oz' are Cohasset's Mia-Lin and Ed Lappen and Kyle Dattola-Harris, who is holding Toto. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Wilbur's in North Scituate.

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Dramatic Club

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It was his daughter's idea to audition. Mia Lieb-Lappen has worked bigger stages, namely the Boston Ballet's production of 'The Nutcracker' at the Wang Center. This past year was Mia's last with Nutcracker. Mia explains, "I had to decide between gymnastics and ballet, and I chose gymnastics." You will see her talent as a Flying Monkey in this production where she does round-offs, cartwheels and other dance moves. Ed was pleased by her decision to audition for the play. "It's great because it's something we can do together," he says, adding deadpanly, "I'm not much of a gymnast or a ballet dancer."

The wizard, played by Roland St. Claire-Barrie, has a British accent to further exaggerate the formality of the great Oz' speech pattern. The British-born actor sat in the hallway away from the hustle and bustle of Munchkinland as he studied his lines. He was happy to talk about both his past theatrical pursuits as well as those of his two daughters, Darby, 9, and Devon, 10. Darby plays a munchkin in this production. Both girls have a passion for the theater and have been interested in acting for quite a while.

Devon starred in the Wang Center's production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat' this past year. St. Clair jokes, "the little brat made it to Broadway before me."

They seem like one big happy family and with surprising frequency I find that they really are. Glenda , Auntie Em and the Wizard have all parented munchkins and believe it or not, Uncle Henry is father to a flying monkey!

Jessica McDonald of Hull, cast as the cowardly lion, demonstrates that April truly roars in like a lion. She uses physical comedy and a booming voice to demonstrate the lion's less than noble character flaw. McDonald, who received a theatre degree in '91 from the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., has worn many hats with the club. She has directed Noel Coward's, 'Blithe Spirit' and starred in Dracula.

In this production she has a dual role, though officially the lion, she serves as a mentor to the junior members of the cast. You can see definite elements of her style in the Mayor of Munchkinland played by Lila McCormack. "It is amazing how strongly Jessica has influenced these kids." says Holly Harris, "Every time I look at Lyla McCormack, I see a young Jessica."

This production of the Wizard of Oz opens on Saturday April 5 and runs through April 13 at Scituate High School Auditorium. Tickets are $10 and are available at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset and Wilbur's in North Scituate.

Cohasset Food Pantry Serves Increasing Numbers

Approaching its fourth anniversary, the Cohasset Food Pantry finds the need still strong for food assistance to town residents, with an increase of 7 percent in families and individuals served during 1996.

Marjorie Steele, chairman of the Pantry's Steering Committee since its founding in 1993, reported that the Pantry made 467 distributions of food to family units averaging more than three individuals, during 1996, as compared with 438 in the previous year.

"There is clearly a continuing need for food assistance to some local families, and we are happy to be able to provide it through the generosity of individuals, institutions and businesses in town," Steele said.

The Pantry operates out of the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue next to the town hall, and is open Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Any Cohasset resident who meets limited income guidelines or who has special need is eligible to receive food at two-week intervals.

"The town has really opened its heart to those in need", Mrs. Steele said. "This service would not be possible without the generous contribution of food and funds by many individuals, groups and businesses, as well as the work of volunteers to stock and staff the pantry."

She singled out for special thanks the town's churches and schools which organize food collections; Stop & Shop, which supported the Pantry through a "Food For Friends" program; Jack Conway Co., Realtors; and Cohasset Imports Auto Dealers. A major contribution has come through the food collection by employees of the Cohasset Post Office which brought in hundreds of pounds of food picked up by route mail deliverers. This year's Post Office collection is scheduled for May 10 .

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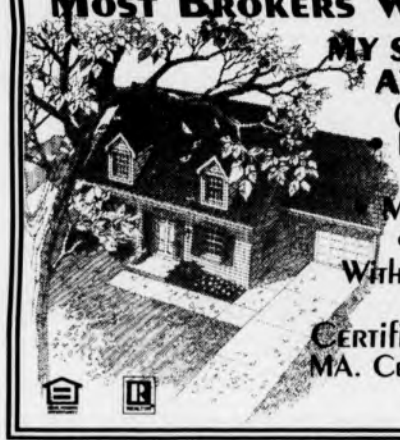
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By Amy K. Barrett
WORTH MAGAZINE

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For one thing, you shouldn't necessarily be seduced by the monthly rate. It alone will not help you determine if you are gettinga good deal; car leases are not simple. The fine print on the advertisements may hold notification of extra costs or payments that accompany the monthly fee.

Leases for those Jaguar and Lexus models mentioned above require you to pay a chunk of money up front. But some leasing companies allow you to pay the lump sum at the end of your lease; perhaps to lessen the initial blow. After all, one of the appealing features of leasing, versus taking out a loan to buy the car, is that you don't have to come up with the initial down payment.

Another common cost people tend to overlook is the acquisition fee — the amount the leasing company charges you for doing the processing and paperwork on your lease. For instance, a three-year lease for the Lexus LS400 includes an acquisition fee of $450, while the Jaguar XJ6L has none.

The most important features of a lease, however, are the purchase price, the interest rate, and the estimated depreciation of the car.

When the leasing company or manufacturer offers you a lease, they will quote you the retail price of the car.

But, "make sure that vehicle purchase price is the same as what you would pay if you financed the car," says Steve Landau, a product manager at IntelliChoice, a California-based company that evaluates lease deals. "It shouldn't be more just because you are leasing."

The lessor derives your lease agreement from that purchase price. Basically the lessor charges you for the amount that the car should depreciate over the term of the lease (the standard length of an agreement is 36 months), the interest it will pay the manufacturer (it buys the car from the manufacturer and then leases it to you), plus other expenses. If the quoted purchase price is more than the manufacturer's suggested retail price, you will probably pay a higher rate to cover the depreciation of the extra value of the car.

"The primary thing that you pay for in the lease is depreciation," says Landau. "Everything else you pay goes into someone's pocket." So, the key to finding out whether you are getting a good deal is to determine how much of your money is going toward your car and how much is going into the pocket of the lessor.

Let's go back to the Jaguar XJ6L and the Lexus LS400. When you take into account the total-out-of-pocket costs over a three-year lease for both, the Lexus beats the Jaguar at first glance. Over the term of the lease, you would pay $27,863 for the Lexus and $29,480.56 for the Jaguar, according to IntelliChoice.

Since the manufacturer's suggested retail price of the Lexus is $57,537, while the Jaguar's is $60,010, it would make sense that the lease for the Lexus should be cheaper, right? And Jaguar has a back-end charge for mileage over 10,000 miles per year. According to IntelliChoice, if the consumer drives the car 12,000 miles per year, the Lexus would save the consumer $1,618 over the leasing period.

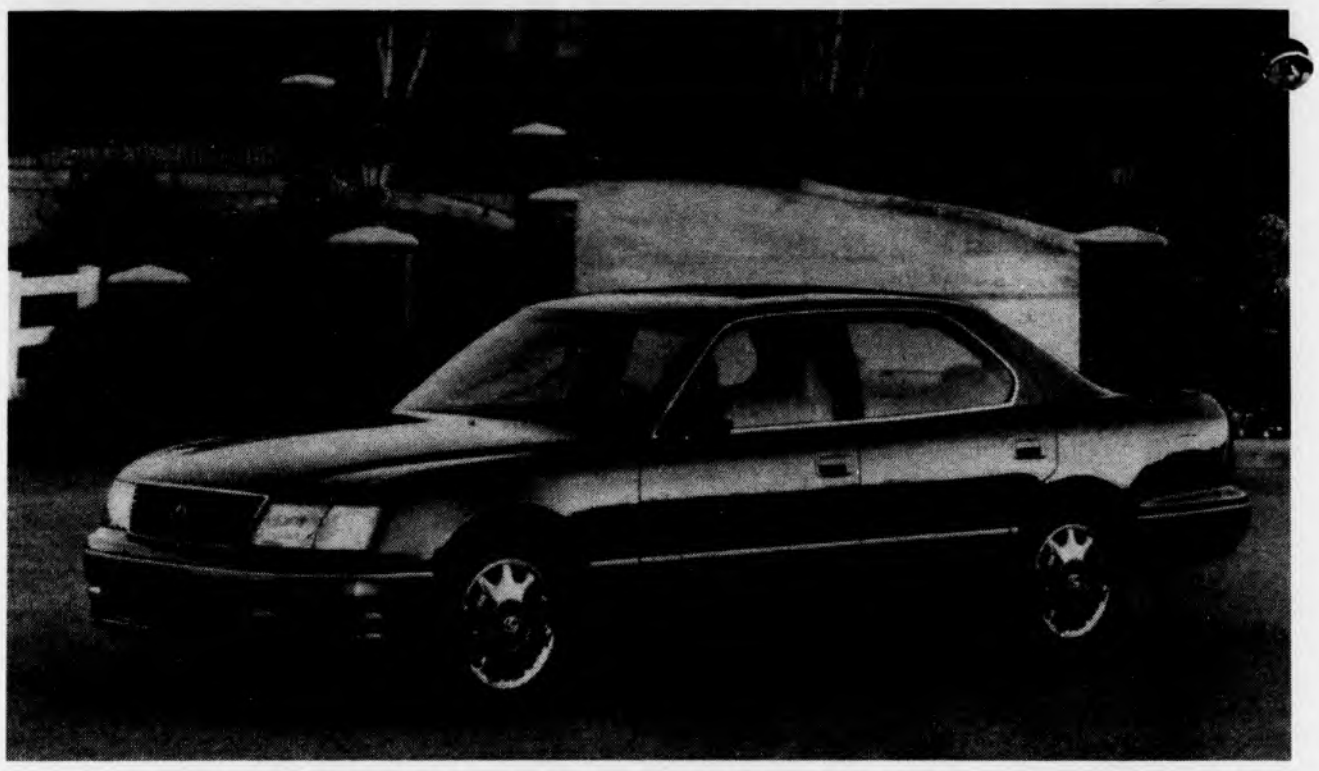
But wait a second. If you are searching for a bargain, look more closely. Look at the net interest rates on the leases as calculated by IntelliChoice: 3.576 percent for the Jaguar, and 7.732 percent for the Lexus.

If you lease the Jaguar, more of your money will go toward paying for the car itself rather than into the lessor's pockets to cover expenses (interest fees plus other extra costs). This kind of bargain lease is often a product of manufacturer incentives; for example, the manufacturer may offer low-interest loans to dealers because they want to get the cars off their lots and make way for a new model.

Another way to get a good deal is to look for leasing companies that write-off less of the car's value during the three years of the lease than is the industry standard. They are taking the risk that the resale market for the car will be strong, and that they can recoup the lost depreciation costs.

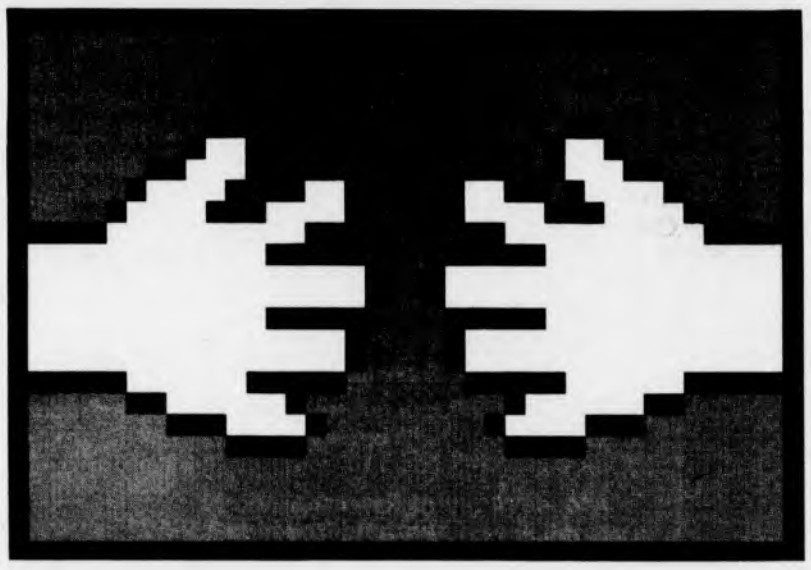
Let's suppose that the conventional wisdom in the car industry - whether right or wrong - maintains that the Lexus LS400 will be worth $30,000 after three years. A leasing company may decide that, with the used car market on the rise, this model Lexus will be easy to sell for more than $30,000, perhaps $33,000, at the end of the lease. The lessor might pass on that $3,000 savings to you by reducing the depreciation costs it charges.

True it's a gamble, but it's on their part. You don't take on the risk, just the benefits. The source of an even better bargain may be the residual value, or what the lessor has forecast the car will be worth after the three years have passed.



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Police Report

Monday, March 17

6:58 a.m., MV stop, Mill Ln.
7:20 a.m., MV stop, Mill Ln.
7:38 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
4:22 p.m., larceny, King St.
5:49 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
6:01 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.
7:03 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
7:08 p.m., general services, Cedar St.

Tuesday, March 18

9:42 a.m., MV stop, CJC by Lower King St.
10:14 a.m., medical aid, Margin St.
11:08 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
11:40 a .m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
4:48 p.m., serve restraining order, Jerusalem Rd.
6:40 p.m., fire, structure, Forest Notch.

Wednesday, March 19

12:20 a.m., MV stop, Hull St./Cedar St.
6:32 a.m., MV stop, Square.
6:53 a.m., MV stop, North Main/Forest Ave.
7:26 a.m., MV stop, Common Area.
12:05 p.m., fire, gas leak (outside), CJC Hwy.
3:25 p.m., assist other agency, East St.
11:32 p.m., suspicious (other), Brewster Rd.

Thursday, March 20

12:51 a.m., suspicious auto, Jerusalem Rd.
7:35 a.m., MV stop, Dolan Ln.
8:36 a.m., public service other, CJC Hwy.
8:42 a.m., general services, Church St.
9:09 a..m, assist other agency, Square.
10:20 a.m., investigation, Lamberts Ln.
1:29 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St
2:18 p.m., property (lost), Beach St.
5:28 p.m., MV stop, N. Main by the line.
7:03 p.m., infor, general, Talbots.
8:50 p.m., larceny, Clay Spring Rd.

Friday, March 21

12:35 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
2:00 a.m., MV stop, Lily Pond Ln.
8:47 a.m., violation restraining order, Beechwood St.
9:35 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
9:51 a.m., fire, gas leak (inside), CJC Hwy.
10:07 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
10:42 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.
10:58 a.m., suspicious auto, Spring St.
11:55 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.
12:20 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
12:25 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
12:44 p.m., Mv stop, Summer St.
12:51 p.m., medical aid, Linden Dr.
1:53 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
2:01 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
2:12 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
2:34 p.m., assault, CJC Hwy.
3:30 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
3:35 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
4:16 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
5:19 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
6:42 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
6:52 p.m., Mv stop, S. Main St.
10:35 p.m., fire carbon monoxide incident, Stockbridge St.
11:31 p.m., MV stop, Doane St.

Saturday, March 22

3:13 a.m, open door/window, CJC Hwy.
7:59 a.m., traffic control, Clay Spring Rd.
1:44 p.m., MV accident, area of 118 Beach St.
4:00 p.m., parking violation, the Square.
4:25 p.m., medical aid, Driftway.
5:29 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Cushing Plaza.
8:55 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Way behind Papes Barn.
10:52 p.m., info, general, Ripley Rd.
11:50 p.m., medial aid, Pond St.

Sunday, March 23

12:20 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:38 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:50 a.m., assist other PD, Atlantic Ave.
1:05 a.m., medical aid, Hull St.
1:44 a.m., annoying phone calls, Pond St.
2:05 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:12 a.m., arrest, Forest Ave., Joao Goncalves, 52 Wheeler Park, Scituate, DOB: 2/28/57, charges: poss. class B substance with intent to distribute, operating under the influence of drugs, failure to stay in marked lanes.
5:08 a.m., missing person.
10:25 a.m., medical aid, Police HQ.
11:34 a.m., prisoner transport, from HQ to Plymouth House of Correction.
12:26 p.m., vandalism, S. Main St.
1:03 p.m., assist citizen, Howe Rd.
4:52 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. by King St.
4:56 p.m., Mv stop, Beechwood St. by Bound Brook.
5:07 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. by Bound Brook.
5:56 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by South Shore Chevy. Arrested, Eric P. Melanson, 232 High St., Norwell, DOB: 12/31/73, charges: operating after license or right to op. suspended, operating uninsured MV, operating an unregistered MV/trailer, attaching plates to a MV.
7:10 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St. by Rocky Ln.
8:55 p.m., suspicious auto, Sohier St. Juvenile arrest, age 15, illegal possession of Class D substance.
10:43 p.m., disturbance, CJC Hwy.

Monday, March 24

12:32 a.m., open door/window, S. Main St.
7:07 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd./Howe Rd.
7:12 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd./Howe Rd.
7:12 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/Mary Lou's News.
Arrest. Brian Jacobs, 21 Old Coach Rd., Cohasset, DOB: 9/26/60; charges: operating a MV without a license; stop sign violation.
11:42 a.m., notification, Doane St.
2:31 p.m., animal complaint, Nichols Rd.
3:30 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalme R.d by Bow St.
4:47 p.m., animal complaint, Old Coach R.d
5:01 p.m., general services, Little Harbor Rd.
5:15 p.m., suspicious person, Ripley Rd.
5:35 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.
9:49 p.m., larceny, Cohasset Plaza.

Tuesday, March 25

12:39 a.m., assist citizen, Elm St.
1:58 a.m., MV stop, Rte. 3A/Mary Lou's News.
Arrest: Thomas M. Hunt, 25 Stedman Ave., Braintree, DOB: 10/15/77, charges: warrant.
3:25 a.m., assisst motorist, CJC Hwy.
6:02 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A North.
6:26 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/KoKo Island.
7:00 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/Pond St.
7:01 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A No. of Beechwood.
7:22 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A Fox Lane.
7:32 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A Cohasset Imports.
9:58 a.m., info, general, Elm St.
10:36 a.m., serve restraining order, Highland Ave.
11:47 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
12:11 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
1:13 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
2:35 p.m., MV stop, Elm St. by Elm Ct.
5:22 p.m., disturbance family, Church St.
Arrest: Thomas D. Judge, 13 Church St., Cohasset, DOB: 4/26/58, charges: assault & battery.
7:19 p.m., fire, outside, Beechwood St.

Wednesday, March 26

9:55 a.m., disabled auto, Sohier St.
12:41 p.m., motor vehicle stop, S. Main St.
1:06 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
1:33 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
2:22 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
3:01 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
4:52 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Pond St.
9:39 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Sohier St.
10:00 p.m., parking violation, Church St.
11:10 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Beechwood St.

Thursday, March 27

12:18 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
Arrest: Brenda M. Ford, 8 Lincoln St., N. Weymouth, DOB: 7/29/69, charges: attaching plates to a motor vehicle; operating an unregistered MV/trailer; operating an uninsured MV; WMS warrants.
12:24 a.m., general services, HQ.
9:08 a.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
9:15 a.m., open door/window, Atlantic Ave.
12:59 p.m., medical aid, Buttonwood Ln.
2:16 p.m., general services, N. Main St.
4:51 p.m., MV stop, the Square.
5:03 p.m., animal complaint, Linden Dr.
5:20 p.m., assist motorist, Atlantic Ave.

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NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that RICHARD L. BRICKLEY, Jr., of BOSTON in the County of SUFFOLK be appointed executor named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon on May 7, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

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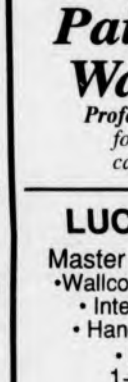
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School Notebook

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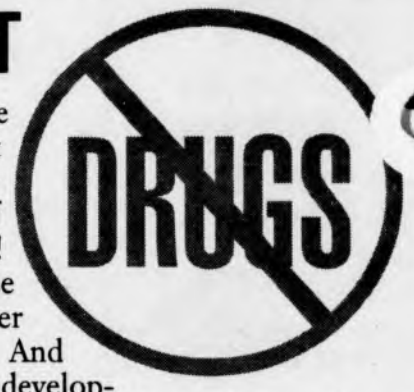
In the short time that I have come to know "Batesy" I have realized she is a truly unique person. While her academic record is unblemished, as evidenced by her perennial position on the high honor roll and straight "A" average, there is another exemplary side to this notable young person.

Recently, Melissa took it upon herself to make a difference beyond the walls of CHS by raising awareness and funds in an effort to find a cure for AIDS. Through her own initiative she made flyers, solicited the help of friends and classmates and sacrificed a good deal of her own time to this worthy cause. History has shown it is the small steps that individual leaders take, such as Melissa, that result in meaningful change in society.

For her courage and commitment to issues and tasks inside and outside the classroom, I proudly nominate Melissa Bates as "Student of the Month."

— Mr. Newkirk.

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Mark Chapman Tops Math Group

On March 11, 63 sixth graders took the New England Math League test at the Deer Hill School. Mark Chapman had the highest score, and the other four high scores were held by Betsy Reynolds, David Curry, Ian Kidder, and Anne Barber. These five scores are added together and sent to the New England Math League for their regional competition.

The New England Math League provides an open opportunity to compete in math. The test is a challenging one involving both mathematics and critical thinking. Math contests for the fourth and fifth grade students will be held in early spring. Cohasset's participation in the New England Math League was made possible with funds contributed by the PSO.

Teen Center 'Wizard' Benefit

Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. the Cohasset Dramatic Club will present the musical "The Wizard of Oz" in the auditorium of the Scituate High School to benefit the Cohasset Teen Center. The tickets are $10, and are available from Betsy Connolly, 383-1248, the recreation department or at the door.

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PSO Authorizes Funds for Schools

The Cohasset PSO recently voted the expenditure of $8,300 towards projects in the Cohasset Schools. Five projects will receive these funds. Authorized were the following expenditures: $4,400 towards new stage curtains for both the high school and Deer Hill School auditoriums, $1,500 to the Cohasset Education Foundation for a Language Lab carrel, $1,000 for the Fitness Center at the high school, $800 for high school band uniforms and $600 for interior security gates at the Deer Hill School.



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Majority Opts for Town Manager

Voters Decide Against More Study

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Cohasset should have a town manager by July 1.

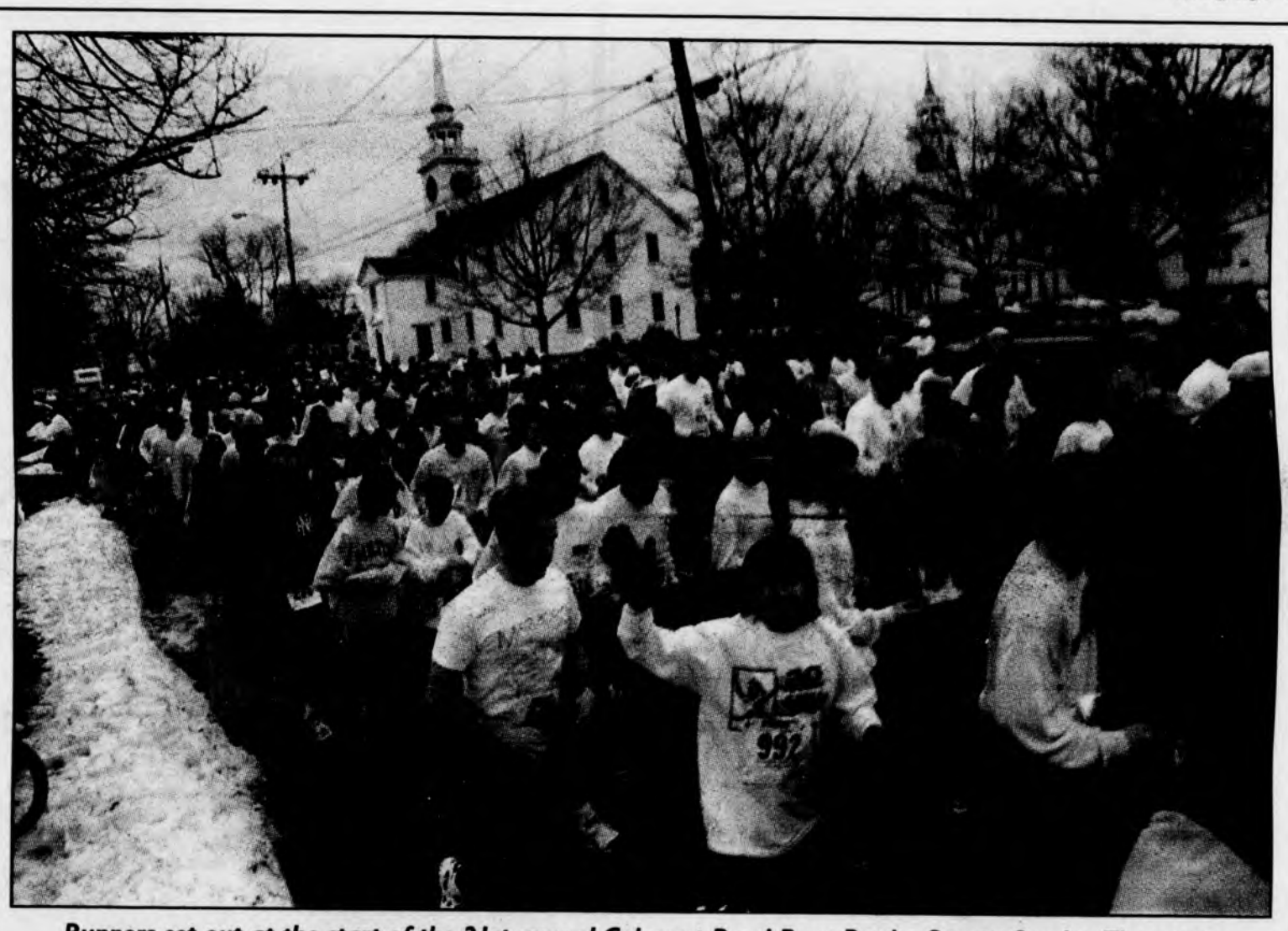
That's what a majority of town meeting voters decided Saturday. The 75-61 vote decision, however, wasn't reached without impassioned debate.

Proponents, including the Government Structure Committee charged with examining the town manager form of government for Cohasset, said the time is right for the town to have a chief administrative/financial officer to oversee the day-to-day operations of the town.

They cited 40 percent cost overruns at the DPW garage, recreational park promises for the Hagerty Property which have not come to fruition after four years, and soaring legal bills to fight the expansion of Cohasset Heights Landfill, as examples of poor management at town hall.

While agreeing in concept, opponents including a

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Runners set out at the start of the 21st annual Cohasset Road Race By-the-Sea on Sunday. The scenic, 6.2-mile race drew a field of 955 runners. See pages 19 and 20 for more on race.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Village Station Site Rejected

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Town meeting dealt a serious blow to proponents of a commuter rail station in Cohasset Village when voters rejected 78-57 a study and a non-binding vote on the May 3 ballot to reconsider the downtown site.

The board of selectmen voted in February to support a station on Route 3A only. But village business owners and some residents continued to support the village station as a way to revitalize the downtown area.

Andrew Brennan, manager of environmental affairs for the MBTA, has stated previously the T is looking only at the site on Route 3A.

Dean Rizzo, chairman of the mitigation committee which supported the Route 3A location, personally favored a train station in the village.

"I believe location is very important and it should be based on all the information and not fears and opinions," Rizzo said. "I believe the Route 3A decision was premature."

Rizzo said he shared the concerns of village residents

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Downed Tree Cleanup Continues

By Jennifer R. Horan
COHASSET MARINER

After clearing Cohasset's streets of more than 20 inches of snow during last week's blizzard, public works crews have been out straight trying to clean up dozens of downed tree limbs blocking motorists' way.

A time-consuming venture, tree cleanup will not be complete until well into next week, said Public Works Director Harold Litchfield.

Though uncertain of the total damage to trees in town, Litchfield said, "We have plenty of it."

The blizzard of 1997's high winds and heavy, wet snow caused extensive breakage to all kinds of trees, from Maples to Evergreens, he said. The areas hardest hit by the storm include Beach and Nickols roads, Atlantic Avenue and South and North Main streets, he said.

Five crew members, equipped with tree cutters and chippers, started work on the town's roads Saturday.

"They have been working steady on limbs," Litchfield said. "They're going to start working a few hours at night

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Cohasset's Week

Resignation is on Hold

Selectmen tabled action on a letter of resignation from the drug & alcohol committee this week. In a long letter, chairman Craig Muir said he will step down out of frustration that the committee does not get enough community support (see letter page 10).

Selectman Nan Roth, who is liaison to the committee, said the group was "set at sea" and needed a focus.

And Selectman Michael Sullivan asked how they could help.

"We need to take a role to bring people together and put some plan together," he said.

The D&A committee met last night after the Mariner went to press.

Brush Brought to Landfill

Residents may take only brush that is four feet or less in length to the Recycling Transfer Facility for burning during regular business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

This does not include contractors, who should dispose of brush in their usual manner. Any town trees or branches will be removed by DPW employees.

Festival on Common Set

Rhonda Myers, coordinator of the Festival on the Common, told selectmen Monday that the festival will be June 20-22. She obtained permission, contingent on approval by the Peter Laugelle of the park department, to install another tent on the far side of the common by the flag pole where children's art will be exhibited.

Selectmen will also allow organizers to investigate installing an electrical box on that side of the common so vendors can be hooked in there rather than running power from First Parish Church.

Myers said, with the new arrangement, wires could be placed away from the walking areas.

Common Softball Game on Hold

Selectmen may ask Linda Simms of the First Parish Church to come before the board to discuss plans for a church picnic, softball game and races on the common.

Selectmen said usually organized games are not allowed on the common and they are worried about setting a precedent. But they acknowledged that First Parish has helped with community events and therefore they are considering the request.

But Selectman Michael Sullivan pointed out, they might have to open the common up to all churches for their activities.

They decided to ask that other locations be explored and if that's not feasible, to ask Simms to come in and discuss the proposal.

Transient Vendor Gets License

Selectmen authorized issuance of a transient vendor's license for Brad and Pam's Ice Cream this week.

Brad Martinson asked that both his trucks be licensed. Selectmen agreed to issue one license and would figure out some kind of sticker arrangement so both trucks could be interchangeable.

"Good luck and have a good season," Selectman Michael Sullivan told Martinson.

Roth's Comments Criticized

Ed Brennock, a veteran, sharply criticized Selectman Nan Roth this week for comments she made about there being enough war memorials in town. She made the remarks last month during discussion about a warrant article for town meeting asking to paint a mural honoring veterans in the lobby of the town hall auditorium.

Brennock said it was those who died for the country that allowed Roth to "sit here."

"As a citizen and veteran, I think your comments were out of line," he said.

He said war memorials don't glorify war but are a memorial to people who died for their country.

Roth said those behind the mural should come before the board to explain in detail what they propose.

Override to be on May 3 Ballot

Selectmen voted to place a Proposition 2-1/2 debt exclusion override on the May 3 ballot this week. If the override passes, the north and central Cohasset sewer projects will receive 50 percent subsidy through the tax base. If it fails, sewer users will pay for the entire cost of the projects through betterments over 20 years. The projects were approved by town meeting.

DPW is Praised

Selectmen praised the town's Department of Public Works for the excellent job they did during last week's storm.

"It was a tough 24-hour period and Harold (Litchfield) and crew worked their butts off," Selectman Michael Sullivan said.

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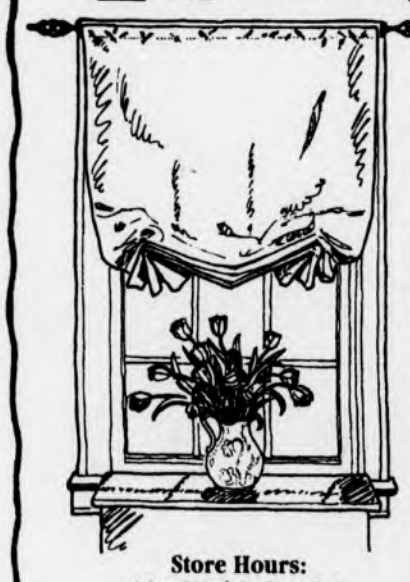
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Cohasset's Week

Upset about Electrical Service

Selectmen will ask officials from Eastern Edison to appear before the board to explain why communications broke down during last week's nor'easter.

Selectman Michael Sullivan said while he understood the severity of the storm necessitated Edison abandoning some of the emergency procedures set up with the town — communication should not have been one of them.

"The person set up as a liaison had no information," Sullivan said.

Sullivan suggested communicating the board's concerns with a letter but Selectman Nan Roth said that isn't enough.

"I'd like to see her (Edison's Barbara Hassan) come here to answer questions in full view of the public," she said.

In the meantime, individual selectmen will meet with the fire and police chiefs to get their input and will also talk with Continental Cablevision.

The town and Edison put in an emergency plan following the Christmas Eve storm two years ago which apparently broke down during last week's blizzard.

Selectman Peter Pratt said Edison is a regulated public utility which has continuing problems and suggested selectmen go to state regulators.

Sullivan said while Edison has made attempts to improve: "clearly, where we are is not where we need to be."

Remove Flowers, Wreaths

All artificial flowers, wreaths, ornaments, etc. must be removed from gravesites at Woodside, Beechwood and Greengate Cemeteries before April 15.

Anything left after this date will be disposed of by the cemetery workers, DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield said.

Sidewalk Resurfacing Slated

Beginning on or around May 1, the following sidewalks are scheduled to be resurfaced. Any privately-owned hedges that are currently hanging over these sidewalks must be cut back so work can be done safely and efficiently. Any hedges not trimmed back by that time will be brought to the attention of the safety officer as a safety hazard for people using these sidewalks.

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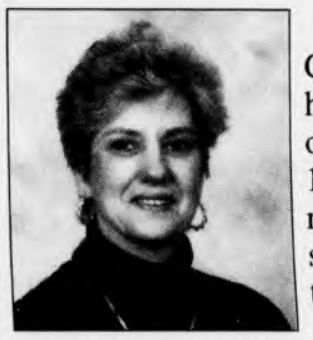
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Planning Board 'Cleanup' Proposal Rejected

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Town meeting rejected a change in zoning bylaws that would have allowed the planning board to rezone non-conforming properties in residential zones from commercial to limited residential use.

The planning board proposed the article to clean up several non-conforming properties, especially the old J.J.. Henry property on South Main Street. Several old , abandoned Quonset huts and a factory building sit on the property which is in the middle of a residential zone.

No one from the planning board was present at town meeting to speak in favor of the article.

Advisory committee member Dan Evans spoke in favor of the article.

"The advisory committee favors this because would authorize a new residential use that is more harmonious with the area," Evans said. "

Selectman Peter Pratt said the board of selectmen also favored the article.

"This would affect four to six properties in town including the Osgood School on North Main Street and Robbins' Garage on Ripley Road," Pratt said. "Many of us were gun-shy about the issuance of a special permit by the planning board until we heard the neighbor's concerns."

Corinne Cahill, 412 South Main St., said the article would finally remove the "ugliest building" in Cohasset from the neighborhood.

"This is a dilapidated, falling down factory with Quonset huts, and we have been forced to live with every violation imaginable," Cahill said. "This bylaw would help eliminate a problem that simply will not go away."

The owner of the property wants to construct 10-15 town houses on the site.

Health board member Alix White opposed the project because she said it would encourage lot-line to lot-line development.

Evans said the planning board had taken over-development into consideration and included a provision in the bylaw mandating 10 percent more open space on any rezoned site.

Noel Collins said the bylaw would never allow more than 10 units on a rezoned site, so over-development would not be a problem. Collins added that the J.J. Henry site was currently developed lot-line to lot-line, and the bylaw would reduce that development.

John Brian, 251 Parks Ave., said the bylaw amounted to "senseless spot zoning."

The conservation commission opposed the bylaw 5-0. Conservation commission member Tom Callahan said the bylaw gave too much power to the planning board.

"This removes the permitting authority of the ZBA, the conservation commission and the board of health in favor of one permit," Callahan said. "It is illegal to remove our authority and unwise."

Village Station *Continued from page 1*

fearful that a commuter rail station would create traffic problems, pollution problems and an unsightly train stop.

"Previously we were proposing a cookie-cutter station in the village that didn't work," Rizzo said. "All we're saying is with the proper studies all our concerns can be addressed."

Rizzo said that village merchants supported the idea of a study and a non-binding vote. He added that it was only fair to put the question to a referendum because many village business owners live out of town and don't have any input into the location of the train station.

Rizzo said the planning board and the design review board supported the study.

Advisory committee Chairman Roger Whitley said his committee supported the idea of an independent study.

But selectman Nancy Roth spoke against the study.

"This article asks us to make a decision based on a study that is not even authorized or completed," Roth said. "The board of selectmen made a decision with the MBTA about where to locate the station. We feel opening this concern diverts us from other important decisions."

Several residents expressed strong opposition to the article.

"We are not against business people," said Gail Whitehouse. 17 Ash St. "All this mitigation won't change a federally mandated 800-foot long handicap ramp, or a 100-foot track realignment or a huge parking lot.

"We fear for our children. We are lucky because we have the option of a station on 3A which will not negatively affect our children," she added.

Tom Callahan, 35 Hillside Drive, said reviving the argument over a station location would distract the town from other considerations.

"We're wasting time debating sites and fighting amongst ourselves," Callahan said.

Sue Cunningham, 47 Norfolk St., said she polled several business owners in Manchester, asking whether their downtown station helped businesses. Cunningham said every business owner said the train station did not benefit them at all.

Rizzo countered that he also talked to Manchester business owners and they told him the station benefited their establishments.

Rizzo did not have a funding source for the study, although he suggested the town could split the costs with the MBTA and some other independent source.

Eminent Domain Study for North Cohasset

Town meeting approved a $2,500 appropriation for the town to study the feasibility of taking by eminent domain part or all of the Massachusetts American Water Company. North Cohasset residents are serviced by the private water company which is in Hingham. The plant services customer in Hingham, Cohasset and Hull. The Department of Public Utilities permitted Mass. American to increase customers rates 153 percent last year to pay for a $42 million water treatment plant. Hingham and Hull are exploring other options to Mass. American including taking by eminent domain the $42 million plant. Selectmen Peter Pratt said the study would allow Cohasset to join forces with Hingham and Hull in any legal action against Mass. American.

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Name: Ed Leonard.

Occupation: Adjustment counselor at Deer Hill School.

Goal: To be able to write a children's book.

Best vacation: Cruise to the Caribbean.

Best day of your life: The day I married my wife, Patricia.

Biggest worry: Even though my children are young adults, I still worry about their future, their welfare and that they make good decisions.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite TV show: 'Friends.'

Favorite movie: 'Caddy Shack.'

Favorite book: 'The Book of Virtues,' by William Bennett — not only reading to children here in school but reading the book as part of the character education committee at Deer Hill.

Favorite junk food: Doritos!

Most embarrassing moment: Due to my Irish heritage, I tend to blush a lot. So whenever I speak in front of large groups, it takes ten minutes for me to stop blushing even when I'm not anxious.

Person you'd most like to meet: The author, Thomas Lickona.

Pet peeve: Tardiness.

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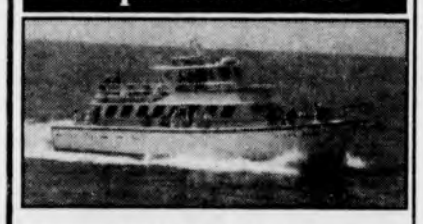

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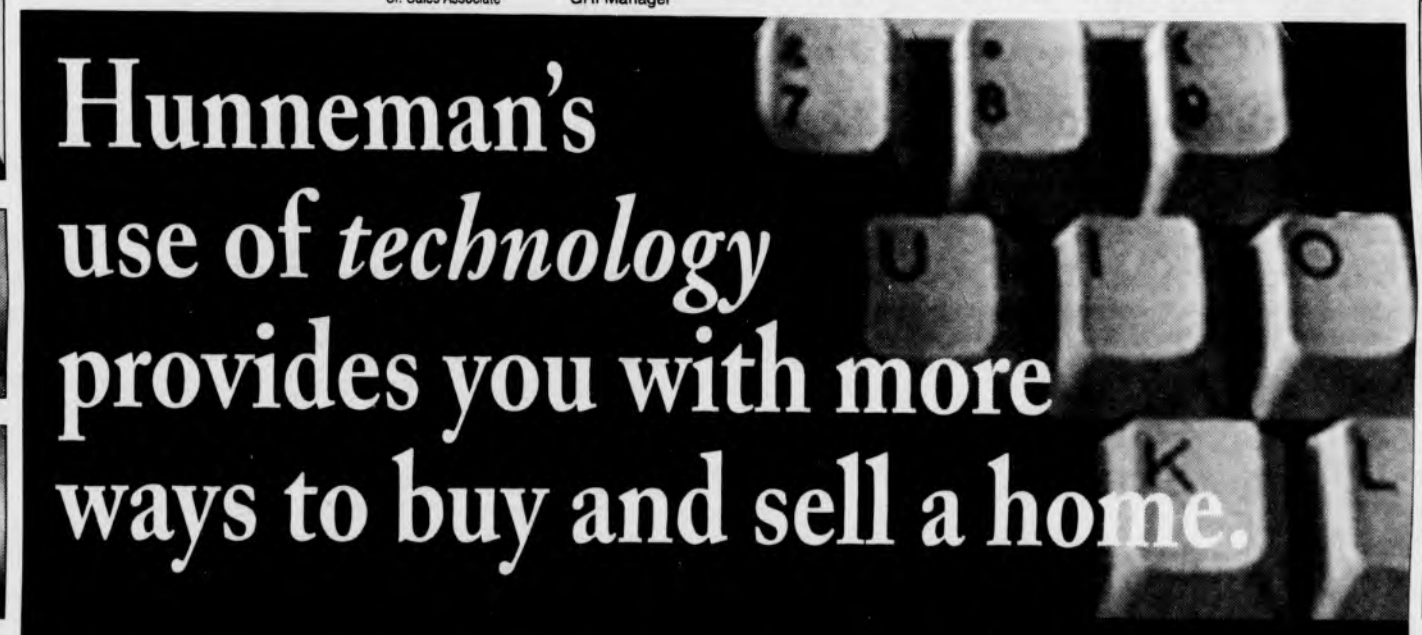
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Town Manager

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majority of the board of selectmen, said the town manager proposal needs more study and is too radical a departure from what Cohasset currently has.

Those opposed said a town manager would not provide the checks and balances the town needs and worried that too much power would be vested in one person.

"Is it Robert McNamara or Gen. Schwarzkopf? And can we find such a person for $60,000 a year?" asked Richard Avery, speaking for the majority of advisory board which was split 5-3 against the town manager article.

Avery said while all agree Cohasset is a cumbersome town to manage, it is not clear what kind of individual can be found who would be able to handle the myriad of duties detailed in the proposal. He said the advisory board would like to revisit the matter in the fall town meeting after more study.

Cohasset currently has a town administrator position which is described as "weak" meaning the position has little authority or accountability. The current town administrator post does not have the authority to hire and fire, for example, as a town manager would.

The creation of a town manager form of government requires the town to change its charter. The state legislature must pass the charter change, something which state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset pointed out happens all the time. Murray, who sits on the House local affairs committee, said the committee has handled about ten requests for town manager from municipalities in the past year.

Thomas S. Gruber, 8 Pratt Court, lead signer on the citizens petition that brought the matter before town meeting, said the town manager will free selectmen up to spend their time on policy making and goal setting.

Gruber explained that the town manager, who would serve at the selectmen's pleasure, would have accountability, be able to handle public works projects and the hands-on management of the day-to-day affairs of the town.

He said while the size of the town is growing slowly, with nearly $45 million in planned capital projects, its "complexity is growing greatly."

Louis Simeone, chairman of the Government Structure Committee which has studied the concept since last September and endorses the proposal, said it was time for the board of selectmen to pursue new directions in public policy and leave the operations of town affairs to a town manager.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the majority of selectman believe the proposal goes too far, too fast. She stressed that a town administrator can be a strong, effective manager.

"We agree there's a lack of 'the buck stops here' individual held accountable for the day-to-day operations of the town," McMorris said.

She said a strong town administrator would be a 'Chief Administrative Officer' handling the maintenance of town buildings, employees, and supervising department heads and working with them on their budgets, and more.

McMorris said while the town may have not been that well managed on the administrative side, it is well managed financially. She said the town has a high bond rating.

"Is this what Cohasset needs and wants at this time? One person who would have a tremendous amount of operational control of this town?" she asked.

McMorris asked for a no vote on the article and said selectmen planned to work with town counsel in delegating authority to accomplish creating a "strong" town administrator position and would advertise the job by June or July this year.

She said the individual hired would have an interest in moving onto a town manager job and said the majority of the board favored creating a charter commission which would be elected to examine the proposal.

But Selectman Peter Pratt the sole selectman to endorse the move to town manager now, said a strong town administrator is not the answer.

"Even a strong town administrator would not have the authority and accountability frustrating this body (town meeting)," he said.

Pratt pointed to the Hagerty Property and DPW garage as examples of the will of town meeting not being carried out because one project has stalled and the other had significant cost overruns.

He explained that a inaugurating a charter commission is a cumbersome, lengthy process and is "relatively rare today." Pratt said approving a charter change at the annual town meeting is the other entirely legal way of accomplishing the same thing. He pointed out that the state legislature would correct any minor errors and procedural conflicts in the town manager article.

Pat Walsh, 270 N. Main St., implored officials to move toward more honesty in government "whatever you decide today."

A former town hall employee who retired last year, Walsh, alluding to personnel problems at town hall, said employees need to be treated fairly and if they are "they might not form unions, they might not need state help in mediation, and might not put in for unfair labor practices."

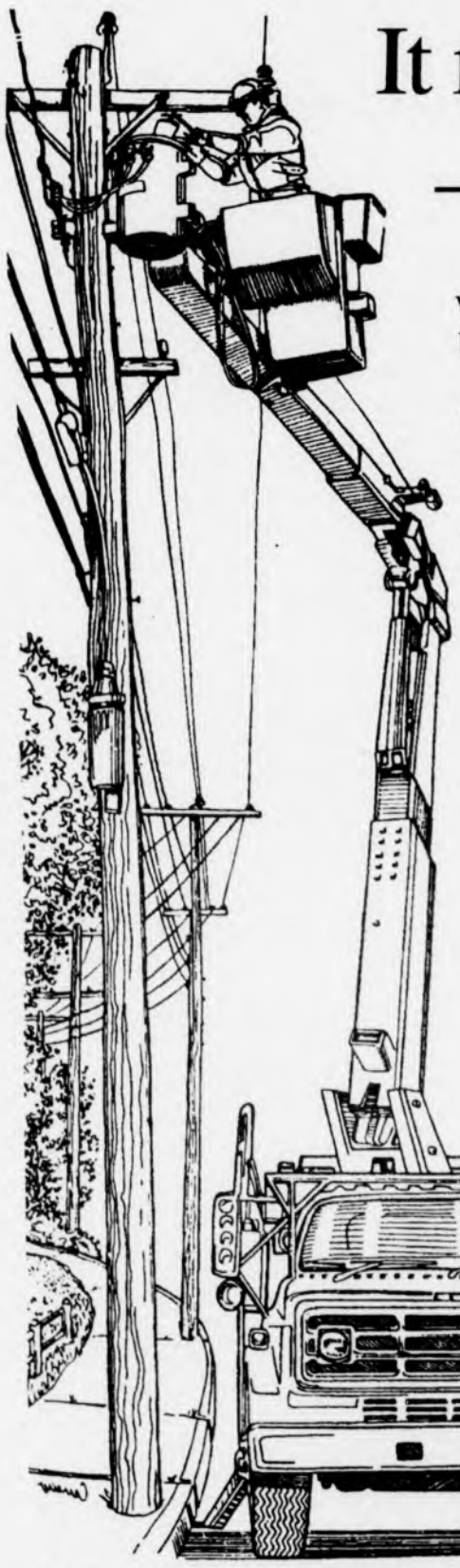
Jane Goedecke, 100 Nichols Rd., a former selectman, said the matter needed more time and the public needed to be educated on the proposal before it went forward.

School Committee Chairman Ralph Kidder said the school committee unanimously opposed the article but unanimously supported the concept. He said the article, although it may not have intended to do so, "the way it is written" changes the relationship between the school department and the rest of town. He said the matter should come back before town meeting "with the bugs worked out."

Lillian Curley, 28 Margin St., of the government structure committee said of the 80 towns that have town managers, 20 had charter commission and 60 were handled at town meeting. She said the GSC was doing in good faith what it was directed to do and had researched the matter fully.

And Treasurer/Collector Joseph Buckley said while there are plenty of things that should be changed the concept would "throw the baby out with the bath water." He said he didn't know of any companies whose chief executive officer is also the chief financial officer.

Former town administrator Gregory Doyon resigned in January to accept a similar position in Abington. The town is currently being served by an interim town administrator, Ed McCann of Scituate.



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Town Manager Process Unwelcome to Some Selectmen

On Monday, selectmen began what the majority of the board sees as the unwelcome task of setting the stage for a new town manager who could be on board as soon as July.

Some of the passion of town meeting on the issue still reverberated in town hall this week, as selectmen grappled with the prospect of change in the way town affairs will be handled.

Rumors, which cannot be substantiated, abound that a petition is circulating to call for a special town meeting to quash the move to a town manager form of government.

But both selectmen and the chairman of the advisory board, Roger Whitley and board member Richard Avery, said they have no knowledge of such a petition.

Still reeling from town meeting, Selectman Michael Sullivan placed blame for the passing of the town manager article squarely on the shoulders state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, and the government structure committee, in particular Lillian Curley, a member of the GSC, which recommended passing the article.

The GSC was charged by selectmen last fall with looking at the town manager form of government. The article before town meeting was a citizens petition, which passed by a vote of 75-61. Chief signer Tom Gruber said the citizens petition came about separately from the GSC, although when petitioners realized the GSC was looking at the same thing they began to meet to discuss the issue.

Gruber stressed that due to the resignation of the town administrator in January, the opportunity was there to switch to a town manager.

At Saturday's town meeting Murray, who was asked to explain how the legislative process works, said the town manager system has done wonders for Hull. The legislature must approve the town manager petition.

Sullivan said proponents got competitive and lost sight of the greater good for the town.

"It was like they were in a game and had this need to win," Sullivan said about the GSC at Monday's selectmen's meeting. He explained that members were called during the week to be persuaded to postpone the article so it could be studied further.

"But it was like a game had taken hold," he said. "But this is not a game and our town government should be handled better."

Then he condemned Murray, a long-time state representative and Cohasset resident.

Sullivan said he "very distressed" that Murray, who usually remains neutral on town issues, ignored recommendations of elected boards and chose to speak out in favor of the article. He claimed she only did so because of her daughter.

"It is a sad sate of affairs to abandon precedent because of a need for her daughter to win," Sullivan said.

Selectman Nan Roth tried to move the board along to address the procedural issues that will have to be learned as the town switches to a town manager.

Selectmen said they will call on interim town administrator Ed McCann for guidance. McCann was the first town administrator in Scituate when that town switched in 1972. The town calls the position "town administrator" but it has a town manager charter. McCann, who came on board following the resignation of former town administrator Gregory Doyon in January, also served as town manager in Holden and assistant town manager in Arlington.

Some selectmen seemed confused about their authority to tinker with the article. Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the board could clear up ambiguities. But those who phrased the article said selectmen can "make constructive changes in perfecting the language of this petition in response to a specific request by the General Court (legislature)."

Selectman Peter Pratt, who strongly supports the town manager, reminded his counterparts that they must act as legal agents of town meeting.

"We can facilitate input from other boards and work within the process there," he said.

McCann told selectmen he will work with the various boards and committees and try to allay their concerns.

"The first step is to find out fears and address them," he said. McCann said to get on a positive footing, it is important for town officials to divorce the procedural and operational issues from their political and emotional views on the issue.

Selectmen said the position will be advertised this month so they can start attracting a pool of applicants. It is not clear what the salary range will be. There is $60,000 budgeted for the position and selectmen said they may have to ask the fall town meeting for more if that salary is not high enough.



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Let us begin this week with a big Cohasset HELLO to one of its newest members, **Madeleine Anne Tesauro,** the brand-new daughter of **Catherine** and **Thomas Tesauro.** Madeleine was born March 15, weighing in at 7 lbs., 4 oz., and she was 20 inches long!

We do wonder how Madeleine enjoyed her first snowstorm last week, it sure was a doozy! Keeps the carriage in storage a little while longer!

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A standing ovation goes to **Ken Leahy** this week, he certainly has made a name for himself in Division I Lacrosse this year! Ken plays for Providence College and scored seven goals in three games — hip, hip hooray; we think that is awesome, Ken!

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Spoke to **Terry James** (the town co-ordinator for the Girl Scouts) the other day. She wanted to be sure to thank all the Girl Scouts for doing so well in their annual cookie sale — did you know that the top seller was **Amelia Butman**, and that she sold 500 boxes?! You can be sure that everyone is proud as punch with her and her efforts! And, the whole town is grateful for Girl Scout cookies, they are yummy!

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Attention, all soccer players, grab your pens and your calendars — The South Shore Soccer Camp (that is the one run by **Larry Shultz** and **Jon Anderson**) will be held Aug. 4 to 8 and 11 to 15. All players from second grade through high school are invited to sign up, you can be sure you will learn lots from those two knowledgeable gents! They know all the moves! More information will be available at a later date, but mark your dates now!

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Heard from **Bob Donovan** last week, you must remember him — he used to be the publicity man at the South Shore Music Circus. Anyway, he works for Mercer Public Relations now, and thought that we would be interested in a concert that is to be held at the Wang Theatre April 18 — the star is **James Brown**, but guess who the opening act will be? None other than Bellevue Cadillac, headed by **Doug Bell** from Cohasset! These are the same guys who turned down JFK Jr.'s wedding due to a previous commitment! They played the Hard Rock Cafe last New Year's Eve and the House of Blues in Cambridge this winter. They play a lot at Carly Simon's "Hot Tin Roof" on Martha's Vineyard. This summer they have lots of dates lined up, including benefits and concerts on the Vineyard with **Percy Sledge** and **Ray Charles.** The concert at the Wang sounds really "hot;" you all know how good James Brown is (remember the Super Bowl?)! And, to know that there is a "Cohassetite" who will be appearing, that's really a double-header! Call the Wang Center for more details.

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Norman Wright, president of Mahoney and Wright, Allied American in Boston, was appointed to Tufts University Board of Overseers for Athletics recently, and we applaud him!



Annie Abbruzzese looks for familiar faces as runners go by on Atlantic Avenue. For more news about Cohasset's annual road race see sports, pages 19-21.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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Two Cohasset girls have been very busy with the Boston Ballet lately, they are garden girls in the Russian classic ballet "The Pirate," ("Le Corsaire"). It is running at the Wang Theatre. Performing in a full-length ballet exposes students to aspects of ballet life not experienced in their regular ballet class. They learn about the hard work, rigors and enjoyment that goes into every facet of a live ballet performance. **Megan** is a sixth-grade student at Deer Hill Elementary School, and **Adrinna** is an eighth-grade student at Milton. Both students have also just finished performing in Boston Ballet's production of "Paquita." Congratulations to these talented young dancers! I think we can be certain that we will see their names often in the future!

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The following Cohasset residents have been named by Headmaster Jay Stroud to the honors list at Tabor Academy, Marion, or the first semester of 1996-'97. Honors is earned by attaining an overall average of 80 or above, with no grade below 75 and no more than one grade between 75 and 79. They are: Junior — **Ryan L. Staszko,** son of **Donald Staszko** and **Dr. Barbara O'Pray**; and Freshman — **Erica S. Dean,** daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. John S. Dean.**

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Congrats go to **Hope E. Gaston** who was named to the Bates College dean's list for the first semester. Hope is the daughter of **John** and **Linda Gaston** and is a 1995 graduate of Holderness School.

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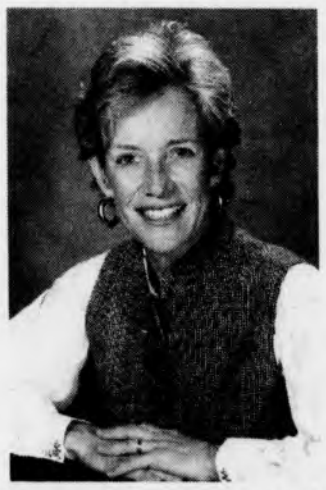
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Joseph H. Potolicchio

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Mr. Potolicchio was born in Stamford, Conn., son of the late Alphonse and the late Josephine Potolicchio.

He was educated in Stamford schools and was also a graduate of Voorhees Institute in New York. He served in the United States Navy and had been a resident of Cohasset for 18 years.

Mr. Potolicchio leaves his wife of 31 years, Barbara (Castronovo) Potolicchio; a daughter, Dina-Leigh O'Neil of Belmont; a son, Bradley Joseph Potolicchio of Cohasset; a sister, Joyce Beadle of Los Gatos, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Sharron Duenweg of Norwalk, Conn.; several nieces and nephews; aunts; uncles; and beloved friends.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, April 5, at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Riverside Conn. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich.

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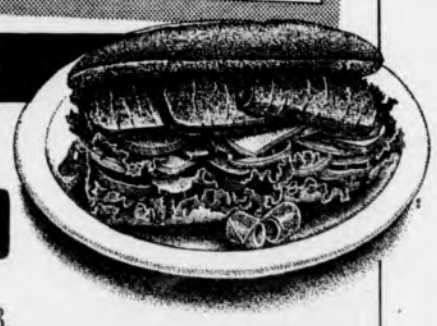
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Time to Move Forward

There's no question in our mind that those on both sides of the Town Manager issue love this town and sincerely want the best for Cohasset.

So let's hope that some of the animosity and personal attacks evidenced over the past week can be put aside to enable everyone to work together through the transition process.

As interim town administrator Ed McCann said Monday night, it's time to allay fears and get down to business. He said the process can be a smooth one if people leave politics and emotion at the door.

We sensed this week that Selectman Nan Roth sincerely feels it's time to get the procedural issues worked out. She was against the switch to town manager but wants to move forward.

It's more important than ever now for selectmen to show leadership.

They made a good choice in hiring Mr. McCann as the interim town administrator. He comes with a wealth of experience including having been the first "town manager" in Scituate when that town switched to that form of government way back in 1972.

We think it's an exciting time for Cohasset and sincerely believe that once the change is made and everyone adjusts — we'll all wonder how we ever got along without a town manager.

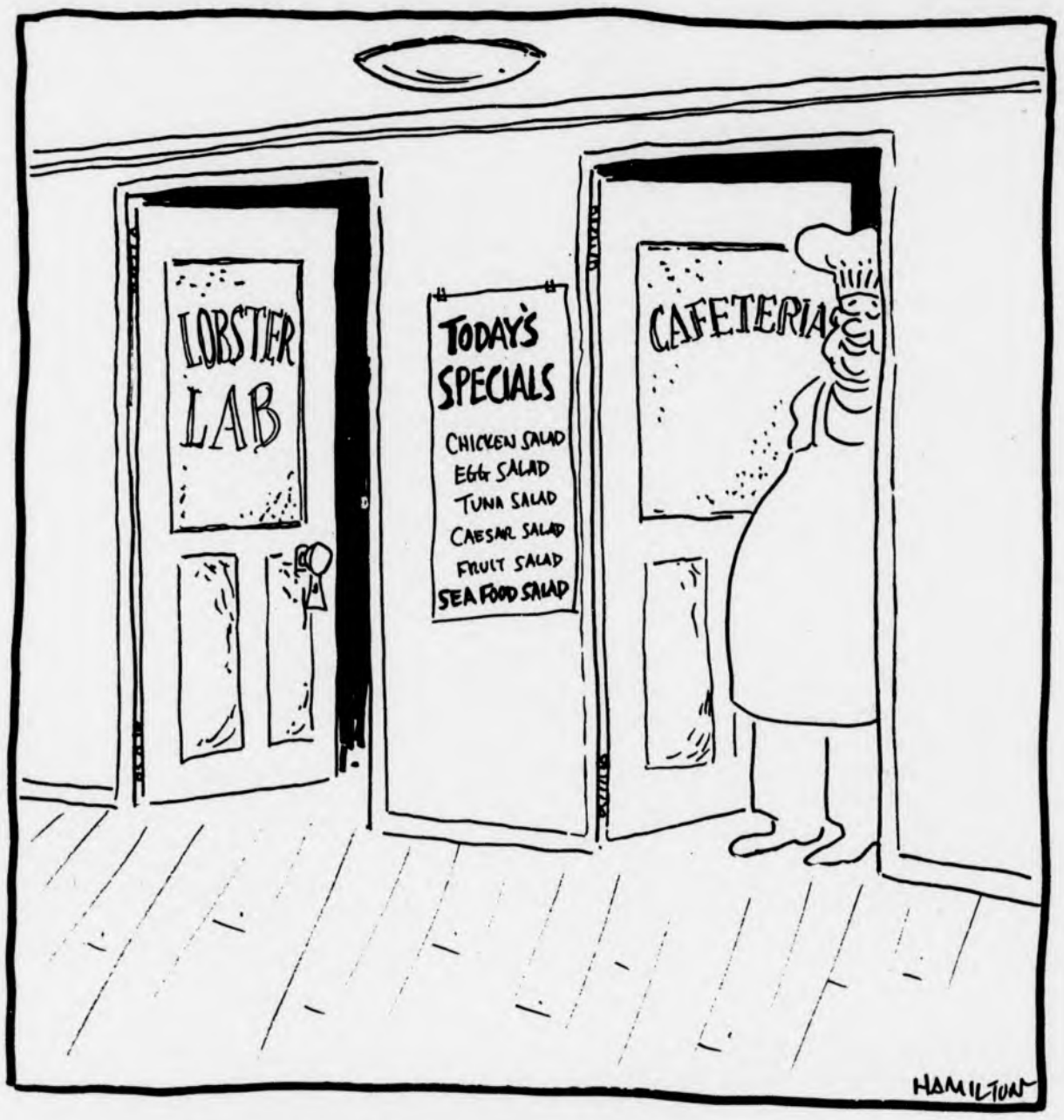
And frankly, the town — while we agree is well managed financially — is becoming a more and more complex business to run. Things have slipped through the cracks, which shouldn't have. We won't outline them all here, but will point to a big example that no one mentioned at town meeting. Last year, the town missed the deadline to file with the DPU so it could be a full player in the legal challenge that both Hingham and Hull have launched to protest the huge Mass. American water rate hike that affects Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset. At the time, we were told it was an oversight because selectmen had too many other things on their plate.

We don't think for a minute that a town manager will be a Robert McNamara, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf or Superman for that matter. But a system can be put in place to manage the town professionally on a day-to-day basis. Managers will surely come and go over the years but the authority and accountability will stay with the position.

We're not talking about re-inventing the wheel here. Eighty other towns in the state have opted for town managers, including two of our neighbors, Scituate and Hull.

On a related matter, we think it's outrageous to question the motives behind Mary Jeanette Murray's remarks at town meeting. Mary Jeanette is Cohasset. We are sure whatever she feels about issues affecting this town comes from directly from the heart. She's a public person and can take the heat. But we think she and members of the Government Structure Committee deserve an apology for being berated for taking a stand.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Muir Decides to Step Down

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I wish to inform this board, which was responsible for my appointment, that effective this morning, March 31, I am resigning from the Drug and Alcohol Committee. The reasons for this decision are numerous. I will, however, highlight a few. They are, in no particular order, as follows:

1. Our committee, after reaching out for support from the community over the last few years, has, in fact, received little-to-none. The support we needed, unlike most of the support requested of our community, was not financial. We simply asked for concerned citizens to attend our meetings in order to learn about the severity of drug and alcohol abuse (especially amongst an ever-growing, much younger population) within our community. After we were able to gather a critical mass of concerned citizens, we believed we would have the backing, and therefore, the power to implement much-needed programs and activities which would inform and educate our entire community. We never came close to reaching this critical mass.

2. We requested more enforcement of the written law (i.e., If one is involved in an illegal act with the use of alcohol and/or a controlled substance, be prepared to be appropriately punished, as dictated by the letter of the law). These laws are not only those that our police enforce, but also those that our school system is mandated to enforce. I've seen the proper enforcement of these laws overlooked time and time again. I also believe that we should all review the values we have established for our family unit. What do we do if a family member has taken a wrong step regarding a drug or alcohol? Denial of the problem has seemed to be the best remedy for many families.

3. We seem to have a number of "finger pointing" committees, elected officials, programs and citizens in Cohasset. They stand behind the boundaries of their particular "turf" and/or behind, most recently, the Mariner, to criticize all aspects of our committee. I wish to go on record that each and every one of the above-mentioned has been personally invited to at least one of our meetings, as well as having full knowledge of all our meeting dates — through mandatory posting. Of the dozens of invitees, at best, five or six attended no more than one of our meetings. Yet, they continue to criticize.

I see hundreds of concerned citizens attend sewer, school and other "meetings of significance." I ask, without being the least bit dramatic, the following: Would a drug and alcohol meeting suddenly be "significant" if the community knew that 13- to 15-year-old children were smoking marijuana at the high school? Would people show if two of our citizens and friends were killed in an alcohol-related tragedy, as occurred one mile into a neighboring town? I assure you that there are many poignant questions I could ask, but not in this notice, as I have ruffled enough feathers in town over the last several months. I will in the future, however, as a citizen of this community (and not the Chair of a Committee) be more vocal than ever before.

It is these frustrations, and my inability to do anything about them, that, after much internal debate, have convinced me to make my decision to resign. I am confident that the Drug and Alcohol Committee will eventually receive the respect and the following it deserves.

Finally, we have been years too late in coming to grips with some of the most basic needs within our community. And, now, we are paying dearly for these oversights. What a tragedy it will be if we continue to overlook the most basic need and most basic responsibility in our town — keeping our children safe and healthy.

Craig D. Muir
42 Old Pasture Rd.

Ed's note: Mr. Muir provided the Mariner with a copy of this letter.

Question of the Week

The following candidates responded to the Question of the Week:

(Editor's note: The Question of the Week is a service provided by the Cohasset Mariner and is offered to candidates in contested races only. Whether or not all those candidates choose to participate is entirely up to them).

• For Selectman Candidates:

Do you think a establishing municipal land bank would be a good way for the town to accumulate money to buy open space? Why or why not?

SELECTMAN/Alex Koines

I do not believe that Cohasset homeowners would benefit from a municipal land bank. This "buyer's fee" that would provide the funding would act as a sales tax making our homes more expensive and less competitive than those in surrounding towns. If could force us to lower the price of our homes, effectively paying the taxes ourselves. Looking at the associated costs for selling a "typical" $350,000 home: six percent brokers fee, $21,000, septic inspection $1,000+, probable Title V septic replacement $16,000 to $50,000, or more, land bank, $2,000 to $3,000, and possible capital gains liabilities, you might well have to ask yourself, "Is it really worth selling my home?"

Taxes are known to stifle business and trade and this tax would be no exception. Consider how much more appealing that large screen television purchase is at the New Hampshire Lechmere than at the Weymouth store.

Cohasset has been able to acquire open space in the past and we must continue to do so in the future. Turkey Hill is a recent example and a good study of our ability to bring together two towns, Cohasset and Hingham, the Trustees of the Reservation, and state grants to complete the purchase. By accumulating a land bank, we could discourage donations of land and money and may exclude ourselves from other options. I believe that the decision to purchase land and the responsibility of paying for it belongs to all the voters and should be decided at town meeting.

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

I would like to see us first establish a permanent open space account in the budget for implementing our Open Space Plan and acquiring land if we so choose. These are worthwhile goals for the town with benefits to our quality of life and property values. Even when state grant money is available for an expenditure, town money is needed. It would be advantageous to have that at hand from a standing fund rather than make a large appropriation from taxes all at once.

I favor a "land bank" as one means of funding this account, supplementing a small but regular budget contribution to the account from free cash (when available). Land banks allow accumulation of funds without resort to taxation or borrowing. Land banks are funds received at the time of property transfers representing a small percentage of the sale price. With our property values, a 1-2 percent fee would be appropriate. This payment is no different conceptually, and no more objectionable, than the property seller already pays in state transfer taxes at closing. At least land bank payments are allocated to a specific and worthwhile use, in contrast to transfer taxes ending up in the "black hole" of the state general fund. (However, in lieu of a land bank, I would favor state legislation to instead allocate some of this transfer tax money to municipal land accounts). With our property prices and the types of buyers who can pay them, the impact on property sales would be non-existent.

SELECTMAN/Diane C. Sullivan

The issue of the establishment of a land bank is not before the town at this time, but will probably be introduced in the near future to establish. I have stated previously and will continue to tell our townspeople that the selectmen are obliged to follow the mandate of the town if the concept of a land bank is adopted, or any other town meeting articles voted for passage.

With that said, Cohasset is most fortunate to have among its residents truly dedicated environmentalists and conservationists who strive every day to protect our water supply, the air we breathe and the environment in which we live.

We have gifts of land from private sources, we have the Conservation Trust, Trustees of Reservations and the town itself, joined by the State as evidenced by the recently voted acquisition of Turkey Hill. We have the devotion of our town boards who work diligently to protect our environment in a multitude of ways.

Due to the high price of land values in Cohasset, it would, of course, be very advantageous for the town to be able to have a fund to be used to acquire key parcels as they become available to conserve our land, create open space, and have for the enjoyment of all residents.

A land bank fund, however, should not increase the general tax rate. As I understand it, most land banks are crated by the imposition of a modest tax assessed on real estate transfers. Additional taxes for any of us is not a popular concept, but if the concept of a land bank is adopted by the town, I believe it would be done so carefully and conservatively and not increase our general tax rate.

SELECTMAN/Wigmore Pierson

The concept of acquiring open space within the town boundaries is admirable. However, several reasons militate against the land bank approach at this time.

First, fully 30 percent of the town land is open space now and must remain forever open space under present laws.

Second, a one-percent or a two-percent tax on the sales price of a home is unfair and discriminatory because it hits only those who are engaged in the already expensive process of buying or selling a home.

Third, tax increases already in the pipeline plus sewer and water rate increases to pay for new construction will increase the average homeowner cost by $1,100 (not including water, sewer and betterments) by the year 2002. And this does not include likely operating budget increase requests during the next five years.

Fourth, there appears to be an endless stream of new and creative proposals, many of which take money from our fellow townsmen and will ultimately force the young, the elderly and those with modest or fixed incomes to either move out of town or accept a lien on their homes. I say, "Enough!" Let's make sure we have the best schools and the best police and fire protection possible before taking yet more money from our citizens for new initiatives, however meritorious or admirable they may be.

• For School Committee Candidates:

In two years, Cohasset tenth-graders will take the "high-stakes" statewide testing implemented under the Education Reform Act and must pass in order to graduate. Is it the state's or town's responsibility to deal with the ramifications of the new tests?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Joe McElroy

Parents, with the support of Cohasset Schools and state legislators, have to take the lead in dealing with ramifications of the new tests. They must be aware of evolving standards, closely track student progress, and work with guidance counselors/teachers. If elected, I would place great emphasis on keeping parents informed of changing requirements. The concept of testing is good, but must be very carefully implemented. If properly done, it will prompt higher levels of student performance and give colleges more credible data to consider.

The Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) 1996 results indicated that 25 percent of Cohasset students show weak communications skills and poor or beginning command of facts (a small portion of that figure includes special needs students). Youngsters in the lower quadrant are vulnerable when they take the "high stakes" tests.

The state is advising that 70 to 80 percent of a high school curriculum should be devoted to studying "core subjects." It can be surmised that English, mathematics, science, social studies and world languages are central to that definition. Currently, Cohasset High School requires a minimum of 59 percent of a student's credit hours be devoted to these subjects. In compliance with the Education Reform Act, teacher/student contact hours are being significantly increased. The Cohasset Class of 2001 will need 175 credit hours to graduate versus 115 hours for the Class of 1998. However, there are no provisions for an increase in the "core subjects." A student in the Class of 2001 could graduate with only 39 percent of his/her credit hours in "core subjects."

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Kathy Ofsthun

The curriculum throughout Cohasset's schools is challenging and provides a strong background in all core subject areas. Proudly, we can point to the achievement of Cohasset's students who consistently score well above state averages on the Education Review Boards, the MEAP tests and the SATs. Most recently, Cohasset's 10th-graders scored first and second on the South Shore on standardized tests in science, reading and mathematics. Any new test, such as the "high stakes" tenth-grade test, will not likely find Cohasset's curriculum deficient. Therefore, I would not advocate teaching to the test, for that could reduce the high quality of our current curriculum.

If the test produces widespread under-performance, Cohasset would not be alone in its dilemma. Such is the case in Michigan where "A" students with near perfect SAT scores and acceptances to prestigious colleges performed at "novice" levels on a state test. Results were duly noted on their transcripts and now Michigan has the problem of the brightest students refusing to take the test. This would clearly be a matter for the state to deal with, pay for, etc.

While most students should pass the exam, some may not. I believe it will then be our responsibility to work with these students to prepare them for a second chance at taking the test. Perhaps parents could assist teachers in a short review and preparation course, thereby reducing the cost.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Susan Turgiss

As an educator, I have been actively involved in implementing the mandated curriculum frameworks and the initial phase of state assessment. This 10th grade competency test will hold each student accountable for their performance. At the same time, the Cohasset Schools aggregate performance will be reviewed and compared to other school systems. At both levels, individual and systemwide, the town is responsible for making sure success is achieved. The consequences of not passing would be academic failure to the student and loss of state funding. As the administrator and designer of the test, the state should closely review test results to determine if the new test accurately measures the mandated standards and curriculum.

Cohasset does not have to wait until a student reaches 10th grade to understand performance at the individual and system level. Currently, there is important incremental testing occurring before 10th grade that lets the schools know how students are performing. The state MEAP tests have been administered and reported in grades 4, 8 and 10. This spring grades 3, 4, 8 and 10 will pilot the next critical phase of state assessment — the MCAS (state devised) and the nationally normed Iowa Test.

All of this testing must be examined to 1) understand our strength and weaknesses 2) establish a baseline for improvement 3) understand where we place comparatively with similar towns. If elected to the school committee, I will strive to insure that Cohasset schools well exceed state minimum requirements.

Next Week's Question:

• For all candidates:

Some of our public officials are guilty of arrogance in their dealings with citizens. Fact or fiction? If it's a myth, what would you do to dispel it? If it's true, what would you do to change it?

Responses must be no more than 250 words and be submitted by noon Monday. Responses my be FAXed to 617-741-2931.

Meet School Committee Candidates

Candidates for the Cohasset School Committee (Joe McElroy, Hugh Morgan, Kathy Ofsthun, and Sue Turgiss) will jointly make themselves available for questions and suggestions at a "Candidates Night" to be held in the Cohasset Junior/Senior High School audio-video room, Thursday, April 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The informal question and answer format will be moderated by Molly Hochkeppel of the Patriot Ledger and Mary Ford of the Cohasset Mariner. If attendance exceeds room capacity, the discussion will relocate to the school cafeteria.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Two Coffees for McNabb

Two coffees have been scheduled for interested voters to meet John McNabb Jr., candidate for Water Commissioner.

• April 15, at 8 p.m., a coffee will be held at the home of Kevin and Donna O'Donnell, 196 Fairoaks Ln.

• April 30, at 8 p.m., a coffee will be held at the home of Arne and Martha Gjesteby, 81 Old Pasture Rd.

Interested citizens may call the campaign at 383-6202 if they have any questions, and are encouraged to attend. All are invited.

Coffees to Meet Kathy Ofsthun

School Committee candidate, Kathy Ofsthun, will speak and address questions at the following coffees being held for her:

• For parents of pre-schoolers at the Carriage House Nursery School, Tuesday, April 15, 9 a.m.

• At the home of Gitte Shea, Wednesday, April 16.

Inquiries may be made to Paula Dickinson, 383-2717.

Sullivan Announces Campaign Committee

Diane C. Sullivan, former selectman, who is seeking to return to the board of selectmen to fill the seat of outgoing selectman Peter Pratt, announced the members of her campaign committee.

Mr. Edward Graham will serve as chairman. Committee members are Peter Pratt, Peter Wood, Chartis Langmaid Tebbetts, Fred Koed, Jim Lagrotteria, Mary Hartwell, John O'Toole, Russ Lennon, Merle Graham as treasurer, Jody Butman, Bob Beggan, Jim Reilly, Maria Plante, Sheila Wallingford, Sharyn Studley and Terese Durso.

Anyone who wishes to join Mrs. Sullivan's campaign committee or assist in any of the campaign efforts, call 383-9324, 383-1164, 383-6676, 383-9263, or call the candidate at 383-1166.

Coffees for Callahan

Tom Callahan, candidate for selectman in Cohasset, announces the following additional coffees:

April 20, 4 p.m. at the home of Jack and June Hubbard, 144 Beach Street.

April 27, 4 p.m. at the home of Steve and Kellie Gaumer, 208 Fairoaks Lane.

For information about any of these events, please call Tom Callahan at 383-1081.

Coffees For Koines

Upcoming coffees to meet Alex Koines and discuss his views on town government are to be held at the homes of Will and Marjorie Smith (383-2387) and Tom and Florence Jerome (383-2139). For further information or to host an event in your home for the candidate, please call coordinator Jack Doherty at 383-6625.

Contributions to the Committee To Elect Alex Koines can be sent to treasurer Lee Jenkins at 198 Jerusalem Rd. (383-0024).

Coffees for McElroy

Joe McElroy, candidate for the Cohasset School Committee, will be present at a series of coffees to answer questions, listen to concerns and accept suggestions:

Sunday, April 13, 2 to 4 p.m. at Peg Smart's, 78 Wheelwright Farms. Coordinator is Addie McGrath, 383-0952.

Sunday, April 20, 2 to 4 p.m. at Carl and Martha Hurtig's, 58 Gammons Road. Coordinator is Barbara Dillon, 383-0025.

Sunday, April 27, 2 to 4 p.m. at Merle and Joan Brown's, 546 Beechwood Street. Coordinator is Pat Buckley, 383-0304.

Interested citizens are requested to call listed coordinators if they would like to meet the candidate.

Coffees for Turgiss

A coffee will be held for Susan Turgiss, candidate for school committee, at the home of Barbara Green, 60 Old Coach Rd., Friday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m.

RSVP to Marie Kelly at 383-1924.

Ed and Betsy Connolly will host a coffee for Susan Turgiss, candidate for school committee, in their home on One Lily Pond Ln., Monday, April 14, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

If you would like to come and meet Sue, call Betsy at 383-1248.

SAFE Candidates Forum

Thursday, April 17, SAFE will host a candidates forum to discuss environmental issues facing Cohasset. SAFE invites all interested citizens to meet candidates for the offices of selectmen, board of health, planning board and water commission, and listen to their views on these important issues. The forum, which will be held in Trueblood Hall at the Unitarian Parish House, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Deadline for Community Copy

The deadline for submitting community copy is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

• For Water Commission Candidates:

Is taking the north Cohasset water district by eminent domain the best way for the town to deal with water quality problems and high water rates in that part of town?

WATER COMMISSION/John McNabb

I helped draft, and strongly supported, the successful town meeting article which authorizes the selectmen to study taking the North Cohasset water service area by eminent domain. This study will hopefully tell us about the engineering, financial and legal issues involved, and what the potential pitfalls and benefits would be.

Taking the North Cohasset water service area by eminent domain is probably the only way for that area to ever again get good quality drinking water at reasonable rates. We can handle it; the Tutela Report concludes that we have sufficient water supply and treatment capabilities for the next 20 years even including North Cohasset.

Benefits for the Cohasset Water Department: The 340 new customers from North Cohasset would increase the revenue base of the department by about 10 percent. The hydrant rental fee that Cohasset now pays to Mass-American Water would provide additional revenue.

We must make sure that the cost of the taking does not adversely impact existing customers of the water department and does not interfere with the significant amount of work which still needs to be done, and which must continue, to reline and replace water pipes throughout the rest of Cohasset.

Since the water commissioners are elected by all residents of Cohasset, they must work for what is in the best interests of the entire town. If it can be shown that the taking is feasible and provides a net benefit to North Cohasset and to all residents of Cohasset, we should go ahead with it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Article On Joe St. John Appreciated

To the Editor:

Ms. Earon's article on Joe St. John in the March 13 Mariner was delightful reading and of particular interest to me.

We now live at the corner of Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue, not far from where the Roches lived until the Portland Gale. And, as a small boy I learned how much I weighed as I grew by standing on the post office scales of Miss St. John, the postmistress.

In the winter of 1938 we still lived "in town" in the house of Elm Street in the background of the picture in your article. The picture was taken by my father of Mr. St. John who was in fact delivering the Sunday papers with Aileen Hines in the back of the sleigh and myself on the box with Mr. St. John. My mother, who wrote the above on the back of my copy of the picture, can be seen poking her head out of the left dormer window.

Many thanks for your article. It fills in some gaps and reminds me of a fine old gentleman who was very good to me as a little boy.

Ross E. Sherbrooke
311 Jerusalem Rd.

Station is Quality of Life Issue

To the Editor:

After many well-publicized meetings and newspaper articles, informed Cohasset residents voted 3-1 to put the MBTA train station at the Route 3A location. The Selectmen, subsequently, voted unanimously to let the T know that the Route 3A site would suit Cohasset best, and mitigation has begun for that site.

All Cohasset residents, if they were so inclined, had ample opportunity to educate themselves about the issue and every Cohasset voter was notified in the town warrant of the date of the vote. Therefore, one must conclude that this drive to "re-study" the pros and cons of each site is being fueled by those in the community who did not like the results of the vote.

It has been my observation that some business people, many of whom do not even live in our town, strongly support a village station. While the interests of businesses certainly need to be considered, I would hope that the concerns of residents, whose every day lives will be greatly affected by a train station in their neighborhood, will take precedence.

Recently a letter went out to petition promoters written by five Cohasset people and one Weymouth person, promoting a village station. I found it very interesting that not one of the Cohasset residents is a home owner on the Hillside. The spokesman of this group said at the last Selectmen's meeting that he didn't vote because "I was in Washington," and the Weymouth man owns a building near the tracks and wants the village location so the tracks will be moved 100' away from his building into a residential neighborhood! I find their callous disregard for the Hillside people appalling.

The bottom line, however, is that 100 studies will not change the grave concerns of many Hillside residents, and others who want our village to retain its charm and quaintness. An 800' concrete platform, a pay parking lot for hundreds of commuters, fast-moving cars traveling through our hilly neighborhood, and moving the train tracks 100' closer to homes are all realities. This will NOT be the "whistle-stop" of bygone years.

I truly feel that we can support our local merchants in many ways that are less intrusive to a neighborhood. The 3A site will still give commuters a nearby station with plenty of parking and Cohasset residents will not be robbed of the quality of life that should be the right of every one of us.

Gail Whitehouse
17 Ash St.

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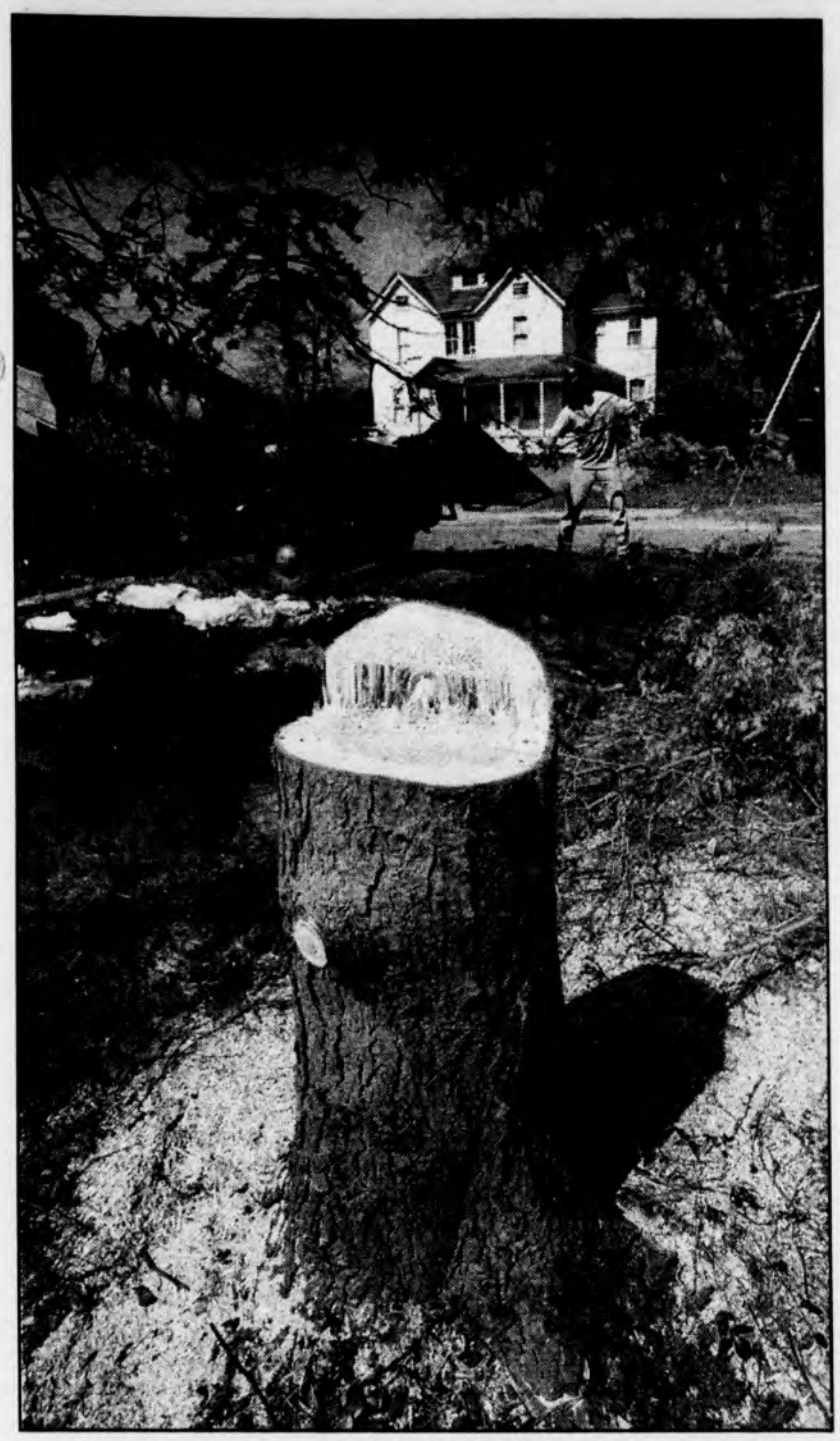
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Scott Herzog clears brush from a Sohier Street tree felled in the nor'easter last week.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Downed Tree Cleanup

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to get a quicker handle on it."

While tree cleanup in Scituate has been estimated at $5,000 a day, Litchfield said the cost in Cohasset cannot be determined until after the last branch has been cleared. He said that amount will be lumped with snow removal deficit spending.

Harbour Insurance Agency's claims manager Joanne Papandrea said the agency has received 43 storm-related claims from nearby communities in one week.

"For a small agency like ours, that's quite a bit," she said. "There have been a huge number of losses from heavy tree damage."

A quarter of the claims involve tree damage to automobiles while the remainder reflect damage to homes, she said. Damages have been reported most heavily in Scituate, Marshfield, Hanover, Rockland and Hull, she said.

Papandrea pointed out that, due to policy deductibles, about half of the storm-related claims the agency receives will not qualify for insurance coverage unless tree damage exceeds $500. Trees that fall on homeowners' property but do not mar structures are not covered, she said.

"The heaviest damage from the storm was to Evergreen trees and they only caused minimal property damage," she said. "Homeowners with trees in their yards are left with major cleanup that could be in the thousands for tree removal."

For local landscaper Bob Stearns, who also plows during storms, the Blizzard of '97 posed a lot of problems. April 1, the day the storm occurred, marks the date most landscapers get down to doing serious spring lawn care.

"We were already finished with pruning the trees, which we do during the wintertime, and the storm ruined all the work we had done. We also had to put the plows back on our trucks," he said.

Stearns visited 23 homes to assess damage on Monday and he found they all had tree damage of one kind or another. The cost to take down a tree that cannot be saved ranges from $50 for a small one to $300 for a large tree, according to Stearns.

"This storm put us two weeks behind. Clearing up all the brush is the tough thing," he stated.

"Everything is turning green, and we'll be starting mowing by the end of the month. I'm just looking forward to spring," Stearns said.

Needy Residents Get Tax Relief

Town meeting approved a 50 percent tax abatement for Cohasset's neediest residents. Advisory committee member Carol Martin said the program would cost the town about $14,000 a year from the assessor's overlay account. The program would benefit about 100 residents including 58 disabled veterans, 35 elderly residents, five blind residents and two hardship cases.

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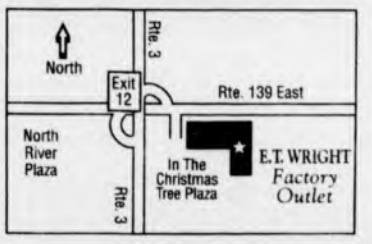


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More CHL Land Court Trial on Cable Friday

The last two days of the Land Court trial before Chief Justice Peter Kilborn on Cohasset Heights Landfill's (CHL) challenge to Cohasset's Water Resource District will be broadcast on local cable Channel 3 in Cohasset Friday, April 11, starting at 7 p.m. The 6 1/2 hour tape of the March 24 and 25 sessions of the trial will be shown continuously until Monday morning, April 14.

The Land Court trial concluded at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, after a total of 3 1/2 days of trial that took place Feb. 13 and 14, and March 24 and 25. The first two days of the trial were previously broadcast on Channel 3 a few weeks ago.

The participants in the tape are Judge Peter Kilborn, Cohasset Special Counsels Janice Rowan and Michael Leon; Cohasset expert witness Bob Weimar from CDM; Cohasset expert witness Jeffrey Dierks. CHL attorneys were Anton Moehrke and John Beling. CHL witnesses were CHL officer Paul Barry, and expert witnesses Steven Giosia, Peter Dillon and A. Raymond Quinn.

The quality of this tape is improved in one respect from the earlier one, by the addition of two additional microphones which enhance the sound reproduction. However, there are two hours of the broadcast where the screen will be darkened because of the opening of a shade directly in front of the camera.

A decision in the case is not expected for several months. About two weeks after the end of the trial, the parties will receive a notice that the trial transcript is complete. Then, the parties will have up to 30 days to complete their post-trial briefs, which will be submitted by Cohasset Heights, the Town of Cohasset and by John McNabb Jr., who was given permission by Judge Kilborn to submit a post-trail brief as an amicus curiae, or friend of the court.

Following the submission of the post trial briefs, Judge Kilborn will take a "view" of the disputed area, which is the area of Scituate Hill on Cohasset starting at the proposed "Area V" expansion and down Crocker Lane to Route 3A. After he views the site, Judge Kilborn will then have as long as he wishes to consider the evidence and the briefs and then issue his decision.

In this case, CHL has alleged at about 1/3 of their proposed 27.5 acre "Area V" landfill expansion was improperly placed in Cohasset's Water Resource District, where landfilling is prohibited. CHL contends that Area V is not in the watershed for the Sohier Street Wellfields, that the wellfields are not a lawful water supply, and that the landfill expansion was improperly placed in the Water Resource District merely because the Town wanted to block the expansion.

The Town of Cohasset contended that since there are conditions where surface water from Area V will flow toward the Sohier Street Wellfield, that it is properly located in the Water Resource District. The town also presented evidence that the Sohier Street Wells are officially listed by the state as emergency water supplies. Finally, the town presented testimony, that the line of the District which included Area V was drawn by Camp Dresser McKee for the town before CDM had any discussions with any town officials.

NEWS BRIEFS

Recycling Rates Plan Turned Down

Town meeting voters rejected a plan that would have allowed future town meetings to set rates at the recycling-transfer facility. Supporters said selectmen were not doing a good job regulating rates at the facility.

Town meeting also postponed an article that would have frozen rates at the transfer facility. The article was proposed to counter a selectmen's plan to charge users by the bag for disposal at the facility. Selectmen have delayed the pay-by-the-bag scheme for one year.

Inclusion in Landfill Closure

Town meeting approved a citizens article that requires the Department of Environmental Protection to hold public hearings prior to approving closure and post-closure plans for any private landfill in town.

Voters also supported a related article that requires owners of private landfills to set aside money for closure and post-closure clean up costs.

Town Meeting Rejects Recall Petition

A citizens petition to establish a recall provision for town officials was rejected by town meeting. Supporters said the recall provision would have made town officials accountable for their actions. Opponents said the provision would allow a determined minority of voters to hold the town hostage and force recalls if town officials supported an unpopular decision.

Holiday Lights on Common

Town officials now have the discretion to permit holiday lights on more than one tree in the town common thanks to town meeting. Voters supported the article despite objections by town common abutters that the lights would shine into their homes and detract from the historic nature of the common.

Moderator Now Has the Power

The town moderator received approval from town meeting to use his own discretion to decide voice-votes requiring a two-thirds majority for approval rather than going to a hand-vote if just one voter objects. The new system requires seven voters to force a hand-count.

Wire Position Will Be Eliminated

Wire superintendent Steve Wigmore will retire next year and with his departure the town will also retire the wire superintendent's position. Town meeting authorized selectmen to petition the legislature to reverse previous legislation that created the position. Many of the wire inspectors duties will be transferred to other municipal departments when Wigmore retires.

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New Water Storage Tank Approved

Bear Hill Site is First Choice

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

The water department's $1.4 million standpipe will be constructed next to the existing storage tank on Bear Hill behind the high school only if that site proves to be more feasible, water commissioners said Saturday.

The new tank is needed to increase the level of fire protection and to allow the town to perform required tank maintenance.

The money, which will come from water rates and not taxation, will be used for designing, engineering, installing and construction a two-million gallon water storage tank; and performing the related site work including access road improvements.

The standpipe is part of Phase III of an on-going, step-by-step $7 million plan to improve and upgrade the town's water distribution system.

Water commissioners were able to defeat an effort at town meeting to move the standpipe to Scituate Hill off Route 3A near Cohasset Heights Landfill. However, they did not rule out using that site if Bear Hill does not work out.

"The bottom line is we will try to site it at Bear Hill and then move to Scituate Hill (if necessary). The discretion needs to be given to the water commissioners...

"Don't tie our hands," said Fred Koed, water commission chairman.

Glenn Pratt, 482 King St., led the charge to move the proposed water tank to Scituate Hill. He said the tank would not have to be as high on Scituate Hill because of the higher elevation there and said the projected additional cost of using the Scituate Hill site is not a lot when compared with the overall cost of the project.

Water Commissioner Robert Kasameyer said there was no inherent reason not to use Scituate Hill except for time and money. The property at Scituate Hill would have to be acquired from the state and would require 1,500 feet of new pipe as opposed to the 200 feet needed at the Bear Hill site.

Wayne Sawchuk, 432 Beechwood St., argued that there would be more fire reserve with a tank on Scituate Hill because the tank would be wider. He also said any additional costs could be recovered if a steel tank was used rather than a concrete one, as planned.

But water commissioners argued that a concrete tank was cheaper in the long run because it did not require periodic painting and the level of maintenance that a steel tank does.

Paula Knowles, 15 Border St., urged voters to support the water commissioners. She said cost to her as a taxpayer is an "extremely important consideration."

"If it's cost or aesthetics, I'll go with cost," she said.

But Louise Flint, 21 Clay Spring Rd., disagreed.

She called the existing standpipe "an ugly green tank."

"Now you want to put another in, even larger. Enough is enough," she said, supporting the Scituate Hill site.



Selectmen Ronnie McMorris, Nan Roth, Merle Brown, Peter Pratt and town accountant Michael Buckley listen carefully to town meeting debate.

Staff photo/Victor Pryles

New Water Rates Enacted

Town meeting approved a new multiple water rate structure on Saturday through which heavier water users pay more.

Water Commission Chairman Fred Koed said the rate increases were needed to make the planned improvements to the town's distribution system and explained that a flat-rate structure penalizes the smaller user.

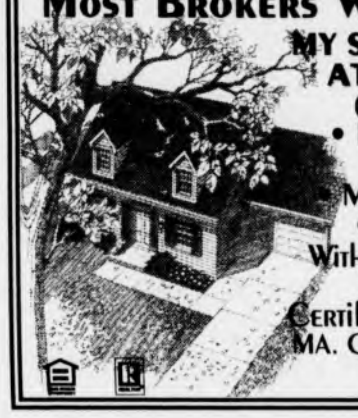
With the new rates, users pay $4.07 per 100 cubic feet for the first 2,000 cubic feet used per quarter and $5.52 per 100 cubic feet used per quarter thereafter.

Fees for the size of meter also vary from $29 for a 5/8 in. or $68 for a 1 in. meter to $418 per quarter for a 3 in. water meter, which is the largest in town.

Under the old structure, users paid the same rate no matter what their meter size and some were charged a multiplier which was rescinded. With the multiplier, the owner of a four-unit apartment complex was charged four "minimums" of $25.74 per quarter plus usage. Now all users are charged by the size of their water meter plus usage.

With a bigger line, the bigger the meter size and greater the water flow, commissioners explained.

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School Notebook

Celebrating the Year of the Ox

By Stephanie Fewsmith and Gretchen Hyslip
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Stephanie's dad, Mr. Fewsmith, came and told Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Barberi's class all about China and the Chinese New Year. Stephanie's dad is a professor at Boston University. He knows Chinese. He had nametags for us in Chinese. Chinese do not have an alphabet. They have more than 4,000 characters they have to learn. "Nehow" means "Hello," "Zigen" means "Goodbye," and "Woolne" means "I love you." He told us all about China and its people. We learned that China has 1.2 billion people. One out of every five people in the world is Chinese.

The Chinese women used to have their feet bound so they wouldn't grow. He showed us teeny, tiny slippers that women wore. They were very pointy. The Chinese also have a kitchen god that keeps an eye out for who is being good or bad. He's like our Santa Claus. The Chinese have tiny cages that they keep crickets in. They like ht e sound that the crickets make.

Mr. and Mrs. Fewsmith also gave us red envelopes that had gold wrapped chocolate and gummy fish in it. It was for good luck. Everybody also got their own chopsticks.

Mrs. Collins made rice for us in the afternoon. We practiced eating with our chopsticks.

The next day Mrs. Tehranian and Roxanne brought in a rice cooker, and the class made rice and vegetables. Once again we used our chopsticks.

Our class hopes that Mr. Fewsmith will have time to come in again and tell us more.



In the front row are Tessa Leahy, Roxanne Tehranian and Kara Wilcox. In the back row are Casey Cavanaro, Stefanie Fewsmith and her dad, and Gretchen Hyslip.

Sign Up for Sunset Dance Cruise

Dust off those dancing shoes. The Cohasset Soccer Club will be hosting a Boston Harbor Sunset Dance Cruise Saturday, June 14. Enjoy a very casual evening watching the sun set over the skyline of Boston aboard the 200-foot Provincetown II, while being entertained by continuous live music from four bands on three separate decks. Passengers may board at the World Trade Center in Boston, or at Pemberton Pier in Hull. Tickets are $30 each until May 31 and $37.50 from June 1 on. Tickets may be purchased from any Cohasset Soccer Club coach or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Cohasset Soccer Club, Sunset Dance Cruise, P.O. Box 409, Cohasset, 02025.

Proceeds will provide three $1,000 scholarships to selected graduating Cohasset High School seniors who are active in voluntary community service. Maintaining and upgrading soccer fields, equipment and uniforms. Continuing education — coaching courses, youth and adult refereeing courses, and pre-game soccer clinics.

Kindergarten Screening Set

In accordance with Massachusetts Special Education Law (Chapter 766), the Cohasset Public Schools will conduct a screening program for children who are age 5 on or before September 1. The kindergarten early screening program will take place at the Joseph Osgood School on April 10 and 11. Please call the school secretary at Joseph Osgood at 383-6117 for further information.

New Babysitters Listed

The South Shore Community Center is proud to announce that the following people have completed the spring babysitting class. The participants were Corie Bulman, Jennifer Buckley, Mark Chapman, Allison Dean, Emily Dean, Rachel Doyle, Sarah Hassan, Charles Kelly, Brian Litchfield, Lauren Rizzotti, Meaghan Rizzotti, Rachel Smith and Carley Sturino.

The course included basic first aid, child care and emergency procedures. During the class the students helped feed and dress a live baby. The Cohasset Police and Fire Departments also instructed the students in emergency procedures.

There will be a new babysitting course beginning in May. If interested, call the South Shore Community Center at 383-0088.

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Soccer Club Scholarships

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Art Scholarships Available

The South Shore Art Center is offering three scholarships for high school graduates who will be continuing their studies as an art major. The scholarships are the Fred E. Bergfors Art Scholarship for $1,000; South Shore Art Center Scholarship for $500; and a Macivor Reddie Award for $200. The Margaret Marshall Dillon Memorial Fund is available for adults who wish to return to the field of visual art after a period of extended interruption.

Applications may be submitted Tuesday to Thursday, April 15 to 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the center, located on 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. Portfolios may be picked up April 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All applicants will be informed by mail of the decision of the jury. Winners of the scholarships will be announced at graduation exercises or Senior Awards Nights, and at the South Shore Art Center Festival on the Common, June 20, 6:30 p.m. Scholarships are paid directly to the winners' schools toward tuition at the beginning of the second semester.

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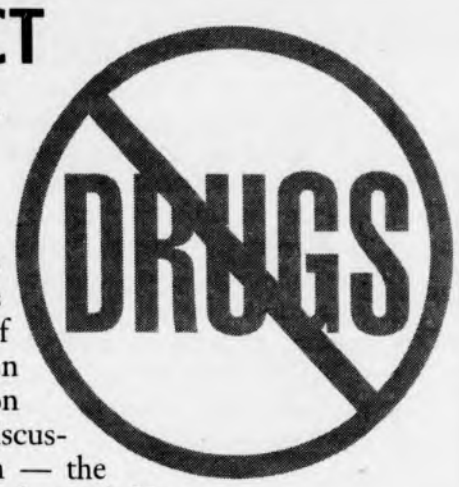
PSO Does A Lot Behind the Scenes

The PSO has had a successful school year thus far, due to the people involved in the schools and those contributing to our fundraising events.

The PSO functions as a major provider of programs and materials to enrich our children's education. Some of the contributions made by the PSO are as follows: 1) awarding teacher grants for projects of special interest, for example, grade three teachers requested funds for an Audubon specialist for the nature trail (Teacher Grants across all grades totaled $8,000); 2) providing a variety of curriculum enrichment programs including field trips, speakers and shows, for example, the seventh grade project Safeguard, a portrayal of Susan B. Anthony for fifth and sixth graders during Women in History Week; "Everybody Wins," a speaker for second and third graders on conflict resolution, and a New England Aquarium program for kindergartners (curriculum enrichment totaled $8,000); 3) the purchasing of six tether ball sets for the Deer Hill playground, $1,200; 4) establishing a METCO scholarship, $1,500; and 6) donating to the Alumnae Field and the CEF Language Lab.

As a communication link between parents, the schools and the community, the PSO this year has, among other things: 1) sponsored several speakers, including professionals on the transition to a middle school and an expert on children in sports; 2) met with the Police Chief and others to discuss teen relations; and 3) requested improvements to the Sohier Street sidewalk for the safety of walkers to Deer Hill and the new school.

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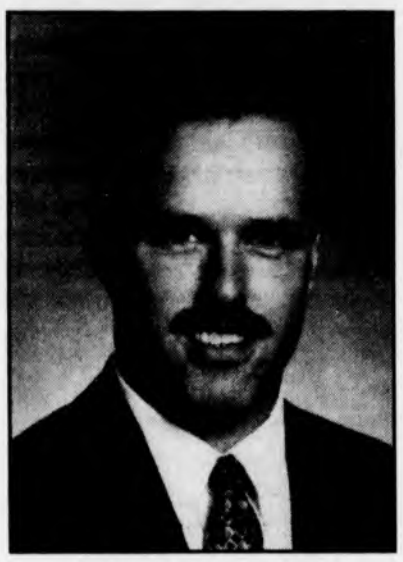
Business Notes

Rattenbury Named Department Manager

John M. Rattenbury, P.E., C.I.P.E., of Cohasset has been named manager of the Plumbing and Fire Protection Department at Erdman Anthony Consulting Engineers' Boston office.

Previously, he was a mechanical engineer in the Plumbing and Fire Protection Department at R.G. Vanderweil Engineers Inc. of Boston.

"I am pleased to welcome such an experienced professional to our staff," said Albert P. Prior, P.E., senior vice president of Erdman Anthony Consulting Engineers. "John's leadership skills will be a key factor in our continued success."



John M. Rattenbury

Rattenbury earned a B.S. in aeronautical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N.Y. in 1989. He is a registered professional mechanical engineer in Massachusetts and is certified in plumbing engineering by the American Society of Plumbing Engineers.

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Both seminars will be held at the Days Inn, Route 228, 850 Hingham St., Rockland. A complimentary Continental breakfast will be served.

Seating is limited. To reserve seating or for more information, call Judith Peacock at (617) 749-2606.

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Friday, March 28

12:37 a.m. MV stop, Atlantic Ave.
1:17 a.m., Mv stop, Hull St.
6:07 a.m., Mv stop, Dolan Ln.
6:37 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
6:47 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
7:03 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:24 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:17 a.m., info, general, Pleasant St.
9:33 a.m., Mv stop, King St.
10:29 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
11:30 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
12:34 p.m., suspicious person, The Square.
2:47 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
8:48 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
9:36 p.m., assist other agency, S. Main St.
11:16 p.m., assist motorist, Dunkin Donuts Parking Lot.

Saturday, March 29

Well being check, Cohasset Cuts.
1:09 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd. Dr.
1:22 a.m., liquor law violations, S. Main St.
1:27 a.m., disturbance, S. Main St.
Arrest: Gerd A. Ordelheide, 60 Forest Ave., Cohasset, DOB: 12/9/42; Charges: drunkenness, assault & battery on a police officer, resisting arrest.
2:27 a.m., assist citizen, Square.
2:27 a.m., assist citizen, Square.
2:55 a.m., assist other PD, Hull St.
10:39 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
1:00 p.m., larceny, Lamberts Ln.
3:12 p.m., medical aid, King St.
5:32 p.m., animal complaint, S. Main St.
6:36 p.m., assist motorist, Hull St.
7:31 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
9:08 p.m., assist motorist, Jerusalem Rd.
9:19 p.m., disturbance, King St.
10:28 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

Sunday, March 30

2:02 a.m., assit other agency, Rt. 3A/Scituate.
2:20 a.m., general services, Rt. 3A/Pond.
2:41 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
8:46 a.m., parkig violation, the Square.
9:24 a.m., animal complaint, S. Main St.
12:47 p.m., MV accident, King St.
1:24 p.m., MV accident, N. Main St. by Forest Ave.
2:23 p.m., MV accident, Colburn St. at Manomet Ave.
4:45 p.m., notification, King St.
10:31 p.m., transport, S. Main St.

Monday, March 31

1:28 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St./Mill Lane.
6:37 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St./Mill Lane.
6:50 a .m., MV stop, Doane/Church St.
7:09 a.m., MV stop, Pond St./Bancroft.
7:21 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
7:32 a.m., MV stop. Rt. 3A/Lower King
12:38 p.m., suspicious (other), Beach St.
1:36 p.m., burglary (B&E), CJC Hwy.
3:14 p.m., officer wanted, Atlantic Ave.
3:18 p.m., notification, HQ.
5:15 p.m., MV accident, S. Main St.
5:54 p.m., MV accident, King St.
7:54 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
9:30 p.m., notification, Jerusalem Rd. Dr.
9:41 p.m., parking violation, Elm St.
9:56 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
11:36 p.m., wires down, Elm St.

Tuesday, April 1

12:03 a.m., general services, S. Main St.
12:27 a.m., notification, Elm St.
12:35 a.m., general services, River Rd.
12:42 a.m., tree down, Beach St.
12:49 a.m., wires down, Juniper Rise.
12:50 a.m., wires down, Atlantic Ave.
1:02 a.m., tree down, Beach St.
1:05 a.m., open door/window, Beach St.
1:31 a.m., abandoned auto, Spring St.
1:55 a.m., abandoned auto, S. Main St.
2:21 a.m., tree down, Jerusalem Rd.
2:31 a.m., tree down, Sheldon Rd.
2:39 a.m. wires down, Border St.
2:46 a.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.
2:50 a.m., disabled auto, Black Rock Rd.
3:32 a.m., assist other agency, White Head Rd.
4:41 a.m., wires down, King St.
4:44 a.m., wires down, Jerusalem Rd.
4:49 a.m., tree down, Lantern Ln.
5:43 a.m., wires down, Atlantic Ave.
5:51 a.m., assist citizen, Hammond Ave.
5:54 a.m., general services, Elm St.
6:24 a.m., wires down, Jerusalem Rd.
6:36 a.m., fire (misc), Jerusalem Rd.
7:19 a.m., wires down, King St.
7:51 a.m, medical aid, Rust Way.
8:05 a.m., tree down, Stockbridge St.
8:13 a.m., wires down, Red Gate Lane.
8:29 a.m., tree down, Atlantic Ave.
8:41 a.m., fire (misc), Fernway.
8:48 a.m., tree down, Clay Spring Rd.
8:57 a.m., disabled auto, Cohasset Plaza.
9:16 a.m., fire (misc), Summer St.
9:23 a.m., fire (misc), Jerusalem Rd.
9:26 a.m., fire (misc), Beechwood St.
9:32 a.m., wires down, Jerusalem Rd.
9:38 a.m., wires down, Cedar Ln.
9:40 a.m., wires down, King St.
9:52 a.m., wires down, Margin Ct.
9:52 a.m, MV accident, Forest Ave.
9:55 a.m., fire (electrical), Beechwood St.
9:56 a.m., fire (misc), Wheelwright Farm.
10:20 a.m., wires down, Beechwood St.
10:34 a.m., wires down, Ripley Rd.
11:01 a.m., fire (misc), Clay Spring Rd.
11:08 a.m., assist citizen, Jerusalem Rd.
11:55 a.m., well being check, Margin St.
11:57 a.m., wires down, Forest Ave.
12:01 p.m., well being check, Atlantic Ave.
12:15 p.m., tree down, King St.
12:59 p.m., assist citizen, S. Main St.
1:24 p.m., fire (misc), S. Main St.
1:28 p.m., wires down, King St.
1:32 p.m., disabled auto, Shaw's Plaza.
1:56 p.m., assist citizen, Wheelwright Farm.
1:56 p.m., medical aid, Elm Ct.
1:59 p.m., fire (electrical) King St.
21:15 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.
2:36 p.m., tree down, Fernway.
3:05 p.m., fire (misc), Reservoir Rd.
3:20 p.m., fire (misc), Jerusalem Rd.
3:21 p.m., fire (misc) Ledgewood Dr.
3:32 p.m., fire (misc), Fernway.
3:38 p.m., fire (misc), Fernway.

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Runners Gather For Spring Ritual

Gonsalves leads 955 in Cohasset Race

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Cohasset's rite of spring was another success as the 21st annual Road Race By-the-Sea drew a field of 955 runners under wet, chilly conditions.

Marked by a strong showing from the hometown contingent, the 6.2-mile course had runners of all ages tackling its challenging hills and taking in the gorgeous scenery of Jerusalem Road at the same time.

Randolph's Mel Gonsalves sacrificed sightseeing for pounding the pavement to the tune of first place in 32 minutes, 19 seconds. Bob Hodge, the third-place finisher in the 1979 Boston Marathon, holds the Cohasset record at 30:31.

Gonsalves, who starred in cross country and track at Bridgewater State College, didn't challenge Hodge's course record, but his 5:13 pace per mile was good enough to give him a commanding lead before reaching the halfway mark.

Master winner and former race champion Bob Chasen of Weymouth finished a distant second to Gonsalves (33:46) and Whitman's Bob Ruel took third with a time of 34:02. Needham's Don Salamone was clocked at 34:23 and Chuck Martin of Pembroke crossed the line in 34:29 to finish fourth and fifth, respectively. The top-31 runners all averaged 6-minute pace or better per mile.

Race director Roy Fitzsimmons said post entries swelled to 325 on race day to go go along with the 630 runners who registered in advance. Fitzsimmons was especially thankful for the volunteers, including the Cohasset High National Honor Society, who passed out water and helped with various organizational duties.

"I can't say enough for the people who come out and help us out," Fitzsimmons said.

He also commended the work of Public Works director Harold Litchfield whose highway department crew filled in potholes on Atlantic and Forest Aves.

"For 21 years they've always gone that extra mile for us," Fitzsimmons said.

For the second year in a row, former mile world-record holder Herb Elliot of Australia served as the race's grand marshall. Elliot, who has lived in Cohasset the past two years while working in Brockton as president of Puma, won the gold medal in the 1,500 meters in the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome.

Cohasset dominated the younger age groups in both the men's and women's divisions. Tim Baird led a sweep of the top-four places in the 13-and-under group with his first-place finish. Ross Lieblappen and Daniel Littauer took second and third. Scituate's Jack Cotter was fourth and Cohasset's Paul Cotter clinched fifth.

Jamie Gallagher of Hull won the 14-17 division, but Cohasset runners swept second thru fifth with Robert Morgan, Michael Baird, John Flanagan and Justin Golden all finishing in the money.

Thomas Elliot of Ridgefield, Connecticut won the 50-59 division and Marshfield's Tom Wright outlasted the 60-and-over competition.

On the women's side Melissa Mendel finished second overall, with Jane Salvucci of Plymouth in third. Brockton's Michelle Fobert of Brockton was fourth, in front of Susan Baker of Ridgefield Connecticut.

Cohasset women took three of the top four in the 14-17 category and four of the top five at 13 and under. Jennifer Walter of Duxbury turned aside the competition to win the 13 and under division, but Cohasset runners dominated from there on in with Lindsay Grossman, Jenn Buckley, Lindsay Feig and Miranda Lanzillotti rounding out the top five.

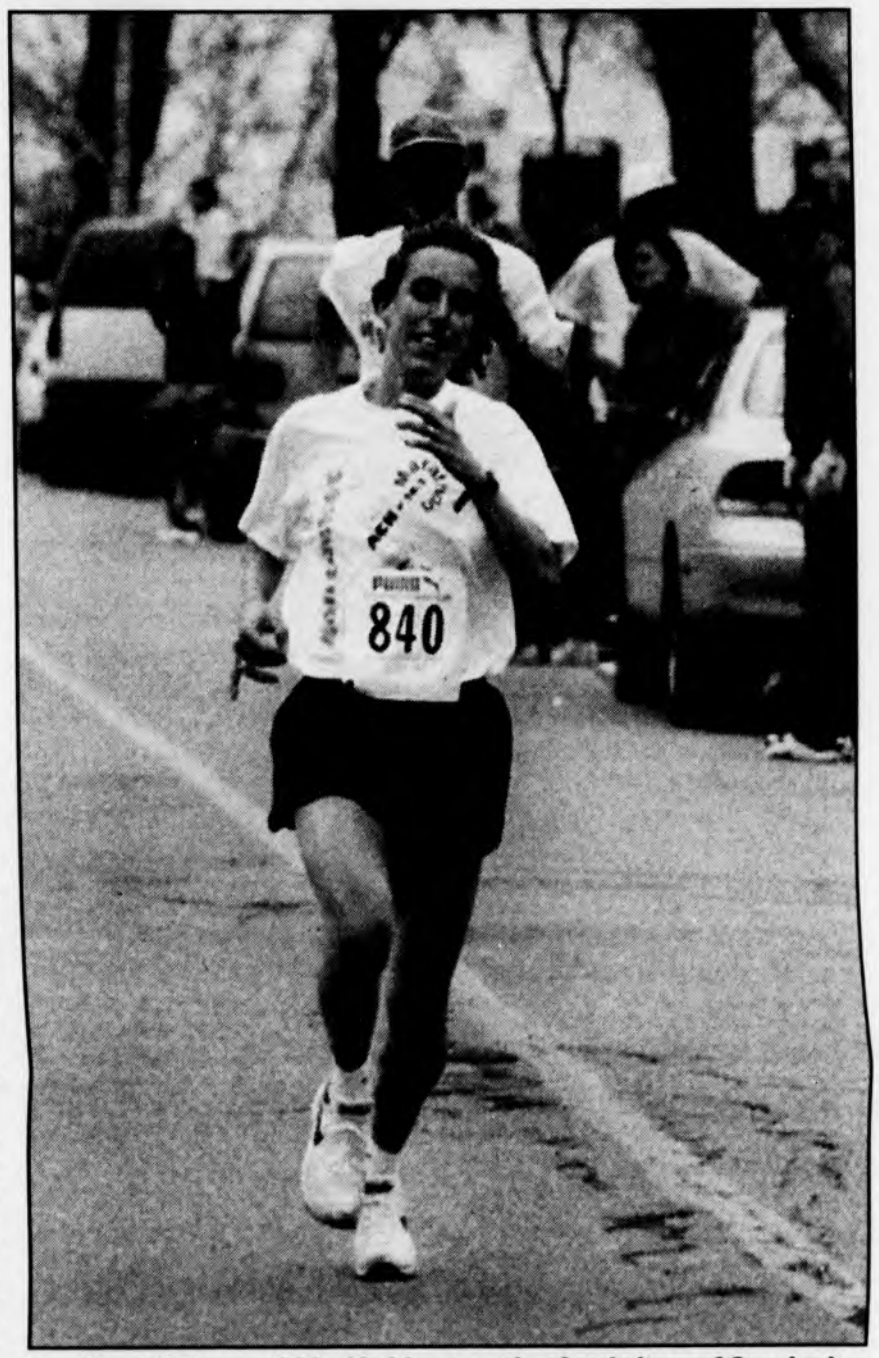
A fourth-place finish in the 14-17 category by Norwell's Emily Eckner was the only thing between Cohasset runners filling all four positions. Katie Buckley was first with Elisabeth Kiddeer in second. Megan Leahy was fourth in the division.

Mary Scherr too the 50-59 division and Scituate's Carol Renaud won the 60-and-over title.

The local businesses, once again, were the major supporters of the race, which is put on by the Cohasset Rotary Club. Fitzsimmons believes it is important to keep the event a community-oriented affair with the goal of improving the race every year.

"I've always been of the opinion that you have to tret the runners right," Fitzsimmons said. "They won't come back if you don't.

"People come out and they just love the race. It's like a rite of spring."



Sarah Nixon of Medfield nears the finish line of Sunday's race. Nixon averaged 5:55 miles to easily win the women's division by more than two minutes in 36:39.

Staff Photo by Alan Chapman

Race Results

A complete list of Cohasset finishers will be listed in next week's edition of the Mariner.

EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

It's Time to Make Little Leaguers Local Heroes

Batters of all ages, boys and girls, will be stepping to the plate, digging in and eyeing the pitcher 45 feet away. With a determined look on his face, the pitcher will go into a full windup after getting his signal from the catcher and fire the ball to the plate. On this occasion it is the batter who wins the battle. He does what is believed to be the toughest thing to do in sports, hitting a baseball. And this particular pitch is clobbered.

The ball is hit deep to left-center field as the metallic clang of the aluminum bat still echoes around the ballpark. The batter takes a quick look at the ball heading skyward and begins to sprint towards first base. As the first-base coach gives him the "green light" rounding the bag, the batter now has a clear view as to just how far he sent the pitch. He notices the left fielder is walking back to his position and several younger kids are scrambling beyond the fence to retrieve the ball. The batter, still running hard, realizes he can now slow down and trot around the basepaths unmolested. As he crosses home plate, the rest of his teammates are there banging on his shoulders and helmet with congratulations.

It's his first home run of the season. If there is a better feeling in youth sports than getting every bit of a pitch and hitting a "dinger" I have yet to hear one.

If you don't think think hitting a home run, making a good fielding play in front of a bleacher full of spectators, or slamming a couple of hits is a big deal for a Little League or softball player, guess again.

I hit my first home run as a 12 year old back in 1977 on an inside fastball Freddy Connolly made the mistake of throwing during a North Braintree Little League game. Low and inside was my "power zone." Not that you have a lot of power when you're 12, but that was the closest thing to it.

I still have the clip of that game, tattered and yellowed, which I cut out of the Braintree Forum. I wasn't a sports reporter back then and I know the Forum didn't have any sports writers assigned to the NBLL beat.

But there was someone at that game with pen and paper. A parent of one of the players, a coach or a fan — I'm not really sure. What I do know was that I scoured the sports pages every week that spring and summer. I hit one more home run that season and the game results when I got a hold of another low, inside fastball for dinger No. 2 ended up in the Forum as well.

I was never a great baseball player, but every dog has his day in the sun. This mutt's came on a warm, spring evening 20 years ago. There are plenty of kids in town who hit home runs on a regular basis, making people forget about Alex Rodriguez with their fielding, and others who play hard game after game, punching out the hits when they can.

Somewhere out there, a parent or coach must step up and record the heroics of the town's young boys and girls of summer. Be as creative as you want. Get in as many names of the kids as possible. They're all winners. Why not send us the team schedules so we can get a photographer to some games.

The fact is, we rely on the community to send or fax us the results. We don't have a big staff or the luxury of being able to cover the games live. We need the community as much as it needs us. Our fax number is (617) 837-4540. Let's give the high school, college, and maybe the pro players of tomorrow the chance to read today their accomplishments on the baseball and softball diamonds.

Take it from someone who had a very short, inauspicious Little League career — they'll save the articles forever.

Down by The Sea

955 Runners Turn Out For 21st Annual 10K



Molly Magner gets a good view of the finish line as the race clock ticks on.



Randolph's Mel Gonsalves breaks the finish line in front of town hall with a winning time of 32:19 for the 10K course.



Marcia Pourier hands out water to runners at the 2-mile mark of the Road Race By-the-Sea.



1960 Olympic gold medalist in the 1,500 meters, Herb Elliot, cheers runners on at the finish line. Elliot, who hails from Australia, has been living in Cohasset for two years and was the race's grand marshall. He remains the only world-class miler in history to retire from sport undefeated in both the 1,500 and mile.



A field of 955 runners break from the starting line at the start of Sunday's race.

Photos by Alan Chapman

Jade Forest to Host Tai Chi Seminar

Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi/Internal Arts will offer a one day seminar on Tai Chi Chuan, Sunday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructor John Loupos will lead participants through Tai Chi basics and teach the Yang Family short form. No previous experience is required. Anyone, age 14 to adult, interested in learning more about this ancient Chinese art of health, exercise and self-defense is welcome to attend. Please RSVP at (617) 383-6822. Registration is $99 ($85 ppd.). Jade Forest is located at 130 King St. (Route 3A) in Cohasset.

Kung Fu Open House at Jade Forest

Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi/Internal Arts will host an open house Saturday, April 12. Chief instructor John Loupos will teach a free introductory class in Kung Fu from 1 to 2 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Anyone interested in learning more about this ancient Chinese art of health and self defense is welcome to attend. Please call ahead at (617) 383-6822, and leave a message that you plan to participate. Visitors are asked to arrive five to 10 minutes early, so we can begin promptly at 1 p.m. Refreshments will follow. Jade Forest is located at 130 King St. (Route 3A) in Cohasset.

CYBA Announces Scholarship

The Cohasset Youth Baseball Association is pleased to announce its first $500 scholarship award. Candidates will be former Little League members. One scholarship will be awarded to the recipient at the start of his/her second semester of freshman year. Applications will be available at the high school guidance office. Deadline for the applications must be returned by April 18 Call Bob Moody at 383-0385 for more information.

Cohasset Sailing Club News

Recently the Cohasset Sailing Club held its annual board meeting at the Lightkeepers Cottage. Officers were elected as follows: Chuck Peterson, commodore; Kevin O'Connor, vice commodore; Anne Musto, secretary; and Peter Pescatore, treasurer.

Items on the agenda for discussion and action were a new sign for the club; a possible rescheduling of the "Stanton Series," and the annual lobsterfest (Aug. 9) with an addition of a club regatta that same day. Also on the agenda was a look at the need for an increase in membership fees due to an increase in costs of operation expenses. A small increase was voted on.

Last week volunteers met to prepare the 1997 flyer to be mailed to the community shortly. Look for this to arrive soon in your mail.

The sailing club will open the season with the second annual "Kick-off of the Season Social" June 28. Watch for details to follow.

Little League Dance

The annual Little League dance and fund raiser will be held on May 17 at Kimball's by the Sea from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. There will be hor d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Music will be provided by "The Greatful Dads." Tickets are $25. For tickets or donations to the auction, contact Kevin Lewis at 383-2076.

Little League Parade, May 3

The Cohasset Little League will hold its annual opening day parade Saturday, May 3. The parade starts at the Red Lion Inn, 71 South Main St., Cohasset, at 8:15 a.m. and progresses up Main Street to Barnes Field.

The Deer Hill School Band will lead the parade, followed by an excess of 300 players, a fire truck with last year's champions and our special guest, Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray. We expect more than 1,000 town residents to participate in the parade and ceremony.

Youth Lacrosse Players Needed

Cohasset Youth Lacrosse begins its second season this spring, and has just a few roster spots open for fifth- and sixth-graders. Registration for the program is limited to 30 participants, and 25 youngsters signed up during an enrollment period in the fall.

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse program plays in the Massachusetts Bay Youth Lacrosse League, playing against other youth programs from around the area. In general, the team has a practice or a game twice each week, beginning in late March and running through Father's Day.

To be eligible to participate, a child must be in the fifth- or sixth-grade and must be able to supply their own equipment. The remaining spots on the team will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, call Coach Chuck Jaffe at 383-9858.

Little League Umps Needed

Umpires are needed for the upcoming Cohasset Little League season scheduled to start April 13. Senior citizens, adults, college students and high school students are encouraged to participate.

For more information, call Dennis at 383-6448.

CYBA Board of Directors Named

Cohasset Youth Baseball Association is pleased to announce the following board members: President - Bob Moody, vice president - Kevin Lewis, treasurer - Dan Leahy, secretary - Linda Bolster, player agent - Mark DeGiacomo, director of Major League - Bob Morgan, director of Minor League - Peter Berg, director of Farm League - Bob Ernst, director of 13- to 19-year-old program - John Carr and director of Umpires - Dennis Dooley. Anyone interested in volunteering their time, please call Bob Moody at 383-0385.

1997-'98 Hockey Tryouts - Bay State Sharks

Member - Metro Boston Hockey League

Mites (1989 birthdate) — Tuesday, April 15, 5:20 p.m., Pilgrim Rink A; Saturday, April 19, 3:20 p.m., Bridgewater Arena. For further information, call Paul Cole at (617) 380-7528.

Squirt Minor (1988 birthdate) — Friday, April 18, 5 p.m.; and Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m, both at Hobomock Arena #1. For further information, call Rob Taylor at (617) 749-2635.

Squirt Major (1987 birthdate) — Friday, April 18, 8:10 p.m.; and Saturday, April 19, 4:30 p.m., both at Bridgewater Arena. For further information, call Ted Malley at (617) 545-8339.

PeeWee Minor (1986 birthdate) — Friday, April 18, 7 p.m., Bridgewater Arena; Sunday, April 20, 11:10 a.m., Hobomock Arena #1. For further information, call Buzz Olson (617) 749-8835.

PeeWee Major (1985 birthdate) — Wednesday, April 16, 5 p.m.; and Saturday, April 19, 11:40 a.m., both at Hobomock Arena #1. For further information, call Jack Burns at (508) 428-3876.

Bantam Minors (1984 birthdate) — Monday, April 14, 8 p.m.; Monday, April 14, 9 p.m.; and Friday, April 18, 9:20 p.m., all at Bridgewater Arena. For further information, call Greg Coady at (617) 826-2993.

Bantam Majors (1983 birthdate) — Wednesday, April 16, 7:20 p.m., Hobomock Arena #1; Saturday, April 19, 2:10 p.m., at Bridgewater Arena. For further information, call Charlie Paris (617) 843-0429.

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It's Happening

Coffee House Off the Square

The Coffee House Off the Square at Old Ship Parish Hall, 107 Main St., Hingham, presents singer Rob Laurens and Colleen Sexton & Kerri Powers, folk singer and guitarist, Saturday, April 19, from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are $10 at the door and proceeds will benefit Central American Medical Relief.

An open mike will also be featured.

For information, call Sue Krueger at (617) 545-2798.

Benefit for Hull Lifesaving Museum

As America's oldest commissioned Naval ship prepares to sail for the first time in 100 years, her captain, Commander Michael Beck, will be speaking about the ship's illustrious past and her even greater future, Friday, April 18, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Lighthouse Keeper's Residence, Government Island, Cohasset, Speaking to benefit the Hull Lifesaving Museum Inc., which has worked with Constitution crew members for two years teaching them open-water rowing and sailing skills, Commander Beck will address the audience in full 1812 dress uniform. A gracious and exciting speaker, he also will welcome and answer all questions regarding the ship and her upcoming historic sail in July, 1997.

Museum members are requested to make a minimum donation of $30 per person, non-members $35. Delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine, and soft drinks will be served. A final pleasure will be the view of the sun setting over Cohasset Harbor at 7:30 p.m. For information call Barbie Guild, (617) 925-5433.

Annual Earth Day March for Parks

An Earth Day "March for Parks," a walk and boat ride event to raise money for special programs and support the Volunteer Corps for the Boston Harbor Islands State Park will be held Saturday, April 19. The march will include a harbor tour and walk around Gallops and George's islands. This event is to raise awareness of and appreciation for this unique island park and support for special projects. It will begin at Boston Harbor Cruises on Long Wharf next to the New England Aquarium. Registration will be between 9 and 10 a.m.; a brief kick-off will follow, with the boat departing at 10:30 a.m. (Boat ride charge without pledges is $15.) After walking and touring on the islands, the boat will return to Long Wharf at 3:30 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch and dress comfortably. The march is sponsored nationally by the National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA), and organized locally by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands.

"March for Parks" is America's only national walk event for parks and open spaces. The National Parks and Conservation Association sponsors the event to raise awareness and funds for America's national, state, regional, and local parks. This is one of hundreds of marches in all 50 states that will take place in conjunction with Earth Day. All money raised stays at the local level for park projects identified by each organizing group. Locally, the event is co-sponsored by the state park managing agencies: the Department of Environmental Management and the Metropolitan District Commission. Other sponsors are: the National Park Service, Boston Harbor Cruises, M&M Marine Services, Romanow Container, and the Urban Harbors Institute at UMass/Boston.

The first annual Boston Harbor Islands Walk is organized by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands — providing stewardship to the park through citizen volunteers, educational programs, and advocacy efforts since 1979. The Friends encourage everyone to come explore the harbor islands and celebrate their park on Earth Day. To show your support, and for more information, call the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands at (617) 740-4290.



Dylan, a Cohasset canine, will model his own coat at 'Putting on the Dog,' a fashion show to benefit the Scituate animal shelter.

Putting on the Dog

Twelve stylish canines will model their own fur coats at "Putting on the Dog," a benefit fashion show for the Haughey Animal Shelter, Saturday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The shelter serves the towns of Cohasset, Hull and Scituate. The event is presented by the Friends of the Scituate Shelter and will raise funds for routine and preventive veterinary care for animals waiting for adoption.

Eleven of the 12 models have been adopted from animal shelters, most of them from the Haughey Shelter. The 12th model is waiting patiently in Scituate for a home of his own. There are both purebreds and mixed breeds in the show from a diminutive Yorkshire Terrier to a statuesque border collie/husky mix. The coats they'll model include an amazing variety of styles and colors.

Tickets are on sale now at the Haughey Shelter on the Driftway in Scituate, at Fitts Mill in the Greenbush section of Scituate, at McSweeney and Ricci in North Scituate Village and at Heads-N-Tails in Cohasset Village. Tickets for adults are $10 and $5 for children. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Refreshments will be served during intermission, and door prizes will be awarded during the evening. St. Luke's is located at the corner of First Parish Road and 3A in Scituate, opposite the town hall.

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Pinewood Derby Results

Cohasset's Pack 38 Cub Scouts held their Pinewood Derby Race. The winners are:

Tiger Cubs: 1st-Brendan Hughes; 2nd-Gregory Gallagher; 3rd-David Crawford.

Wolf: 1st-Craig Esposito; 2nd-Aaron Chism; 3rd-Brent Daley.

Bear: 1st-Brian Healy; 2nd-Ben Guild; 3rd-Jake Watts.

Webelos I: 1st-William Carbone; 2nd-Toby Norman; 3rd-Brian Pratt.

Webelos II: 1st-Nick Barnes; 2nd-David Santiago; 3rd-Jonathan Degruchy.

The overall winner is Craig Esposito.

The Cubs will be racing at the Cranberry Harbors District Pinewood Derby Race at Camp Squanto, April 11 and 12.

Pianist Goodman Presents Spring Concert

South Shore Conservatory presents pianist Mark Goodman in concert Sunday, April 13, at 4 p.m. in Cox Hall at the Hingham campus.

With this recital, Goodman, a faculty member at South Shore Conservatory since 1981, completes his cycle of the "Catalogue d'Oiseaux," a work by Olivier Messian describing the birdlife throughout France.

Other selections include music by Bach, Mozart and Ravel. "Miroirs" by Ravel includes the popular "Alborada del gracioso."

Admission to the Goodman concert is free and open to the general public. South Shore Conservatory, located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham, is handicapped-accessible.

For more information, call (617) 749-7565, Ext. 16.

Scott Wahle at Notre Dame Academy

Notre Dame Academy will host WBZ sportscaster and Hingham resident Scott Wahle and Suzanne McCarthy Lobel in "A Cruise Down Broadway" on Saturday, April 19.

"A Cruise Down Broadway," an evening of Broadway musical entertainment set to a vacation/cruise theme will be held at Resurrection Church's Read Hall, Main Street, Hingham. The evening will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $25 per person. Reservations are due by April 17. Please make checks payable to Notre Dame Academy, 1073 Main Street, Hingham 02043. Please call Nancy Zaverucha at (617) 740-2136 with any questions.

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Rev. Gary Ritts will be facilitating the support group to begin its nine weekly sessions Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. It is recommended that each participant have their own copy of Dr. Weil's book, "Spontaneous Healing" (which contains the eight-week regimen and is available in paperback). His latest book, "Eight Weeks to Optimum Health," (hardback only) will be used as a supporting text. The program is free of charge and is open to the public. If you have any questions, would like a brochure or would like to register for the course, please stop by the church or call Rev. Ritts at 383-0345.

Be an Island Volunteer

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring three open houses to recruit volunteers for the 1997 season on the islands. If you enjoy the outdoors and are concerned for the environment come and find out more about these unique volunteer opportunities. There will be a special slide show (half hour after start time), refreshments, and experienced volunteers to answer all your questions.

Dates, times, and places are as follows:

Sunday, April 20, Friends office, 349 Lincoln St., Bldg. 45, Hingham Ship Yard, 2 to 4 p.m.;

Sunday, April 27, cruise around Boston Harbor, Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. Boat leaves at 2 p.m. and returns at 4 p.m. Handicap accessible;

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LIBRARY CORNER

Cohasset Artist to be Honored at Reception

Award-winning artist Kimberlee Alemian of Beach Street, Cohasset, will be honored by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library at a reception Sunday, April 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the library, 106 South Main Street.

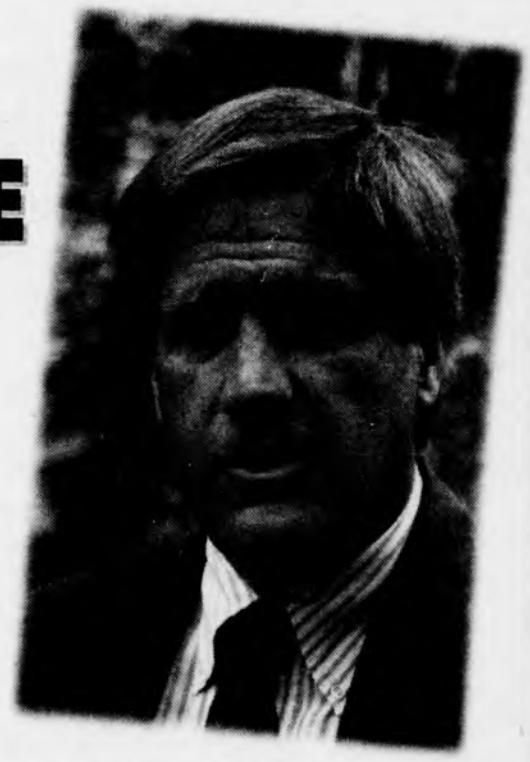
Alemian currently has on exhibit at the library a group of 25 of her recent oil paintings. The show, entitled "Passages" is sponsored by the South Shore Art Center and the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library.

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Open enrollment for elders who wish to participate is through May 30. For additional information or to receive an application, interested seniors should call Mary Ellen Wetzel at South Shore Elder Services Inc. (617) 848-3910.

Senior Scene News Noted

Caregiver Support Group — Meeting the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. The group leader is Maria Kaplin, LCSW from the Hingham VNA.

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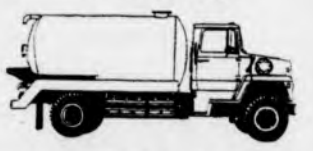


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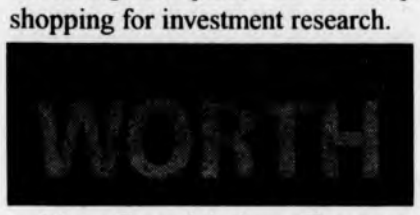
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By Amy K. Barrett
WORTH MAGAZINE

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If earnings are your primary concern and you want to monitor changes in analysts' profit predictions and companies' revised earnings estimates, you should check out Zacks Analyst Watch (www.zacks.com), says Jim Jubak, the senior financial editor at Worth Magazine. As with Quote.com, you choose the stocks you want to track in the portfolio format and then Zacks does the rest. Analyst Watch delivers an end-of-the-day report to your e-mail address with the stocks' prices and volumes. It also includes revisions in earnings estimates, changes in brokerage house recommendations, earnings surprises and dates of upcoming earnings reports, says Jubak. Zacks provides more in-depth information related to earnings than most other sites -- and Zacks asks you to pay for it. The service costs $600 a year (there are less comprehensive and, hence, cheaper package deals out there).

You don't have to pay for all financial data on-line. As I mentioned before, the SEC has a Web page which posts stock quotes, company profiles, business activities and, as you may have guessed, Edgar (Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval System) filings. Companies are required to file these quarterly and annual financial reports with the SEC, stating their net income, gross profit, and debt acquisitions, among other things. The SEC site also allows you to note the companies you want to know more about; the information is updated daily. One caveat; while all of these services are free you must sign up with a user name and password in order to get information updates on certain companies. The registration often requires address, phone number, employment and other information, making this an inconvenience.

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Among other sites that Jim Jubak has recommended are MarketEdge from Thompson Financial Services (www.marketedge.com) and Market Guide (marketguide.com); both cost less than $10 a month. All of these sites are just the tip of the iceberg of services on-line. So don't hesitate to do your own search for the best combination of services to meet your particular investing needs.



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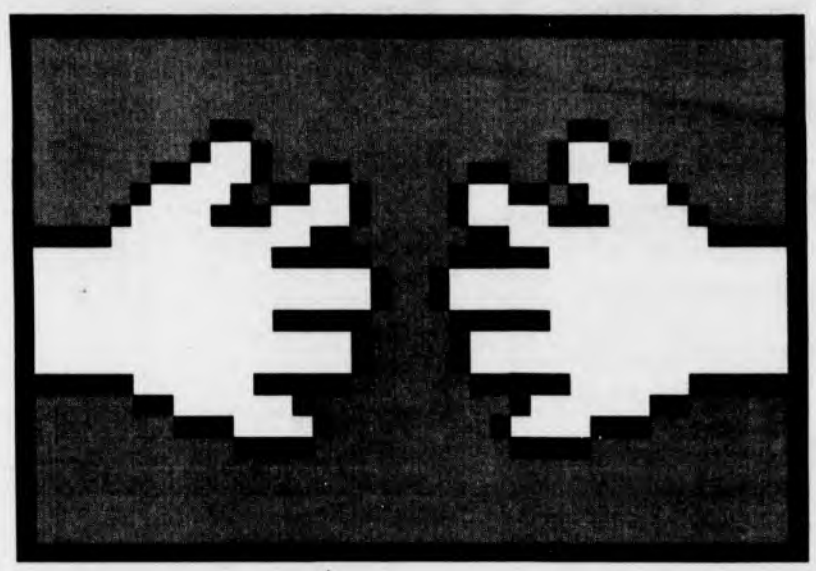
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Landfill Owner Says:

Town Has Double Standard Over Dumps

Sues Conservation Commission Over By-Law Violation

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The ongoing battle between the town and the Cohasset Heights Landfill entered a new phase last week when CHL owner Paul Barry filed a lawsuit against the conservation commission. Barry's lawyer, Anton Moehrke, said he filed a lawsuit against the conservation commission last Friday in Norfolk Superior Court for violating a town bylaw.

Moehrke said Barry filed the suit against the conservation commission for failing to hold a public hearing within 21 days regarding a request for determination about the Cedar Street Landfill. Moehrke requested the RFD Mar. 5.

Town bylaws require the conservation commission to hold hearings on RFDs within 21 days of the initial request.

The conservation commission scheduled a hearing on the RFD for its Apr. 3 meeting, 29 days after the initial request.

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Caleigh Teague picks flowers for her mother on the town common.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Safe Homes is Brought Back to Life

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

With the resignation of Chairman Greg Muir, the drug and alcohol committee met Tuesday, Apr. 15 to search for a vision for the group's future. Bill Adams took over as interim chairman for Thursday's meeting.

Members of the committee met with visiting parents, students and selectmen Nancy Roth to brainstorm ideas for the future. Committee members agreed to revive the Safe Homes program under a different name, although the new name has not yet been chosen.

"The Safe Homes project is back and there are two sides to the issue," Adams said. "There are questions about whether we should focus on Safe Homes, but this is something to let people know we do exist and it gives us a focus."

Safe Homes is a written, non-legal document parents sign pledging two things: to keep their homes free of illegal alcohol and drug use, and to prohibit parties in their homes when an adult is not present.

Members of the committee agreed

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Town Manager Has No Say on Schools

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The government structure committee met with school officials Thursday, Apr. 10 to reassure them that the town manager would not have jurisdiction over the schools.

School officials felt the article presented in the town meeting warrant lacked adequate language exempting the schools from the town manager's control.

The Education Reform Act of 1993 places most school policy-making decisions in the hands of the school committee.

Town meeting approved a substitute article that clearly exempted the schools from the town manager's jurisdiction.

"The Education Reform Act clearly supersedes anything we do," said Lillian Curley. "House council has told us that state law supersedes this."

School committee Chairman Ralph

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Cohasset's Week

Photos of Beacon Rock Sought

The Cohasset Historic Commission is looking for any photos of Beacon Rock — aka Signal Rock — that will show what was there in the mid/late 1800s. Please call Ham Tewksbury at 383-1074 if you have any information and/or pictures of what existed at that historic installation.

Citizens Needed for Town Boards

There are two vacancies on the Greenbush mitigation committee; two on the mosquito control committee; four on the sidewalk study committee and six on the town history committee which compiling information for the third volume of the town's history. Any citizens interested in serving on these boards should call the selectmen's office at 383-9900.

Hedlund Seeks Applicants for Internship Program

Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, announced that applications are still being accepted for the seventh annual Ray Shamie Summer Internship program. The internship is open to all college students entering their sophomore, junior or senior year.

The Shamie Internship Award is an annual paid summer internship at the Republican Party headquarters, established in honor of former Republican Party Chairman Ray Shamie. The 10-week, 40 hours per week internship entails working with each member of the state committee staff on a wide array of projects.

The intern selected would begin working in June and finish in August. There is a $2,500 stipend for the program.

Anyone interested in applying for this program can call Sen. Hedlund at (617) 722-1646 or Gary Coon, executive director of the Republican State Committee at (617) 725-1966. Applications are due by May 9.

Government Structure Board Looks Ahead

Now that town meeting is over, members of the government structure committee are eyeing future projects. The committee is planning to take up two projects that could prove as controversial as the town manager article: revisiting the recall article, and exploring representative town meeting or zero quorum, .

Committee member Diana Kornet said the discussion would at least rattle some cages and possibly get more voters to attend town meeting.

The lead signer for the town manager article, Thomas L. Gruber, said selectmen are ignoring the recall movement with the hope that it will go away. One project that would seem to be out of the committee's jurisdiction is a Title V pamphlet. Kornet said committee members just wanted to do something helpful for the town. The board of health is also working on a Title V informational pamphlet.

Drug & Alcohol Forum Proposed

To try to boost efforts of the town Drug & Alcohol Committee, selectmen propose hosting a forum with various groups in town and committee members. They are concerned that to be effective the committee needs more community support. They recently tabled acceptance of committee co-chairman Craig Muir's resignation hoping that he might reconsider. In a long, detailed letter, Muir explained his frustration in trying to garner community support for the committee's efforts. Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown stressed that for the committee to be successful the schools and committee will have to work together. Selectman Nan Roth pointed out that drug & alcohol abuse is a national problem, "one that no one knows how to solve." She said the goal of the forum should be to set goals for the committee and to decide what its role should be.

Selectmen agreed to schedule the forum sometime next month.

Committee Appointments Made

Selectmen appointed Craig G. Blacken, 351 N. Main St., as an associate member of the Osgood School Reuse Committee this week. They also appointed Clark Chatterton, 9 Red Gate Lane, to the town history committee.

Volunteers are still needed to serve on the Mosquito Control Committee; Sidewalk Study Committee; Greenbush Mitigation Committee and Town History Committee.

Interested citizens should contact the selectmen's office at 383-9900.

Harbor Antiques gets License

Selectmen approved issuing a junk dealer's (antiques) license to Linda Saucier and Gail Ostrander of Little Harbor Antiques, 23 S. Main St., in the village.

Money for Electricity Okay'ed

The new DPW garages will get the necessary electricity from May 19, when it is expected to open until the end of the fiscal year, June 30. There was no money for electricity for the new garage appropriated in the fiscal year 1997 budget, so selectmen approved the transfer from the town's reserve fund this week. New funds will be available July 1.

Needy Residents Get Tax Relief

Town meeting approved a 50 percent tax abatement for Cohasset's neediest residents. Advisory committee member Carol Martin said the program would cost the town about $14,000 a year from the assessor's overlay account. The program would benefit about 100 residents including 58 disabled veterans, 35 elderly residents, five blind residents and two hardship cases.

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

April 1997	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 17	8:12	9.0	1:55	8:49	8.8	2:29
Fri. 18	9:06	9.1	2:50	9:36	9.1	3:18
Sat. 19	9:55	9.3	3:39	10:19	9.5	4:02
Sun. 20	10:39	9.5	4:24	10:58	9.8	4:43
Mon. 21	11:20	9.7	5:06	11:35	10.1	5:22
Tues. 22	——	——	5:46	12:00	9.8	6:00
Wed. 23	12:12	10.3	6:26	12:38	9.8	6:39
Thurs. 24	12:49	10.5	7:06	1:18	9.8	7:19

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PICTURE THIS/Mark Bell & Cathy Mueller-Bell

Names: Mark Bell & Cathy Mueller-Bell

Occupation: New directors of the Cohasset Teen Center; fitness director at the Weymouth Club (Mark);psychotherapist (Cathy).

Best vacation: Vail, Colorado in the summer.

Best day of your life: Our wedding day and the days our two sons were born.

Biggest worry: The future of our kids (Mark); safety of loved ones (Cathy).

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Mark); Valentine's Day (Cathy).

Favorite season: Spring!

Favorite TV show: Seinfeld (Mark); David Letterman (Cathy).

Favorite movie: Jerry Maguire (Mark); The Color Purple (Cathy).

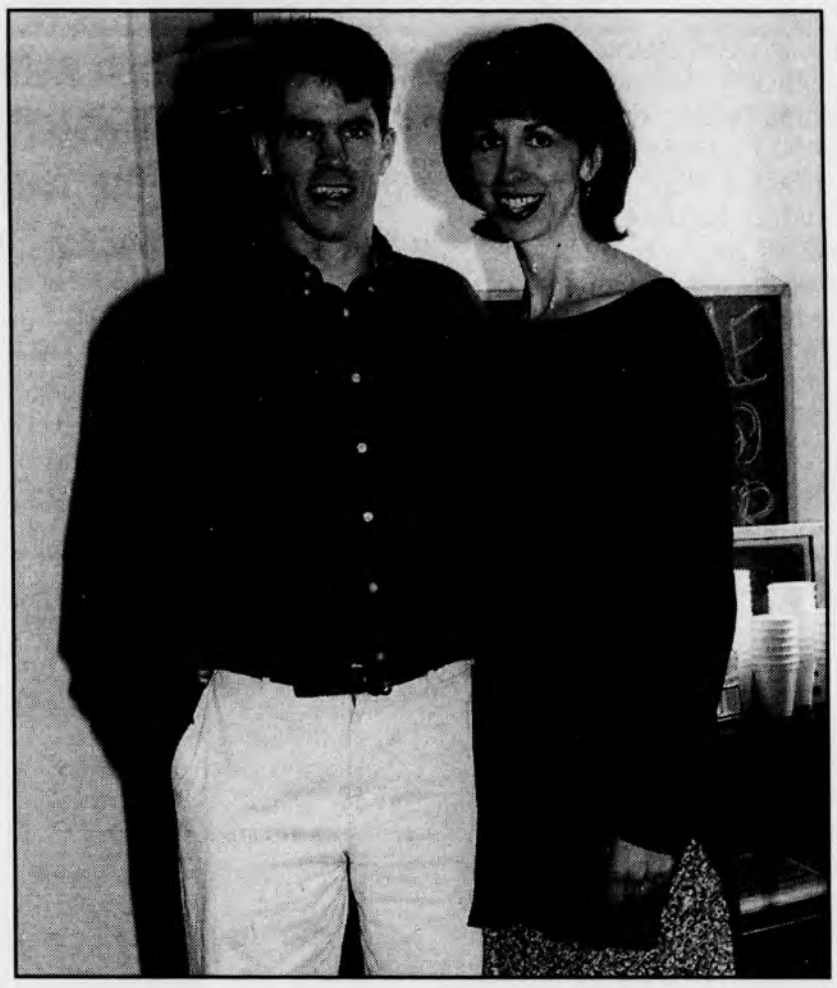
Favorite book: Anything by C.S. Lewis (Mark); 'The Road Less Traveled,' by M. Scott Peck (Cathy).

Favorite junk food: Matt's Chocolate Chip Cookies (Mark); chocolate (Cathy).

Most embarrassing moment: Spilling gravy all over my white tux at our senior prom (Mark); speaking at a conference with 300 people with no microphone (Cathy).

Person you'd most like to meet: Steve Martin (Mark); Audrey Hepburn (Cathy).

Pet peeve: When people are inconsiderate to others (Mark); when people, including myself, make assumptions (Cathy).



Bucket Truck Gets Repairs

The town will spend $895 to repair the bucket truck used by the wire department.

Selectman Peter Pratt explained that although the wire department is being eliminated in fiscal year 1998, its superintendent Steve Wigmore still needs a safe truck in the interim. The truck will also be used by the tree & park department, he said.

Parking Permission

The Social Service League has obtained permission from selectmen to park a Mammography van in the town hall parking lot and a Guild for the Hard of Hearing van on William B. Long Jr. Road during the health fair on May 1.

Concern Aired Over Wording of Sewer Question

Proponents of the override asking for a 50 percent town subsidy for the sewer projects in north and central Cohasset worry that wording of the May 3 ballot question is confusing.

The question does not mention the 50 percent funding issue but selectmen explained that the ballot completes the action of town meeting and doesn't have to be explicit because the town meeting articles covered the details.

> ***'When people get through reading it they won't have the faintest idea what they're voting for.'***
>
> ***— Russ Lennon, Tad Lane.***

"It's (ballot) a funding voted of town meeting and not anything else," Selectman Nan Roth explained. "That's what any override does, it provides for something voted at town meeting."

They suggested that proponents get the word out through informational flyers.

Selectmen will get a ruling from the town clerk if it's possible for the town to put informational matter in the voting booth. For future reference, they will also ask town counsel how explicit the wording of ballot questions can be within the law.

If the May 3 override passes, 50 percent of the cost of the two sewer projects will be shared by all taxpayers. If it fails, the sewer users will pick up 100 percent of the cost of the projects through betterments assessed over 20 years.

Russ Lennon of Tad Lane said he was concerned that the wording was so confusing that "when people get through reading it they won't have the faintest idea what they're voting for."

Roth and Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown said voters have to take responsibility to educate themselves about the issue.

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Sues Conservation Commission Over By-Law Violation

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Conservation commission Chairman Vee Roebuck said the commission had scheduled CHL for its next available hearing, which was Apr. 3. Roebuck added that the commission had too many other hearings to schedule CHL at an earlier date.

Moehrke has also appealed the matter to the Department of Environmental Protection and requested state action.

Barry currently is awaiting a decision from Land Court asking Chief Justice Peter Kilborn to overturn a decision by the town to place 27.5 acres of CHL's landfill expansion plan in a water protection district. The trial concluded last month.

CHL has alleged that the town arbitrarily placed the landfill plan in the water district to block the proposed expansion. Moehrke said town officials also altered an engineer's plans establishing water district lines to include CHL's expansion area.

Judge Kilborn can take as much time as he wants before rendering his decision.

'Paul Barry has been watching us to see if he's been treated fairly and one issue has been the town landfill.'
— Vee Roebuck, ConCom Chairman.

In a letter to the conservation commission dated Mar. 5, 1997, Moehrke requested an RFD for the Cedar Street Landfill alleging that runoff carried sediment into Breadencheese Swamp and contaminated six acres of wetlands. Moehrke also alleged that the town "deposited solid waste directly into the wetland to the north of the landfill."

Moehrke's went on to say in is letter that the sediment is as much as three feet deep, and the "woody plant community beyond the area of deepest sediment deposition and throughout the wetland has died."

No one from CHL or Moehrke's office attended the Apr. 3 hearing. Conservation commission members were confused about what action to take with the applicant not present.

Conservation commission members opened the hearing and continued it until May 15, when DEP is expected to respond to Moehrke's request for state intervention.

Conservation commission member Susan Cope said CHL did not submit an action plan so the application was incomplete.

Roebuck said she was not surprised by the RFD.

"Paul Barry has been watching us to see if he's been treated fairly and one issue has been the town landfill," Roebuck said. "He's supplied us with pictures of Cedar Street along with the RFD."

Moehrke said the town has two sets of standards regarding landfills: one for private landfills and one for municipal landfills. "Historically the town landfill has had sediment running into adjacent wetlands," Moehrke said. "The town has not dealt with Cedar Street effectively, yet it has taken strong enforcement measures against Paul Barry. The town's policy is to treat Cedar Street with benign neglect, while going after CHL with intense enforcement."

At the Apr. 3 hearing, conservation consultant Paul Shea told commission members that health board member Alix White wanted to be informed if CHL representatives or their attorneys attended the meeting so she could also attend.

Conservation commission member Tom Callahan said the Cedar Street Landfill could be a problem for the town.

"Part of the problem is things at Cedar Street happened 20-30-40 years ago," Callahan said. "The landfill was built in a wetland because we didn't have any laws back then to prevent it from happening."

Moehrke said the suit against the conservation commission was "substantively different" from previous complaints.

"The town has used what it calls environmental laws to wage a campaign against CHL," Moehrke said. "Yet they see no problems with the town landfill."

Town Manager Has No Say on Schools

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Kidder pointed out that state law forbids the selectmen or the advisory committee from any final say about the schools except for the bottom-line on the annual budget.

Kidder said some of the language adopted at town meeting was still vague. Kidder said references to the town manager overseeing all grant applications and collective bargaining could not legally be applied to the schools.

"I know it doesn't mean the schools are included, but the language could be interpreted that way," Kidder said.

Curley said the intent of the article was for the schools "not to come under the town manager at all."

Thomas L. Gruber, the lead signer for the town manager citizen's petition article, said the language adopted at town meeting eased the school committee's fears.

"The change in enactment at town meeting relieves a lot of fears between the town side and the school side," Gruber said. "As time goes by I think we'll find amendments to this."

Gruber wanted to know how the committee planned to approach the legislature with any changes, but Kidder said only town meeting had the authority to make changes in the article.

"Any changes have to go back to town meeting and then back to the legislature," Curley said.

Town Administrator Ed McCann has started the process of reviewing the article for submission to the state legislature for approval

Diana Kornet said the town could get a quorum at the town election and act on amendments or changes to the article. Town meeting does not officially conclude until after the May 3 election.

But some members expressed concern that the article could be overturned by a determined group at the town election.

"One thing I don't want to see is everyone to come in say what's wrong with this from A to Z," Gruber said.

Kornet said she was sorry to see the article pass in its current form even though she supported the concept of a town manager.

"I was sorry to see it pass because I wanted it to pass with total support," she said. "I didn't say anything at town meeting because I thought everything was said by both sides."

Curley criticized selectmen for opposing the article without fully understanding all the proposed language. Several committee members called selectmen Michael Sullivan "childish" for an outburst against the town manager article at a selectmen's meeting held the Monday following the conclusion of town meeting.

"I think the timing for a town manager was right and it was right for the people," Curley said. "I don't think 75 people should necessarily decide the fate of a town of 7,000, but everyone had the opportunity to go to town meeting."

Gruber added that it was his hope that the town manager would help prevent "the proliferation of committees for things they're not needed for."

Safe Homes is Brought Back to Life

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to rename Safe Homes to distance it from past failures, and to create a newsletter listing all the participants in the program. Some members felt young people should also be asked to sign the agreement along with their parents.

Susan Shoemaker, original chairman of Safe Homes from 1991 to 1993, said the program was halted in 1994 because town and school officials did not support it.

"We had only a 36 percent success rate in our first year and I was very disappointed," Shoemaker said. "I just didn't see how anyone could not sign an agreement prohibiting illegal drug use in their homes."

Margo Aikens said many people were defensive about signing a document and misunderstood the intent of the program.

"This is meant to discourage illegal alcohol use in homes, not a glass of wine with dinner," Aikens said.

Anthony Bramblett was critical of the program because it didn't deviate from similar past measures which have failed.

"I've never seen any effects of Safe Homes," Bramblett said. "What are we changing this time to make sure it's a success, unlike last time? I don't see many people sweating over kids using drugs and alcohol."

Adams said there was an opportunity to revive the program because a new generation of potential drug users was coming of age.

"We've got to get the word out and tell people who's involved," Adams said. "This is the best kept secret in town."

Shoemaker said the program would only work with the support of town officials.

"If you have support from town leaders it will hopefully trickle down to the community," Shoemaker said. "The first question to ask is whether Cohasset needs a drug and alcohol committee."

Roth said selectmen were already trying to exert a leadership role in the community against drug and alcohol use by young people.

Roth invited members of the

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Town to get $340K in Federal Flood Relief

Selectman Peter Pratt announced Monday that the town is slated to receive a $341,000 federal grant for the James Brook flood control program.

The town applied for the money following record rains last October which caused extensive flooding in the James Brook basin which runs through the center of town.

Pratt said the state is getting $5.8 million in federal money for flood relief and there is another $4 million in the pipeline.

"I'm not sure if we can stand in line again," he said.

The money will be used to rebuild the entire cove outfall at the corner of Border and Summer streets near the American Legion hall.

Pratt said by rebuilding the existing tidal gates, adding a third gate, and opening up the channel, the amount of outfall can be increased by 50 to 60 percent at peak times which will help alleviate the problem.

Other preventative measures, including constructing retention basins, are needed upstream to rectify the complete problem.

Estimates are it will cost $1/2 million for the cove portion of the $1.5 million James Brook flood control project. The federal money will be used to pay for 75 percent of that part of the project with the town and probably the state splitting the balance.

The town match could be secured at the October town meeting, Pratt noted.

Pratt said he is optimistic that the MBTA may have to kick in some money for the rest of the project because the rail right-of-way now goes through a "federal flood control district. Now the Army Corps of Engineers comes in and tells the MBTA what to do," Pratt said.

The town declared a state of emergency during the October storm. Gov. William Weld also declared a state of emergency in Norfolk and other counties in the aftermath of the storm.

Village Station Study Nixed

Village station proponents won't get an audience in front of selectmen anytime soon.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said that the group was unable to make its full presentation at a meeting earlier this year and should be able to do so.

She said selectmen took the petitions with the understanding that the petitioners would be given the opportunity to be heard at a later date.

But other selectmen said the visit would serve no purpose because they do not plan to reconsider their decision that the train station should be on Rt. 3A and not in the village.

One of the two petitions presented asked that the pros and cons, relating to traffic and other issues, of both sites be studied.

Selectman Nan Roth said the board "does not want to reopen a closed book at town meeting and it was not useful to bring the issue up again." Town Meeting rejected a study and ballot question on the station sites.

Safe Homes Back to Life

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drug and alcohol committee to attend the selectmen's drug and alcohol meeting scheduled for mid-May.

She said selectmen would like representatives from municipal boards, schools, police and fire, and residents to come together at town hall and find solutions to drug and alcohol use by teenagers.

"I think it's a great idea and I hope we will invite members from our business community, especially alcohol retailers," Adams said.

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People Behind the Title

Paul Migliaccio: Sealer of Weights and Measures

By Mary S. Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

When Cohasset's Woolworth store recently decided to add penny candy by the pound to their already interesting array of goods, they called Paul Migliaccio, Cohasset's Sealer of Weights and Measures. Paul responded by going to the store to check and adjust the scale for accuracy.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures, Paul's first fact was that 'all scales are different.' His premise for seeking this selectmen-appointed position was because 'everybody should get what they pay for and businesses should not be giving their products away. This is accomplished by checking a scale or measure periodically and making any adjustments. It's what I like to do.'

At the Woolworth store, after checking, adjusting and admiring how the six-pound capacity scale weighs out to four decimals (making it accurate to .2000th of a pound), Paul talked about his job.

Q: How do you check for accuracy?

A: The federal requirements of weights and measures are found in Handbook 4 of the National Book of Weights and Measures. I use that as a guide. I also bring a set of weights with me. They were purchased by the town and they go up to 30 pounds.

When checking for accuracy, it's also important for the scale to be on a level surface. The first time I checked this scale (at Woolworth's), it was not. I adjusted it and it's fine now.

If, by chance, I couldn't adjust the scale, depending on whether the problem is a mechanical one or a software calibration, I would notify the store so they could call in a scale maintenance person. In the meantime, I tag the scale with a lead seal, record the information and wait for them to call me to come back and check it again.

Q: How do you know your weights are a proper measuring tool?

A: The weights that Cohasset purchased are state-certified. That means they agree with the state's weight and measures requirements. I have them checked every two years.

The state scales are measured against national scales. Massachusetts will send their scales to the National Institute of Standards and Technology in either Washington, D.C. or Boulder, Colo.

By using this practice, there is an unbroken chain of traceability, if proof along the line is ever needed. Otherwise, everyone is agreeing on what's correct.

Q: After you check and adjust a scale, what do you do?

A: I record the serial and model number and write that the scale passed. In 12 months from this month, I'll come back and check and adjust again. If there's a problem, I'll be back sooner.

Q: What kind of a problem?

A: Usually a customer complaining that the scale is off.

Q: Do businesses pay for your service calls?

A: Yes, they pay me and I turn the money over to the Town of Cohasset. The payment includes a sealing fee and adjusting fee, if necessary.

I try to be fair to the businesses also. For example, I had just been to Stop and Shop, checking and adjusting their scales, when several months later, they called me to come back because they had gotten new scales. At that time, I only charged them a half fee because I had just been there.

Q: Besides Woolworth's and Stop and Shop, who else do you check?

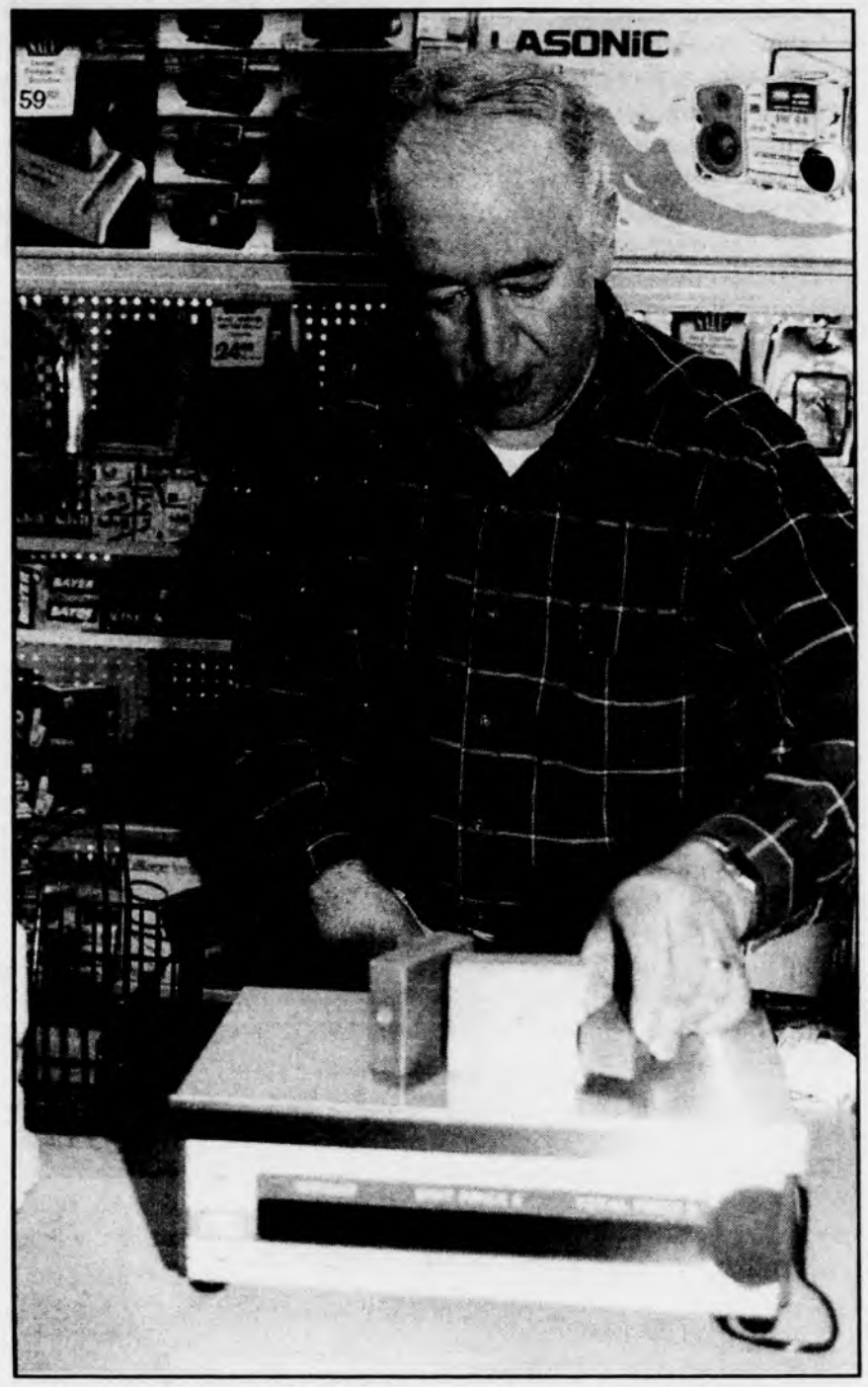
A: Any business with a scale or other form of measurement.

Drug stores, for instance, have to renew their pharmaceutical license each year. A requirement is to have their scale checked and sealed before they get their license. They call me every year.

Dunkin Donuts use scales because they sell coffee by the pound, as do other shops in Cohasset. I call upon them, as well.

I also go to gas stations and sample their gasoline with a 5-gallon 'prover.' There are usually two or three pumps under an island. Each pump has to be checked because each measures and records. I charge the owner per pump.

The first year I was a sealer, I checked a station that served diesel fuel. After pouring, I saw that he was +25. By law, a measure is allowed to be +6 or -6 beyond preciseness. That he was +25 meant he was four times over. He was giving the fuel away. You can imagine after I told him that and offered to adjust it, how strongly he said, 'Yes, please!'



Paul Migliaccio, who is Cohasset's sealer of weights and measures, tests the scales at Woolworth's.

Staff photo/Victor Pryles

Q: Is this a full-time position?

A: No, it's part-time. I have my own calibration business. It made sense to me to seek appointment to this job after Mr. Bates retired. It's what I really like to do. It's not just my

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Paul Migliaccio *Continued from page 6*

business, it's my hobby.

When I first became appointed, I went around to all the Cohasset businesses. If they had a scale, I'd introduce myself as the new Sealer of Weights and Measures. I know now that many times, businesses don't call on their own, so I have to keep checking myself. When a new business comes into Cohasset, I have no idea if they have a scale or not, so again I have to check for myself.

Q: What other job-related commitments do you have?

A: I belong to several weights and measures associations — Massachusetts Weights and Measures, Eastern Massachusetts Weights and Measures, the Northeast Weights and Measures, and finally, the National Weights and Measures. All the way up. I go to most meetings to stay on top of what's current.

This past fall I attended a three-day conference in Saugus that was organized by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. It was about price verification and becoming a trainer of it.

Q: What is price verification?

A: Electronic shelf pricing. No individual item on a shelf is price tagged. Pricing is done at the register by scanner. The price of the item is controlled by mainframe computer.

Q: Stop and Shop already does this.

A: Yes, they do. They were also at the conference in Saugus. Stop and Shop is a fair business. If there's a dispute over a scanned item, the store gets on it right away. Ninety-nine percent of the time, it's not the scanner that's incorrect. Scanners don't lie. Usually, it's a human error. Someone will have forgotten to change a price in the mainframe.

Many people think that businesses are out to cheat them. I don't think that's true.

Q: Now that you've been through the course and are a trainer, is this going to be a part of your job as Sealer of Weights and Measures?

A: It's a service I am performing in addition to my regular job description. Unit pricing was always done by the attorney general's office. It's a new situation for weights and measures officials to have the authority to go in and do it. There are currently no fees charged or received. It's something I'm doing because it's interesting and helpful.

Q: So, how do you implement?

A: I've spoken to Stop and Shop already. I'll do the other shops in town.

I basically go in unannounced and pick up 50 to 100 items at random — 100 at Stop and Shop. This gives me a good wide sample. I check out at a register (just like every other consumer, but no sale for me) and I make sure all the items scanned agree with the shelf price.

Stop and Shop will take me a generous two hours to do. Smaller stores, of course, will take less.

Q: It seems that this form of pricing could benefit everyone's time. Any problems that you foresee?

A: The people at the state level and businesses are pushing for price verification. But a problem I can see is that there is no control over taking advantage of people in emergency situations. For instance, the raising of prices of essential items during a blizzard or other type of storm. Until I'm satisfied with a solution, I am not conclusive.

IT'S HAPPENING

Consignment Shop Volunteers Feted

The Cohasset Consignment Shop's Manager, Andy Merrill of Scituate, will honor 125 volunteers from the South Shore at a brunch at Kimball's By The Sea Monday, April 21, from 11 a.m.. to 1 p.m.

Merrill said the proceeds from the new consignment shop located on Route 3A next to the soon-to-open Shaw's Market, provide the major funding for the social service league's pneumonia shots, counseling and support groups, new friends program, nursing services and "keep well clinics" that include blood pressure screening, weight, blood sugar testing and nutritional education for Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Norwell.

Consignments at the new location will be accepted Monday, April 28, through Friday 10 to 11:30 a.m. The shop will be open daily Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To volunteer or to seek information call Andy Merrill at 383-0687.

President of the social service league of Cohasset is Jane Russell.

Annual Earth Day March for Parks

An Earth Day "March for Parks," a walk and boat ride event to raise money for special programs and support the Volunteer Corps for the Boston Harbor Islands State Park will be held Saturday, April 19. The march will include a harbor tour and walk around Gallops and George's islands. This event is to raise awareness of and appreciation for this unique island park and support for special projects. It will begin at Boston Harbor Cruises on Long Wharf next to the New England Aquarium. Registration will be between 9 and 10 a.m.; a brief kick-off will follow, with the boat departing at 10:30 a.m. (Boat ride charge without pledges is $15.) After walking and touring on the islands, the boat will return to Long Wharf at 3:30 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch and dress comfortably. The march is sponsored nationally by the National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA), and organized locally by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands.

"March for Parks" is America's only national walk event for parks and open spaces. The National Parks and Conservation Association sponsors the event to raise awareness and funds for America's national, state, regional, and local parks. This is one of hundreds of marches in all 50 states that will take place in conjunction with Earth Day. All money raised stays at the local level for park projects identified by each organizing group. Locally, the event is co-sponsored by the state park managing agencies: the Department of Environmental Management and the Metropolitan District Commission. Other sponsors are: the National Park Service, Boston Harbor Cruises, M&M Marine Services, Romanow Container, and the Urban Harbors Institute at UMass/Boston.

The first annual Boston Harbor Islands Walk is organized by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands — providing stewardship to the park through citizen volunteers, educational programs, and advocacy efforts since 1979. The Friends encourage everyone to come explore the harbor islands and celebrate their park on Earth Day. To show your support, and for more information, call the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands at (617) 740-4290.

Wellspring Walkfest Slated

Tired of the cold? Picture a June day, a long deep, low tide, Nantasket Beach, an invigorating or leisurely walk from the pavilion to "R" Street and back. It's the Wellspring Annual Walkfest scheduled for Saturday, June 14. The only beach walk on the South Shore, maybe even in the state, or universe, and all are invited. Bring your bridge group, or your baseball team; your extended family or your wedding party. Pay a fee to enter or fill a pledge sheet. We just want you, all of you, to come. Celebrate Wellspring and celebrate summer. Think about it, write it on your calendar, and your toes will start to feel warmer already.

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Several Cohasset Students Collect Academic Honors

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Alexander Gaston, a sophomore at the Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., has been named to that school's fall semester honor roll. This fall Alexander also took part in Holderness' campus-wide student jobs program, sang in the school chorus, and ran on a boys' cross-country team that claimed its third straight central New England prep school championship.

Alexander is the son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. John M. Gaston III** of Cohasset.

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A round of applause goes to **Todd C. Harrington** and **Matthew K. Lewis;** both achieved honor roll status at Xaverian Brothers High School for the second marking period. Todd earned Ryken Honors (completed all courses with grades of 90 or above) and Matthew earned First Honors.

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Hope that you have been up to the Alumnae Field recently, and seen the work that has been going on with the new State of the Art Press Box/film stand/announcing stand! **Dave Woodworth** of Scituate has been spending so much time, lots of it without being paid for it — he is truly doing a spectacular job! The whole thing is great!

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Speaking of the field, the brick walk comes to mind. The commemorative bricks are still available, there have been about 100 orders already — they have raised more than $10,000 which is all going to defray costs at the field (such as fencing, press box, etc.). They are hoping to begin work on the walk in early June, so if you would like a brick, now is the time to order it! Two lines on a 4" by 8" brick cost $74, additional lines are $25. They are also selling double size bricks (which hold five lines) for $200. Brick order forms may be obtained at the recreation office in the town hall. Would be nice to see some businesses take a brick or two; great way to advertise don't you think?

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Christopher S. Adams, Class of '99 at Connecticut College, has been named to Dean's Honors for the 1996 fall semester. He is the son of **Bill** and **Marilyn Adams,** of 178 North Main St. Congratulations!

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We have received news from Northfield Mount Hermon School regarding two Cohassetites who are students there. Junior **Abigail Kornet,** the daughter of **Diana D.** and **John L. Kornet Jr.,** performed in the 1997 National Festival of the States as a member of the award-winning choral groups at the school. The NMH groups performed in Washington, D.C., from March 15 to 19 in a program titled "Music at Mount Vernon: George Washington at Home." Abigail has participated in the Concert Choir and the Select Women's Ensemble. She was an assistant director in the 1996 Theatre Program One-Act Play Festival, she has performed in the 1996 major production of the Cinderella Waltz and has been a member of girls' crew.

The other NMH local student is senior **Brett MacQuarrie,** the son of **Jane** and **Chris Kyricos** of Cohasset and **Stephen MacQuarrie** of Wellesley. Brett is part of the team that has advanced to the 1997 playoffs in Springfield's television channel 22 "As Schools Match Wits," academic quiz show competition. The playoffs will be broadcast in May. Brett has been involved in a variety of activities at Northfield Mount Hermon. A student leader, he has served as co-captain of the varsity soccer team, participating in the 1996 New England Prep Schools Tournament. A member of the varsity lacrosse team, he was co-captain of the Southeast



Seahawks hockey players — Michael Hajjar, Michael Colorio, and Michael Rasmussen of Cohasset — show off their state championship trophies.

Team in the 1995 Bay State Games. Twice a member of NMH's "As Schools Match Wits" TV quiz show team, he has studied Advanced Placement economics.

We will be sure to keep track of both of these fine students, we are sure to hear more about them!

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Robin M. Lawrence, son of **Dr.** and **Mrs. Robin M. Lawrence,** received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Middlebury College after completing academic requirements at the 196-year-old Vermont liberal arts institution. He is one of 99 February grads who make up the class of 1997. We sure congratulate him, and want you to know that he skied down the mountain in a cap and gown with the other grads, and were met at the bottom of the slopes by family, friends and faculty with cheers and hearty congratulations. We extend ours also!

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Steven R. Seaman has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of sergeant. Seaman is an intelligence analyst at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii. He is the son of **Debra Seaman** of Slate Hill, N.Y. His wife, **Katharine,** is the daughter of **Rodney Gunnell** of 301 Scheliet, Belle Chasse, La., and **Mary Sheppard-Earon** of Gammons Road, Cohasset. The sergeant is a 1993 graduate of Minisink Valley High School, Slate Hill.

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Obituaries

Alberta M. Pratt

Alberta M. (Marsh) Pratt, 86, of Cohasset past noble grand of the Cohasset Rebekahs, died April 10 at home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Pratt was born in Somerville and lived in Cohasset since she was eight. She graduated from Cohasset High School in 1928.

She had been very active in the Girl Scouts for many years.

Wife of the late Nelson C. Pratt, she leaves six sons, Nelson Pratt Jr., Donald Pratt and Richard Pratt, all of Cohasset, Allan Pratt of Hingham, Elliot Pratt of Duxbury and Edward Pratt of Northampton; two daughters, Marjorie Richards and Marilyn Morrison, both of Cohasset; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held April 14 in Woodside Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to the Massachusetts Hospital School, c/o Karen Beecham, 3 Randolph St., Canton 02021.

Russell A. Smyth

Russell A. Smyth, 77, of Cohasset, a retired district sales manager for S.C. Johnson's Wax, died April 9 after a brief illness while vacationing in Florida.

Mr. Smyth was district sales manager for S.C. Johnson's Wax for 30 years.

During World War II he was a Navy ensign and pilot aboard the battleship, the USS Missouri.

An avid golfer, he was president of the Cohasset Golf Club for two terms. He was a member of the club since 1949.

Mr. Smyth was raised in Hingham and graduated from Thayer Academy in Braintree. He attended St. Lawrence University.

He lived in Cohasset for several years, then in Norwell for 24 years. He returned to Cohasset 11 years ago.

Husband of the late Elizabeth (Mit) Smyth, he leaves two daughters, Susan Smyth of Weymouth and Roxanne Stern of Riverside, R.I.; a sister, Wilma Wiggins of Pittsford, N.Y.; and his companion, Elaine Brackett of Cohasset.

Arrangements were made by the Van Orsdel Funeral Home, Coral Gables, Fla.

Donations may be made to First Parish Unitarian Church 24, River St. Norwell, 02061; or to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,44 Binney St., Boston 02115.

Community Gardeners Meet

The monthly meeting of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be held Tuesday, April 22 at Walton Rodgers Hall, St. Stephen's Church. The President's Tea will start at noon with the meeting at 1 p.m.

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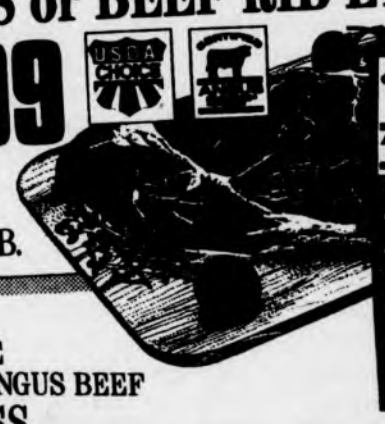
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Catch the Comet

Have you seen it yet?
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Several members of the Mariner crew gazed heavenward on a recent night in Norwell to marvel at splendid Hale-Bopp.

The twilight began with a haze, but the comet did not disappoint the crowd that filled the Council on Aging parking lot across from a snow covered centennial park.

With the help of the South Shore Astronomical Society's powerful telescopes we saw the bright blue comet, tail and all, and on that night the familiar stars were green, the constellations jealous of their cosmic competition.

"What do you see?" one Norwell dad asked his young daughter, whom he had lifted up to peer into the telescope.

"I see the comet! Its pretty!" replied the child gleefully.

She probably hadn't noticed it before, and maybe won't remember it in years to come. But it's been up there, every night this spring, hovering above the rooftops in the evening sky. And each night, as April progresses Hale-Bopp will appear lower in the sky as it heads away from us and vies with the moon for top billing in the evening sky.

The Hale-Bopp comet with its milky tail is the brightest one earthlings have seen in more than 400 years when the great comet of 1577 streaked by our solar system.

Back in those days, the appearance of comets struck fear and awe in the hearts of men and women who did not understand what on earth they could be, and where they were headed.

Today scientists and astronomers can tell us just about anything and everything you'd ever want to know about the comet du jour, including a comparison to others that have come and gone before it. For instance, scientists tell us that located outside of Jupiter's orbit, the Hale-Bopp Comet is said to be 1,000 times brighter than Halley's which came into view in 1986. The closest Hale-Bopp came to our planet on March 22, is 122 million miles — a bit more than a day trip for sure. Size wise Hale-Bopp — nucleus plus the surrounding atmosphere (known as the Coma) — is more than 100 million km in size with a tail ranging from 15 to 30 million miles long. Consisting of ices, dust and rock, Astronomers compare comets to "dirty snowballs" – as if we haven't seen enough of those recently.

But all that data can't explain away the excitement, the awe and the sheer wonder millions of us all over the planet still feel when we lift our eyes to the night skies, fix them on the comet and say "I see the comet! It's pretty!"

— Alice C. Coyle

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate Mariner, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government Structure Process Clarified

To the Editor:

As a member of the Cohasset Government Structure Committee ("GSC"), I read with dismay the article "Town Manager Process Unwelcome to Some Selectmen." A short review of the "process" is in order.

Many months ago, in the form of a letter from former Town Administrator Gregory Doyon, the Board of Selectmen requested that the GSC research and study options and the advisability of adopting a town manager form of government. The letter ended by requesting that the GSC make a recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting. Appended to the letter for the GSC's review were various town charters employing a town manager form of government. The GSC took this request very seriously. Over the following months, it reviewed the Selectmen's material, collected additional relevant town charters, and interviewed citizens from towns with such a form of government.

This spring, Mr. Tom Gruber, aware of the GSC's research project, presented a draft Citizen's Petition for a Town Manager to the GSC for review and feedback. Over several weeks the GSC shared its research with the citizen's group and worked with the group to assist them in crafting a town manager role that would prove effective and be customized to fit within the existing structure of our town. The meetings and meeting minutes were open to the public and available to the Board of Selectmen. The finished product, to be put before the citizens at the Annual Town Meeting, was enthusiastically supported by both the citizen's group and the GSC.

A few weeks before the Annual Town Meeting, the GSC went before the Advisory Board and the Board of Selectmen to acknowledge its support for the citizen's article and to elicit substantive feedback. Disappointingly, neither board offered any, simply voting not to support the article. The citizen's article was then reviewed by Town Counsel and his recommendations were incorporated into the final draft.

A few days before the Annual Town Meeting, a number of GSC members were called by certain selectmen who asked that we change from supporting the citizen's article to supporting a postponement of the issue for further study. However, once again, when asked, these selectmen could offer no substantive changes or suggestions that would warrant the GSC's recommending the delay of an article that had already received months of thoughtful consideration. Understandingly, the GSC remained enthusiastic about supporting the article and felt that the citizenry deserved a right to hear all sides on the issue and to vote at the Annual Town Meeting. (Interestingly, at the annual town meeting, a majority of the selectmen finally articulated their choice — creating a "strong" town administrator position versus a town manager. Notably, over all of these months, no such proposed job position was ever put before the GSC — a proposal it certainly would have thoughtfully reviewed, notwithstanding its support for a town manager).

In short, for some of the Selectmen to suggest that the above process was somehow a "game," and that the GSC did not retract its support for the Citizen's Article when requested to do so because it had a "need to win," is simply offensive. As a first-time member of a town committee, I was impressed by the efforts of all concerned who worked tirelessly to present this progressive choice of government structure to the voters. Their enthusiasm and time spent should be commended. As a citizen, I am concerned that a majority of the Board of Selectmen, who will hire, direct and supervise the Town Manager, view such responsibility as an "unwelcome task." Better that those involved channel such passions in the direction of ensuring the success of this position. The citizens of this town deserve as much.

Ann P. Swanborg
48 Nichols Rd.

Question of the Week

The following candidates responded to the Question of the Week:

• For all candidates:

Some of public officials are guilty of arrogance in their dealings with citizens. Fact or fiction? If it's a myth, what would you do to dispel it? If it's true, what would you do to change it?

SELECTMAN/Diane C. Sullivan

It is no myth that some elected officials and an occasional member of some appointed board forget why they sit on their board and who put them there and why they are there. Fortunately we are speaking of a minority. Cohasset is most fortunate to have the volunteers we do and who acquit themselves in the highest and best manner, but a very few abuse the function of their committee and let it go straight to a "fat" head.

Our family came to Cohasset from Hingham 20 years ago. I had been active in some issues in Hingham and always felt Hingham is a well run town. When we came to Cohasset, however, we felt as if we had come straight to heaven. One of our sons was born in Cohasset (yes, we have a "townie" in the family). My evenings were pretty much free and I started attending meetings of just about every board in town. I did this both before being elected to the board of selectmen in 1985 as well as after being elected to the board of selectmen.

Often what I saw as a sat in the audience of these meetings horrified me. It seemed to me that some board members were obstructionists. I felt then as I do now that the role of our town boards is to be facilitators. Boards should be helping residents through permits, applications, license procedures and requests for help with equanimity and in a helpful manner. Often that was not the case. No matter what the applicant seeks he must be treated cordially and with respect. No one respects a demagogue.

SELECTMAN/Wigmore Pierson

"Webster's New Encyclopedic Dictionary, 1993" defines arrogance as "a sense of one's own superiority that shows itself in an offensively proud manner." Can there be any doubt that several public officials, both elected and appointed, on several town boards have on several occasions displayed symptoms of this self-serving and offensive behavior?

A cornerstone of my candidacy for the board of selectmen is to bring common sense and a willingness to listen respectfully to all citizens both at board meetings and in private conversations. Common decency and simple humanity demand no less.

Sadly, civility has gone out of our public discourse led by the arrogance of several public officials. Some of our most distinguished and dedicated fellow townsmen have been publicly abused and berated because of their views. For the sake of our town this behavior should stop.

Disagreement on public policy is one thing and a vigorous public debate in the arena of ideas has always been healthy in our democracy. But when certain individuals or groups of individuals come to believe that their views are the only valid ones and that the rest of the population is either stupid or misguided, then it's time for a change of leadership.

If you honor me by electing me as selectman, I pledge to listen to all the people and to serve to the best of my ability.

And if elected, I ask one thing of you, my fellow citizens: If you see any sign that I am becoming arrogant, disrespectful or too impressed with myself, please call me on it at once.

SELECTMAN/Alex Koines

We are all human and often become emotional over issues we believe in but uncalled for arrogance displayed by some of our officials boils down to bad manners. The most recent example centered around the town manager issue and was directed at the government structure committee and our much loved and respected state representative, a woman who nobly served her country in World War II and then dedicated her life to her family, town and district as our state representative. The comment was unfortunate. Members of the school committee have also been criticized for having a "we're right and you're wrong" attitude. It seemed that they would stop at nothing to build the new primary school. It was a mad rush that resulted in an environmentally sensitive location, questionable design and materials, and projected over runs exceeding $1 million.

I look at our town officials and see dedicated people but I do not often see the different opinions or beliefs which we need in order to extract and enact the best ideas. It is not uncivil to have a differing opinion. The answer to the problem is in the hands of every citizen of our town. We all need to become involved. Join a citizens group and put on the pressure, write letters to the editor, help a candidate or run for office yourself. It's your government and it's your money. Town manager is a great start but we also need competence, efficiency, and clear practical thinking, not egos and arrogance.

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

Arrogance is the wrong word — incivility, though, is fact. Whether attributable to stress, Hale-Bopp or whatever, we, officials and citizens alike, are all guilty of it from time to time. Indeed, I am more alarmed at the open hostility and incivility shown some boards and officials in the past two years rather than the reverse. We all need to stop and think about it.

The answer is better communication. As an attorney and mediator, I've learned that the key is to find a win-win situation for both sides. I know from experience this isn't easy to do all the time, but I try. On the ConCom, we usually find a way to work out differences. The school site was a perfect example of our turning strong divisions into a win-win compromise. The divided camps that arose over recent issues seem to all result from poor or non-existent communication. As a selectman, I would advocate that all major proposals, programs or changes be fully aired through public meetings and media. Both officials and citizen groups should be willing to fully air all proposals and viewpoints even if they do not agree with the other side. Our major debates must be conducted with sufficient time, depth and information to make informed choices, not by Machievellian town meeting maneuvering. Usually the light of day takes care of a position's merits or lack thereof, and if we simply take the time to debate and find the win-win result, incivility, arrogance and disrespect would disappear.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Susan Turgiss

We are all aware of some instances of arrogance by our public officials at national, state and local levels. I believe that most people come to public service with hopes of contributing to and energizing their town government. They are committed to issues and concerns. Accordingly, frustration is to be expected and limits will be tested. We are often unaware of the commitment of hours beyond professional and personal life that volunteer positions demand.

It is important for public officials to remember that they represent a cross-section of people who have different perspectives about government and life. Citizens expect their public officials to be accessible, and to listen to their concerns.

Realistically, I cannot be responsible for the actions and manner of all public officials. By my conduct, I can set an example of respect and tolerance. As a school committee member, I would present myself in a clear, concise manner and listen carefully to others. My questions would be relevant with the purpose of increasing understanding and checking for accuracy. I would work towards resolving conflict in a positive and productive manner without allowing issues to become a personal power struggle. I believe in an open climate for discussion and decision-making. My strong communication skills would play an important role in this area.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Joe McElroy

Yes, a small minority of our public officials are guilty of arrogance in their dealings with citizens.

To correct the situation, we must encourage broader participation in all aspects of town governance. Voter apathy has translated into the election of too many marginally qualified candidates. At the local level, elected and appointed officials are essentially "volunteers" and we must balance our respect for their commitment with a reasonable expectation of accountability and fairness to all.

The public must display interest in the broad cross section of issues confronting Cohasset if we are to elect officials who respect thoughtful differences of viewpoint.

Too often, elements of the electorate become transfixed by "one issue" candidates. Because of insufficient enthusiasm for public service, "one issue" candidates are sometimes elected and they display zero tolerance for other opinions.

If elected, I will bring a broad perspective and crucial skill sets to the Cohasset School Committee which has become too homogenized. Recently, a small minority has dominated too many aspects of school policy. Successors are carefully selected to fit the accepted mold. Disagreement is not tolerated and some parents feel intimidated. This perception is confirmed by the many citizens advocating for secret ballots. They fear that they will be the subject of subtle (or not so subtle) reprisals.

We are a beautiful town of 7,500 people who will flourish if we respect differences of opinion and the democratic process.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Kathy Ofsthun

I'm sure there are instances where townspeople perceive a public official as arrogant. They feel not listened to or brushed aside. And while I cannot speak for any town official, I can imagine that their arrogance or abruptness is born of frustration. Frustration because they re-visit the same issues (the train, the new school, the sewers) and because they are given responsibility but not always trust.

We could reduce the repetitive discussions/votes by establishing a more definitive process for decision making, e.g. how many non-binding votes should be taken and whether this should occur at the polls or at town meeting. Specifically as related to the school committee, I think that expanded communications with the town would strengthen relationships. School committee meetings could begin with ten minutes for public questions, much like the selectmen's meetings. A mid-year financial report on spending versus the budget may increase knowledge of the budget process and awareness of necessary changes.

This year as president of the PSO, I have tried to be accessible and responsive, and those are goals I would pursue if elected to the school committee. I would contribute energetically to the expansion of the communication efforts begun this year, and would use my financial expertise as a CPA to clearly inform residents about spending and needs.

WATER COMMISSION/John McNabb

Most elected and appointed town officials are hard-working, responsive to citizens, and perform thousands of hours of valuable service to the town of Cohasset. Working for the town is often a thankless task, and one should not idly criticize officials. However, it is unfortunately true that some public officials have shown arrogance in their dealings with citizens.

Such behavior has manifested itself in some cases by town boards improperly conducting public business in private, by individual citizens or groups of citizens being prohibited from speaking before a town board at an open meeting, or being otherwise treated discourteously. Also, sometimes town officials have neglected to respond in a timely manner (or at all) to legitimate complaints from one or more citizen about problems with a town service or department.

Solutions are relatively easy to suggest, but hard to enforce. One way to deal with this would be to establish a written procedure to require all town boards and officials to respond in a reasonable period of time to all complaints or questions from taxpayers or ratepayers. This is especially important in the areas of essential services, such as water or sewer, where all complaints about service should be promptly dealt with.

Town business should always be conducted in the open, except in limited circumstances when an executive session is authorized under the state Open Meeting Law. Town officials should always be courteous and responsive to all citizens and should never forget that they are public servants, not masters.

Next Week's Question:

• For Selectman Candidates:

Some citizens are easily intimidated and are uneasy about voicing their concerns. Do you think selectmen encourage enough public input at their meetings? What would you do to make the board more accessible?

• For School Committee Candidates:

After the divisive debate over the new school last year, do you think the school committee can play a role in healing old wounds and reaching out to those most polarized by the issue?

• For Water Commission Candidates:

If elected, what will you do to prepare users for the water flushing program which will clean out the old pipes but may wreak havoc on household laundry and the like?

Responses must be no more than 250 words and be submitted by noon Monday. Responses my be FAXed to 617-741-2931. The Question of the Week is a service provided to candidates in contested races by the Cohasset Mariner, whether or not those candidates choose to participate is entirely up to them.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Meet With Alex Koines

Alex Koines, candidate for selectman, will be present for an informal gathering to be hosted at the home of Tom and Florence Jerome, 268 Beechwood St., Sunday, April 20, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For reservations or information, please call the Jeromes at 383-2139.

Another reception will be held at the home of Will and Marjorie Smith, 400 Atlantic Ave., 383-2387.

Alex welcomes these opportunities to have an interchange of ideas, discuss issues, and listen to the concerns of Cohasset taxpayers.

Coffees for Callahan

Tom Callahan, candidate for selectman in Cohasset, announces the following additional coffees:

April 20, 4 p.m. at the home of Jack and June Hubbard, 144 Beach Street.

April 27, 4 p.m. at the home of Steve and Kellie Gaumer, 208 Fairoaks Lane.

For information about any of these events, please call Tom Callahan at 383-1081.

Coffees for McElroy

Joe McElroy, candidate for the Cohasset School Committee, will be present at a series of coffees to answer questions, listen to concerns and accept suggestions:

Sunday, April 20, 2 to 4 p.m. at Carl and Martha Hurtig's, 58 Gammons Road. Coordinator is Barbara Dillon, 383-0025.

Sunday, April 27, 2 to 4 p.m. at Merle and Joan Brown's, 546 Beechwood Street. Coordinator is Pat Buckley, 383-0304.

Interested citizens are requested to call listed coordinators if they would like to meet the candidate.

April 22 Coffee For McNabb

A coffee has been scheduled April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Russ and Jean Lennon, 20 Tad Lane, for interested voters to meet John McNabb Jr., candidate for Water Commissioner.

Interested citizens may call the campaign at 383-6202 if they have any questions, and are encouraged to attend. All are invited.

Beechwood Coffee For Ofsthun

On Thursday, April 17, there will be a coffee at the home of Janet Costa, 473 Beechwood to meet Kathy Ofsthun, candidate for school committee. The time of the coffee is 12:30 to 2 p.m. Call 383-1199 for details.

Sullivan Open House

An open house to meet and talk with selectman candidate Diane C. Sullivan will be held Sunday, April 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mrs. John O'Toole, 55 Linden Drive. Mrs. O'Toole and Mrs. Mary Hartwell will be co-hostesses of this event. Anyone who may wish to attend, please call either hostess at 383-6188 or 383-6676.

Coffee for Susan Turgiss

A coffee will be held for Susan Turgiss, candidate for school committee, at the home of Weezie Welz, 12 Windsor Road, Thursday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m.

RSVP to Weezie Welz at 383-9192 or Marie Kelly at 383-1924.

SAFE Candidates Forum

Thursday, April 17, SAFE will host a candidates forum to discuss environmental issues facing Cohasset. SAFE invites all interested citizens to meet candidates for the offices of selectmen, board of health, planning board and water commission, and listen to their views on these important issues. The forum, which will be held in Trueblood Hall at the Unitarian Parish House, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Candidates Night

Meet the candidates running for local office Tuesday, April 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church. Hear each candidate debate the issues which effect your business and community. Take advantage of this opportunity to ask the questions which impact you and your business.

The following candidates will debate:

Selectmen — Thomas J. Callahan, chamber member; Alexander C. Koines, Wigmore A. Pierson, chamber member; Diane C. Sullivan.

School Committee — Joseph R. McElroy, Hugh Joseph Morgan, Kathleen A. Ofsthun, Susan M. Turgiss.

Water Commissioner — John K. McNabb Jr., John C. Pereira.

Many of us have our businesses in Cohasset, yet we may call our home the community in which we live with our families. Many of us agree that we tend to spend much of our time in our "work" home, Cohasset. Cohasset, then is really our home away from home where our livelihoods are based. Therefore, the decisions of Cohasset elected officials not only impact the residents but they also impact us, the business community. Whether the question is on the tax classification rate; a zoning bylaw; water and sewer restrictions; sign bylaw, parking meters, or even the location of a commuter rail station, all such questions impact the business community and our livelihoods.

Your voice is important and needs to be heard concerning local business issues which are managed and influenced by local elected office holders. Join us on candidates night to question the candidates on your second home, where our livelihood lives.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Solid Work Was Trivialized

To the Editor:

Of course Mary Jeanette Murray had the right and one might argue, obligation to speak to the issue before town meeting. As our state representative, her insights and perspective as to what it will take to make our local government responsive to challenges of complex contemporary issues and fiscal pressures, are invaluable. What troubles me is that in all the silly post meeting "she shoulda-she shouldn't-a's", somehow the solid work and informed presentation by Lillian Murray Curley and the Government Structure Committee has been trivialized.

Make no mistake, Lillian Murray doesn't need anyone's coat-tails to "win" a vote. Her articulate, factual and carefully reasoned presentation reflected the lengthy period of study and unemotional research and review invested in the matter by the Government Structure's Committee. Speaking as one who went to town meeting undecided on the town manager model, I was persuaded by factual information I gained from Ms. Curley's summary of the committee's work, and her unemotional and direct responses to questions raised in the course of debate.

Let's be fair. Lillian Curley, as are all those on our hardworking boards and committees, is a volunteer. She deserves our thanks and respect. And personally, whether Lillian Curley is the daughter of Mary Jeanette Murray, Hillary Clinton, or Bella Abzug won't make a dime's worth of difference in our tax bills. A skilled town manager just might.

Ellen J. Marlette
31 Rustic Drive

P.S. In the interest of full disclosure to the "nepotism police" in' our midst, I am the town moderator's mother!

Time to Consider Light Rail

To the Editor:

Now that "mitigation committees" meet in South Shore towns, along with a potential lawsuit to demand Hingham's tunnel, the time has come for a reconsideration of a light rail line to Greenbush, over the Old Colony track bed. This is the ultimate "mitigation:" no locomotive noise or vibration, no pollution, minimum disturbance of wetlands and historic sites, no Hingham tunnel, in-village stops, and easily achieved safety.

Greenbush light rail would terminate at Quincy Adams station on the Red Line, near where the Old Colony used to branch west to Hingham. Greenbush would thus resemble the Riverside Line, which also carries commuters through Newton, Chestnut Hill and Brookline on an old heavy rail track bed. The MBTA's present plans for parking lots need not be modified.

Rapid-transit interurban light rail cars would minimize fares, maximize use, and provide low-cost scheduling flexibility. Street-crossings are no problem, and safety can be maximized with automatic traffic signals and without objectionable warning horns.

I am fully aware that to switch from heavy rail to light rail at this point in time requires a very high-level decision. There are, I recognize, clear disadvantages to light rail, some of which were published by the MBTA, resulting in its earlier rejection. But the rejected system (to Braintree and then to Boston on the Red Line tracks) is not the one proposed here, which would place an Ashmont-type transfer station at Quincy Adams. In my attendance at the heated discussions of heavy-rail mitigations in the Citizens' Advisory Committee in Cohasset, I have found people also ready to discuss, at least informally, a light rail alternative. In particular, I was asked to report the list of objections to light rail in the MBTA literature I had with me. The objections were regarded, in the main, as solvable problems, considering especially the near-unsolvability of the heavy-rail problems discussed.

While the choice of light rail would be in line with MBTA construction and operating experience, it would also be forward-looking and state-of-the-art. For example, low-noise wheels could be used, as in systems in Montreal and Washington D.C. Recent re-establishment of light rail in Baltimore and its proposed use in Orlando point the way to the future in urban-suburban transit.

My advocacy of light rail is based on my concerns, as a resident of the South Shore, for the need for a commuting facility and at the same time the preservation of rural character. My professional experience (in systems engineering) suggests that the choice of light rail over heavy rail for Greenbush is primarily a matter of scale; heavy rail is overkill in this particular application.

John Hovorka, Sc.D. (M.I.T. '61)
38 Lantern Lane

Bravo! For Teen Center Support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Cohasset Teen Center Board of Directors and the teens, I would like to extend a very sincere "thank you" to the Cohasset Drama Club and all the very talented students and adults who participated in the outstanding benefit production of "The Wizard of Oz" held on April 8 at Scituate High School.

This was a wonderfully successful fund-raiser for the teen center. We wish to thank all our supporters and extend a special thanks to Mrs. Collins' second grade students and families who came to show support for the teen center and to cheer for a classmate in the play. "Bravo!"

Betsy Connolly
Board of Directors
Cohasset Teen Center

Thanks for Fine Article

To the Editor:

The "Special to the Mariner" article by Mary Earon about me was very well done. Thank you so much.

So many people complimented me on the write-up and admitted their lack of knowledge on the issue until they read the interview.

Please tell Alan Chapman that I also appreciate his fine photographic work.

It was such a pleasure to meet Mary Earon and I am looking forward to reading other special features she has in the Cohasset Mariner.

Maria Plante
Jerusalem Rd.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Standpipe Decision Should Be Changed

To the Editor:

Cohasset is fortunate to have an abundant supply of surface water with the interconnection of Lily Pond and the Aaron River reservoir, a modern treatment plant capable of meeting the demands of the town well into the next century, and secondary back up ground water source of supply in the James Brook watershed. However this source of excellent quality water was abandoned due to neglect several years ago, leaving the system with only one source of supply.

If a major mechanical breakdown should occur at the treatment plant, pollution or contamination of Lily Pond and/or the Aaron River reservoir, or any other interruption of the supply, with no back up supply to put on line, the storage tank could be depleted within hours.

Now it has been recommended to the commissioners that a second storage tank should be constructed at the same location as the existing tank and connected to some of the oldest mains in the system.

Let us now apply the same type scenarios to the storage facility as we did with the supply. The plant alone could not meet the fire flows and the domestic demand in all sections of town under these conditions.

First and foremost, the second storage tank must be constructed now, at a different location and connected with new direct main lines to the distribution system. Sufficient funds to accomplish this have been approved at the recent town meeting. Water main replacement, without question, is essential. However adequate storage and back up supply must be given higher priority.

Call your water commissioners and attend their meetings. Convince them the second storage tank must be in a separate location, remind them of the need for a secondary ground water supply. The James Brook watershed has been a source of excellent water since 1886.

Many of you must be wondering, who is the writer of this letter. I was born and raised in Cohasset and made it my home for more than 50 years. I served with the U.S. army amphibian engineers during World War II. A licensed master plumber, I have worked in Cohasset and surrounding towns for many years. Spent over 20 years with the Cohasset Water Department, 14 years as superintendent, and superintendent of the newly formed sewer department simultaneously. After moving from Cohasset, I held the position of water resource technician with the Southwest Florida Water Management District. I am now active in sales and bookkeeping for a small manufacturing company. I spend a part of every year in Cohasset with family and friends.

I have no ax to grind, nor would I benefit financially or politically from anything pertaining to these projects.

My heartfelt concern is that the Cohasset water system becomes the system that was the vision of so many hardworking dedicated people with whom I worked when the improvement project began with the construction of the Aaron River dam, reservoir and treatment plant several years ago.

You, the citizens of Cohasset deserve nothing less.

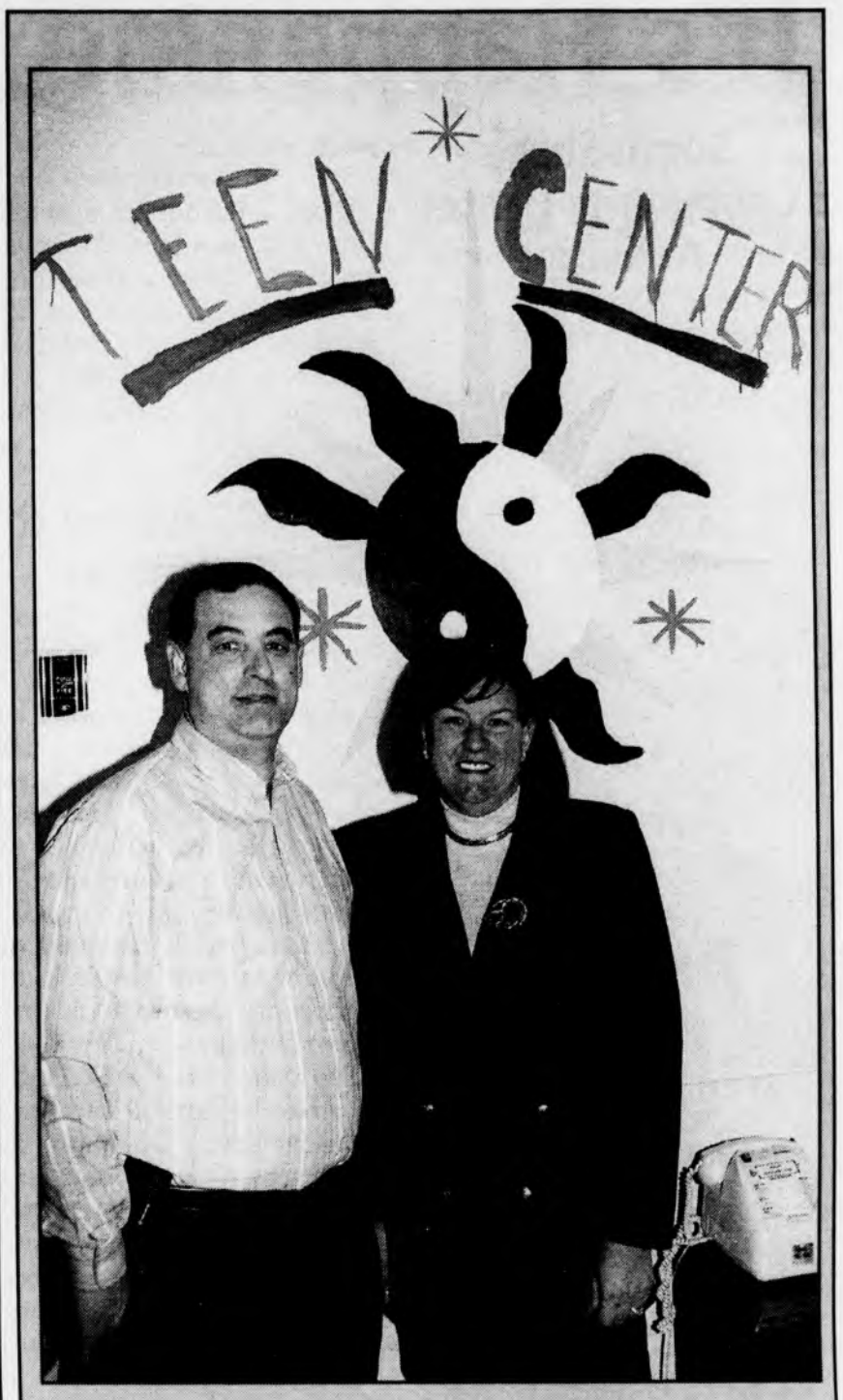
Edwin H. Pratt
Springhill, Florida

Thanks for Lobster Lab Support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the generations of students who will now have the opportunity to develop and pursue their scientific interests at the Learning Laboratory for Marine Biology & Genetic Research, we wish to sincerely thank all of our supporters who provided such a clear mandate for the project at town meeting. We are especially grateful to those members of town boards and committees who stood up and spoke in favor of the lab, despite the concerns and opposition of a vocal minority. We now look forward to moving ahead with fund raising and building renovations, and hope that everyone will unite behind this unique project and assist in bringing the lab to life.

Kevin M. Ulmer, Scientific Director
R. Murray Campbell, President



Mike Peraino and Betsy Connolly are on the board of directors of the Cohasset Teen Center which celebrated with an open house on Sunday.

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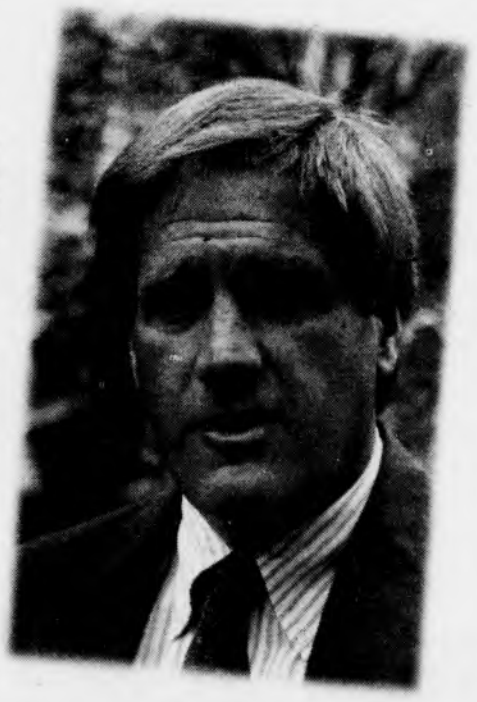
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It's Happening

South Shore Community Center Activities

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PUPPET SHOWS

Puppet shows with Pat Boylan, the first Friday of each month, at 10:30 a.m. The cost is $2.50 per person at the door. May 2: "Little Red Riding Hood." June 6: "Princess and the Pea."

APRIL VACATION AND KID STUFF

April Vacation Camp For Ages 4-5-6

With Mary Brennock and Mary McElroy, April 22, 23, 24 and 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is $80 (limited to 10 students). Each day children will have a 45-minute computer class, make a craft, cook, bowl and play games. Bring lunch and snack.

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$63,825 Raised to Fight Cancer

The American Cancer Society has reached its $1.1 million goal for the 1997 Daffodil Days campaign. The Society's South Shore Unit, which includes Cohasset, raised $63,825 for American Cancer Society programs of cancer research, prevention, patient support, and education. More than 44,000 bouquets of daffodils were sold for $5 each, to make up the record-setting statewide total.

Proceeds from Daffodil Days have contributed to programs including $26 million in American Cancer Society research in Massachusetts, patient and family support networks, free goods and services for cancer patient, skin care screening, tobacco control and smoking cessation education, a toll-free information line that receives nearly 20,000 calls a year, and mammography outreach and education.

For information about cancer prevention and detection, and referrals to local support services for cancer patients, call the American Cancer Society toll-free at 1-800-ACS-2345.



Carol Baroudi

Internet Author to Speak

What do families at the Boston Computer Museum, rocket scientists in Washington, D.C., faculty at McGill University in Montreal, and Cohasset residents all have in common? All have the chance to hear Carol Baroudi, co-author of the million-plus seller "The Internet for Dummies." Baroudi has guaranteed us a "hot time" on May 8 when she comes to Cohasset High School at 7:30 p.m. and presents an engaging, funny, thoughtful look at how new technology affects us and what we can do to get the most out of it.

Baroudi has spoken to audiences throughout America and in Europe and Canada. She was recently featured in The Interview in "The Boston Globe" magazine. Her book has been translated into 14 languages. She has been lauded for her ability to explain, both in print and verbally, the global Information Revolution and its boundless opportunities in a manner that is both understandable and entertaining.

Recently Cohasset residents have been asked to support a town web site and they will be asked at an upcoming town meeting to provide financial support for technology improvements for the town. Baroudi's presentation will be a good resource to help voters make an informed decision.

Mark your calendars. Save the date. Join us for this special evening, Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., in the Cohasset High School cafeteria. Sponsored by the Cohasset PSO.

Spring Benefit For Nursery School

Usher in the warm breezes of May with an evening out to benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. The sounds of the Grateful Dads will fill the Bancroft Hall at the Lightkeeper's House from 8 to 11 p.m. as the Parents' Board presents its first-ever spring fundraiser May 2. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the school's programs and scholarship fund. Tickets are $50 per couple and may be purchased by calling Janyce Brown at 383-9828 or Ann Stenbeck at 383-2753.

Bible Study Meets

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Birth Order Is Topic

The Social Service League of Cohasset will present 'Birth Order: How Your Place in the Family Affects Your View of the World' by Jack Agati, Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m. This informative program will take place at the Lightkeepers Residence, 96 Border St., Cohasset Harbor for $5 per person. Pre-registration is required.

Look at the many characteristics associated with the various positions in the family. Participants will gain a better understanding of their children's behaviors and learn how to avoid potential conflict.

The workshop will help participants to identify many characteristics associated with the oldest, only, next to oldest, middle and youngest in the family, and understand how family position affects interactions between parents and children, teachers and students, spouse and spouse, manager and employee.

Agati has worked in public education for more than 15 years as a teacher, counselor, and director of special education. For the past 12 years he has worked full time as a presenter in the area of child development and home/classroom management strategies.

Food Pantry Hours

Starting Tuesday, May 13, the Cohasset Food Pantry will no longer be open during the evening. Beginning with Tuesday, May 13, the food pantry's expanded morning hours will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

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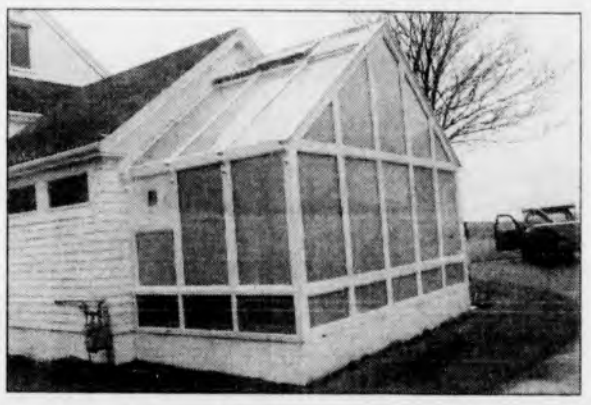
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The Destruction of Minot's Light

By David Ball
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

One of the most disastrous storms to ever strike this coastline occurred 146 years ago this month. That storm and the recent April Fool's Blizzard of 1997 should be good reminders that major storms do take place during this month. While our recent snowstorm dumped close to 2 feet of snow and caused widespread power outages, the other storm, nearly 1-1/2 centuries ago, was far more destructive. Like many calamitous storms, it became known ever after as the Minot's Light Gale, since the storm toppled the first Minot's Light. It was not until the Great Blizzard of 1978 that a storm would produce a higher tide along the Massachusetts coast.

The story of the destruction of the first light starts with the construction design of the light. When it was determined a light was needed off the coast of North Scituate, engineers at the time decided the most economical and safest design would be a tower on iron legs. The theory was that waves would pass harmlessly through the supports. Work began in 1847 and the 80-foot tower was officially placed in operation Jan. 1, 1850.

The legs of the tower extended 40 feet above the ledge. The first platform was open to the weather and used as a boat deck. Fifteen feet above that was the store room where all the supplies were kept. Directly above the storeroom was the living quarters. It was in the shape of an octagon



and 10 feet in diameter. The lamp room was about seven feet high and fitted with the best lamp available at the time. The upper structure weighed nearly 30 tons.

Almost immediately, the keepers noticed the structure vibrated during storms. They only had to look at the design to know why. The vertical leg supports were placed too close together and the keeper's quarters made the light top heavy.

Mr. Gordon visited the light

"The lighthouse won't stand over tonight—she shakes two feet each way now."
—JW & JA Minot Ledge Lightkeepers

Dec. 28, 1850. Gordon later said of his conversation with Keeper John Bennett, "I was cooly told that it was very doubtful if it stood through the winter, as one of the supports had split the rock, and when a sea struck the house, it shook so as to take a man off his feet, and only a week before, one of the assistants was thrown from his berth by the shock of the sea, and a barrel of water was emptied of two-thirds of its contents by the oscillation."

Another storm struck Sunday, March 22, 1851. For four days the keepers struggled to keep the light burning. Because of the constant swaying of the tower they found it



nearly impossible to eat or sleep. "The Odd Fellow" newspaper published the following after that storm:

"The Government can easily provide additional security to this now frail structure; and if it is desirable, to have a light on Minot's Ledge, it is of vital importance, not only to the mariner, but to those who have the bravery and courage to live in and keep it, that immediate steps be taken to afford protection to both."

Three weeks later the horror of living on the light played out once more. John Bennett, the head keeper, had gone to Boston to purchase a new boat for the light. The assistants, Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine, were at the light to carry out the duties. April 16 a storm of unprecedented strength hit the coast. Throughout the day the tower was pummeled by the high seas. Somehow the keepers managed to keep the light burning until shortly before high tide at midnight. By then Wilson and Antoine knew they were doomed. Somehow one of them, probably Wilson, managed to write a short note, stuff it in a bottle and throw it into the ocean. Then a wave higher than all the others smashed into the tower and knocking it over into the sea. Wilson managed to swim ashore, but he later died from exposure. This is known because his body was found well above the reach of the surf. Antoine's body was also recovered a short time later. An excellent account of this storm is found in Historic Storms of New England by Sidney Perley published in 1891. A copy of the actual note will be on display at the new maritime and Irish Mossing museum.

"The lighthouse won't stand over to night — she shakes two feet each way now." JW & JA

David Ball is president of the Scituate Historical Society.

IT'S HAPPENING

Lighthouse Bus Tour

The Friends of Flying Santa and the Hull Lifesaving Museum presents its second annual Lighthouse Bus Tour, Sunday, May 18. We will tour six lighthouses located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Cape Ann, Massachusetts. There will be guided tours by the keepers at each light. The lights are the Portsmouth Harbor light, Plum Island light, two Newburyport Range lights, Annasquam light and the Eastern Point light in Gloucester. There will be two speakers on the luxury tour bus. We will leave at 7:30 a.m. from the Hull High School parking lot. Tickets are $30 per person.

Call George Morgan at 925-0783 for tickets and information.

Be an Island Volunteer

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are sponsoring three open houses to recruit volunteers for the 1997 season on the islands. If you enjoy the outdoors and are concerned for the environment come and find out more about these unique volunteer opportunities. There will be a special slide show (half hour after start time), refreshments, and experienced volunteers to answer all your questions.

Dates, times, and places are as follows:

Sunday, April 20, Friends office, 349 Lincoln St., Bldg. 45, Hingham Ship Yard, 2 to 4 p.m.; Sunday, April 27, cruise around Boston Harbor, Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf. Boat leaves at 2 p.m. and returns at 4 p.m. Handicap accessible; Tuesday, May 6, Beacon House, 19 Myrtle at Joy Street, Beacon Hill, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Handicap accessible.

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The Lion (Jessica McDonald) sings 'If I Were King of the Forest.'



The Wizard of Oz (Roland St. Clair Barrie) grants Dorothy's wish.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

LIBRARY CORNER

Library Computer Network Upgrade

The computer system of the Old Colony Library Network will be unavailable for use April 19 to 27, while a new system is installed and the 2.5 million item database is converted to the new system.

The system upgrade is funded by a federal Library Services and Construction Act grant of $230,000, administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The upgrade is necessary in order to provide 90 added terminals, for a total of 464 terminals. Brockton recently joined the Network, which serves 25 cities and towns from Quincy to Plymouth, Cohasset to Walpole.

Services will continue. Staff will help customers locate books and information even though the on-line catalog will be unavailable. Customers should bring their OCLN cards to any member library so staff can record the barcode number. The Paul Pratt library will ask customers to limit their checkouts to five items in order to ease the temporary manual procedure. Overdue charges will be waived through April 30.

The system upgrade will also enable graphical display of the on-line union catalog and of remote databases including the Massachusetts Library and Information Network (www.mlin.lib.ma.us/) and Internet.

During the downtime, on-line hold-requests and interlibrary loans will not be possible. Staff will take written requests and fill them when the system is restored.



Nancy Knight processes new books at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Derby Academy Spring Fair

The Derby Academy Spring Fair will be held Saturday, May 10, from noon to 4 p.m. at the school on Burditt Avenue in Hingham, rain or shine.

Celebrate spring with the entire family. The fair will include past favorites such as pony rides, moonwalk, high striker, face painting, cookie decorating, games and prizes.

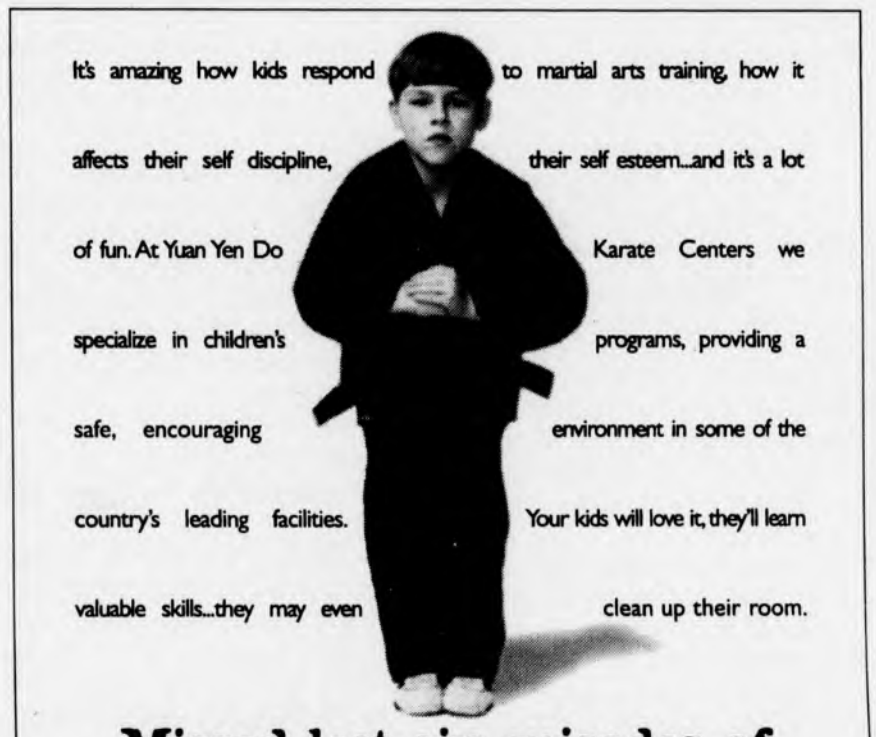
Start an afternoon at the fair with lunch at the Fast Food Grille or at Derby's own Gourmet Galley which features many delicious selections. Music will be provided throughout the afternoon by a DJ.

Join Hingham author and 'Arthur' TV series creator Marc Brown. He will autograph copies of his latest book, "Arthur Writes A Story" and bring along a real life 'Arthur' and other surprises.

Items for sale include plants for Mother's Day, gently used books, toys, treasures at the white elephant table and scrumptious home baked goods.

Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 749-0746.









School Notebook

DRUG FACT

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Deer Hill Band Sponsors

The Deer Hill Music Parent's Association would like to announce the 1996-97 Deer Hill school band sponsors. The following businesses and organizations have donated money towards the purchase of 90 matching T-shirts to be worn by this years fifth- and sixth-grade band in the baseball and Memorial Day parades.

American Legion Post #118, Bank of Boston, C & C Galleries of Norwell, Cohasset Permanent Firefighters Local 2804, Cohasset Police Association, Inc., Goodwin Graphics, Inc., Papa Gino's Restaurant and Victoria's Pizza.

If your business or organization would like to become a Deer Hill band sponsor in the future, pleasc call Jane Henderson at 383-6535 or contact Steve Biagini at the Deer Hill School.

Established in 1994, the Deer Hill Music Parents' Association has a membership of more than 100 members and provides support to the band and chorus directors and programs of the Deer Hill School.

Sarah Derby's Birthday

Derby Academy faculty and students will observe the birthday of the school's founder, Sarah Hersey Derby, Friday, April 18, by placing flowers on her gravestone at Hingham Cemetery. Middle and Upper School student council members will accompany headmaster Ed Foley to the cemetery for the brief ceremony which will take place from approximately 8:40 to 9 a.m.

Derby Academy was founded in 1784 through the will of Sarah Derby.

Awards for Eighth Graders

March 13 the Class of 2001 held an awards assembly. Several students were awarded certificates for their high academic grades and their improvement in each subject.

After the awards the PSO gave the students a reception and the students were treated to wonderful desserts and punch. The students were excited by the awards and appreciative of the wonderful snacks provided by Mrs. Ulmer and her committee.

The following is a list of the awards:

English Awards — Mrs. Wood

Highest Average

Period 1 — Sarah Pease, Alicia Laas.
Period 3 — Susan Dane.
Period 4 — Kelly Lordan.
Period 5 — Evan McCaffrey.

Cultural Geography — Mr. Newkirk

Period 1 — Lauren Smith.
Period 3 — Devon Coleman.
Period 4 — Sarah Pease.
Period 5 — Liz Ingber.

Mathematics — Mrs. Devin

Period 1 — John Hertig
Period 3 — Alicia Laas, Clara Sceery.
Period 4 — Craig Sheerin.
Period 5 — Daniel Morse.
Period 8 — Lauren Smith.

Most Improved

Period 1 — Benjamin Bixby; Period 3 — Andrei Skorupa;Period 4 — Brayton Pearsall; and Period 5 — Megan Cox.

Cultural Geography — Mr. Newkirk

Period 1 — Matthew Pescatore, Jeffrey Scribner;
Period 3 — Keri Anderson;
Period 4 — Heath Heinz; and
Period 5 — Gregory Figueiredo.

Mathematics — Mrs. Devin

Period 1 — Heath Heinz;
period 3 — Taylor Strecker;
Period 4 — Kristen Moore;
Period 5 — Betsy Anderson; and Period 8 — Amanda Cowing.

Highest Average

Earth Science — Mr. Jones

Period 1 — Brooke Baker
Period 3 — Kelly Lordan.
Period 4 — Devon Coleman.
Period 5 — Kate Henderson; Period 8 — John Hertig.

Reading — Mrs. Ford

Period 2 — Lauren Smith; Period 6 — Karen McMorris.

Latin — Mr. O'Neil

Chris Golden, Daniel Duffy.

Spanish — Mrs. Barry

Sarah Pease; Kelly Devine, Ashley Ulmer.

French — Mr. Fortin
Ashley Ulmer

Humanitarian — Class of 2001

— elected by students as the students who best represent the qualities honored by class.

Melissa Bates.

Most Improved:

Earth Science — Mr. Jones

Period 1 — Bea Rankin; Period 3 — Kristen Moore.; Period 4 — Lauren Smith; Period 8 — Andrei Skorupa.

Reading — Mrs. Ford

Period 2 — Aryanna Afsh.; Period 6 — Tim Grassey.

Latin — Mr. O'Neil
Evan McCaffey.

Spanish — Mrs. Barry
Julia Lovallo; Patrick O'Hayre.

French — Amanda Cowing.

Humanitarian — Class of 2001

Ben Bixby

Highest Average

French — Mr. Narkewitz

Christopher Golden.

Instrumental Music — Mrs. LaJoie

Kate Henderson.

Physical Education — Mr. Ford

Kate Henderson, Ben Bixby.

Most Improved

Instrumental Music — Mrs. LaJoie

John Hertig.

Physical Education — Mr. Ford

Lindsey Gardner.

Sign Up for Sunset Dance Cruise

Dust off those dancing shoes. The Cohasset Soccer Club will be hosting a Boston Harbor Sunset Dance Cruise Saturday, June 14. Enjoy a very casual evening watching the sun set over the skyline of Boston aboard the 200-foot Provincetown II, while being entertained by continuous live music from four bands on three separate decks. Passengers may board at the World Trade Center in Boston, or at Pemberton Pier in Hull. Tickets are $30 each until May 31 and $37.50 from June 1 on. Tickets may be purchased from any Cohasset Soccer Club coach or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Cohasset Soccer Club, Sunset Dance Cruise, P.O. Box 409, Cohasset, 02025.

Proceeds will provide three $1,000 scholarships to selected graduating Cohasset High School seniors who are active in voluntary community service. Maintaining and upgrading soccer fields, equipment and uniforms. Continuing education — coaching courses, youth and adult refereeing courses, and pre-game soccer clinics.

Homework Discussion Postponed

The Deer Hill School Council has postponed its evening discussion: "Homework and Time Management: Balancing the Fulcrum Between Work and Play," which was originally scheduled for April 2 but canceled due to the blizzard. The forum will be held in early September as a kick-off event to start the school year.

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Spelling Bee and Paris Raffle Raise $15,000 for CEF Language Lab

By Jim Kinch
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A recondite (difficult) list of words, coupled with the relentless ticking of the horologium (clock) kept the capacity crowd enthralled as they cheered for their favorite teams in the third annual Cohasset Spelling Bee, Wednesday, March 5.

The adult bee, sponsored by the Cohasset Education Foundation and held at the high school cafeteria, was a velitation (skirmish) to the very end, with teams successfully spelling words such as oscilloscope, anorthopia, and demulcent. Curt Collins, principal of Cohasset High School, served as moderator for the second year in a row, and provided quite a few laughs with his dead-pan humor; at one point consoling a team who had misspelled an easy word by saying "Makes you want to die, doesn't it?"

A new feature of the bee this year was a "bee-stro" set up the Silver Spoon Cafe, where contestants and audience could purchase delicious dinners, desserts and snacks throughout the evening.

Competing for prizes and glory were 30, three-person teams, many sponsored by local businesses. Organized into five preliminary rounds, and one final championship round, there proved to be some formidable spellers on the roster this year. When the dust finally settled, the champions were the St. Stephen's Bee Sharps (Louis Eaton, Sally Slade Warner and Paul Krupczak), who each won a one-month membership and fitness evaluation at Fitness First. Second prize went to the Swimming Bees (Mary and Bill Foley and Mary Staunton), who won gift certificates to the Fireking Bakery. The other finalists were the Heather Drive Honeybees (Sue Spofford, Diana Kinch, and Trish Morse), the Cohasset Jr./Sr. High Teachers (Ed Leary, Jed Fitzgerald and Tom O'Neill) and the Senior Class (Mary Ahearn, Ham Tewksbury and Jackie Dormitzer).

Finally, came the moment that many in the crowd were waiting for, the drawing of the winning ticket for the trip to Paris. Rev. Gary Ritts, Citizen of the Year, did the honors, and pulled the ticket of Alan and Linda Genovese of Howe Rd. Organizers of the bee had hoped to notify them by phone on the spot, but unfortunately got their answering machine! However, when reached by phone later, they were very excited, and have already booked their trip for May.

The event was a huge success for the CEF, and much of the credit goes to the organizing committee of Pam Speed, Midge Stone and Bernadette Faulkner. They are very grateful to the many individuals and businesses who participated this year, and note that the CEF is now getting closer to their $100,000 goal to have a new language lab in place at the high school for the '97-'98 school year.

Special thanks to the following businesses and organizations who sponsored teams or made donations this year: Cohasset News, Cohasset Teachers Association, Cohasset Soccer Club, Cohasset Basketball Boosters, Cohasset Tennis and Squash, Jack Conway Inc., Dunkin' Donuts, Fireking Baking Co., Fitness First, Flemings, Gems of Hope, Hallmark 100, Hunneman Coldwell Banker, Mill Pond Tennis Club, Nut'n More Natural, Pat's Barbershop, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, Prescription Orthopedic Sports Therapy, Rockland Trust, St. Stephen's Church, Silver Spoon Cafe, South Shore Chevrolet, Village Butcher and Deli and Village Greenery Inc.

The CEF plans to make the European trip raffle an annual event along with the spelling bee, and looks forward to announcing next year's destination. Stay tuned.



David Buick, Paul Cotter and Terry Kahn check each other's spelling during the successful spelling bee last month to benefit the Cohasset Education Foundation.

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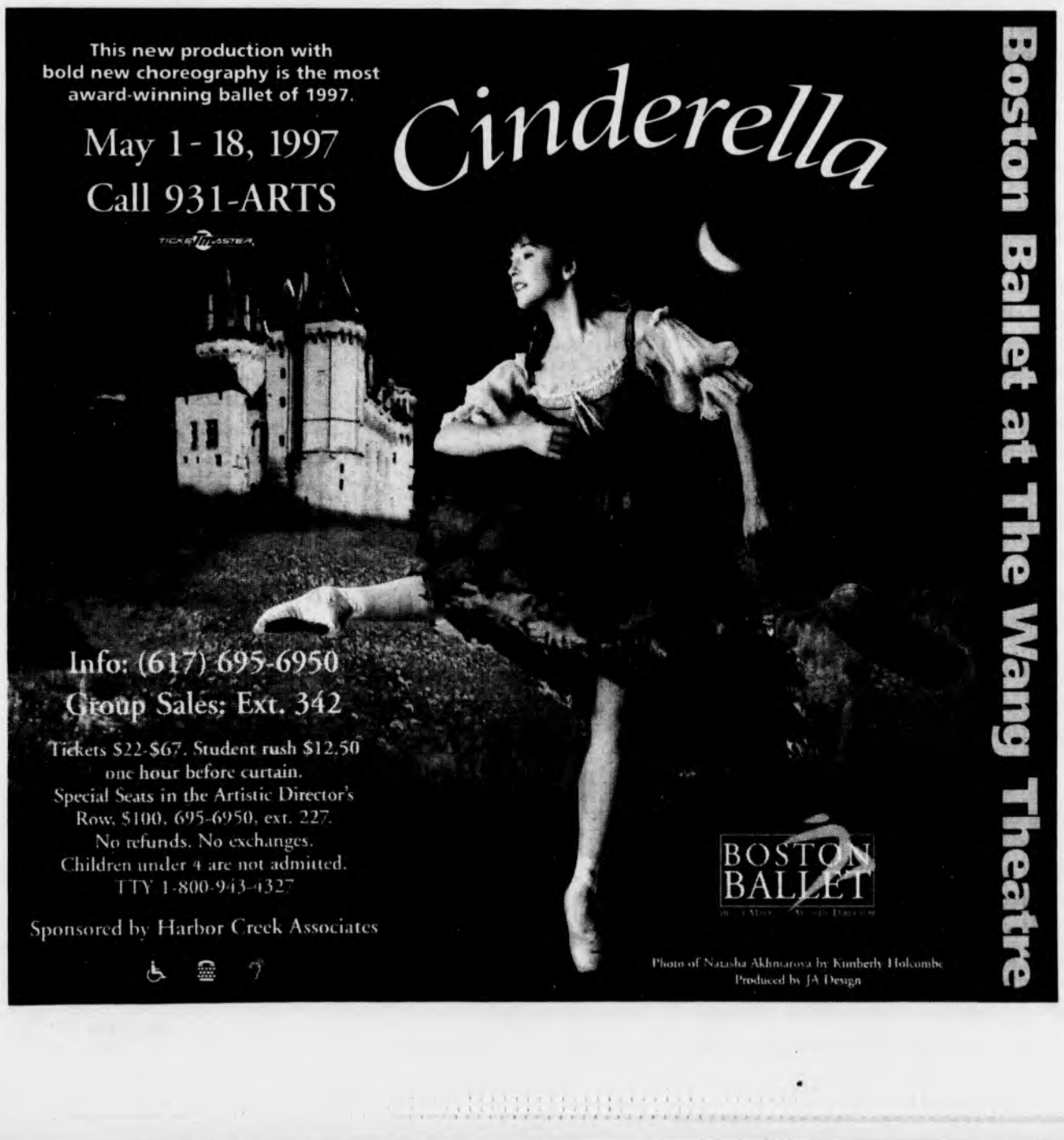


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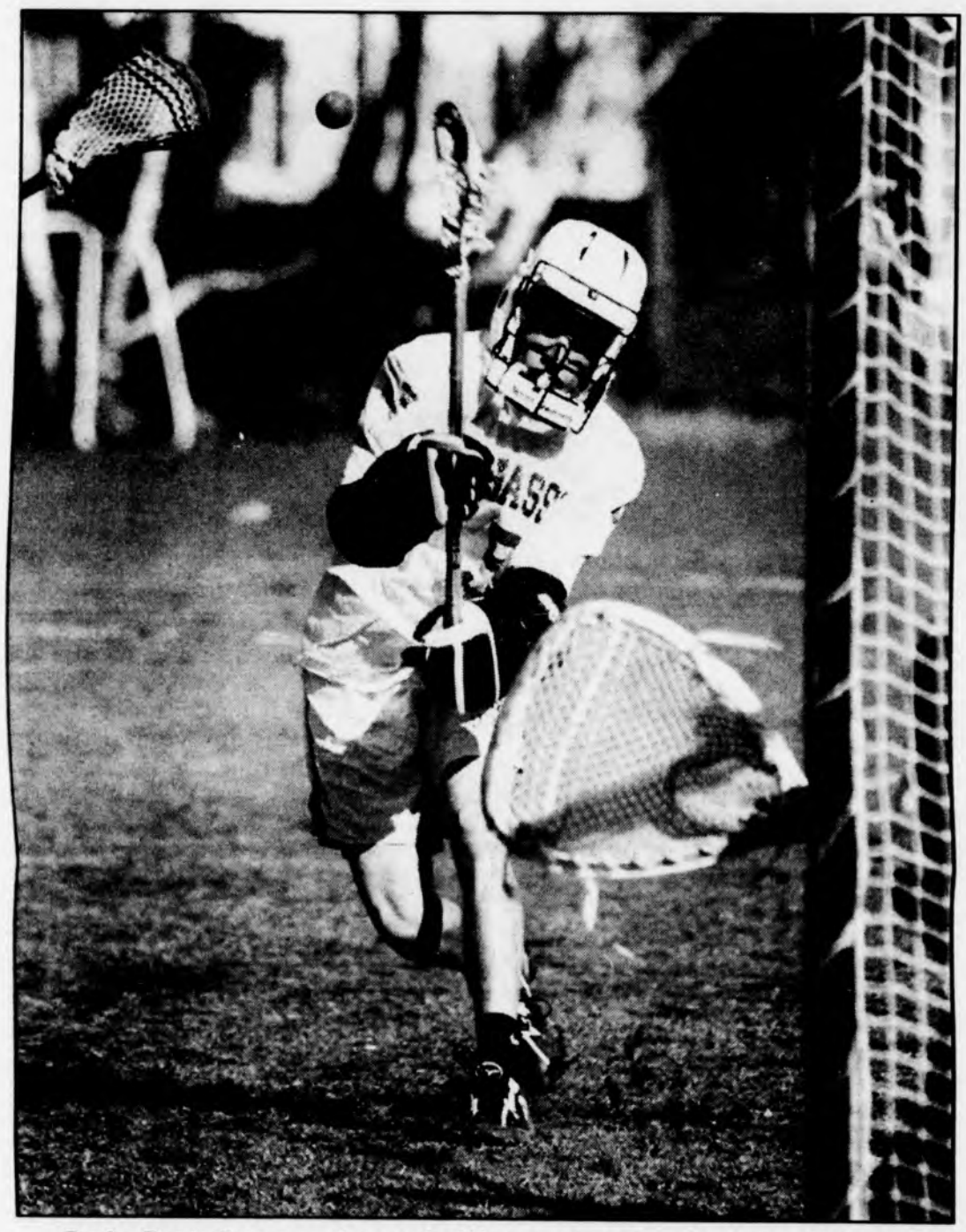
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Laxmen Teach Hingham Tough Lesson

Lacrosse Team Beats South Shore Power at Own Game



Burke Davis fires a goal past the Westwood goaltender during Cohasset's non-league rout last Friday afternoon.

Staff photo by Alan Chapman

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Bigger is not always better, but it can get the job done with quality personnel.

You can pencil the Cohasset High lacrosse team into the postseason tournament nearly every year. And be sure to put an asterisk next to it when you do because the Skippers also have the distinction of being the smallest school to go up against the Newton Norths and Weymouths.

And while the squad may be from the smallest school, it certainly doesn't lack the talent and will to win. Hingham High found just how tough the Skippers are on Tuesday as Cohasset built a 4-1 halftime lead and held the tough Harbormen club off in the second half for an exhausting 6-5 win.

Lacking the overall depth of Hingham, the Skippers' defense came up big on several plays and got some fine goaltending in the waning minutes from Ely Kahn.

"The great ones will keep you in the game," said Cohasset coach Ken Ekberg. "Ely made three or four great saves and kept us in it in the last four minutes."

The Skippers moved the ball well in the opening half, highlighted by textbook transition goals. Jamie Buick led Cohasset with a pair of tallies and an assist, while Erick Moore also whipped home two goals. Jon Lacks and Burke Davis each had single tallies for the Skippers.

Hingham threatened in the second half as Cohasset made a half dozen mental mistakes. Ekberg attributed some of the mistakes to the players' overall fatigue of playing such a strong first half. However, Ekberg said the mental mistakes are the main aspect of Cohasset's game it must overcome for continued success on the field.

"If we can do that," Ekberg said, "we can play with a lot of people."

Buick accounted for seven of Cohasset's nine points in the Skippers' mistake-filled 9-6 home win over Falmouth, last Friday. He garnered a hat trick and assisted on four Cohasset goals. Cohasset went up 4-1 after the opening period and led by a seemingly comfortable 7-3 at the half.

It was the third period, however, that forced Ekberg to have a none-too-happy meeting with the team, following the game.

"It's easier to criticize a team after a victory," he said. "The number of mental mistakes we made was enough to lose the game. If we play like that the rest of the way, we won't go far."

Kahn had 14 saves, nine of which came in the second half.

Lacks joined Buick with three goals, while Ted Goff, Moore and Matt Belson netted single tallies.

The win over Falmouth came on the heels of a meaningless 20-1 fiasco against an overmatched Westwood team on April 10. Cohasset had little trouble dominating Marshfield during the teams' April 8 contest. Moore led the way on offense, scoring four goals and adding an assist. Bob Stansell found the back of the net three times and Buick, Lacks, Dave Noble and Burke Davis all had a tally each. Buick and Lacks led Cohasset with three assists apiece. The Skippers play their first night game of the season on Friday night against Duxbury. The game gets underway at 7 p.m. on Alumni Field.

Bruin Tim Sweeney Looks to The Future

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Two young boys stood next to Boston Bruin Tim Sweeney as they waited to have their photo taken with the former Olympic star at Saturday's sports memorabilia show at Hanover High School.

One of the boys, however, wanted to get closer to Sweeney so he moved past the other youngster and stood comfortably next to him. Content with his position the photo was taken and the boys went on their way, clutching glossy photographs of Sweeney, which he autographed, giving a personalized touch to both.

For Sweeney, who turned 30 years old on Saturday, appearing at the show was a welcomed change of pace.

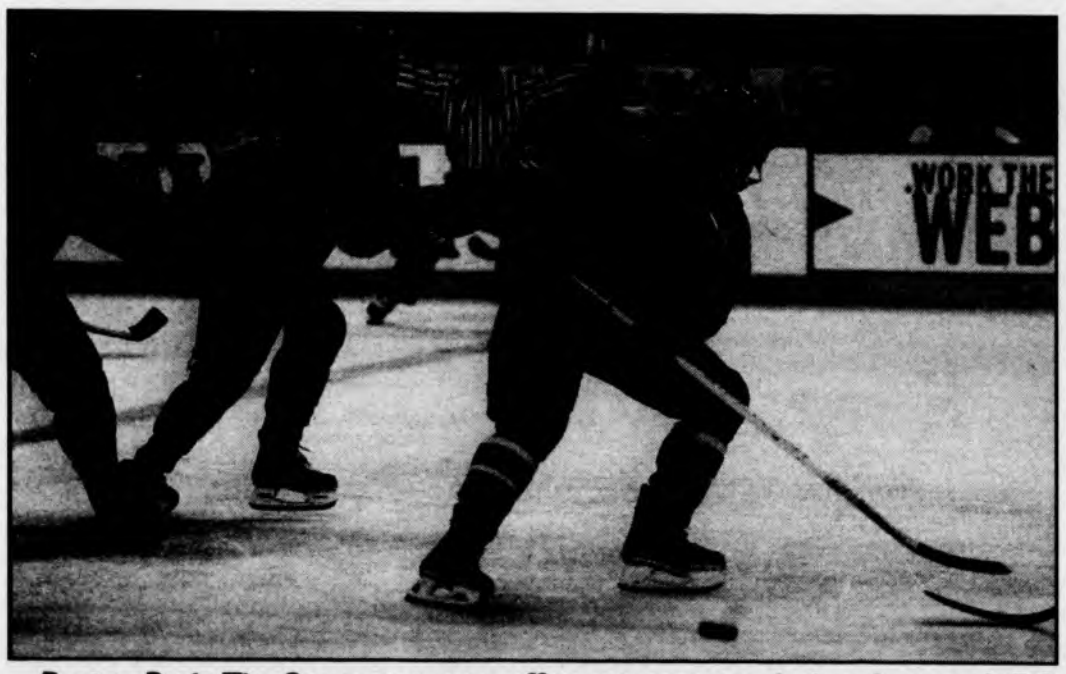
"I usually have time to do only two or three shows a year," he said. "I enjoy doing them and seeing the fans. The only time you really get to talk to people during the season is before and after the games."

Sweeney was obviously enjoying himself during the two-hour autograph session. Several of the younger kids, in awe of Sweeney, hesitated as they approached the table, but they soon became more relaxed as the personable Sweeney began chatting with the youngsters. He asked kids their names and struck up conversations with them as he signed hockey cards, pucks emblazoned with the Bruins' logo, and game photos.

Sweeney, whose wife gave birth to Timothy Jr. four months ago, was approached by a young girl who gave him her name and phone number in case he ever needed a baby-sitter. One young boy placed a team photo of the '96-97 Bruins in front of Sweeney for him to sign.

"This photo's going down in infamy," Sweeney said with a laugh before giving the glossy his John Hancock.

It was an enjoyable afternoon for Sweeney, one day before the Bruins were to finish up what a disastrous season for Boston. The Bruins won their final game of the campaign, 7-3, over the Pittsburgh Penguins.



Boston Bruin Tim Sweeney passes off to a teammate during the team's 7-3 over the Pittsburgh Penguins in the final game of the season.

Staff photo by Bill Wadsworth

For Sweeney, and the Bruins in general, the end of the season couldn't come quick enough. A shoo-in for the playoffs over the years, Boston missed qualify for the postseason for the first time since 1967.

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Cohasset Road Race By-the-Sea 10K Official Results

(Cohasset Finishers)

Place	Name	Time
42	Tim Riley	38:35
55	Dan DeMichele	39:16
69	Robert Morgan	40:21
87	Roger Wade	41:34
88	Michael Baird	41:36
93	Doug Cameron	42:17
99	Rick Flynn	42:30
108	Kerry Kirkendahl	42:55
109	Ryan Cibelli	42:58
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123	Ryan Freeham	43:43
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Junior Laxmen Swamp Falmouth

The Cohasset junior lacrosse team won its first game of the season in convincing fashion, routing Falmouth, 15-4.

For most of Cohasset's players, who are in fifth and sixth grade, the game at Falmouth High School represented their first time playing in game conditions. They responded by jumping to an early lead and then setting a new single-game scoring record for the youth program.

Midfielder Matt Davis scored three of Cohasset's first four goals en route to a 4-0 first-quarter lead. Curt Kahn netted three of his four goals in the next period, which ended with the score 11-1.

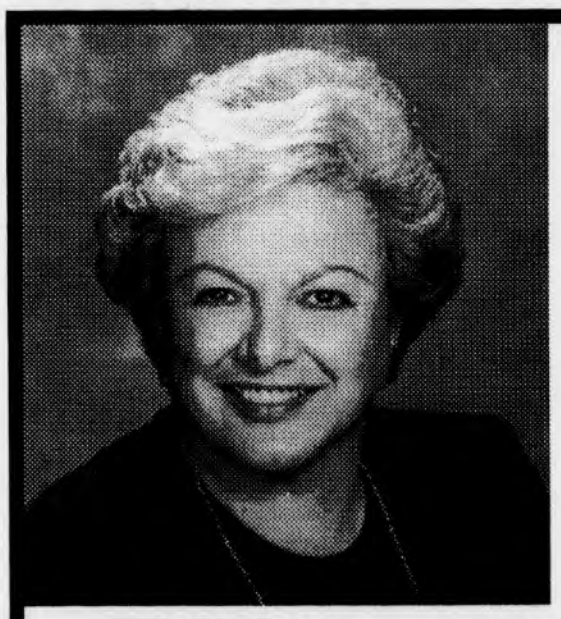
Attackman Evan Pestone was the third Cohasset player to record a hat trick on the day. Robert Hickey added two goals and an assist, with Paul Cotter, Robert Carpenter and Michael Rasmussen adding single tallies. Mike Geddes, Dwayne Morris and Mike Ernst registered assists.

Nick Murphy, who stepped into the goal for the first time just two days before the team's first game, made eight saves.

The junior lacrosse team plays its first home game on April 20, against Duxbury at 1 p.m.

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Investing: Improving on dollar-cost averaging

Investors who put a fixed amount of money in stocks or mutual funds each month - a practice that benefits from dollar-cost averaging - may want to check their calendars before they mail in their next check.

By Amy Barrett
Worth Magazine

Making those regular purchases at the right time of the month can pay off over the long term. Recent studies show that stocks have monthly cycles, and an investor may be able to benefit by buying shares during the "down" period before it trends upward.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Dollar-cost averaging itself can be a smart strategy because it helps investors get a good price when they buy stock. The idea is that by buying stocks systematically, spending the same amount each time, an investor will end up acquiring fewer shares when the price per share is higher and more shares when the price is lower - resulting in a lower overall cost per share.

But proper timing can make a difference, too. Recent studies show that the broad stock market (reflected in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index) goes through a monthly ebb and flow and suggest that an investor can make the dollar-cost averaging strategy even more profitable. An upward swing in prices tends to happen in the last couple of trading days of a given month and the first four trading days of the proceeding month, according to Yale Hirsch, president of the Yale Hirsch Organization, Inc. and editor of The Stock Trader's Almanac. "It would be best -- based on this strategy -- to buy on the 25th of the month," says Hirsch.

Hirsch bases his conclusions on a study of the S&P 500's performance over the last 33 years. Hirsch broke the period down into three 11-year segments and calculated the average monthly gain for the period of the 26th day of a given month to the 10th day of the following month and then the 11th through the 25th. He found that in all three segments the first period outperformed the latter period, rising on average 0.6 percent versus 0.1 percent (you can get roughly 0.1 percent by putting your money in a savings account).

Chris Hensel, client executive at the Frank Russell Co. has come to similar conclusions. In a study he did with William T. Ziemba, a professor at University of British Columbia in Vancouver, he found that the "turn of the month" pattern extends back to 1928 (they concluded the study in 1993). And Hensel and Ziemba narrow the window during the last two days of the month through the first three days of the following month

Why is this "turn of the month" phenomenon so seemingly consistent? Hensel and Ziemba say it results partly from money flowing into the market from salary, dividends and interest payments made on the first or last days of the month. Another factor could be the behavior of money managers who, before the end of a financial quarter, want to sell stocks that have done badly so they don't tarnish their quarterly reports, says Hirsch. "Anything that becomes embarrassing to hold they will dump at the end of the month and reinvest that money at beginning of the next month," he said.

Because both of these studies used the S&P 500, the strategy of buying stocks a few days before the end of the month best applies to broad indexes designed to mirror the market. "The pattern should show up in individual stocks, but would apply best to mutual funds," said Hensel.

And remember that these trends tend to span at least ten years; buried in these averages are aberrations (already this year, for instance, the S&P 500 rose 10.2 percent only to give up virtually all of this ground by the first week of April). If you stick to a disciplined dollar-cost averaging plan, though, you should benefit in the end—and not the least because it will help you stave off urges to buy stocks based on cocktail party chatter.

Jeffrey B. Little and Lucien Rhodes, in their book Understanding Wall Street , illustrate how dollar-cost averaging works by looking at shares of Aluminum Co. of America (Alcoa) for the period between 1977 and 1986. Alcoa's stock wasn't a particularly good performer over those years. But by 1986, those investors who had bought $2,000 worth of shares per year by making monthly payments would have done quite well. The average price they would have paid for their accumulated 677 shares would have been 29 1/2 per share. In 1986 the shares traded at a median price of 39 1/2 and as high as 46 3/8. If the investors sold the shares in 1986 at the average price, they would have realized a 34 percent gain over ten years, not including dividends which could add perhaps another 30 percent (at 3 percent a year, for example). So that's 60 percent over ten years -- not bad for a supposedly laggard stock.

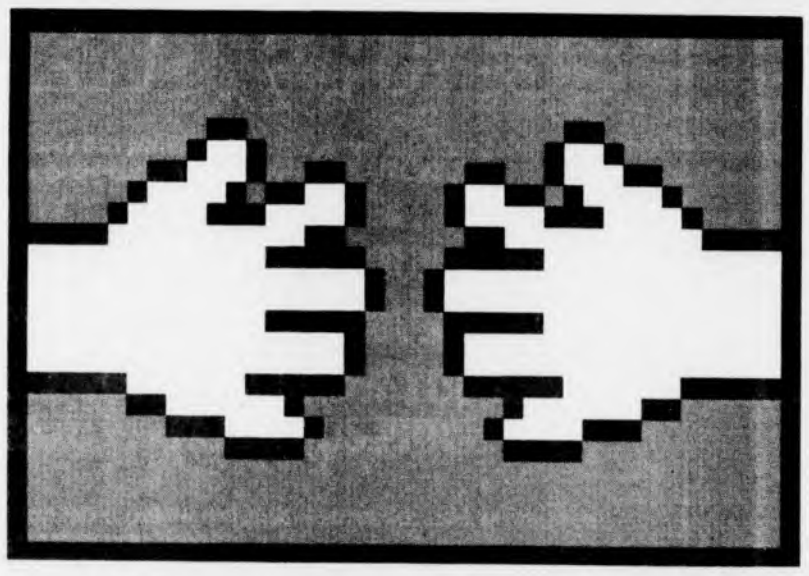


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Question Marks Surround Batmen's Slow Start

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset started the baseball season solidly, triumphing over Scituate on a diamond tundra. However, the Skippers won only one their next five, beating Norwell at home, but getting blown out by Norton and fading in the late innings to a solid Abington squad. The Boys in Blue battled the Hanover Indians ferociously in their fifth game the season.

The Indians, one of the two or three strongest teams in the highly competitive South Shoe League, sent a lefty to the mound, while Cohasset coach Ron Ford started hard-throwing righty, Joe Magner. Magner pitched a solid game for five innings, allowing only one run, but the Skippers nonetheless lost, 3-0, in a hard-fought battle.

Magner held the Indians, who were technically playing a home game on Cohasset's Milliken Field due to the unavailability of their own diamond, to no hits through three innings and actually had a perfect game until a Texas Leaguer fell in behind second base. Center fielder Grant Emde had several putouts on the day and his performance was indicative of Cohasset's defense through out the game. Committing zero errors, the Skippers were led defensively by first baseman Kevin McKenna, third baseman Rob Buckley, and Magner, who later played superbly at second base.

Despite their goose egg in the scorebook, Cohasset had no trouble hitting Hanover pitching. Buckley ripped two hits and McKenna had two more. Sophomore hurler Jim O'Sullivan mopped up for Magner, allowing two runs on a bases-loaded single to right.

If Cohasset deserved to win against Hanover, they certainly deserved to lose to Hull the following day. Playing without emotion and with no offense, Cohasset went down quietly, 6-4. The only sign of life came in the sixth inning, when Buckley scored on an O'Sullivan single to right. Shortstop Greg Taylor, the team's leadoff hitter, followed by roping a triple to left field, scoring O'Sullivan and catcher Mike Rossi.

The Skippers' pitching staff is on the mend, with most of the hurlers nursing sore arms. Taylor, normally a horse on the mound, has been unable to pitch due to arm problems. Freshman Joe Pergola was forced to leave the game early on Tuesday because of arm trouble. Magner and Ben Ketchum have been strong on the mound for CHS, and John-Paul Laugelle has also provided some spot relief.

The Skippers hold a lot of promise and this year's edition is the most talented in years. However, they have yet to pull it all together. If the defense can be shored up and the bats find a little life, who knows what lies ahead for this year's club.

Bruin Tim Sweeney Looks to The Future

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"The last 20 games or so have been tough," Sweeney said. "A lot of guys without much N.H.L experience have been playing and you don't really score a lot of goals that way."

It was also a season filled with several bizarre incidents that left fans and players alike, scratching their heads; Adam Oates' criticism of management which sealed his fate in Boston, and Bill Ranford signing a two-year extension and then, along with Oates and Rick Tocchet, being dealt to the Washington Capitals for former Vezina Trophy winner Jim Carey, Jason Allison and Anson Carter.

Sweeney said he was "surprised by the trade" and only time will tell if it was successful.

He did say he was "especially surprised" Ranford was traded, especially after having signed the contract extension. But he believes the change of Ranford for Carey in the Bruins' net should solidify the position for several seasons.

"I think that was the best part of the trade," Sweeney said. "Both guys are quality goaltenders, but Jim is 10 years younger."

Sweeney admitted he was looking forward to putting the season behind him and getting prepared for next year. But he knows there is a chance he may not be wearing a Bruins uniform next season. His contract expires and Sweeney is not sure what management has planned.

Sweeney, though, is hoping he'll stay put with the black and gold. "I'd love to come back next year," he said. "It'd be great. I have a house in Hanover and can drive to the games and come home after."

Sweeney always had the NHL in the back of his mind in high school, but he concentrated more on getting into college.

"The NHL was always a dream in high school," he said. "I was hoping to go to a good college. Things fell into place and it turned out working well for me."

Sweeney politely excused himself and stood with a pair of boys for yet another photo. It's a picture they'll no doubt save for a long time.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Police Report

Tuesday, April 1

3:41 p.m., general services, Elm St.
3:52 p.m., general services, Border St.
3:55 p.m., wires down, Brewster Rd.
4:33 p.m., wires down, Margin Ct.
4:47 p.m., fire (misc), Sohier St.
4:56 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.
5:24 p.m., tree down, Clay Spring Rd.
5:31 p.m., wires down, Beach St.
5:38 p.m., wires down,Beechwood St.
5:40 p.m., wires down, Beechwood St.
5:46 p.m, medical aid, Elm St.
6:10 p.m., officer wanted, Elm Ct.
6:23 p.m., wires down, Doane St.
6:25 p.m., well being check, Nichols Rd.
6:33 p.m., wires down, Stevens Ln.
6:39 p.m., well being check, Jerusalem Rd.
6:47 p.m., well being check, Elm Ct.
7:13 p.m., medical aid, Reservoir Rd.
8:52 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
10:21 p.m., wires down, Reservoir Rd.

Wednesday, April 2

2:25 a.m., fire (carbon monoxide incident), S. Main St.
6:32 a.m., animal complaint, Elm St.
6:59 a.m., MV accident, Town Hall Lot.
7:05 a.m., wires down, Border St.
7:46 a.m., general services, Stanton Rd.
8:29 a.m., medical aid, Stockbridge St.
8:52 a.m., wires down, Margin Ct.
8:53 a.m., wires down, Jerusalem Rd.
9:12 a.m., officer wanted, Kimball's Prk. Lot.
10:06 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.
11:36 a.m., assist motorist, Hull St.
12:56 p.m., well being check, Beach St.
2:47 p.m., fire (misc), Scituate HQ for coverage.
3:16 p.m., MV accident, Square.
4:28 p.m., parking violation, Linden Dr.
6:09 p.m., MV accident, Church St.
7:22 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.
7:28 p.m., officer wanted, Elm St.
8:23 p.m, property damage, Spring St.
10:13 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

Thursday, April 3

4:44 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
5:39 a.m., general services, various roads in town.
7:16 a.m., assist other agency, Sohier St.
9:10 a.m., assist motorist, Elm St.
9:44 a.m., officer wanted, Elm St., 19-year-old in protective custody.
11:39 a.m., traffic safety inspection, Jerusalem Rd.
12:01 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
12:28 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:45 p.m., general services, S. Main St.
4:05 p.m., MV violations, Atlantic Ave.

Friday, April 4

6:15 a.m., animal complaint, Whitney Woods Ln.
7:22 a.m., MV stop, Rocky Ln., arrest: Gretchen L.. Houghton, 66 Spring St., Cohasset, DOB: 7/18/64, WMS warrant.
8:35 a.m., MV accident, Hull St.
8:50 a.m., fire (misc), Norman Todd Rd.
2:37 p.m., open door/window, Jerusalem Rd.
3:02 p.m., well being check, Jerusalem Rd. Dr.
3:07 p.m., alarm holdup, CJC Hwy.
4:25 p.m., officer wanted, Doane St.
4:47 p.m., officer wanted, harbor.
5:22 pm., notification, Sohier St.
5:35 p.m., MV stop, Border St.
6:36 p.m., annoying phone calls, Summer St.
7:44 p.m., MV violations, Margin Ct.
8:37 p.m., assist citizen, Elm St.
9:58 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.

Saturday, April 5

7:09 a.m, medical aid, Pond St.
7:25 a.m., fire, gas leak (outside), Pond St.
8:35 a.m., assist citizen, Cushing Rd.
8:38 a.m., parking violation, Cohasset Plaza.
8:40 a.m., assist other agency, pole #3 Jerusalem Rd. Dr.
9:24 a.m., info, general, Ripley Rd.
3:02 p.m., disturbance, Brook St. Area.
3:27 p.m., MV accident, Pond St. at King St.
4:15 p.m., parking violation, Parker Ave.
4:23 p.m., tree down, Red Gate Ln.
5:21 p.m., MV violations, S. Main St.
6:26 p.m., MV accident, Pond St.
7:18 p.m., medical aid, Pleasant St.

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10:03 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.
10:42 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
11:36 p.m., officer wanted, King St.

Sunday, April 6

10:45 a.m., fire (misc), Beechwood St.
11:07 a.m., threats (other), Atlantic Ave.
12:57 p.m., medical aid, harbor View Rd.
1:19 p.m., assist citizen, Whitehead Rd. to Community Center.
2:06 p.m., serve restraining order, N. Main St.
4:10 p.m., assault, Elm St., arrested: Scott P. Barnes, 336R N. Main St., Cohasset, DOB: 12/19/66, charges: assault & battery.
5:27 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
7:14 p.m., animal complaint, Summer St.
7:23 p.m., suspicious auto, Joy Pl.
7:34 p.m., suspicious auto, S. Main St.
7:41 p.m., Mv stop, S. Main St.
8:17 p.m., fire (misc), Jerusalem Rd.
9:17 p.m., officer wanted, Summer St., 48-year-old in protective custody.

Monday, April 7

12:01 a.m, disabled auto, Forest Ave.
7:12 a.m., tree down, Beach St.
9:32 a.m., investigation, Cedar St.
11:29 a.m., officer wanted, Atlantic Ave.
3:01 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
4:04 p.m., MV stop, Summer St.
4:11 p.m., disabled auto, Depot Ct.
4:58 p.m., MV stop, Summer St.
5:38 p.m., disabled auto, Depot Ct.
7:40 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:08 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
8:09 p.m., tree down, Nichols Rd.
8:46 p.m., medical aid, Elm Ct.
9:00 p.m., officer wanted, Nichols Rd.
10:01 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.

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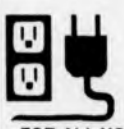
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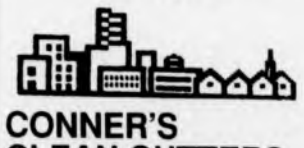
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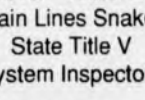
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Mary Jo Meisner Named Editor of 119 CNC Papers



Mary Jo Meisner

By Kurt Blumenau
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Proclaiming "high goals and big ambitions" for the Community Newspaper Company, former Milwaukee Journal Sentinel editor Mary Jo Meisner was named editor of CNC's 119 publications yesterday.

In announcing her appointment, CNC president Michael Veitch praised Meisner's experience in competitive journalism markets throughout the United States. Before editing the Journal Sentinel, Meisner served as managing editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, city editor of the Washington Post, and metropolitan editor of the San Jose Mercury News and Philadelphia Daily News. She began her career as a labor and business reporter at the Wilmington News Journal in Delaware.

"It's invaluable to us that we have someone in here who's had so many different experiences on the reporting, editing and executive editing side of things," Veitch said. "We wanted someone who has been exposed to consistent editorial excellence, and who expects it."

Meisner, 45, grew up outside Chicago and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from the University of Illinois at Champaign.

She is a board member of the International Press Institute, a past Pulitzer Prize juror, a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and chair of that society's 1996 Writing Awards.

"I'm thrilled to be coming to Boston to work with CNC's great team of journalists," she said in a written release. "I firmly believe that community journalism is the heart of newspapering because it provides the strongest link between journalists and the readers they cover."

Meisner said she wants to build CNC's reputation as the premier place for strong local reporting, from breaking news and enterprise stories to school sports scores. CNC owns six daily newspapers, 95 weeklies, and 18 shoppers that circulate in more than 140 communities with a total circulation of more than one million.

"We want to be known as the best," she said. "This is really the cutting edge of journalism, at the very local level. I think we can show we do it, and do it really well."

Meisner, who has taught at the Maynard Institute, the Poynter Institute and the American Press Institute, said she hopes to bring educators from those schools to work with current staffers.

"We're looking forward to the leadership she will provide to our talented editorial staff," Veitch said in a written release.

She also plans to form associations with local journalism schools to attract talented young writers to the company.

"I'd like this to be known as the destination point for the best young journalists coming out of schools," she said. "I want people to think, 'This is a place where I can come and get a real good workout as a journalist, and I could stay here ... It's a place where I can make a difference and learn some things every day.' "

Meisner said she will help set quality standards and editorial policy where appropriate and expand CNC's on-line content. She helped develop the Journal Sentinel's Internet service during three and a half years with the Milwaukee paper.

Meisner, who will be based in CNC's Needham office, plans to work out of all the company newsrooms on a regular basis.

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"What Do I Want to Be When I Grow Up? Mid-Life Career Changing" will be offered Tuesday, April 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library, Whiton Room, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Cost $35. Call (617) 792-0032 to register.

Tuesday, May 6, Matrix Career Services will offer a job search workshop "Interviewing Techniques for the Career Changer" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library Whiton Room, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Cost: $35. Call (617) 792-0032 to register.

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Tuesday, April 22, you are invited to attend a free one-hour introductory seminar at the Hingham Public Library. Sunday, May 18, Joyce Dolberg Rowe will present a full-day workshop on "Men are From Mars, Women are From Venus" at The Red Parrot Restaurant in Hull.

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Stafford Short heads out to the clam flats with his son Garrett on the Scituate side of Cohasset Harbor. Minot Light and the Glades are in the background.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Clamming Fee Issue Stuck in the Mud

Cohasset Diggers Pay Out-of-Town Rates

By Jennifer R. Horan
COHASSET MARINER

In 1994, when the clam flats at Bassings Beach reopened for the first time in 12 years, local recreational clammers flocked to town hall for digging permits.

That year, 312 Scituate residents and 67 non-residents were issued clamming permits, said Town Clerk Barbara J. Maffucci.

Much to their dismay, Cohasset residents found that they had to pay $50 annual non-resident clamming fees to dig in their own backyard. Scituate residents pay $20 annually for clamming privileges.

While Bassings Beach is located in the south section of Cohasset Harbor, the town of Scituate owns the area where the flats are open.

"It's caused a lot of hard feelings," said Cohasset Shellfish Constable Clifford Dickson. "But people interested in clamming are willing to pay the $50 to go to Scituate."

The high cost of clamming for non-residents seems not to have discouraged out-of-towners from getting their feet muddy, said Maffucci.

In 1995 and 1996, more than 60 non-residents received clamming permits, she said.

For now, the clamming fee issue between Cohasset and Scituate hovers "in limbo," Dickson said. Until a few months ago, the town administrator had been "nibbling away" at resistance in Scituate.

"It never worked," Dickson said. "If you're not a resident of Scituate, you have to pay out of town fees."

Since the town administrator resigned a few months ago, "I don't think anybody's been bothering them

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War of Words Over Dumps

Town Rebuts CHL's Cedar Street Claims

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Town officials are calling Cohasset Heights Ltd.'s latest lawsuit against the conservation commission an attempt to divert attention from its own problems.

CHL attorney Anton Moehrke has confirmed that Paul Barry has filed a lawsuit in Norfolk Superior Court against the conservation commission for violating a town bylaw. Moehrke has also filed a complaint with the Department of Environmental Protection.

The latest filing brings to six the number of lawsuits between the privately-owned CHL and the town.

Moehrke made a request for determination (RFD) on the town-owned Cedar Street landfill March 5, alleging that siltation and runoff was damaging wetlands and vegetation.

Town bylaws require the conservation commission to hold a hearing on an RFD within 21 days, but the Cedar Street hear-

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Route 3A Changes with the Times

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

What state road measures 53.2 miles long and stretches from Neponset Circle in Dorchester to within one mile of the Plymouth/Bourne line? The answer, of course, is Route 3A and the busy road is experiencing significant changes along the three-mile Cohasset stretch.

It's hard to believe in this age of super highways that just a few decades ago Route 3A was the main highway to Cape Cod.

In a case of "the more things change, the more they stay the same", Route 3A traffic traveling to and from Cape Cod experienced major back ups.

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Cohasset's Week

Healthy Bites at Beach

Douglas Bennett, 250 Gannett Rd., Scituate will be allowed to sell healthy snacks at Sandy Beach, selectmen said this week.

Bennett was awarded the last of three transient vendor licenses awarded in town each year.

Bennett said he plans to offer healthy meals and alternative snacks including yogurt, freshly squeezed juices, fruit cups and chicken and vegetable roll ups.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris pointed out that the other vendors are offering sausages and ice cream.

She said Bennett's food selections "sounds great."

Bennett also said he is creating a cookie that he will offer for sale.

Vacation Time is Extended

Selectmen agreed to allow DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield to extend the time he can take his unused vacation time to Oct. 31, 1997. Litchfield said he has 98 hours of 1996 vacation time that he was unable to use by April 1 because of various town projects.

Gjesteby Appointed to Regional Board

Selectmen appointed Martha K. Gjesteby, Old Pasture Road, as the town's representative to the Massachusetts Area Planning Council subject to her acceptance. They thought they had appointed Gjesteby some time ago but now think that may have been to a transportation committee within the MAPC because of recent MAPC notification that the town needed representation to that state agency.

Monte Carlo Night Coming

The American Legion George H. Mealy Post 118 plans to hold a Monte Carlo night from 7 p.m. to midnight May 16 to raise money for its scholarship fund. Selectmen approved the request this week pending that any necessary state permits and licenses regarding "games of chance" are obtained.

Eighteen Arrests in March

Police Chief Brian W. Noonan reported to selectmen in his monthly written status report that there were a total of 18 arrests last month. Arrests included three for possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute; two for operating under the influence of alcohol; two for assault and battery domestic; one for assault and battery on a police officer; three for operating a motor vehicle after license suspension; one for operation a motor vehicle without a license; three for outstanding warrants and two individuals were taken into protective custody.

There were 107 emergency 9-1-1 calls last month.

Noonan said the two new police recruits graduated from the 18-week police academy and after a short in-house training period will be assigned permanent shifts.

"These assignments will greatly reduce our need for overtime," Noonan said.

Cunningham Bridge may be Painted

Selectmen will consider using surplus highway funds to paint Cunningham Bridge on Atlantic Avenue.

DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield notified the board that would be a good use of the excess money which is usually used to resurface streets.

The money has been freed up because this year there is no sense in resurfacing those streets, which will be torn up later for installation of sewer and water mains.

But selectmen held off giving Litchfield the go ahead to paint the bridge until they determine if the money should be used on other projects such as sidewalks or the resurfacing of other roads.

Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown said the bridge had not been painted since 1978. He explained that an engineer must be hired to examine the bridge and get the necessary permits in order, a process that could take three months.

Painting the bridge is in the capital plan, but selectmen may advance the project if Litchfield convinces them it is a priority this year. Otherwise the bridge would be painted next year, selectmen said.

It will cost about $50,000 to get the permits and paint the bridge, which is steel and should be maintained. There is a surplus of about $80,000 in the highway account.

Selectmen will also work on a plan to prioritize various public works projects.

Fifth-Graders at the Dump

Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown reported that Deer Hill School fifth-graders and school Principal Paul Callahan had a successful tour of the Recycling Transfer Facility.

"It was a great time, they had a great day," Brown said.

Warrant Printing Costly

Selectmen authorized a transfer from the town's reserve fund of $558 to cover the printing of the town warrant which was twice the normal size, town administrator Ed McCann. He said the project went out to bid and is charged per page.

Pre-Prom Plans at Lightkeepers

Selectmen were notified this week that the pre-prom party will be at the Lightkeeper's House on Government Island from 6-7:15 p.m., May 29. The teenagers will then be taken by three trolley buses to the Barker Tavern in Scituate for the prom which goes until 11:45 p.m. They will return to Government Island at 1 a.m. after the post-prom party at the Second Congregational Church.

The Ed Young parking lot next to the Lightkeepers will be used for the seniors' cars. Parents and friends will park at the sailing club and fishermen's pier.

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Plans for Route 3A Subdivision Aired

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

A developer wants to build a 17-acre subdivision in an area surrounded by wetlands close to Sanctuary Pond.

Members of the conservation commission reviewed the preliminary plans Apr. 3 and asked the builder to return with a wildlife habitat evaluation and revised measurements of the flood plain line. Rose Hill will appear before the conservation commission again on May 1 at 8:30 p.m. in town hall.

The developer must also receive approval from the planning board, which reviewed the plans at its Apr. 16 meeting. The planning board granted the developer two waivers: one to construct only one sidewalk in the subdivision instead of two, and the other to flag trees greater than 18 inches instead of 12 inches.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore Jr. said there were so many trees on the lot that it seemed reasonable to ease up on the flagging requirement. The board also exempted a 100-square-foot area from any tree flagging because it is a protected wetland.

The planning board closed its public hearing and will decide whether to approve the plan at its May 7 meeting.

Daniel V. Calano Jr. is one of the landowners in a trust that wants to build a 14-home subdivision, called Rose Hill, on a 17-acre site off Route 3A. The entrance to the subdivision would be off Route 3A with the road branching off into two cul de sacs.

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Calano said the plans conformed to all ecological requirements including the placement of property lines at least 100 feet from wetlands and 200 feet from the river. He added that the health board had approved all of the lots for septic use and a septic design was being created.

Conservation consultant Paul Shea said the commission would scrutinize the subdivision closely because of its location near a river.

"This is the first project before us since the state Rivers Act for undeveloped property," Shea said. "This is a big project near the James Brook and Sanctuary Pond."

Some members of the commission questioned whether the developer's drawings showed the proper buffer zones for wetlands and the river.

Shea said the plan may not meet the state's 200-foot buffer zone for development near rivers because the developer did not take his measurement from the annual mean high-water line.

Calano's engineer, Peter J. Ogren of Hayes Engineering in Wakefield, said the state had not yet clearly identified the correct way to implement the Rivers Act. Ogren said the state had advised developers and towns to use the Rivers Act as an advisory tool until it defined the correct method of implementation.

Conservation commission member Tom Callahan also questioned the developer's 200-foot buffer zone delineation for the flood plain. Callahan said the engineers did not take their measurement from the center of the brook.

Conservation Commission Chairman Vee Roebuck said she wanted to examine the project closely because of its scope.

Calano said the site would require a large amount of grading and filling because it was so much lower than the surrounding area.

But Callahan disliked the idea of filling in a wetland.

"I'm reluctant to allow an inch of fill in the flood plain because of the flooding that hit the village last October," Callahan said.

Callahan also wanted to know how much vegetation would be displaced by the construction.

Ogren said the land already contained significant paved areas including an old road and a former DPW site.

"There is already a road there so the site is not undisturbed," Ogren said.

Calano said he planned to construct homes only as each lot was sold.

Callahan said he wanted individual homes to appear before the conservation commission for the possibility of permits and notices of intent.

Shea wanted to see a plan detailing how detention ponds would be maintained and who would maintain them.

Tom Foster, the southeast regional director for the Trustees of Reservations, was concerned about the impact the project would have on the dam at Sanctuary Pond.

Linda Keller lives downstream from the proposed development and was concerned about flooding.

"We were flooded from James Brook in the October storm and we want to make sure this project doesn't worsen our problems," Keller said.

COHASSET WEEK

Thank You Letter

Selectmen will send a thank you letter to U.S. Congressman William Delahunt for his efforts to file special legislation to secure $1.5 million in dredging money for Cohasset harbor. The bill will start in the House of Representatives and then move to the Senate, Selectman Peter Pratt said.

"This puts our foot in the door. We owe Delahunt a debt of gratitude on this," Pratt said.

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Sun. 27	2:52	10.6	9:18	3:30	9.6	9:33
Mon. 28	3:41	10.5	10:08	4:22	9.5	10:26
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Route 3A

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South Shore commuters sitting in lengthy traffic jams on Route 3 this summer can take solace in the fact that traffic on Route 3A traveling to and from the Cape used to move so slow that drivers would pull over for lunch, said David Wadsworth, curator of the Cohasset Historical Society.

Wadsworth remembers traveling to Cape Cod by way of Route 3A.

"I remember enormous traffic jams even worse then what you see now on Route 3," Wadsworth said. "The traffic would back up for miles and it could take you two or three hours to get home."

Wadsworth said 3A was built sometime in the 1930's. Because some of the streets in Cohasset were used as part of the highway, sections of 3A still use original street designations, like the lower end of King Street.

"As we like to say, King Street runs underneath Route 3A," Wadsworth laughed.

Planning board Chairman Al Moore Jr. said the construction of 3A predated zoning regulations and made for some unique challenges.

"A lot of land owners opposed zoning, but they saw Route 3A as their road to riches, because they owned property on a big, state highway," Moore said. "The town had to make a lot of deals permitting commercial development. That's why there are a lot of commercial lots on 3A."

Wadsworth said the Cohasset stretch came about after the town negotiated its best deal with the state.

After the road was built, Wadsworth said the first new business development he can remember was a group of shops on the Scituate town line.

In 1955 the town enacted its first zoning regulations and Route 3A was zoned for light industrial use, Wadsworth said.

"It was zoned light industrial purposely to attract light, but not heavy, industry to what was a vacant area at the time," Wadsworth said. "That's why there are so many strip malls and small businesses on 3A. It also added some money to the tax base."

Now the Cohasset stretch is a mix of residential, commercial and light industrial zoning.

Moore said most of the development problems on 3A can be traced to the years before zoning was implemented.

"Prior to zoning people just did what they wanted, like building a storefront with no parking," Moore said.

Moore said he hears a lot of complaints about the ugliness of 3A. He said people who complain about new development on Route 3A are forgetting how bad things used to be.

Moore points to redevelopment like Super Stop & Shop and Shaw's as examples of major improvements to Route 3A.

"There was a terrible disaster previously with the plaza that is now becoming Shaw's," Moore said. "That development had a totally failed septic system and the board of health couldn't keep up with receiver after receiver controlling the property in the real estate bust of the 1980s. That thing was heading for a boarded up center and we should be grateful that Shaw's is coming in."

Moore said some people equated the new Stop & Shop with cutting down a rain forest, but forget that it used to be a "decrepit" car dealership and auto body shop.

For years there was little new development on Route 3A, but things are picking up now.

Moore said people don't need to worry about new development on 3A because there are few unused commercial properties left.

"If you drive along 3A and look for undeveloped commercial parcels, you won't find much," Moore said. "The forested areas that you see now are wetlands, residential zones or people's back yards."

Moore said new development is also limited by a zoning restriction that allows only 60 percent lot coverage of any new development.

"What you will see in the future is more recycling of existing properties as retailers approach 30-40 years in business," Moore said. "After that amount of time you have gotten your return on your investment and it's time for something new."

Many residents are also upset about plans by the MBTA to build a new commuter rail station on Route 3A. Supporters of a Cohasset Village station say the 3A location will divert business from struggling Village businesses.

Moore said it is inevitable that the 3A station will divert business from the Village.

"All 3A development is just a reflection of where the money and the population density is locating," Moore said.

Moore said he thought people who opposed the Village Station were doing so for noble reasons.

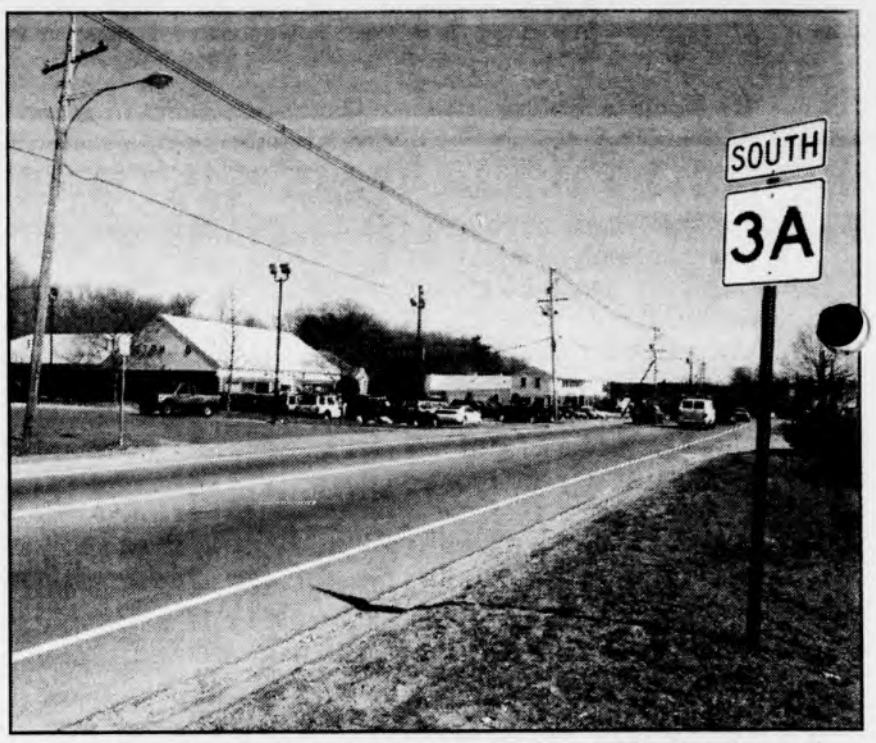
"But the train is still going to go through the downtown, it's just not going to stop," Moore said. "You end up with all of the bad and none of the good. If I lived there I'd rather have it stop than roar through. Zoning could have possibly offered some relief to Village residents."

Moore said another common complaint about 3A is traffic. But traffic is a regional problem that must be solved on a regional basis, he said.

Wadsworth said 3A still retains much of its charm as a scenic route to see some of the old New England South Shore.

But Moore laughed when he thought about how much 3A has changed over the years.

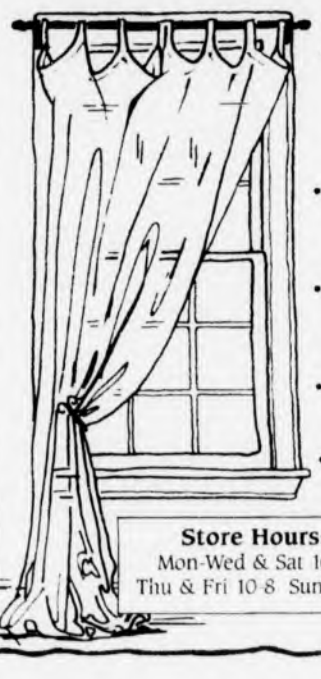
"Route 3A has long since passed the days when it could be considered a bucolic country road," he said.



A look at Route 3A near its intersection with Beechwood Street in Cohasset.

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ing wasn't held for 29 days. No one from CHL attended the hearing.

Moehrke said the conservation commission sent him a letter dated March 6 accepting the RFD application under the provisions of the town bylaw and the state Conservation Act.

Moehrke maintains that the hearing was illegal because it was held after 21 days. But conservation commission members say the RFD application was incomplete and therefore a 21-day hearing was not required.

"The conservation commission has taken the position that the filing is incomplete," said conservation commission member Tom Callahan.

Conservation commission members complained that Moehrke had not filed appropriate plans or notified abutters.

Moehrke countered that the hearing date was illegal from the beginning so it would have been "illogical" to notify abutters. He added that additional plans are only required if the property owner or someone performing work on the site submits the application.

In a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection, Moehrke said the town should be familiar enough with Cedar Street, which is town-owned, to waive the requirement for plans describing the site.

Callahan said the lawsuit in Superior Court may have no real value.

"I think the only thing Superior Court can tell us to do is hold the hearing and we've already done that," Callahan said. "Personally, I think it is a war of attrition. CHL is aware we have limited resources and they're trying to wear us down."

Moehrke has also asserted that the town has two standards for landfills: one for Cedar Street and one for CHL.

Conservation commission Chairman Vee Roebuck said it's impossible to compare the two sites because Cedar Street was built in the 1940's, long before wetlands laws existed.

In comparison, the landfill now controlled by CHL was constructed in 1976.

"There is sediment and siltation at Cedar Street, and things could be better," Roebuck said. "We've all been very conscious of what was going to happen there and what we want."

Callahan said the board of health, which controls the landfill, has worked diligently to correct problems at Cedar Street.

"Whenever we ask the board of health to do something, they do it," Callahan said. "Is it perfect? No. There's trash flying all over the place. But very shortly the town will have a capped landfill with a proper detention pond."

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said CHL's claims are difficult to corroborate because Cedar Street is so old.

"It's difficult to determine when these things occurred," Godzik said. "There is siltation there, but did it occur 30 years ago? No one knows."

Godzik said the large pond on the south side of the property was formed when the landfill was constructed at Cedar Street. Godzik said the landfill redirected storm water, forming the pond which eventually killed many trees.

"You have to realize that Cedar Street was built in a wetlands long before the Wetlands Protection Act," Godzik said.

Health board member Alix White said the health board plans to bring in heavy equipment to remove siltation as soon as the high spring waters recede. White added that the health board has been working diligently to cap the landfill.

White scoffed at CHL's use of the RFD process. She said RFD's are usually employed by civic-minded people seeking to protect the environment. White said CHL had no interest in the environment.

"The only way Paul Barry communicates with the town is through lawsuits," White said. "CHL doesn't want to perform a clean up at its own site so they pay lawyers. He (Barry) could have cleaned the trustees wetlands twice over with the money he's spent on lawsuits."

White said CHL is comparing 40-year-old problems at Cedar Street to current problems at CHL.

White added that Barry can afford to pay for lawyers because land filling is extremely profitable. CHL accepts construction and demolition debris.

"They're providing a service for things people don't want," White said.

John McNabb Jr. of Stop Any Further Expansion, an activist group opposing CHL's expansion plans, said the latest lawsuit was a "tremendous abuse of process."

McNabb said CHL's latest lawsuit is just another diversionary tactic, and an attempt to force the town to negotiate.

"They're trying to force the town to make a deal and we have to tell them we're not making any deals," McNabb said. "CHL's thinking may be that this is a town agency they're suing and the town landfill will cost the town a lot of money so maybe they can leverage a deal. Tell them McNabb says, 'No deal'," McNabb said.

McNabb said he was also a little nervous that the board of selectmen might try to make a deal with CHL.

McNabb pointed to the infamous "secret letter" incident in 1995, when former selectman Martha K. Gjesteby released a document marked "confidential" to the public. The document detailed a confidential negotiation between the town and CHL to settle a lawsuit to put an end to expensive legal fees.

Clamming

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in Scituate Town Hall."

Cohasset clammers can't harvest clams in their hometown because the clam flats are closed there due to fecal coliform pollution, Dickson said. Flats at Little Harbor and Whale Meadow — located across the channel from Bassings Beach— closed after the blizzard of 1978.

"That storm really did a lot of damage. It shook everything up and broke a lot of sewage systems," he said.

Dickson said he doesn't expect the closed flats to reopen any time soon because of continuing high levels of bacteria in the area.

"I don't think we'll see any changes. It gets discouraging," he said.

In Scituate, Bassings Beach provides the only haven for clammers.

"It's the only place in town for clamming," said Scituate assistant shellfish warden Laurence Swain.

Scituate's clamming regulations, which are based on state regulations, allow clamming activity once a week — either on Thursday or Sunday, the only days the flats are open.

"The whole purpose behind the regulations is to conserve the resource," Swain said. "People had better not be taking more than they are entitled to."

Clammers can dig up to eight quarts of mollusks larger than two inches in size during a day at the flats.

"Infractions are extremely rare," said Swain, who patrols the flats. "That's not the way it was when they first opened."

Three years ago, four men from the out of town violated the clamming regulations by digging about 720 pounds of clams from the beach in one day.

During peak clamming season in the summer, about 30 to 40 diggers gather at the flats.

"There's nothing nicer than walking into what amounts to a wildlife refuge, with egrets, wild blue heron and occasional falcon," said Swain. "It's just magnificent. It's wide open and beautiful. It's a really nice experience and you get some clams."

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It's Moving Time for Cushing Plaza Shops

Shaw's Supermarket to Open This Summer

By Melissa Boynton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As a powerful nor'easter ripped through the South Shore last Saturday, Shaw's new plaza at the former Cushing Plaza on Route 3A had it's own "movings and shakings." The first store opened its doors and the last tenant celebrated their successfully negotiated lease.

Betsy Detwiler of Buttonwood Books & Toys fusses with this and that as she describes the process that she went through to transform her agreed upon "plain vanilla box" into a softly lit retail space with a drop ceiling.

"I live in my store," says Detwiler, "so I knew I wouldn't want to live under cold fluorescent lights."

She also wanted to try and recreate the interesting "nooks and crannies" that she had in her first store. To this end, she hired a designer to come in and drop the ceiling in certain areas. She also chose to increase her move-in budget by going with purple paint on the walls and a easy-on-the feet green carpet.

She explains that Shaw's was very accommodating throughout the renovation process, even though the construction manager reiterated her request for "purple" with some skepticism! Referring to the fact that most of the stores will remain in the plaza, she states, "I think that Shaw's was very sensitive to the fact that the businesses here have been serving the town for quite some time.

"They could have closed any of us down in the first phase of the demolition, instead they relocated us in temporary spaces," she explains.

In addition to Buttonwood, plans are to move the Consignment Shop, Walgreens, the American Image Beauty Salon and Cohasset Harbor Travel into their new retail spaces in the weeks ahead. The 40,000-square foot supermarket will be the last piece of the puzzle and is slated to open this summer.

Justine and Victor Van der Lugt of Cohasset Harbor Travel describe their pleasure at being made part of the Plaza, even if it did come at the final hour. Their space which is located at the far end of the strip has a drive-through location, which reveals its originally scheduled tenant, BayBank. They laughingly brainstorm how they can utilize this unique feature.

"Hmm, maybe we can offer drive through travel itineraries," Victor said.

The couple, who are now entering their fifth year in business do anticipate that their walk-in traffic will increase given the proximity to the other stores. To capture that walk-in market they plan to extend their hours to accommodate customers.

They too have been planning their new space with enthusiasm.

Justine describes her plans.

"We are planning to have large scale maps on the walls so that people can know exactly where in the world they are going."

Both look forward to opening in their new location on Tuesday May 13.

"The Cohasset Consignment Shop will open it's doors on Monday, April 28 if all goes well" says Andrea Merrill, who operates the consignment shop. She too is looking forward to having a nice, clean slate to work from.

"It will be nice not to have a leaky roof," she says pointing to the ceiling. According to Merrill, although the location pleases her a lot, she is bit concerned about the size. She explains that she will be losing space.

"The bright side is that I have been forced to be more creative in how I merchandise each area," she says.

The leaky roof problem is obviously building-wide in the old structures which will be demolished. Linda Johnson, co-owner of the New American Image Inc. is also singing the praises of a brand-new salon space, as she points to her water-stained ceiling. She too, has seized the opportunity to recreate her work environment.

"We have used a lot of glass block to provide additional light since we will be losing some windows. We're putting green ceramic tiles on the floor to give it a really classy look," she says with excitement.

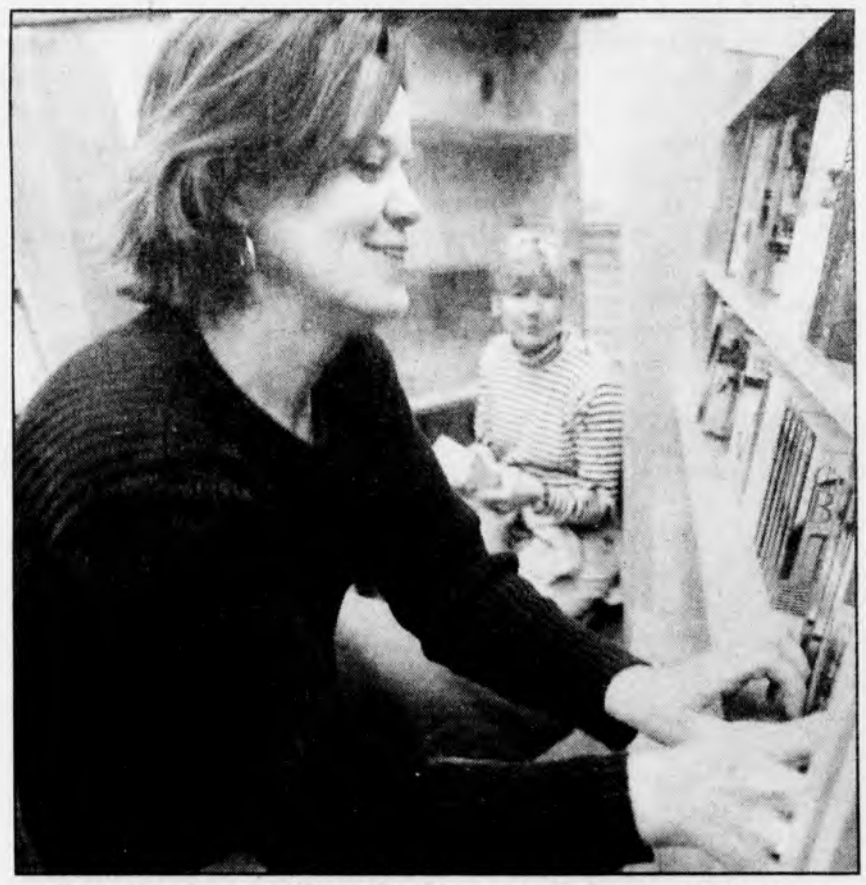
They plan to open their new salon at the end of May depending on the timing of the new lighting, flooring, and cabinets.

Each shopkeeper expressed an interest in having a mini-grand opening for all of the local stores once they've settled in.



Buttonwood Books & Toys owner Betsy Detwiler wipes her brown during a hectic moving day last week at the former Cushing Plaza.

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Kate Keating and Patricia Kilroy stock shelves at the new retail space for Buttonwood Books & Toys.

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Best vacation: Four days in Virginia Beach.

Best day of your life: When I was accepted to Clark University.

Biggest worry: I try not to worry.

Favorite holiday: Halloween.

Favorite season: Wrestling season.

Favorite TV show: 'The Tick.'

Favorite movie: 'The Crow.'

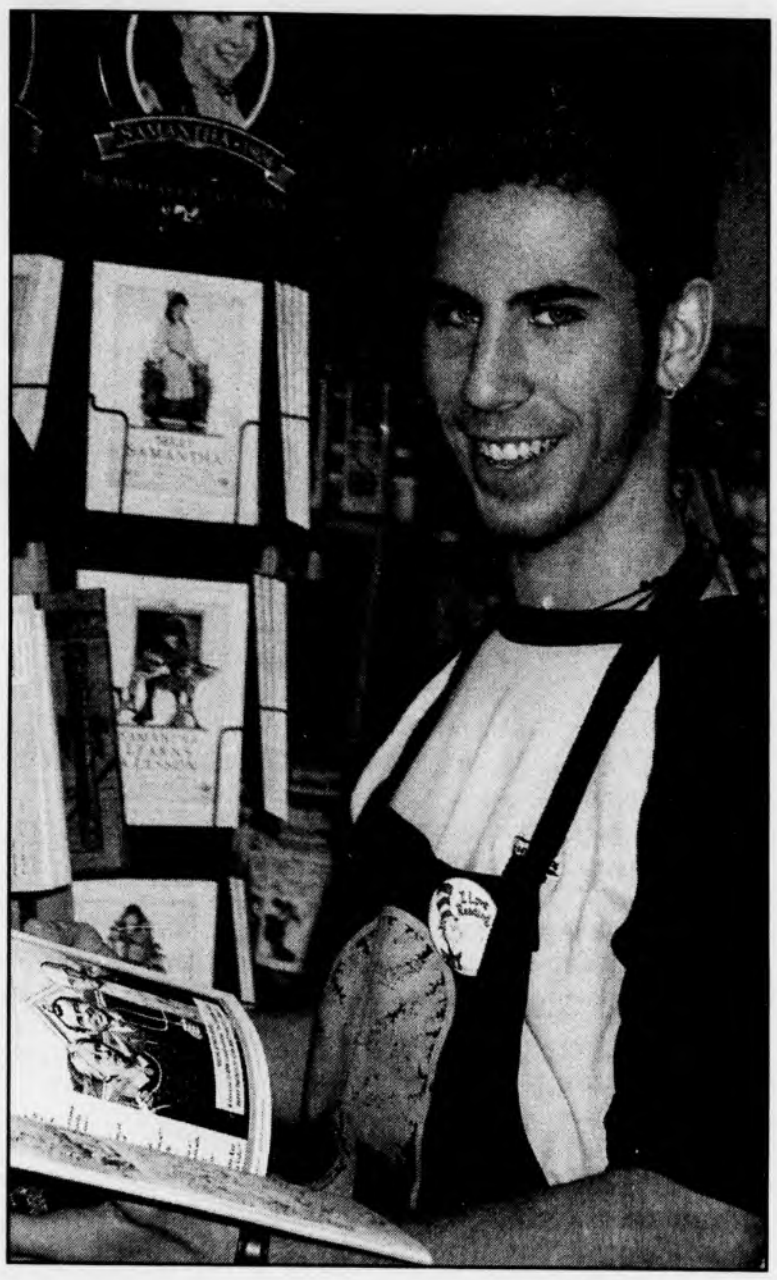
Favorite book: Any works by Shakespeare or Irvine Welsh.

Favorite junk food: I don't eat much junk food.

Most embarrassing moment: I have nothing to be embarrassed about.

Person you'd most like to meet: Tori Amos.

Pet Peeve: When the light turns red just before you get there.



Public Comment Period Needs Restraints

Selectman Ronnie McMorris suggested the ten minutes or so put aside each week for public comment be limited to issues that can be handled briefly. More complex issues should be put on the selectmen's agenda for a future meeting, she said.

McMorris said the public comment period is more casual in nature and serious issues require more research and therefore should be on the agenda so selectmen are prepared to respond.

"It gives us time to prepare for an issue that comes before us," she said.

In a related matter, McMorris suggested selectmen hold "office hours" to address citizen's questions or concerns. She suggested a time when citizens can meet with a selectman and the town administrator to have their issues addressed.

But Town Administrator Ed McCann said while McMorris' point is well founded, limiting concerns to a certain time would be too restrictive.

"The door is always open," he said.

So selectmen agreed that many issues could be passed by the town administrator first and want the public to know that it is not always necessary to come before the entire board with a concern.

BUSINESS NOTES

Rethinking Career Options at Mid-Life

Matrix Career Services will be offering two Career Workshops at the Hingham Public Library. Joanne Meehl and Florence Reddish, career counselors with more than 10 years of experience, will present the following workshops.

"What Do I Want to Be When I Grow Up? Mid-Life Career Changing" will be offered Tuesday, April 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library, Whiton Room, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Cost $35. Call (617) 792-0032 to register.

Tuesday, May 6, Matrix Career Services will offer a job search workshop "Interviewing Techniques for the Career Changer" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library Whiton Room, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Cost: $35. Call (617) 792-0032 to register.

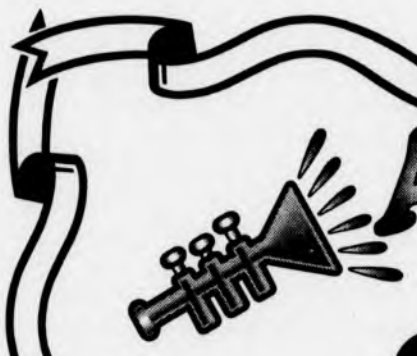
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Once again the Massachusetts DAR sponsored the DAR Good Citizen Program, established to honor high school seniors who are outstanding in character and exhibit qualities of good citizenship.

The contest was open to members of the senior classes of high schools, public and private and provides for the selection of a student with the proper qualifications by classmates and faculty.

The faculty chooses three seniors who best exemplify outstanding qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their school, home and community. From these three, the senior class chooses the school's Good Citizen.

The Colonel Thomas Lothrop/Old Colony Chapter of the National Association of the DAR held a reception Sunday, April 13, in honor of the winners. The Cohasset elected winner was **Jarod Batts,** whose proud parents are **Mark** and **Nichole Batts**. The reception was held at the lightkeepers' house, and the awards were presented to Jared and the other four high schools (Hingham, Hull, Rockland and Weymouth). Members, winners and families attended, more than 50 people in all.

Special congratulations go to you, Jarod.

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Steve Sinopoli gave us a call last week, he is trying to get his 20th reunion planned — the class of 1978, CHS. Why a year early you ask? Well, there were 157 students in the class! He has reached about 100 of them already, but he figures it will take a year to round everyone up and make plans. Steve would love it if you can give him a hand with either planning, contacting, providing an address, etc. Give him a call.

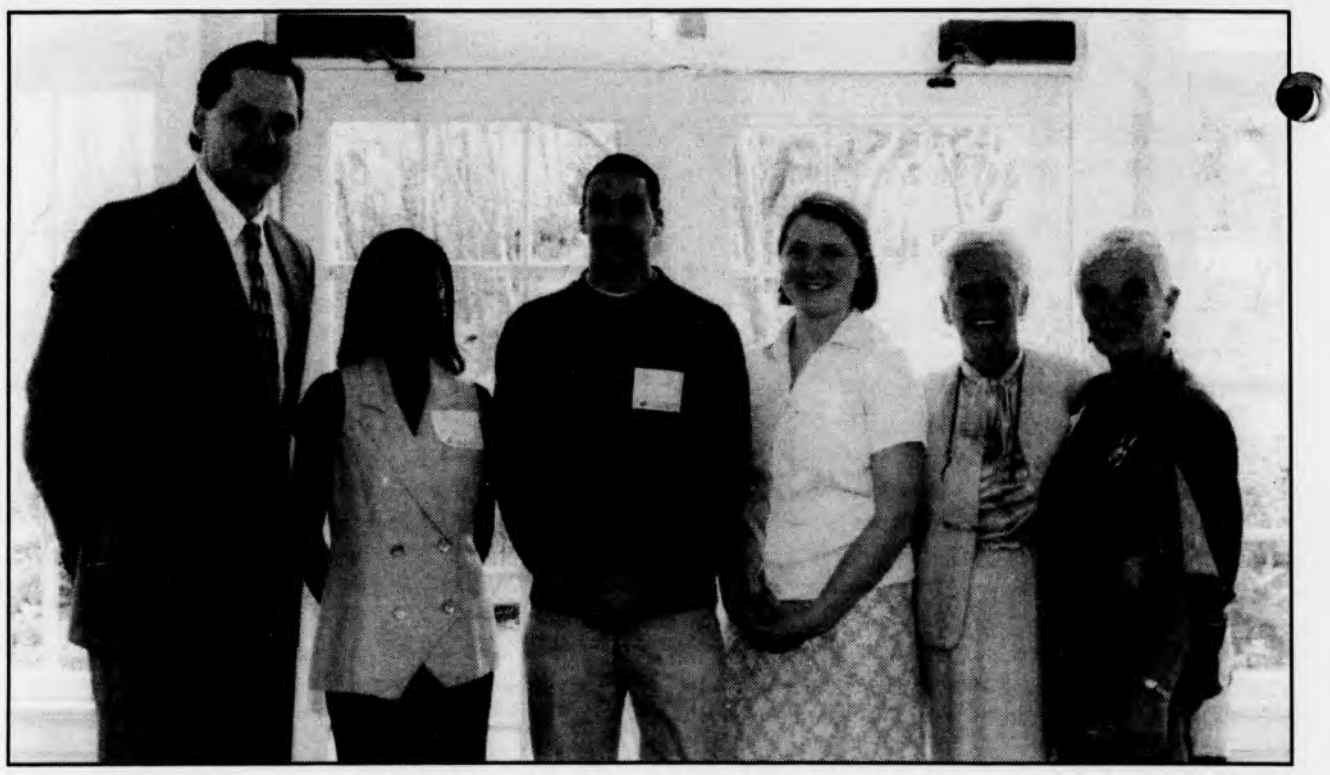
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Another reunion in the works is the 40th anniversary of the CHS football team — that would include all players who graduated from 1958 through 1961. **Clark Chatterton** has plans underway, and a letter composed, so be watching the mail if you qualify!

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Had a nice chat with **Betty Brooke** last week, she is so excited! She is a grandmother again, this time to a baby girl! **Jessie Kearney** was born April 5 to **John** and **Jami Kearney.** Jessie's older brother, **Jack**, is 3-1/2, and real excited too! As is **Donna Cloney,** Jessie's maternal grandmother. Spring is the best time to have a baby, enjoy that little girl and love her to pieces!

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State Sen. Robert Hedlund, La Keisha Ruley of Weymouth, Jarod Batts of Cohasset, Megan Williams of Hingham, state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray and Nancy O'Toole, regent of the Colonel Thomas Lothrop Old Colony Chapter of the National Assoc. of the DAR at the recent reception honoring good citizenship.

South Shore Hospital's 75th anniversary golf tournament is set for Monday, June 9, at Cohasset Golf Club. Braintree resident **Donald Olson** is this year's tournament chairman. Proceeds from the tournament will support the planned $3 million expansion of South Shore Hospital's cardiac center, enabling it to better serve the hospital's growing number of cardiac patients. Heart disease is the region's number one killer, and more than half of all cardiology patients in the region seek care at South Shore Hospital. A number of corporate sponsors are already in place, other corporate sponsorship opportunities are still available. Don't miss this chance to enjoy a fun day of golf while supporting a great cause. Call **Jill McDonough** at South Shore Health and Educational Foundation at (617) 340-8848 for more information or to register.

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Happy birthday greetings to **Tommy Coburn!**

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Speaking of birthdays, there is a big one in store for **Leo Fiori** next month! Can you believe that he will be 75? Yep, it is true! The big day is May 10, but we wanted to give you plenty of warning so that you will be sure to stop by and give him a big birthday hello! One of Cohasset's finest, that's for sure!

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With spring having arrived (at least on the calendar), we all can see tons of yard work to be done! The Social Service League has compiled a list of CHS students who are all set to tackle any job you may have for them! Besides yard work, they will water plants, take care of your pets, babysit, drive, water your plants — the list goes on! The rates are great, so give them a call for names and phone numbers of students. Call the Job Bank at 383-0771.

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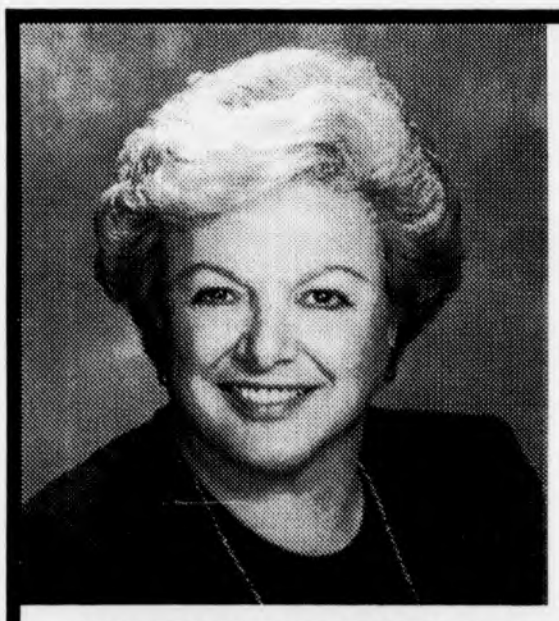
Guess by now you have heard about the Junior Gardeners of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's latest venture. They are selling property on our own town's game board in Cohassetopoly — this is a fund-raiser, and you can help them make it a huge success while advertising your business at the same time — just imagine, every time the game comes out, someone will see your business or name, or whatever. For space on the board, call as soon as you can, 383-2254. All properties will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis, and you will be part of the "First Edition."

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Obituaries

Alberta M. Pratt

Alberta M. (Marsh) Pratt, 86, of Cohasset [illegible]t noble grand of the Cohasset Rebekahs, died April 10 at home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Pratt was born in Somerville and lived in Cohasset since she was eight. She graduated from Cohasset High School in 1928.

She had been very active in the Girl Scouts for many years.

Wife of the late Nelson C. Pratt, she leaves six sons, Nelson Pratt Jr., Donald Pratt and Richard Pratt, all of Cohasset, Allan Pratt of Hingham, Elliot Pratt of Duxbury and Edward Pratt of Northampton; two daughters, Marjorie Richards and Marilyn Morrison, both of Cohasset; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held April 14 in Woodside Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to the Massachusetts Hospital School, c/o Karen Beecham, 3 Randolph St., Canton 02021.

Russell A. Smyth

Russell A. Smyth, 77, of Cohasset, a retired district sales manager for S.C. Johnson's Wax, died April 9 after a brief illness while vacationing in Florida.

Mr. Smyth was district sales manager for S.C. Johnson's Wax for 30 years.

During World War II he was a Navy ensign and pilot aboard the battleship, the USS Missouri.

An avid golfer, he was president of the Cohasset Golf Club for two terms. He was a member of the club since 1949.

Mr. Smyth was raised in Hingham and graduated from Thayer Academy in Braintree. He attended St. Lawrence University.

He lived in Cohasset for several years, then in Norwell for 24 years. He returned to Cohasset 11 years ago.

Husband of the late Elizabeth (Mit) Smyth, he leaves two daughters, Susan Smyth of Weymouth and Roxanne Stern of Riverside, R.I.; a sister, Wilma Wiggins of Pittsford, N.Y.; and his companion, Elaine Brackett of Cohasset.

Arrangements were made by the Van Orsdel Funeral Home, Coral Gables, Fla.

Donations may be made to First Parish Unitarian Church 24, River St. Norwell, 02061; or to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,44 Binney St., Boston 02115.

Helena M. Riccio

A funeral Mass for Helena M. (DeVasto) Riccio was celebrated April 21, at St. Anthony's Church. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery.

Mrs. Riccio, 74, of Cohasset, a homemaker, died April 18 at home after a long illness.

Mrs. Riccio was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

She was born, raised and educated in Cambridge and lived 23 years in Hull, several years at Beal's Cove Village in Hingham and the past 10 years in Cohasset.

She leaves her husband, Arthur T. Riccio; three sons, George Riccio of Hull, Alphonse Riccio of Cohasset and Arthur T. Riccio Jr. of Plymouth; a daughter, Linda Peraino of Cohasset; a brother, Cosmo DeVasto of Dedham; three sisters, Mary Percoco and Carmela Percoco, both of Cambridge, and Ann Percoco of Hull; and eight grandchildren.

There were no visiting hours.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations in Mrs. Riccio's memory may be made to The Rev. Edward H. McDonough, Healing and Restoration Ministry, Mission Church, P.O. Box 299, Boston 02132-9901.

Join Cohasset Historical Society

The Cohasset Historical Society membership drive has begun. If you have not returned the envelope provided by the society, or for some reason have not received one, send your check to the Cohasset Historical Society, 14 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

Individual membership is $20; family membership, $30; junior membership, $5; sustaining membership, $50.

Cohasset Garden Club on Arbor Day

The Cohasset Garden Club will celebrate the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day — April 25 — by planting two Dogwood (Cornus kousa chinensis) trees at Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The planting will take place at 10:30 a.m. that day.

One of the trees is donated by Genevieve Good in memory of her husband, Fred, who spent many enjoyable hours at the library. Polly Logan donated the other tree in memory of Mrs. John E. Teagan, Marilyn Keane's mother.

The tree planting is part of an ongoing project by the Cohasset Garden Club and Friends of the Library to landscape and replant the area in front of the library. The new plan will include more trees and low-maintenance ground cover.

The Cohasset Garden Club has been a member of the Garden Club of America since 1927 and a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. since 1929.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Getting Involved

'The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight.'
— Theodore Roosevelt.

This is the final week for Question of the Week. While we know that the candidates are relieved not to have anymore "homework," we've really enjoyed their participation.

Not everyone liked all our questions. We had a few complaints from a candidate or two and some from members of the public. But we're in the news/information business, so we welcome comments both pro or con — your input helps us to be more relevant.

Along the campaign trail, we've met nearly all the candidates. We find them articulate, talented and courageous. It takes guts to throw your hat into the ring and get involved.

Cohasset is lucky to have citizens who think they can make a difference and are willing to try by running for elected office.

It's not easy to stand at a podium at a candidates' night and be put on the spot with a difficult question. And it's not always pleasant to hold signs and wave to fellow residents hour after hour at the dump or at busy intersections in all kinds of weather.

The sad fact is most of us would rather complain about government than get involved. We've become a nation of armchair critics who hide behind frustration with government status quo as an excuse not to try and change things.

The May 3 election will not only decide the how the north and central Cohasset sewer projects will be paid for but voters will choose a new selectman, two new school committee members and a new water commissioner.

While we'd like to encourage political activism in everyone — we accept the fact that the desire and energy to serve in elected office is something that has always attracted the few.

But "being able and willing to pull our weight as citizens" of this great country and town doesn't necessarily mean running for office.

Taking the time to cast an informed vote on May 3 is the responsibility of each and everyone of us. Democracy is rarely easy and it's not always convenient but it's the best system we have and it deserves our attention.

As a reminder, the Cohasset Mariner does not endorse candidates in local elections. We will publish a voting guide for candidates in contested races next week. As we stated in our policy printed at the beginning of the election season last month, we also do not accept letters to the editor on campaign issues for the Thursday edition before the election.

— Mary Ford
Editor



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't Pick the Flowers

To the Editor:

The picture on the front page of your April 17 issue of a child picking flowers on the Common sends the wrong message. No one should pick flowers from any public space. The flowers are there for everyone's enjoyment, not just for the few who pick and remove. There is an all-too-common misconception that public space means public picking. Blooms are removed from shrubs in the Central Cemetery and holly branches cut from trees in Wheelwright Park.

Let's leave the flowers where they grow for the rest of us who pass to enjoy.

Mary C. Hartshorne
115 Border St.

Town Manager Process Questioned

To the Editor:

I believe it is my responsibility as your elected representative to the board of selectmen to comment on the "process" by which a town manager form of government was recently adopted. The decision to concentrate administrative and financial authority in the hands of one individual, the town manager is a significant one for Cohasset to undertake. There are complex and serious changes involved and the unease and misunderstanding that continues to surface are a direct result of the failure of the town to undertake an appropriate study and review process. This decision was not studied, debated, or made by an informed government structure committee or an informed community. It was made by a handful of people — well intentioned though they may be operating in a vacuum, with no input from anyone other than the proponents of a citizens article.

Communities considering such an important change traditionally use a study and review process that includes the formation of an independent group, often a charter commission. This group looks at all options for professional management — town administrator or town manager — in a "weak" or "strong" form. It also looks at independently elected officials and boards (i.e. planning, health, water and recreation) and determines if any should be appointed. It approaches centralized, efficient management from all angles. Most importantly the process includes public meetings, public hearings and debate. All points of view are sought and heard. Finally, a town meeting vote and often public referendum follow.

I am distressed that none of this happened in Cohasset this year, and we are now moving forward with changes with which many citizens and elected and appointed town officials are uncomfortable. Cohasset may be overdue in making necessary changes in its administrative operations, and we are all paying for a lack of planning on the capital improvement side. But basically we are a well-run town and have been for years, particularly from a financial perspective.

I am personally worried about the hastiness with which this proposal was adopted and the lack of meaningful discussion. If after a full and thoughtful review of the issues and their ramifications the consensus was for a town manager, then we could all be confident that we are moving forward with an informed choice.

Ronnie McMorris
89 Doane St.

Wrestlers Appreciate Support

To the Editor:

From April 4 through April 6 we represented Massachusetts in the National High School Wrestling Tournament in Pittsburgh, Penn. This tournament was very important to us in competing against the best in the country. The trip to Pittsburgh could not have been possible without the support from numerous local businesses and businessmen. In particular, we would like to thank Mr. Jon Lacks, Mr. Bob Davenport, Mr. John Kinchla, Mr. Montgomery Burns, Robbins Garage, The Silver Spoon Cafe, Cohasset Plaza Cleaners, Fitness First, NorEaster, The Village Butcher Shop & Deli, French Memories, Cohasset Hardware, Little Harbor Antiques, The Cohasset Pizza House, Goodwin Graphics and Nothin' More Natural. Because they supported us, we ask that you support them. Your continued patronage of these businesses would be greatly appreciated.

Justin Buckley and Kevin Duffy

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Question of the Week

The following candidates responded to the Question of the Week:

Selectman Candidates:

Some citizens are easily intimidated and are uneasy about voicing their concerns. Do you think selectmen encourage enough public input at their meetings? What would you do to make the board more accessible?

• School Committee Candidates:

SELECTMAN/Wigmore Pierson

Because so many citizens feel they have been mistreated by both elected and appointed board members in recent years, there is a natural reluctance to come forward and voice opinions for fear of being tarred and feathered and run out of town. Therefore, feelings of intimidation are understandable.

Four things need to change to encourage more public comment and to make the board more accessible.

First, selectmen should display a more open and welcoming attitude toward the citizens.

While it is possible that some board members may feel threatened by citizens, other selectmen seem to believe that they are the only true repositories of the truth and the light in the entire town of Cohasset. Many God save Cohasset from any more leaders with this attitude.

Second, more time must be allotted for the public comment period at weekly meetings, say 8 to 8:30 p.m.

Third, each person wishing to bring an issue or concern before the board should be allowed a strictly adhered to time limit before the issue is either adjudicated or scheduled for more in depth discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Fourth, a mechanism needs to be established to record and track concerns voiced by telephone to the board of selectmen at town hall and to respond promptly.

SELECTMAN/Alex Koines

At our Monday night selectmen's meetings, some individuals must certainly feel uncomfortable facing five selectmen while television cameras record every word. I do not think the selectmen discourage public input but I believe it will become easier and more effective when citizens can go directly to our new town manager's office with many of their questions and concerns. Consider also that, under the new system, the selectmen will be free of many of the details that currently bog down meetings. This will result in more efficient meetings centered around important subjects and encourage greater citizen participation.

I would suggest that the selectmen hold monthly, or even bimonthly, informal office hours during which citizens could meet with them. This would take the pressure off those citizens who do not want their point of view made public. I realize that the position of selectman is part-time and time is often hard to find but citizen input is fundamental to a representative's job and I feel this would be worth trying.

Finally, when I need to discuss something with our state representative, Mary Jeanette Murray, I do not drive to the statehouse, I call her on the telephone, sometimes at home. I have always been grateful to her for this privilege and do not abuse it. My phone number is in the Cohasset book. It's 383-9461 and you can use it.

SELECTMAN/Diane C. Sullivan

When we have a town manager up and running he or she will have the authority to deal with citizen concerns and resolve them quickly. If the citizen prefers, he should have every opportunity to come before the selectmen and have a full airing of his problem or concern. The resident can ask to be put on the agenda for the next selectmen's meeting and will be asked to give an estimate of the time his visit may take. He will be treated fairly and courteously.

The residents who seek selectmen agenda time may be the ones who are least likely to feel intimidated. No one should ever fell intimidated; the board of selectmen was voted by the people and is there to serve those people.

An area that I feel should be extended is the 10 minutes allocated for meeting attendees to bring up anything they wish for discussion. Ten minutes is too short a time and I would hope this could be expanded. This could help to make the board more accessible. Some of the items now appearing on the selectmen's agenda will be handled by the new town manager and thereby give the selectmen more time for policy decisions and listening to the citizens as requested. Selectmen should always be responsive to residents.

We have a great deal of citizen talent in this town and their input should be encouraged. Different perspectives, new ideas, and knowledgeable suggestions should be welcomed by the selectmen as they deliberate and act on the issues for the good of our town.

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

It does not seem to me that, of late, we've had an intimidated citizenry, but nevertheless all town officials should strive to do their best to be accessible to citizens at all times and to make government more understandable. Being "on call" comes with the job.

Televising all selectmen's meetings is a great idea. Indeed, I favor other boards' meetings being televised as well on a periodic basis, especially when dealing with major issues. The public comment period within each meeting is another positive. Both should be continued.

I favor having once-per-month office hours, similar to those federal and state officeholders periodically conduct. This would be during the day, say for an hour. The selectmen would rotate this duty (two times per year each) to accommodate their individual schedules. As an alternative or in addition, perhaps a small periodic "selectmen's corner" column in the Mariner could be done. Selectmen should give a detailed "state of the town" address at, or shortly before, annual town meeting, and as I stated last week, major articles should be aired at public hearings, regardless of who initiated them. I also favor selectmen appearing more frequently at the meetings of boards to which they are the liaison.

Finally, selectmen just need to be seen around town or available in person or by phone, and I think our current board does this sufficiently. I have never shied from discussing the commission's work with anyone who wants to know, and I would continue this practice as a selectman.

• School Committee Candidates:

After the divisive debate over the new school last year, do you think the school committee can play a role in healing old wounds and reaching out to those most polarized by the issue?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Hugh Morgan

I feel as though the school committee can play a large role in voter satisfaction regarding the building of a new and much needed school. This can be accomplished by the committee's dedication to place new programs into effect using its budget wisely and to work closely with the new school administration who are dedicated to optimum education for our children.

We must keep in mind at all times that educational costs may seem great but our children are our most important asset and our country's greatest future.

If elected I will strive toward educational excellence for our children.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Joe McElroy

The school committee must play the lead role. They have been long on rhetoric and short on planning and execution. Understanding one another is a two-way street. They need to realize that taxpayers are besieged on all sides by big-ticket capital items.

Shortly the public will become aware of compromises on quality, unfulfilled promises of a "turn-key" operation, and probable major cost-overruns. The best thing the school committee can do is be honest and restore quality to its design. the first step the school committee needs to take is come to an understanding with the Design Review Board. It must take a serious look at prudent cost-cutting measures recommended by the DRB.

The school committee is confronted with complex challenges because of its insistence on a "campus" for PK-3. It has left the Deer Hill and Jr/Sr High School buildings in serious disrepair. Teacher morale is low in these schools as they realize the cost of failing to compromise. Decimating the professional development budget by approving a $15,000 sailing junket for only three teachers doesn't help matters. These are public, not private schools.

As president of the Lightkeepers' Corporation, I led the most successful volunteer project in recent town history. Similar success as a military leader, businessman, and educator indicate that I am best qualified to redress chronic mismanagement. I have demonstrated competency found with no other candidate to bring various people together, build consensus and move forward. With your support I'll work for you to heal these old wounds.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/Kathy Ofsthun

Both last week's question and this week's question for candidates relate to mistreatment and bad feelings. While I think it is important to address the issue, I am not one to dwell on negatives. I believe that most of the town has moved forward, and that we have the common goal of high quality education at a reasonable cost.

Defining reasonable cost is what causes divisiveness. This is not unique to the school committee. From water rates to transfer facility prices, there are differing opinions on what is reasonable. Unfortunately, a new school costs far more than most financial obligations and so the debate/divisiveness surrounding it was heightened.

I believe the school committee could help heal these wounds by reporting capital needs sooner and finding new ways of communicating, more frequently, with the townspeople. Several steps were taken this year already, e.g. writing a monthly column in the Mariner and televising meetings. I would add to this: periodic reporting on the status of spending versus the budget and broadly circulating the capital and maintenance plans. I think that more frequent communication, especially regarding finances, will help to heal old wounds, will reach out to those most polarized, and will better prepare the town for the next time a major capital expenditure is needed.

• Water Commission Candidates:

If elected, what will you do to prepare users for the water flushing program which will clean out the old pipes but may wreak havoc on household laundry and the like?

WATER COMMISSION/John McNabb

A flushing program is necessary to clean out accumulated sedimentation in water pipes throughout the water distribution system and to avoid the permanent build up of sediment that degrades the quality of water pipes and reduced their ability to carry water. However, flushing cannot be conducted until the existing storage tank is cleaned out, hopefully by next spring after the second standpipe is constructed, or the flushing program will merely flush the sludge from the existing tank into the distribution system.

Communication is the key to an effective flushing program. Since flushing the system will cause release of the accumulated sediment into the water, causing discoloration, it is imperative that all residents are informed prior to the flushing in the area so they can avoid washing or using the water. Flushing, where feasible, should take place only late at night.

I would suggest that the Water Department prepare their customers for the flushing with a mailing that describes the entire flushing schedule and with press releases in the local newspapers. These efforts should be followed up by reminders at the weekly selectmen's meetings, and then signs which should be put up on a street a few days before the flushing is done on that street. If there are any problems with the initial flushing that indicates that residents have not gotten the message, then any future flushing should not take place until the affected residents are notified by phone or by a door-to-door leafleting by the water department.

Vote May 3rd

CANDIDATES' CORNER

Meet Susan Turgiss

Meet Susan Turgiss, candidate for school committee, at the Council on Aging Candidates Luncheon at noon on April 29, 3 North Main Street; at the Chamber of Commerce Candidates Night at 7 p.m. April 29, to be held at the Second Congregational Church; and at the home of Weezie Welz, 12 Windsor Rd., Thursday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. (RSVP to Weezie Welz, 383-9192 or Marie Kelly at 383-1924).

Coffees for McElroy

Joe McElroy, candidate for the Cohasset School Committee, will be present at a series of coffees to answer questions, listen to concerns and accept suggestions:

Sunday, April 27, 2 to 4 p.m. at Merle and Joan Brown's, 546 Beechwood Street. Coordinator is Pat Buckley, 383-0304.

Interested citizens are requested to call listed coordinators if they would like to meet the candidate.

Chamber Candidates Night

Meet the candidates running for local office Tuesday, April 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church. Hear each candidate debate the issues which effect your business and community. Take advantage of this opportunity to ask the questions which impact you and your business.

The following candidates will debate:

Selectmen — Thomas J. Callahan, chamber member; Alexander C. Koines, Wigmore A. Pierson, chamber member; Diane C. Sullivan.

School Committee — Joseph R. McElroy, Hugh Joseph Morgan, Kathleen A. Ofsthun, Susan M. Turgiss.

Water Commissioner — John K. McNabb Jr., John C. Pereira.

Many of us have our businesses in Cohasset, yet we may call our home the community in which we live with our families. Many of us agree that we tend to spend much of our time in our "work" home, Cohasset. Cohasset, then is really our home away from home where our livelihoods are based. Therefore, the decisions of Cohasset elected officials not only impact the residents but they also impact us, the business community. Whether the question is on the tax classification rate; a zoning bylaw; water and sewer restrictions; sign bylaw, parking meters, or even the location of a commuter rail station, all such questions impact the business community and our livelihoods.

Your voice is important and needs to be heard concerning local business issues which are managed and influenced by local elected office holders. Join us on candidates night to question the candidates on your second home, where our livelihood lives.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attendance at Train Meeting Urged

To the Editor:

Most recently, the Selectmen of Halifax, after requesting a four-quadrant gate (a mechanisms to increase public safety) be constructed at *one* of the town's crossings in an attempt to abate a whistle, received a letter from Robert R. Egan, project manager of Old Colony Railroad, which stated, "Though recent legislation did suggest the use of four-quadrant gates on the Old Colony lines, the MBTA is also bound to federal guidelines set by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Federal Transit Authority (FTA). Since the use of four-quadrant gates is largely experimental and has not been approved by either ... we will not be using this type of warning system on the Old Colony lines."

Here in Greenbush, we know this couldn't be true. Hadn't the MBTA proposed four-quadrant gates and a whistle-ban at Greenbush grade crossings? Why would Sverdrup, the MBTA's engineering consultants, in reference to Halifax suggest, four-quadrant gates pose a safety risk because they prevent cars from escaping if caught on the tracks? And why does the MBTA advocate the use of four-quadrant gates in Greenbush if they're a threat to public safety?

The truth is ... the FRA and FTA neither approve nor disapprove of four-quadrant gates. What they do disapprove of are whistlebans, and they don't even regulate them — yet. It is our towns which request whistlebans, and our state DPU which approves them and they deny having approved one — yet. Even the MBTA never liked whistlebans ... 'til Greenbush reared its 43 grade crossings, requiring a horn to sound continuously for 15+ miles. But what is most bewildering, our own state legislature requires the use of four-quadrant gates to be used at all grade crossings on all three lines of the Old Colony, Acts of '96 Law #151 sec. 643.

So what does all this mean, besides implicating the MBTA in another "mis-statement?" Does it mean Halifax can have its four-quadrant gate and whistle ban too? Or does it mean the MBTA can't stop the horn in Greenbush and avoid its impact; uninhabitable homes, dissolution of life-time investments? Do we want to become national statistics? Six hundred-plus deaths and 1,800+ accidents each year at grade-crossings (FRA). And where will the liability of fatality lay; with the communities forced to accept the train, or the state which conceived the banshee, restored the grade-crossings and proposed the morbid whistle-ban? For certain ... no one knows, the state legislator hasn't decided — yet. Two things are certain: without four-quadrant gates at crossings your chance of death increases, and if your community has a ban they triple.

Might I make a few suggestions: if the state is so intent upon restoring these crossings, proposing these bans; let them assume the increase in fatality, before another train crosses one Old Colony street; let's be given our rights to four-quadrant gates, and before one more "mis-statement" crosses the autocrats' lips, let's all (Plymouth, Middleborough and Greenbush) meet them at the public forum — Braintree Town Hall, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 24, and demand our Right to Know (Act).

Sheila Sullivan
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Cohasset Food Pantry Serves Increasing Numbers
Post Office Collection is May 10

Approaching its fourth anniversary, the Cohasset Food Pantry finds the need still strong for food assistance to town residents, with an increase of 7 percent in families and individuals served during 1996.

Marjorie Steele, chairman of the Pantry's Steering Committee since its founding in 1993, reported that the Pantry made 467 distributions of food to family units averaging more than three individuals, during 1996, as compared with 438 in the previous year.

"There is clearly a continuing need for food assistance to some local families, and we are happy to be able to provide it through the generosity of individuals, institutions and businesses in town," Steele said.

The Pantry operates out of the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue next to the town hall, and is open Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Any Cohasset resident who meets limited income guidelines or who has special need is eligible to receive food at two-week intervals.

"The town has really opened its heart to those in need", Mrs. Steele said. "This service would not be possible without the generous contribution of food and funds by many individuals, groups and businesses, as well as the work of volunteers to stock and staff the pantry."

She singled out for special thanks the town's churches and schools which organize food collections; Stop & Shop, which supported the Pantry through a "Food For Friends" program; Jack Conway Co., Realtors; and Cohasset Imports Auto Dealers. A major contribution has come through the food collection by employees of the Cohasset Post Office which brought in hundreds of pounds of food picked up by route mail deliverers. This year's Post Office collection is scheduled for May 10 .

In addition to the donations through food drives, the Pantry uses contributed funds to purchase food at the Boston Food Bank at minimal cost and at local and area supermarkets.

Over and above the regular bi-weekly distribution of food the Pantry distributes special holiday food packages, featuring turkeys at Thanksgiving, hams at Christmas and Easter, and also organizes Christmas gifts to children and adults in the client families.

"We have been more fortunate than some pantries in keeping our shelves stocked, but right now we could use more volunteers, particularly for the Tuesday evenings when the Pantry is open," Steele says. "Those interested should call Bob Thompson at 383-1448."

The Cohasset Food Pantry was organized under the sponsorship of six town churches and the Social Service League in Cohasset. Sponsoring churches are the Second Congregational, St. Stephen's Episcopal, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic, Beechwood Congregational, First Parish Unitarian and the Greek Orthodox. The Pantry opened in May of 1993. Members of the Steering Committee, in addition to Mrs. Steele, are Gerry Ainslie, June Simeone, Harry and Joan Trask, Bette Nelson, Wallace St. John, Osborne Ingram, Ann Mitchell, Carol Sandblom, Annette Sawchuk and Robert Thompson.

Mammography Screening is May 1

Mammography screening is Thursday, May 1. The Cohasset Social Service League is sponsoring the Mobile Diagnostic Services, Inc. (MDSI) mobile mammography service. Appointments are necessary and can be scheduled by calling the Cohasset Social Service League ate (617) 383-0771. The mammograms are performed by fully licensed female mammography technologists in a comfortable, private mobile coach. The films are read by board certified radiologists and results are provided to each woman as well as the physician of her choice.

When used in conjunction with the following total breast health plan, mammography is the most reliable method for early detection of breast cancer.

Mobile Diagnostic Services, Inc., ACR Accredited, FDA Certified and Massachusetts Licensed mobile mammography service, is a not-for-profit corporation with a history of serving women in Massachusetts for more then nine years. Mammography is their only business. Because cost and accessibility are cited as major factors discouraging women from having mammography, MDSI provides low-cost mammography on a mobile unit, bringing this life-saving 30-minute examination to women at worksites, health centers and community locations.

Insurance can often cover the cost of a mammogram, and MDSI can bill your insurance company directly, or you may pay on the day of the exam and obtain a receipt for insurance reimbursement. Medicare covers their portion of a mammogram examination every two years. Deductible and co-pay may apply, so you should call Medicare at (800) 882-1228 to check your individual status.



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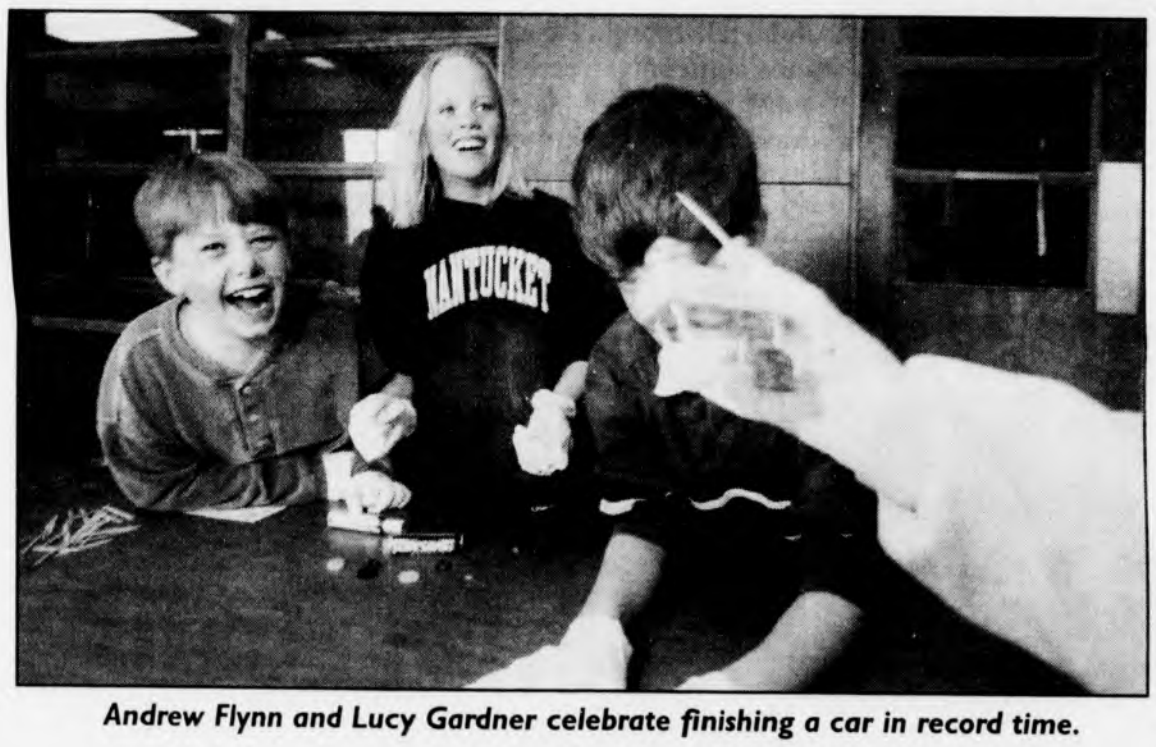
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D.J. Silvia inspects the final products at the Deer Hill candy car assembly line.



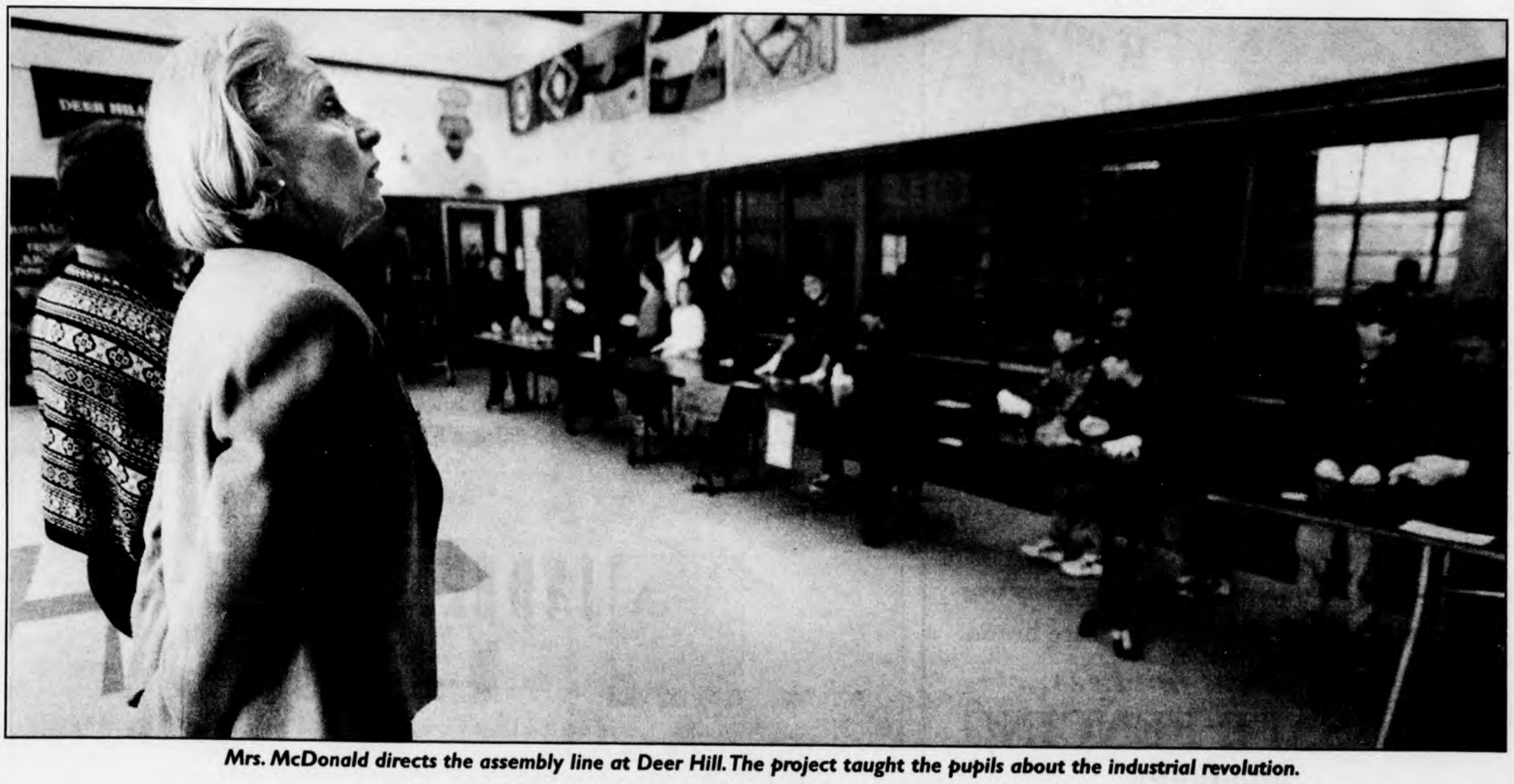
Paige Weisenfeld looks for the next car to come along while Toby Norman glues the seat on another Model A Ford.



Andrew Flynn and Lucy Gardner celebrate finishing a car in record time.



Quality control expert Brendon Ford looks over the prototype before assembly begins in Mrs. McDonald's fourth grade class.



Mrs. McDonald directs the assembly line at Deer Hill. The project taught the pupils about the industrial revolution.

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Last Touches Being Put on Athletic Field

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

It's "last call" if you want to buy a commemorative brick for the soon-to-be-built sidewalk leading to Alumni Field.

The bricks, which run from $75 to $200 in cost, can be inscribed with your family name, business, or year of graduation, and will make up the T-shaped sidewalk section leading from the parking lot to the bleachers.

Since the bricks went on sale before Christmas, well over $10,000 has already been raised. The money will be used to help defray the cost of the new press box at Alumni Field and other costs associated with maintaining the field.

Gary Vanderweil, the chairman of the track and study committee, said sales of the bricks have dropped off during the spring months, but he is hoping for a late push in sales until May 15 deadline. Work on the sidewalk is expected to begin in June.

"There has been a real good response," Vanderweil said, "but it has tailed off a little this spring."

Meanwhile, work on the three-story, state-of-the-art press box has been moving smoothly as 80 percent of the siding was completed on Sunday after five weekends of work by Bob Gledhill and a dozen fathers of Cohasset High athletes.

The press box is enclosed on both the second and third floors. The bottom is used to store football equipment and the second floor is for the press covering games. The third floor is used by football coaches to get a good view of the field and talk to coaches on the ground by microphone.

Cohasset High Athletic Director Clark Chatterton said the cheapest bid for a two-story structure was $20,000. The three-story press box, done mostly by volunteers, should come in at less than $10,000.

"It was really like building a house," Chatterton said.



Cohasset High lacrosse player Sal Stansell trips up a Westwood attacker.
Staff photo by Alan Chapman

Golf Team Inspired by Tiger

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Tiger Woods' historic victory in the Masters' golf tournament have already filtered down to the high school level. And Cohasset High Athletic Director and golf coach, Clark Chatterton, couldn't be happier.

His 16-member team has been buzzing with excitement after the 21-year-old Woods became the youngest Masters winner and first Afro-American golfer in history to come away from the prestigious event victorious.

"I've talked to every coach in the (South Shore) league," said Chatterton, "and they're getting a lot of young kids."

Chatterton himself recently received two calls from parents, acquiring if their kids could join the high school golf team. Chatterton said he had to turn them down because they are currently members of other spring teams. It is against MIAA rules for an athlete to compete on two different teams in the same sports season.

Chatterton is pleased with the turn out for this spring's team and expects the team to be competitive with the rest of the SSL this spring. The Skippers lost their lone match of season to Scituate, 9-0. Chatterton, however, was not disappointed by the loss because the Sailors are favored to win the SSL title with little problem. The town currently has two golf courses with another in the works.

The team did miss some practice time after the April 1 blizzard because the soaking fields forced the temporary closing of the Cohasset Country Club. The squad, however, was allowed to practice at North Hill Country Club in Duxbury while the Cohasset course was closed.

Chatterton is looking to Jordan Fiore, Andy Hamilton, Doug Sheerin, Will Prendergast, Will Moody, Ted Gledhill and Brendan Byrne to be the main golfers on this year's team and score the majority of points.

EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

Giving '110 Percent' And Other Quotable Madness

Sports, from archery to swimming, can be dissected with a comb to pull out the most obscure statistics and facts. Fans scour the scoreboard section of the paper every day to see how many hits Griffey Jr. had the previous evening or the number of points Jordan poured in for the Bulls. These are the "normal" statistics, the kind everyone can relate to.

Certain numbers stand out in sports fans' minds that are considered sacred, along with the names who made them so. Who doesn't know the significance of the number 755 when it's associated with Henry Aaron, Roger Maris and 61, Wilt Chamberlain and 100, or Ted Williams and .406?

High school coaches keep their teams' statistics in "the book," or as some coaches would have you believe, "the good book."

Call a coach for results and he or she will tell you, "Just a minute while I get my book." These are the coaches who are just a mere shell of themselves when "the book" isn't within an arm's length away. Every significant game and statistic can be found between the pages.

Then there are the coaches who have a photographic memory when it comes to statistics. Name a player and they'll tell you what year he or she was on the team, his career high in points and rebounds, and possibly the players' shoe size.

It's fascinating. These coaches don't need "the book." They're statistical geniuses.

But experience has shown that there is no correlation between a coach living or dying by the "the book" and how quotable he is. A coach can know every statistic of every player he has ever coached by heart, but the book he swears by when it comes to talking to sports reporters is "The Complete Book of Cliches."

And high school coaches will never give you a quote that could possibly be interpreted as being controversial. Bill Parcells these guys and gals ain't. On the same note, they're all smarter than baseball hall of famer and noted "orator" Yogi Berra. Coaches fall somewhere in the middle, right on Boring Street.

They give you a sterile quote, but you know what they'd really want to say if they didn't think they'd get lambasted for it by the sports community. And there are also quotes that blanket the truth.

• **"He goes out every day and gives 110 percent":** Here's a test. Run as fast as you can for as long as you can. When you get to the point where you are about to pass out from oxygen debt, run five more miles. That, my ambitious friends, is 110 percent.

• **"This looks to be a rebuilding year":** Good God, we're awful! Sure we lost a few seniors who graduated, but haven't the juniors or sophomores ever seen a fly ball before.

• **"He's a very versatile athlete":** Oh, you mean you can stick him in the hurdles, two mile, 400 meters and relay without his questioning your sanity as a track coach and member of the human race because he fears for his life.

• **"Once the tournament starts, the regular season record goes out the window":** Hey, it's a small miracle we made it this far in the first place. So, let's forget the fact we lost the final six games of the season to sneak in. We're as much of an 0-0 team as the top seed is.

• **"We didn't want it bad enough":** The other team scored more points in the alloted time to play than we did. Either that or they gave "110 percent."

• **"They're a great bunch of kids and I'll miss them a lot":** Hey, we finished 16-4. I'll miss that *record* a lot.

• **"We have to execute the fundamentals if we expect to win":** Our infield can't field ground balls, the outfield can't catch fly balls, we don't hit our cutoff men and nobody on the team can bunt. Any more questions why we're off to an 0-6 start?

See page 16



Caitlin Stanseil of Cohasset won the gold medal racing female 13-14 age category at the Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge, March 8 at King Pine Ski Area in East Madison, NH, over a field of 250 participants.

Cohasset Sailing Club News

Recently the Cohasset Sailing Club held its annual board meeting at the Lightkeepers Cottage. Officers were elected as follows: Chuck Peterson, commodore; Kevin O'Connor, vice commodore; Anne Musto, secretary; and Peter Pescatore, treasurer.

Items on the agenda for discussion and action were a new sign for the club; a possible rescheduling of the "Stanton Series," and the annual lobsterfest (Aug. 9) with an addition of a club regatta that same day. Also on the agenda was a look at the need for an increase in membership fees due to an increase in costs of operation expenses. A small increase was voted on.

Last week volunteers met to prepare the 1997 flyer to be mailed to the community shortly. Look for this to arrive soon in your mail.

The sailing club will open the season with the second annual "Kick-off of the Season Social" June 28. Watch for details to follow.

RECREATION NOTES

Summer Employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for playground program counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 30 through Aug. 15 plus a one-day orientation during late June. CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school half-day program and the 5- to 12-year-old, full-day programs.

The recreation commission conducts a seven-week day camp structured program for children 3-1/2 through 12 years of age.

Should you be interested in applying, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 for an application or further information.

Pre-School Program Coordinator

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is accepting applications for a pre-school program coordinator for their summer playground program for children ages 3-1/2 through 5.

Candidates should have experience working with pre-school age children and a degree in Early Childhood Education or related fields would be an asset. The pre-school program coordinator reports directly to the playground director and is responsible for program development and staff direction.

The position is for an eight-week period working 3-1/2 hours daily Mondays through Fridays. The rate of compensation is $8 per hour. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617)

Little League Dance

The annual Little League dance and fund raiser will be held on May 17 at Kimball's by the Sea from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. There will be hor d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Music will be provided by "The Greatful Dads." Tickets are $25. For tickets or donations to the auction, contact Kevin Lewis at 383-2076.

Little League Parade, May 3

The Cohasset Little League will hold its annual opening day parade Saturday, May 3. The parade starts at the Red Lion Inn, 71 South Main St., Cohasset, at 8:15 a.m. and progresses up Main Street to Barnes Field.

The Deer Hill School Band will lead the parade, followed by an excess of 300 players, a fire truck with last year's champions and our special guest, Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray. We expect more than 1,000 town residents to participate in the parade and ceremony.

Over-40 Softball Players

Softball players age 40 and over are wanted to form a league to play at the Lower Center School (E.B. Hall) Field, off of Route 139 in Hanover Center. Games will held every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There is no upper-age limit.

EXTRA POINTS

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• **"From here all in, it's just icing on the cake":** If you actually expect us to win a game in the tournament you need your head examined.

• **"On paper we're a better team, but you still have to play the game":** I don't know how, but this underachieving crew will find some imaginative way to blow the game.

• **"It's too early to say which teams are in the running":** Did any left-handed pitchers with a lot of off-speed stuff transfer from private school?

And finally..."**These kids go out and practice hard every day and don't get a lot of recognition.**"

This is the most common complaint ever uttered to a sports reporter. There's no real answer you can give that will satisfy the parent. I just tell them to give me a call when the kid is giving "110 percent." So far, there haven't been any return calls.

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Staff photo by Victor Pryles

1997 Summer Sports Camps and Programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 1997 for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball Camp

Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27, ages 7 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $140. Ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $75. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club.

Basketball Camp

Tuesday, July 8 to Friday, July 11, grades four to six, price $120. Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18, grades six to nine, price $150. Price includes a camp shirt. Cohasset High School. Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff.

V.I.P. Soccer Camps

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25, front field, CHS. Soccer ABC's, ages 4 and 5, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., price $50. Half day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., price $80. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by V.I.P. soccer—Dave Pike and Ross Irwin.

South Shore Soccer Camps

Both weeks are optional for boys and girls. Monday, Aug. 4 to Friday, Aug. 8, ages 8 to 18. Monday, Aug. 11 to Friday, Aug. 15, ages 8 to 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., price $175, Cohasset High School. Price includes camp shirt and ball. Directed by SSSC—Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz.

Lacrosse—Full Contact Clinic

Monday evenings, 6:30 to 8 p.m., grades five and six (entering fall '97), Deer Hill School, June 30 to Aug. 18, price $35. Full equipment necessary, gloves, helmet, pads and stick.

All camps have individual application forms. Call the recreation office at 383-6791, or stop by the town hall for more information.

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Legion Baseball Tryouts

American Legion George H. Mealy Post 118 in Cohasset will hold baseball tryouts May 10 at 8 a.m. at Milkin Field, Cohasset High School.

Hewitts Cove Marina Offers Basic Navigation Course

Hewitts Cove Marina, Tern Harbor Marina and Cohasset Harbor Marina are proud to offer a course in basic boating navigational skills. This half-day seminar will be offered Saturday, April 19, at the Weymouth Vo-Tech School on Commercial Street. Instructors for the course are Paul L. Milone, Weymouth harbormaster and Robert A. Buotte, Tern Harbor Marina manager. Buotte is also the former Hingham harbormaster.

The course, designed to instruct boaters in chart reading and navigation, is for those who are new to boating or need a refresher. This is one of a continuing series of seminars offered by the marinas to promote boating safety and enjoyment.

For information or to sign up, call Paul L. Milone at (617) 682-6109.

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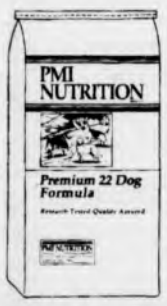
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School Notebook

COUNCIL CORNER/Pat Baird

Details of Two Months Worth of Meetings

The Junior/Senior High School Council met Feb. 12. The Cohasset Police Department delivered a presentation to the student council. The meeting was received positively and it is hoped that there may be more police involvement in the school to help improve relations and communications.

High school student handbooks are currently being reviewed in preparation for the '97/'98 school year. A middle school handbook will be completed for seventh- and eighth-grade students by the fall of next year. In addition, the Program of Studies for the middle school is complete and ready for distribution. Work continues on the high school program as the new block scheduling requires many changes. Mr. Collins and Mr. DeLorenzo have begun meetings with each class to explain the new schedule.

Mr. Cisneros reported that the basic set-up and schedule for the middle school has been completed. There is a plan to have the faculty, students and parents meet before the start of next years' classes.

There will be a Division 4 in the South Shore League as of Sept. '98. This will greatly benefit our athletic program. There has also been great success in finding suitable middle school teams for next year.

The state has adopted a new testing schedule for students.

The Junior/Senior High School Council met March 12. The new program of studies for the high school has been distributed and students have begun meetings with their guidance councilors to set up schedules for next year. Parents are invited to a meeting April 16 to hear about Block Scheduling and Time and Learning.

Meetings are also being planned to facilitate the transition of sixth-grader to the middle school. Dates will be announced soon.

The committee is currently reviewing the student handbook to update it for the coming year.

DEER HILL

The Deer Hill School Council met Feb. 11. Discussions included the school calendar for '97/'98, staffing and room assignments taking into account the class configurations and the need to accommodate three kindergarten classrooms.

Coffees will be held to discuss homework and to meet the current third-grade class parents.

The subject of keyboarding instruction highlighted the council's desire to fully support the Deer Hill community statement that the computer lab is an essential part of the curriculum.

OSGOOD

The Osgood School Council: A coffee with the principal was held Feb. 11. About 30 parents attended the morning session to discuss the topic of homework. Marilee Cantelmo, principal, and teachers Kristin Wrye and Jill Gomez, explained the Osgood School homework policy and gave parents a copy of the policy to take with them, as well as a handout with "tips" for parents, guardians and caregivers. Ruth Fennessy, curriculum coordinator for the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools, was also present and explained the statewide reading test which will be administered to third-grade students this spring. Discussions included parental involvement with homework, when and where a child should do homework, and dealing with a child's frustration with a particular assignment. Parents should communicate with teachers if a particular assignment seems very difficult or too easy. If you would like information or the handouts, call the Osgood office at 383-6117.

The Osgood School Council met Feb. 27. The members discussed the school committee's support and recommendation for reinstituting a paraprofessional to provide support to at-risk children and the addition of a half-time health aide to the 1998 budget.

There will be six council-sponsored parent coffees coming up in the spring. Four coffees will be held for parents of incoming students in grades K to three. The topics will focus on grade level appropriated curriculum, social and emotional development, the placement process, and Move Up Day. The next two coffees will focus on language development and fine motor skills.

The STP/Respect school-wide project began March 10.

The report card revision committee has been meeting to revise the current report card to focus on the Mass. Education Standards.

Council meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Editor's Note: Pat Baird submitted two column which have been combined here. The columns haven't appeared in a timely fashion due to space constraints with the Question of the Week.

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DRUG FACT

"LSD is really everywhere," said Michael Cunniff of the US Drug Enforcement Administration's Boston office. The typical progression is for young people to start with alcohol, add marijuana, then turn to LSD in their quest for a trip that lasts longer and takes them further, even if it is harder to get off. A 16-year-old Barnstable senior, Jeremy Lang, was found drowned in a drainage ditch last year after taking LSD. What put an end to the first wave of LSD use (at the end of the '60s) was the casualties. Everybody knew somebody who had a very, very, very bad trip.

" It (LSD) is not a drug you really would want to play with. All it does is lie to you, it makes you feel you can do anything, but you really can't," says a 15-year-old resident of Pegasus House, a residential drug treatment center in Lawrence.

— Excerpts from the 4/2/97 Boston Globe

School

Sign Up for Sunset Dance Cruise

Dust off those dancing shoes. The Cohasset Soccer Club will be hosting a Boston Harbor Sunset Dance Cruise Saturday, June 14. Enjoy a very casual evening watching the sun set over the skyline of Boston aboard the 200-foot Provincetown II, while being entertained by continuous live music from four bands on three separate decks. Passengers may board at the World Trade Center in Boston, or at Pemberton Pier in Hull. Tickets are $30 each until May 31 and $37.50 from June 1 on. Tickets may be purchased from any Cohasset Soccer Club coach or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Cohasset Soccer Club, Sunset Dance Cruise, P.O. Box 409, Cohasset, 02025.

Proceeds will provide three $1,000 scholarships to selected graduating Cohasset High School seniors who are active in voluntary community service. Maintaining and upgrading soccer fields, equipment and uniforms. Continuing education — coaching courses, youth and adult refereeing courses, and pre-game soccer clinics.

Cohasset College Acceptances

Good news from Cohasset High School. The following students have received acceptance letters for college in the fall.

Liz Mahoney—University of Vermont, St. Anselm, U. Mass/Amherst.

Kelly O'Donnell—University of Vermont, Stonehill College.

Jon Lacks—University of Vermont, Providence College.

Emily Henderson—Wheaton College, Dalhousie University.

John L. Williams—Daniel Webster College, Suffolk University.

Mark Connolly—University of New Hampshire, U. Mass/Amherst.

Bob Stansell—Hobart College, Rensselaer Poly Tech, Catholic University, Syracuse University.

Yaqana Madyun—University of Miami.

Rebecca Jenkins—Syracuse University, Pepperdine University, University of Vermont, Colgate University, Tufts University, Lehigh University.

Aja Campbell—Simmons College, Curry College, Salem State College.

Robert Buckley—Assumption College, Merrimack College, Salem State College, Johnson & Wales University, St. Anselm College.

Kathleen Fitzsimmons—University of Rochester, Boston University, College of the Holy Cross, Colgate University.

Rachel Begley—College of the Holy Cross, U. Mass/Amherst.

Jacque Hurley—College of the Holy Cross, Colgate University, Union College, Syracuse University, Trinity College.

Ashley Brister—Hamilton College, Dickinson College, College of Wooster, Union College.

Catie Campbell—Gettysburg University, Dickinson College, Providence College.

Burke Davis—Bates College, Trinity College, Union College, Hamilton College.

Loni Colwill—Clemson University, University of New Hampshire, Goucher College, Teikyo Post College, U. Mass/Amherst, Roger Williams University, William Woods University.

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Yearbooks are as Popular as Ever at Cohasset High

1996-97 Edition Sells for $45

By Carol Britton Meyer
COHASSET MARINER

For decades, seniors have signed each other's yearbooks as a way to remember best friends and acquaintances in years to come. And Cohasset's 1997 graduating class is no exception.

"There are so many memories in high school," said Courtney Goff, a member of the yearbook staff. "When we put together the yearbook, we also included events which occurred from the seventh grade on."

The 1997 Cohasset High School yearbook, which should be ready by graduation time, was put together by a staff of 20 students, under the direction of Florence Ely, a special needs teacher at Cohasset Junior-Senior High School, and English instructor Fran Cronin.

Plans for the next year's yearbook begin in June, when the staff is formed. They meet twice during the summer and work all year long, taking a one-month "breather" in March.

The staff meets once a week, with "kids coming in as they can fit it in among their other activities," Ely said.

At the beginning of the school year, an announcement is made in home rooms encouraging students to join the yearbook staff.

Most positions are filled by seniors, but an occasional junior helps out. One year a seventh-grader assisted with the yearbook.

"He did everything, including licking envelopes," Ely remarked. "He moved at the end of the 10th grade, but he stayed with the staff for four years. He knew all the ins and outs."

Goff said some students finish their jobs earlier, "but a lot of us hang around to help out with the odds and ends."

The yearbook will contain 112 black-and-white pages, including a supplement which will come out next spring. The special section includes events that occurred after the yearbook deadline, such as the senior prom, debate competitions and the Special Olympics.

The staff works into July putting the supplement together.

"By that time, we've already started planning for next year's yearbook," Ely stated. "It's a year-round project that never ends."

Using color in yearbooks is double the cost of black and white and calls for earlier deadlines.

Goff enjoyed doing the write-ups for the senior photographs, which include students' likes, dislikes, favorite place to hang out and parting thoughts.

To add to the fun, baby pictures of the graduating class appear under the senior pictures.

"Students even mention their worst horror show — the worst experience they've had in their lives!" Goff said.

Ely said students are encouraged to have their senior photographs taken by the school photographer, because the company also sends photographers to cover sporting and other events for the yearbook and takes the underclassmen photos.

"But it's up to the students. They can go to any photographer they choose," she remarked. "Some students follow family tradition by using

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The 1997 Tessahoc yearbook staff: (front row) Erica Hettstrom, Amanda Gontarz, Aja Campbell, Megan Pratt, Sarah MacDonald, Natalie Cheel; (middle row) Jo Hurley, Emily Collins, Ely Kahn, Bobby Stansell, Rebecca Jenkins, Athena Dedes, Karen Niessink; (back row) Liz Mahoney, Andrea Freeman, Kelley O'Donnell, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Monique DeVoe, Loni Colwill, Courtney Goff.

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the same portrait photographer other family members have used."

The yearbook includes photographs of underclassmen as well as the all-school musical presentation of "Mikado." It also contains a page featuring the South Shore Collaborative program and photographs of the school's 24 clubs, Spirit Week activities and Homecoming.

There's also a community service page and photographs of school dances and Appalachia Service Project activities.

"We have some great ideas when we're putting together the yearbook," Ely said. "Creativity's a tough issue with deadlines looming, but we do the best we can. It's a traditional yearbook."

The yearbook staff looks through past class books for inspiration.

A special four-page color "magazine" is included at the end of the yearbook, which features current events rather than school activities.

The work for the yearbook is all done on computer, including the layout and preparing the copy.

"We send our publisher, Taylor Publishing in Dallas, the computer discs, along with an envelope of photographs for every page," Ely explained.

Meeting the three "big" and five smaller deadlines is challenging for the staff.

The yearbooks will sell for $45, the highest price ever charged for a yearbook at the high school. The cost of putting a yearbook together is usually in the range of $10,000 to $11,000, but this year, costs amounted to less than $10,000.

"Everything costs more to do these days, which results in fewer sales," Ely remarked. "We have a very small graduating class of 67 students, and money is always an issue in a small town. And we just don't have the time for fund raising." The most yearbooks that the school has ever sold is 150.

Ely said there is a small core of businesses in town which help support the yearbook, and parents of students sometimes take out business advertisements. Family members also submit congratulatory messages, which account for about half of the advertising revenue.

"We're grateful for a small group of loyal advertisers, and occasionally new folks will join in with their support now and then," Ely remarked. "We don't have any malls in town or a Route 53."

The yearbook will contain 112 black-and-white pages, including a supplement which will come out next spring. The special section includes events that occurred after the yearbook deadline, such as the senior prom, debate competitions and the Special Olympics.

Funds for the yearbook also come from the senior class treasury, including seed money to get the project going in the fall.

"If any money is left after yearbook production, we turn it back to the senior class," Ely stated, "but we usually just about break even."

Ely reserves a few extra yearbooks for seniors who don't order them "in case they change their minds or their parents are disappointed that they didn't buy one."

"I make them buy them," she quipped.

A lot of effort goes into putting the yearbook together.

"The students do a great job," stated Ely.

According to a spokesman for the nation's largest yearbook publisher, Jostens Inc., yearbook sales on some large college campuses, where students have less of a sense of belonging, have been on the decline.

But sales at many smaller colleges, and at high schools, which account for most of the company's yearbook business, remain strong.

Some colleges are changing their yearbook format to video, magazine and even CD-ROM.

Of the 18,000 yearbooks Jostens publishes, 1,000 of them are for colleges and universities and the rest are for high schools.

On Senior Class Night in Cohasset, which is traditionally held the Thursday night before graduation, a video, set to appropriate music, is shown to parents and students.

"The kids put the video together from still photographs, with one fading into another," Ely explained. "Then it's broadcast on cable TV and made available for parents to purchase. The video usually makes every parent cry."

Goff said not everyone wants to help out with putting the yearbook together, "but everybody likes looking at it when it first comes out."



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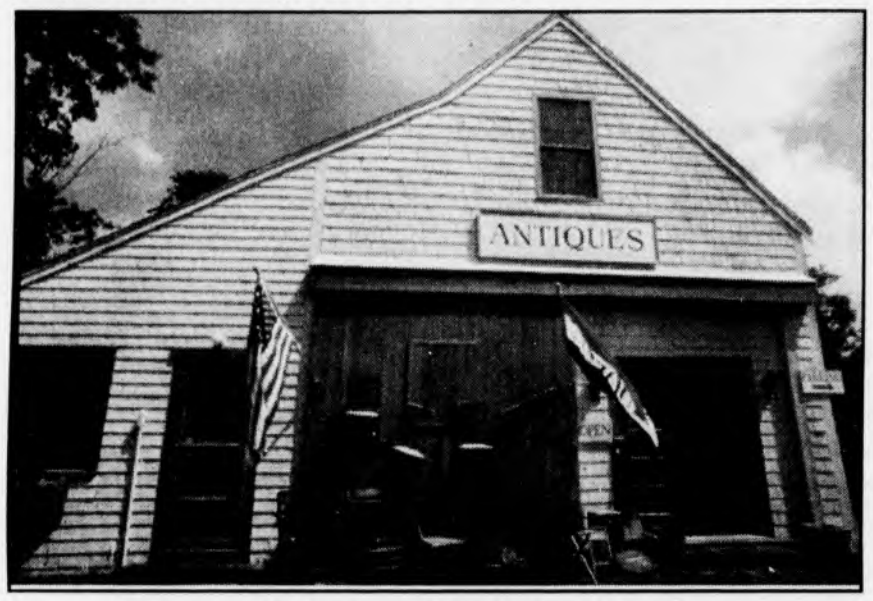
By Linda Saulnier

Cape Cod transcends the generations and the seasons. Whether you are 16 or 60, you will have much to choose from so set aside time and map a plan. As the song promises, you are sure to fall in love with ole' Cape Cod.

Spectacular beaches are the main draw and they present a valid argument for viewing Cape Cod from a horizontal position. But combine beaching with biking, boating or lighthouse tours and you have the makings of a superb vacation. Christmas shops, factory outlets, specialty boutiques and artisan's wares will inspire you to shop until you drop, on the beach that is.

You can take the kids to the Barnstable Fair, or spend solo quality time walking for miles on Sandy Neck's barrier beach admiring the dunes. Fishing off Monomoy Island in Chatham, breaking the waves at Nauset beach and golfing at a championship course in Dennis are worthy of your agenda.

Biking the Cape Cod Canal is an ideal day trip activity if you do not have a weekend to spare. Or bring your roller blades. Be warned that you will want to extend your stay.



Antique collectors have their choice of fine shops dotted throughout the Cape.
Photo courtesy of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism photographer Kindra Clineff

On the Cape side the six and a half mile path begins at the railroad bridge in Bourne and ends in Sandwich, or vice versa if you arrive by the Sagamore bridge. If you are an early riser bring your morning coffee to the canal, take a stroll and watch the ships come in. Later, you can get a bite to eat at one of Sandwich's quaint restaurants or a waterfront cafe in Falmouth. Locals favor the Chart Room on the Marina in Cataumet.

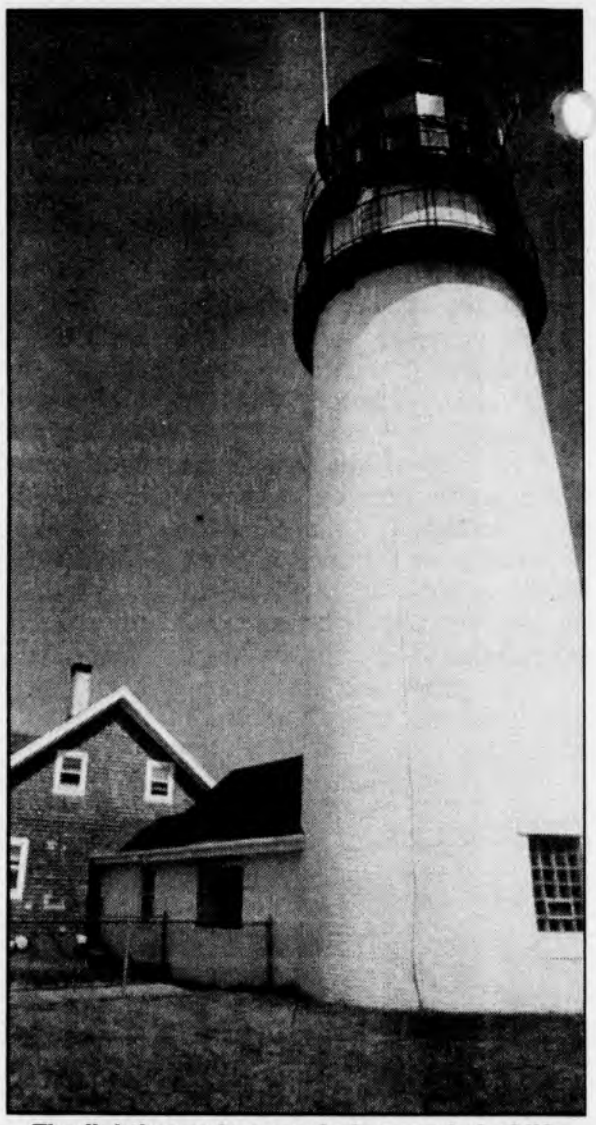
If you bike the road from Woods Hole to Falmouth you will have an ocean view. There is a bike path for part of the trip. Stop to relax and swim at the beaches along the way, or visit Nobska Point Light. Established in 1828 it overlooks Falmouth and Woods Hole harbors. If time is on your side you can board the ferry to Martha's Vineyard where your view will be East Chop Light off the port side and West Chop Light starboard.

For a bird's eye view of the coastline you should drive to Marston Mills airport and take a glider ride at Cape Cod Soaring. Owner Randy Charlton is your guide and pilot. Gliding is the Cape's best kept secret, according to his wife, Kyne Charlton.

"It is the safest way to fly," she says, "because you don't rely on an engine. The glider is a sailplane with long wings that is towed up in the air behind another airplane or auto."

Catch a warm rising air current, defy gravity in the process, and soon there is nothing between you and the fantastic scenery below but a glass shield and your camera. The pilot sits in the rear and you in the front. Charlton says a highlight of the trip is the airport itself, which is one of the oldest in the country and steeped in nostalgia and history.

Nearby, Hyannis offers a variety of nostalgic attractions from the Cape Cod Railroad to a Catboat. Here, your captain is lifelong Cape native, Marcus Sherman, whose 90-minute sailboat excursions on the Catboat Eventide depart from the Ocean Street docks. Reservations are recommended but Sherman will not turn people away if he has space.



The lighthouse is an enduring symbol of life on the Cape.
Photo courtesy of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism photographer Kindra Clineff

Catboats originated in the mid 1800s. Used for shellfishing and lobstering in the old days, it is a wide boat that gives a stable, easy ride. Birdwatchers, grandparents and children will enjoy a morning sail to Pine Cove Wild Life Sanctuary where Sherman gets close enough to shore for an up close and personal view of its denizens. A breezier excursion sails at 4 p.m. out the channel to Nantucket Sound. There is a cocktail sail and starlight cruise on Lewis Bay. The captain's choice for dinner is the Black Cat restaurant in Hyannis. No relation to his company.

We can thank the glaciers for retreating from Cape Cod 12,000 years ago and leaving behind 500 freshwater and saltwater ponds. Slip a canoe into Mashpee-Wakeby Pond then hike the Lowell Holly Reservation. Mute Swans and Blue Heron are said to frequent Chase Garden Creek in Yarmouthport.

Tourist brochures will tell you that Falmouth is the windsurfing mecca of Cape Cod. That may be, but John Miller, owner of Monomoy Sail and Cycle makes a convincing case for Chatham.

"A lot of people sail boards out of Falmouth because they don't want to go much farther than the bridge," says Miller. "Being at the elbow of the Cape we can sail Pleasant Bay if the wind is out of the north or east and Nantucket Sound if it comes from the south."

Board rentals start at $35 a day with high performance equipment costing more. Lessons are additional and Miller offers referrals. It is best to make reservations and you will need to show identification.

Antiquing on Cape Cod is an adventure. Every village harbors New England treasurers and more. Seek them out in Brewster, "America's Sea Captains' Town". While there, you will want to visit The Cape Cod Museum of Natural History. Leave time to explore the museum's 82 acres. Then, stop for an espresso at the charming cafe tucked in the lower level at Ocean Edge conference center. This stately building, the former Nickerson estate, will put you in an elegant mood.

Nightclubs dot the entire Cape. Music runs the gamut from local talent to famous performers. Playhouses feature popular favorites and avant-garde productions as well.

Accommodations on the Cape range from a Victorian bed and breakfast on a village green to picturesque seaside resorts. Take your pick. Of course, the beauty of making several return trips is that you can do it all.

(Linda Saulnier is a freelance writer for Community Newspaper Company.)

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Investment strategy should include preferred method of buying and selling stock



By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

The element of timing in buying and selling stocks can play such a crucial role in the success of an investment. Gaining or losing even an eighth of a point in price (commonly called one tick) can mean significant money. Would you rather leave the details up to your broker? Consider this; you ask your broker to sell 1,000 shares of a stock. He follows your orders and immediately sells the shares at $84.

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A few moments later he could have sold them for $84.125. And one-eighth of a dollar for 1,000 shares means the loss of a potential $125 gain (in other words, a porterhouse steak for two, or a pair of nice shoes you won't enjoy).

You would be especially aggravated if you had a hunch that the shares would reach $84.125 because you had been watching the stock's trading pattern.

Knowing the different types of stock orders available to you could have given you more control in the process. For instance, you could have specified that you wanted to sell at $84.125 or not at all.

Once you and your broker have discussed your overall investment strategy, you can explore the finer points of timing and setting guidelines on the prices for buying and selling stocks within that strategy. Being well-versed in the types of orders available helps you to articulate your goals to your broker and ensure he handles the transactions effectively.

Keep in mind, however, that the process can be complex. There are always several variables to consider when choosing an order.

You may, for example, want to immediately sell, at any price, the shares of one company in the process of going bankrupt, while leisurely picking up shares of another company whenever they fall below a certain price.

Market orders and limit orders are the two trading methods most commonly used by individual investors. Market orders can be used to buy or sell a stock quickly; the broker should try to execute your order shortly after you've placed it. Having your broker identify the "ask" price before you buy or the "bid" price before you sell will give you some idea within which price range your trade may be filled. But no broker can guarantee that the prices will not change before he enters your order.

"If you think that a stock is about to make a major move, then you are better off getting the immediate execution of a market order," says James J. Angel in his report for the American Association of Individual Investors (AAII). "If you can be patient, then your patience may allow you to get a better price for your trade through placing a limit order."

Taking whatever the current best price your broker can get may work to your disadvantage at times; if a stock price takes a sudden drastic upswing, you may end up buying the shares for more than you anticipated. And vice versa if you are selling. The more volatile the trading activity is, the riskier market orders will be. Actively traded stocks of companies that have shown themselves to be financially stable -- such as IBM, Disney, Intel -- are prime candidates for this type of order. The large number of their shares in the hands of a multitude of buyers and sellers makes it harder for large orders to impact their prices.

Limit orders allow you to choose buy or sell prices independent of current market prices. To revisit the scenario above, let's say that you believe the market for your stock will change so that you'll have a chance to sell your stock at $84.125 instead of at $84. By setting your sell price at $84.125 you ensure that the broker will sell the stock at that price or better, if he can. This type of order comes in handy when a stock's price is bouncing around and you don't want to risk making a market order.

There is still a chance that you won't get the best price for the stock; once the stock is trading at $84.125 your broker has instructions to buy and if the price keeps rising you may buy before the zenith.

Of course, it's also possible that the price of your stock won't budge from $84, which means the broker never sells your shares. Therefore, it is important to consider how long your are willing to wait around for your order to be filled when you place a limit order. Stipulate to your broker whether your time line is as short as one day or as long as two months.

The most difficult limit orders to fill quickly are those outside -- versus in between -- the going ask and bid quotes, says Angel. It would be much harder, if not impossible, for a trader to find an investor willing to sell her shares not only below the bid price but the ask price too. A limit order whose determined price falls in between the stock's ask and bid prices are easier to execute because traders can match up an investor willing to sell slightly below the current bid price with one willing to pay a little more than the current ask price.

Customizing trading orders can get increasingly complex. In addition to market and limit orders, there are orders called stop, stop limit, versus purchase, and Do Not Reduce (DNR) that allow you to create trading guidelines even more specific to your needs.

Your broker can help you learn more about special orders and how they may fit into your particular investment strategy

Still, be sure to ask your broker, and yourself: What are the risks? There's no use tying yourself up in an intricate knot of trading orders if a simple cry of "sell now!" will do the trick.

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Police Report

Tuesday, April 8

12:02 a.m., threats (bodily harm), S. Main St.

12:24, MV stop, King St.

1:54 a.m., noise complaint, N. Main St.

6:27 a.m., Mv stop, CJC Hwy.

6:28 a.m., medical aid, S. Main St.

6:54 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Rd.

7:09 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.

7:18 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:34 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.

7:56 a.m., general services, Elm St.

1:04 p.m., fire carbon monoxide incident, Hobart Ln.

2:01 p.m., suspicious person, Linden Dr.

2:29 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.

2:34 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

3:06 p.m., medical aid, Mordecai Lincoln Rd.

4:15 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

4:31 p.m., parking violation, S. Main St.

4:41 p.m., wires down, Ripley Rd.

5:23 p.m., tree down, Sohier St.

5:55 p.m., parking violation, Bancroft Way.

7:38 p.m., open door/window, Nichols Rd.

8:14 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:41 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:47 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:50 p.m., suspicious auto, S. Main St.

Wednesday, April 9

12:01 a.m., officer wanted, Surry Dr.

2:29 a.m., MV stop, Schofield Rd.

2:41 a.m., general services, Town Parking Lot.

2:49 a.m., open door/window, Linden Dr.

6:07 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:22 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:31 a.m, MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:12 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:18 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.

7:46 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St. by Summer St.

8:00 a.m., assist citizen, Jerusalem Rd.

9:49 a.m., property (lost), Highway Barn (Old).

10:02 a.m., wires down, Gammons Rd.

10:05 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

10:33 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

11:54 a.m., medical aid, Spring St.

4:26 p.m., MV accident, Super Stop &Shop.

4:43 p.m., assist citizen, Deep Run.

5:43 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:13 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:34 p.m., officer wanted, Hammond Ave.

8:01 p.m, assist motorist, Linden Dr.

9:22 p.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A South Bound.

9:28 p.m., suspicious auto, Elm St.

10:28 p.m., assist citizen, Pratt Ct.

11:33 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St., arrested: Andrew D. Walker, 520 North Main St., Cohasset. DOB: 8/9/50, charges: attaching plates to a motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, operating after license or right to op. suspended.

Thursday, April 10

12:53 a.m, Mv stop, Forest Ave.

1:36 a.m., medical aid, Spring St.

6:06 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

7:18 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

7:26 a.m., MV stop, Howe Rd.

7:28 a.m., animal complaint, Hammond Ave.

9:59 a.m., reported death, N. Main St.

12:00 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

3:50 p.m., MV accident, Jerusalem Rd. at Red Gate Ln.

4:31 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St. by the line.

4:49 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St. by the line.

5:15 p.m, MV stop, N. Main St. by Cedar St.

6:04 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St. by Beechwood St.

6:45 p.m., fire, outside, Lamberts Ln. at Hull St.

7:27 p.m., larceny, Elm St. Arrested: Scott A. Bailey, 26 Summer St., Scituate, DOB: 11/13/42, charges: WMS warrant.

7:56 p.m., MV violations, CJC Way from Hingham.

8:38 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.

9:02 p.m., parking violation, Margin Ct.

9:54 p.m., suspicious auto, King St.

Friday, April 11

8:25 a.m., general services, Little Harbor Rd.

11:34 a.m., annoying phone calls, Main St.

12:13 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

12:45 p.m., wires down, Ripley Rd.

1:02 p.m., animal complaint, Ledge Way.

1:58 p.m., Mv stop, N. Main St. by the Ball Field.

2:27 p.m., Mv stop, N. Main St. by Ball Field.

2:52 p.m., animal complaint, S. Main St.

3:13 p.m., parking violation, Bancroft Way.

3:38 p.m., vandalism, Tedeschi Plaza.

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It's Happening

First Parish to Welcome Ministerial Candidate

After several months of research and interviewing, a seven-member search committee chaired by Jane Goedecke is recommending a candidate for settled Minister to be presented to the First Parish (Unitarian-Universalist) in Cohasset during the week of April 26 to May 4. During that period Parish members and friends will have opportunities to meet with the candidate at committee meetings, at a variety of social occasions, and during two worship services conducted by the candidate, Sunday, April 27, and Sunday, May 4. The worship services at 10:30 a.m. are, as always, open to all, and child care is available at the Parish House diagonally across the street from the Meeting House.

Candidate Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox, a Harvard University Master of Divinity, was born in England and came to the Boston area in 1968. She became interested in Unitarian-Universalism while living in Duxbury, and later was student minister with Rev. Richard Fewkes in Norwell, and also chaplain at Boston City Hospital. Since her ordination in Duxbury in June, 1990, she has served as minister of the Middleboro First Unitarian-Universalist Society. She is known as a gifted writer and poet, and some years ago impressed members of the First Parish as an inspiring guest preacher. She is expected to take office in early September.

Meanwhile, parish members and friends, though reluctant to say goodbye, as they must, to their cherished interim minister, the Rev. "Jenny" Rankin, are delighted for her that, next fall, she will become Associate Minister at First Parish in Concord. The position, she says, will allow her to balance her two vocations, minister and mother, and to face ministerial challenges as part of a multi-staff team. Her last sermon in Cohasset will be given Sunday, June 15.

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Baroudi has spoken to audiences throughout America and in Europe and Canada. She was recently featured in The Interview in "The Boston Globe" magazine. Her book has been translated into 14 languages. She has been lauded for her ability to explain, both in print and verbally, the global Information Revolution and its boundless opportunities in a manner that is both understandable and entertaining.

Mark your calendars. Save the date. Join us for this special evening, Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., in the Cohasset High School cafeteria. Sponsored by the Cohasset PSO.

Village Revitalization Committee Meeting

The Village Revitalization Committee will meet Thursday, May 1, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the South Shore Community Center senior room.

The following agenda is scheduled:

1. Charrette & Grant Application Recap – Where do we go from here?
2. Review Greenbush Line impacts on Village.
3. Review '97 plans for Farmers' Market.
4. Discuss Harborfest participation, June 20-22.
5. Develop goals for 1997.
6. Elect new committee chairman.

Please RSVP at 383-1994.

Pesticide Spraying Guidelines

The Tree & Park Department does not do any pesticide spraying. As in the past it is recommended that when choosing a pesticide company, you should call a certified sprayer with references.

The 1997 South Shore Insect Infestation Report predicts a light to moderate infestation of Canker Worms, Gypsy Moths and the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Copies of this report are available at the D.P.W office and Cohasset Town [illegible]

Open House at Sand Castles

SandCastles Child Care Center, 152 King Street, Cohasset, will hold an open house Saturday, May 3, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. SandCastles offers child care for infants, toddlers, pre-school and pre-kindergarten. For information, call (617) 383-9987.

Spring Benefit For Nursery School

Usher in the warm breezes of May with an evening out to benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. The sounds of the Grateful Dads will fill the Bancroft Hall at the Lightkeeper's House from 8 to 11 p.m. as the Parents' Board presents its first-ever spring fundraiser May 2. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the school's programs and scholarship fund. Tickets are $50 per couple and may be purchased by calling Janyce Brown at 383-9828 or Ann Stenbeck at 383-2753.

Food Pantry Hours

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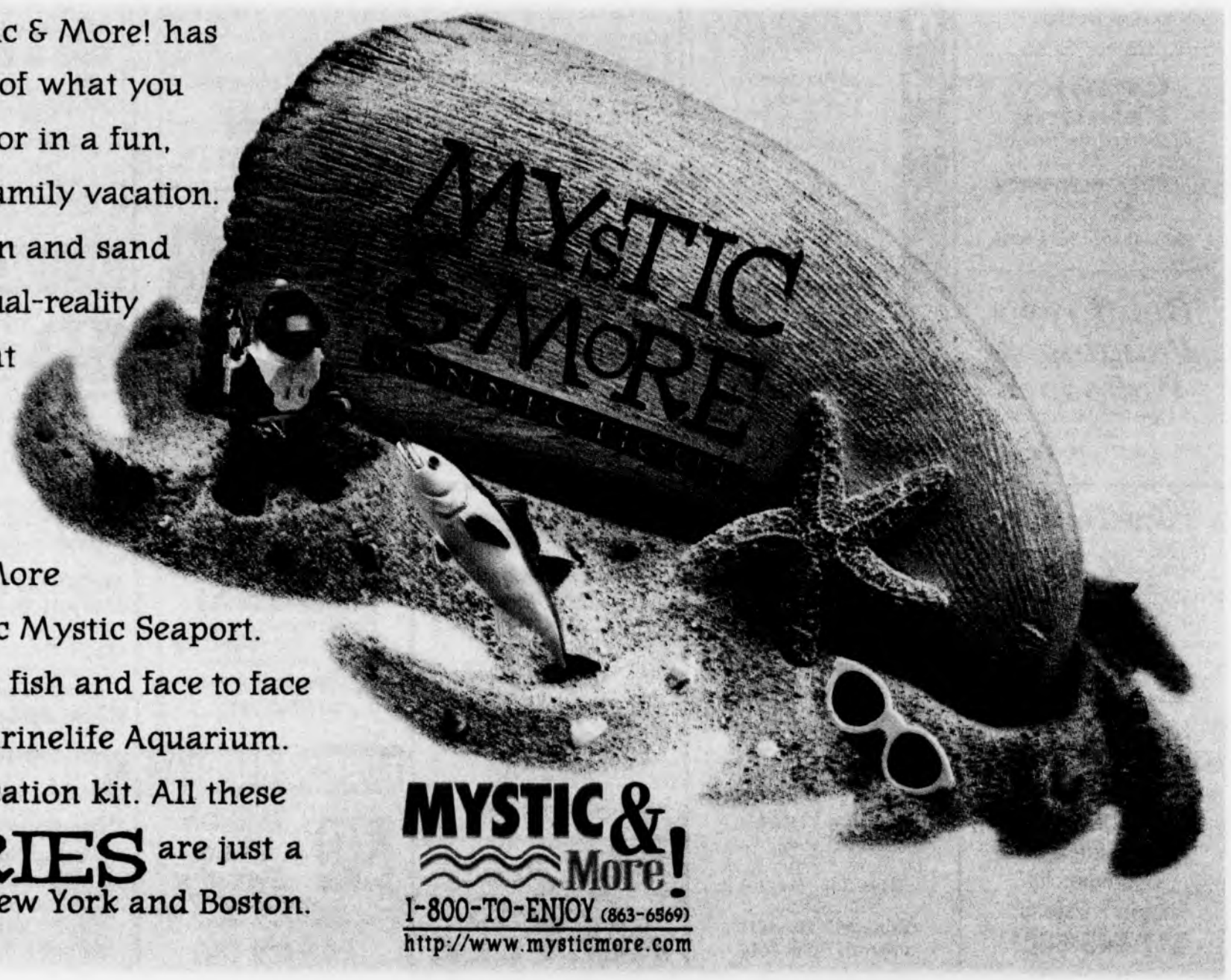
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Three Races Top Saturday's Ballot

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Races for the board of selectmen, school committee and water commission and an override to help pay for town sewers highlight Saturday's town election.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

For the first time the punch-card voting machines will stay in the closet as local voters test the optical-scan system. Town Clerk Marion Douglas agreed the town should try the alternative system after last fall's recount of the democratic primary race between William Delahunt of Quincy and Philip Johnston of Marshfield in punch-card towns, including Cohasset.

Results in punch-card towns where

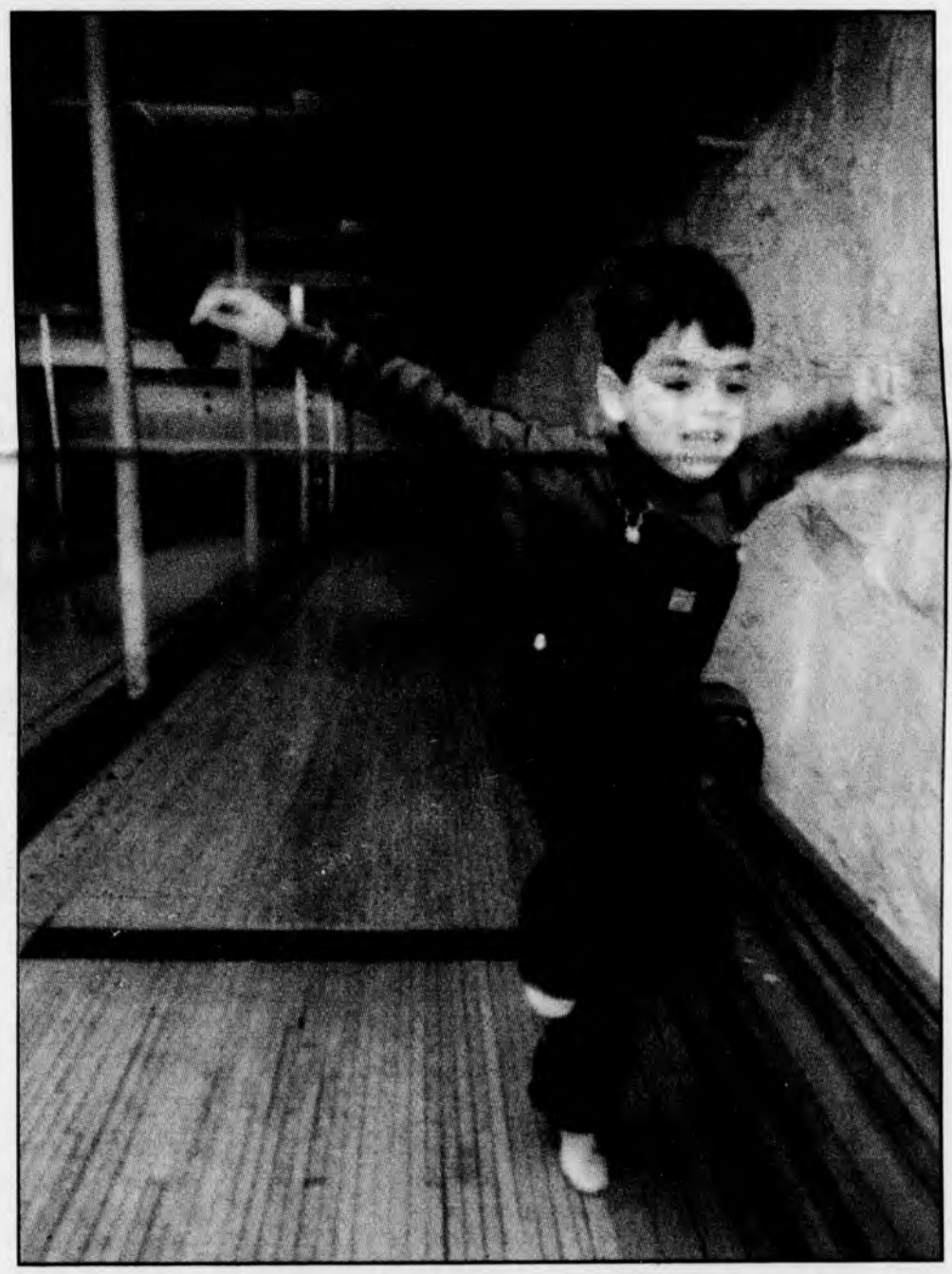
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Voters to Decide on Sewer Funding

Saturday voters can opt for the town to share the cost of installing sewers in north and central Cohasset.

A yes vote on Question One means the town would subsidize 50 percent of the about $20 million in construction costs of the projects which were approved at town meeting.

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Ian Porter jumps for joy after knocking over some pins at the community center bowling alley during school vacation camp last week.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Sparks Fly Over Train Stations

Scituate and Cohasset at Odds over Greenbush

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The Cohasset Greenbush commuter rail station will be located on Route 3A, and not in Cohasset Village. The MBTA is pursuing plans only for a station on 3A.

But Scituate's representative to the regional Greenbush Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) wants Cohasset to have two train stations instead of Scituate.

"With all due respect to the people of Cohasset and their board of selectmen, if it's just a matter of saying 'no' I can get a vote from my board of selectmen rejecting a station at North Scituate," said Joseph Norton, one of Scituate's representatives on the CAC.

Norton delivered his comments to the CAC, which reconvened April 24 in Braintree Town Hall after an 11-month hiatus.

Andrew Brennan, MBTA's manager of environmental affairs, is working

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Media Frenzy Follows Kennedy Story

But Locals Mum on Allegations He Had Affair With Baby-Sitter

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

As the rest of the state, country and even world focuses on Cohasset in the wake of the latest Kennedy scandal — most in this upscale seaside community of 7,000 try to take the attention in stride and get on with their daily business.

But that is proving difficult after a page one story in last Friday's Boston Globe detailing Michael Kennedy's alleged affair with his teenage baby-sitter — the daughter of another well-known Cohasset family — unleashed a media frenzy in the village. Vans with satellite dishes descend daily on town since the story was published, spilling out television and newspaper reporters who stop dozens of citizens on the street and corner them in the local shops to get their reaction.

Many in town are talking privately about the rumors, but most townspeople declined to comment publicly about the news which has put their community in the spotlight.

"Not a lot of people in town are

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Cohasset's Week

Dog Licenses at Town Clerk's Office

Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office and valid from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. The fee for licensing is $15 for females and males, $8 for spayed and neutered. Proof of rabies vaccination is required. May 1 is fast approaching and any individual who has not licensed his or her dog by May 1 shall pay an additional late fee of $25.

New Voting System at Polls

At this election we will be "testing" the Accu-Vote optical scan system. Instruction to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice, follow directions as to the number of candidates for each office, and to vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line and completely fill in the OVAL.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

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Sun. 4	9:44	10.7	3:31	10:11	11.3	3:54
Mon. 5	10:41	10.8	4:27	11:02	11.6	4:46
Tues. 6	11:34	10.9	5:19	11:51	11.8	5:36
Wed. 7	——	——	6:10	12:24	10.8	6:24
Thurs. 8	12:38	11.8	6:58	1:13	10.6	7:12

Tides at all ports from Annisquam to Wellfleet are within 10 minutes of the above.

Overrides are Confusing

Because they must follow a statutory format, all override questions are confusing, town counsel Paul DeRensis explained in a memo to Town Administrator Ed McCann.

At the request of selectmen, McCann queried DeRensis about the possibility of placing flyers or posters in the voting booths to explain Question One on Saturday's ballot.

DeRensis explained that summaries, explanations pro or con are not allowed and therefore, voters must rely on the events at town meeting for full information.

The matter arose when proponents of Question One, which asks for voters to approve 50 percent town subsidy of the north and central Cohasset sewer projects, said wording of the question is confusing. They asked selectmen to investigate whether informational material could be put in the voting booths to clarify the question.

DeRensis said "it is not lawful for the town to post literature of any kind in voting places, nor to try to present voters informational explanations no matter how neutral at voting places nor to spend public funds to influence any override election."

No More Brush Accepted

DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield said no more brush will be accepted at the Recycling Facility until further notice.

Bagel Shop Changes Hands

Selectmen agreed to issue Daniel Belz, 88 Forest Ave., a common victualler (food) and Sunday license for the Atlantic Bagel on Route 3A this week. While the Cohasset Atlantic Bagel will be independently owned and operated, the bagels will be purchased from the Atlantic Bagel company which has shops in Scituate Harbor and Hingham Centre.

Town Manager Summit Slated

Selectmen will decide next week when to hold a summit among town boards, town counsel and interested citizens on the impending switch to the town manager form of government.

"The purpose of the meeting is to clarify issues and move forward," Selectman Nan Roth said.

Town meeting approved switching to a town manager last month.

Vacancies on Town Boards

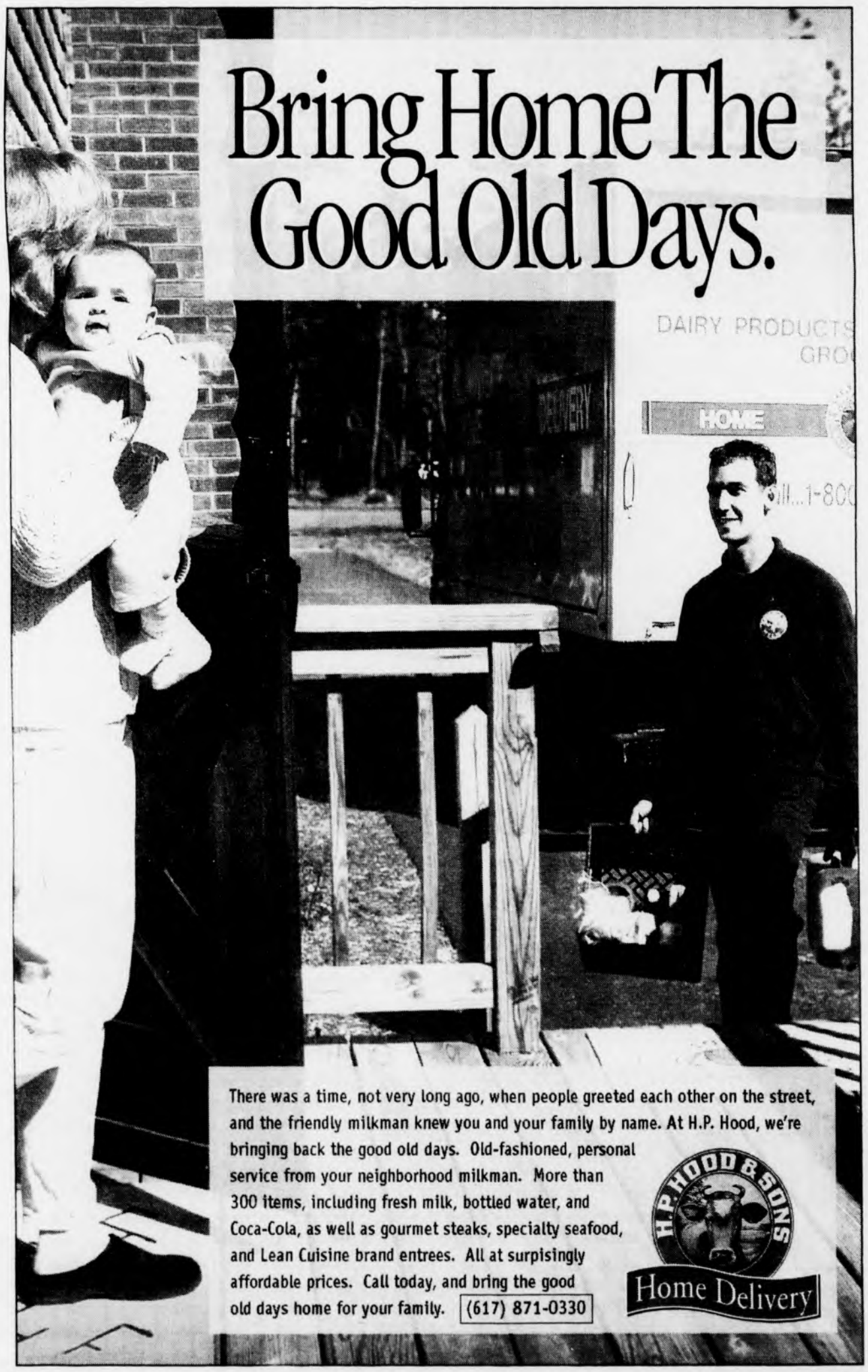
Selectmen are seeking volunteers to serve on the Greenbush Mitigation Committee, Mosquito Control Committee, Sidewalk Study Committee and Town History Committee. Interested citizens should call the selectmen's office at 383-9900 or stop by the office, which is on the second floor at town hall.

Compost Bins Available

Due to efforts of the Cohasset Recycling Committee, composting containers are available for purchase by townspeople at a very good price due to a grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection, said Jack Hubbard of the recycling committee.

There are two styles of containers, the Earth Machine and the Brave New World Composter. Prices range from $20 to $30.

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Plug not Pulled on Scituate Hill Standpipe

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

The persistence of a handful of citizens may pay off as water commissioners agreed last week to consider building the new water tank on Scituate Hill off Route 3A.

The residents who live near the high school on Reservoir Road, Elm Court and Juniper Rise don't think it's fair for the town to saddle them with another eyesore.

"How many abutters are there to Scituate Hill?" asked Jean Thompson, 31 Reservoir Rd., at Thursday's water board meeting.

"That's why most of us are here. We don't want it in our backyard. We don't want the nasty looking thing."

At last month's town meeting, water commissioners said the $1.4 million standpipe would be constructed next to the existing storage tank on Bear Hill behind the high school only if the site proves to be more feasible.

The standpipe is part of an on-going, step-by-step $7 million plan to improve and upgrade the town's water distribution system.

> 'That's why most of us are here. We don't want it in our backyard. We don't want the nasty looking thing.'
>
> — Jean Thompson, 31 Reservoir Rd.

Glenn Pratt, 482 King St., led the charge at town meeting and again last week at the water commission meeting to move the proposed tank to Scituate Hill.

"I'd like to try and see if we can continue discussion to put the massive structure in an industrial zone not a residential zone with 100 houses within a 1,000-foot radius," Pratt said.

Commissioners say that both sites are technically adequate for the standpipes. They favor the town-owned Bear Hill location because it is the less expensive option by $210,000 and believe construction can begin in July.

The town would have to obtain easements to use the state-owned area proposed on Scituate Hill and construction would require 1,500 feet of new pipe as opposed to the 200 feet needed for Bear Hill, commissioners said.

But Pratt pointed out that zoning hearings on height regulations for structures could slow construction of the standpipe if Bear Hill is chosen. He also questioned commissioners' figures on how much more the Scituate Hill site would cost.

"I'd like to find a way to make the numbers work at Scituate Hill," Pratt said.

It is possible that the tank could be wider and shorter on Scituate Hill, which is higher in elevation than Bear Hill. Some questioned the need for a concrete tank which is more expensive initially but requires less maintenance.

Commissioners agreed to ask town engineers to take another look at Scituate Hill and will decided May 8 whether to continue to look at both or to narrow the plans down to one site.

In a telephone interview, Pratt, whose father Edwin Pratt served as water commissioner for many years, said that the Bear Hill site is "not right for the neighborhood or town.

"Once it's there, it will be there forever," he said.

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with local officials to develop mitigation measures to offset the environmental effects of trains running along the Greenbush corridor.

Brennan meets periodically with the CAC to discuss regional issues involving all towns in the Greenbush corridor.

The CAC will meet again in Hingham on May 22 to review sections of an environmental impact report which reflects input from communities on the Greenbush line. Fancher said the CAC will also return to its schedule of monthly meetings in different communities in the Greenbush corridor.

Norton became angry at Cohasset's rejection of one of two stations when Scituate will get two stations.

However, Cohasset's representative, James Mullen, pointed out that Cohasset was never slated to get two stations. The two-station controversy in Cohasset was a battle over whether to put the station in Cohasset Village, Mullen said.

Dean Rizzo, chairman of the Cohasset Greenbush Mitigation Committee, also attended the meeting,.

Other Scituate representatives wanted to know whether the T would reconsider the North Scituate station.

"Would the MBTA consider putting a station on Route 3A and Cohasset Village in place of the North Scituate station?" Ilana Marks of Scituate asked Brennan. "Scituate is taking an inordinate hit with two stations and 1,500 parking spots."

Brennan said the MBTA had promised Cohasset that it would not pursue a station in Cohasset Village.

"Just having a station in Cohasset Village creates too many problems," Brennan said.

Marks also wanted Brennan to replace some of the 1,500 parking spots in Scituate with additional parking in Cohasset.

Brennan said there wasn't enough room at the Route 3A site to add more parking spots than already planned.

Scituate's representatives also suggested limiting the number of spots in North Scituate to prevent Cohasset residents from commuting to the station.

CAC Chairman Terry Fancher complained that the MBTA was not addressing "global" impacts — noise, vibrations, grade crossings, air pollution — that affect all towns.

Brennan said he was dealing with most communities on the local level to address mitigation issues. Brennan agreed to arrange future public meetings with the state Department of Environmental Protection, the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the Federal Railroad Administration to discuss global issues and regional impacts.

Brennan also confirmed that completion of the Greenbush project would be delayed from 1999 until late 2001. Construction is now scheduled to begin in early 1999.

Brennan said local mitigation discussions, especially in Hingham, Scituate and Cohasset, were proceeding slower than anticipated.

He said the MBTA would develop a mitigation plan in 1999 to address the construction delay.

Flood Money in Question

Selectman Peter Pratt said while the town is slated to receive a $341,000 federal grant for flood relief it's not clear when and if that will happen.

"FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has not released the funds," Pratt said. He explained while the money has been approved by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM), a state agency, FEMA reserves the right to approve grants to DEM. "We need a professional to have a look-see to see where we stand with FEMA and if FEMA will subject us to any further review," he said.

But rather than have the town's engineer lobby for the town, Town Administrator Ed McCann suggested selectmen ask the DEM to keep the town posted if more information is needed.

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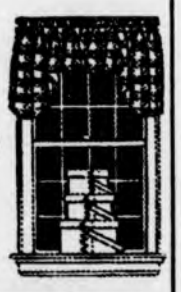


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voters use a stylus to punch a hole in their voting card were challenged due to the number of blank votes cast.

Douglas said instructions are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used to fill in the oval to the right of the voter's choice.

Douglas predicts that about 35-40 percent of the town's 5,236 registered voters will vote Saturday.

Voters will be asked to approve a debt exclusion Proposition 2-1/2 override for the town to pick up 50 percent of construction costs of the north and central Cohasset sewer projects (see related story).

Running for an open seat on the board of selectmen Saturday are: Thomas Callahan, 35 Hillside Dr.; Alexander Koines, 380 Atlantic Ave.; Wigmore Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave.; and Diane C. Sullivan, 708 Jerusalem Rd. Incumbent Selectman Peter Pratt, 75 Ripley Rd., is not seeking reelection to a second term.

Vying for two open seats on the school committee are: Joe McElroy, 59 Windy Hill; Hugh Morgan, 24 Bow St.; Kathy Ofsthun, 45 Fair Oaks Lane and Susan Turgiss, 96 Jerusalem Rd. Jim Kirk, 254 S. Main St. and JoAnne Chittick, 98 S. Main St. are not seeking reelection.

Water commission candidates John K. McNabb Jr., 53 Pond St. and John C. Pereira, 115 Sohier St. are running for the seat being vacated by incumbent Fred Koed, 92 Pleasant St.

Running unopposed are Anne C. Bowdoin, 131 Nichols Rd., Agnes McCann, 104 Doane St., and Patience G. Towle, 180 Lamberts Lane for the board of library trustees; Michael C. Patrolia, 15 Cushing Rd., for assessor; Alix P. White, 224 Jerusalem Rd., for health board; Ralph Perroncello, 10 Pleasant Lane, for housing authority; Alfred S. Moore, Jr., 101 Fairoaks Lane for planning board; Lillian Murray Curley, 28 Margin St. and Mary K. Muncey, 317 S. Main St., for recreation commission; and Raimund G. Vanderweil, Jr., 500 Jerusalem Rd. for sewer commissioner.

Funding

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An override is needed because half the cost of the project cannot be absorbed within the tax limits set by Proposition 2-1/2, a state law limiting the amount a town can raise its tax levy without an override.

If the override passes, the owner of the mean Cohasset home — valued at $308,000 — would see an increase of $169 a year for the 20-year life of the bond issue. The 50/50 cost sharing means 55 cents in additional annual taxes per $1,000 of assessed valuation for all homeowners. The balance would be paid by all sewer users.

If the override fails, sewer users will have to pay for the entire project through betterments assessed over 20 years.

In any case, users will be assessed annual operating and maintenance fees of about $400 a year and a one-time connection fee of about $40 per linear foot to connect the sewer from the property line to the house.

The $13.5 million central Cohasset sewer project and joint override with the $6.6 million north Cohasset sewer project were overwhelmingly approved at town meeting last month with a vote of 264-3. The north Cohasset project will hook about 345 homeowners in that part of town via a sewer main to the Hull treatment plant. The central Cohasset project upgrades the town's waste-water treatment plant and extends service to about 600 homes not currently on the sewer.

Town Counsel Could Get 60% Raise

The Boston law firm, serving as Cohasset's town counsel, could get a big raise.

Selectmen discussed Monday about increasing town counsel's retainer from $2,500 to $4,000 per month because of the extra hours firm partner Paul DeRensis, who handles the bulk of the town's legal business, and the law firm spend on town matters.

The retainer covers the work DeRensis spends on the town's legal business regardless of how much time is involved.

But Selectman Nan Roth said the law firm added up the hours "and was spending more hours than the retainer is worth."

Selectmen Roth and Ronnie McMorris, who met with DeRensis last week, said the raise is the equitable thing to do. They pointed out that DeRensis who was hired a year ago, took on a backlog of issues and faced a number of serious matters including the special town meeting last summer and override elections on the school and sewer.

They expect the coming year to be equally challenging as the town switches to the town manager form of government approved at town meeting — a process which will require amendments to some town by-laws. Other pending issues include negotiating contracts for police, fire, and library and clerical workers; and flood control, sewer construction and train projects.

DeRensis of Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland charges the town $120 hour for services outside the retainer for matters relating to labor, litigation and real estate.

Selectmen held off making a decision on the increase until they renew DeRensis' contract, which could happen as soon as next week.

The town has budgeted $50,000 for town counsel which will cover the increased retainer. Selectmen said they could ask special town meeting in the fall to appropriate more money if needed for additional legal services.

DeRensis replaced longtime town counsel Richard Henderson, who charged $85 an hour which amounted to about $45,000 a year. However, the town hired special counsels to handle specialized matters, such as labor negotiations, at costs ranging as high as $200 an hour. By hiring a large firm, selectmen hoped to reign in the use of special counsel and keep legal bills under tighter control. They also said this week plans are to develop a form to track legal expenses and help the board monitor what is and what is not covered under the retainer.

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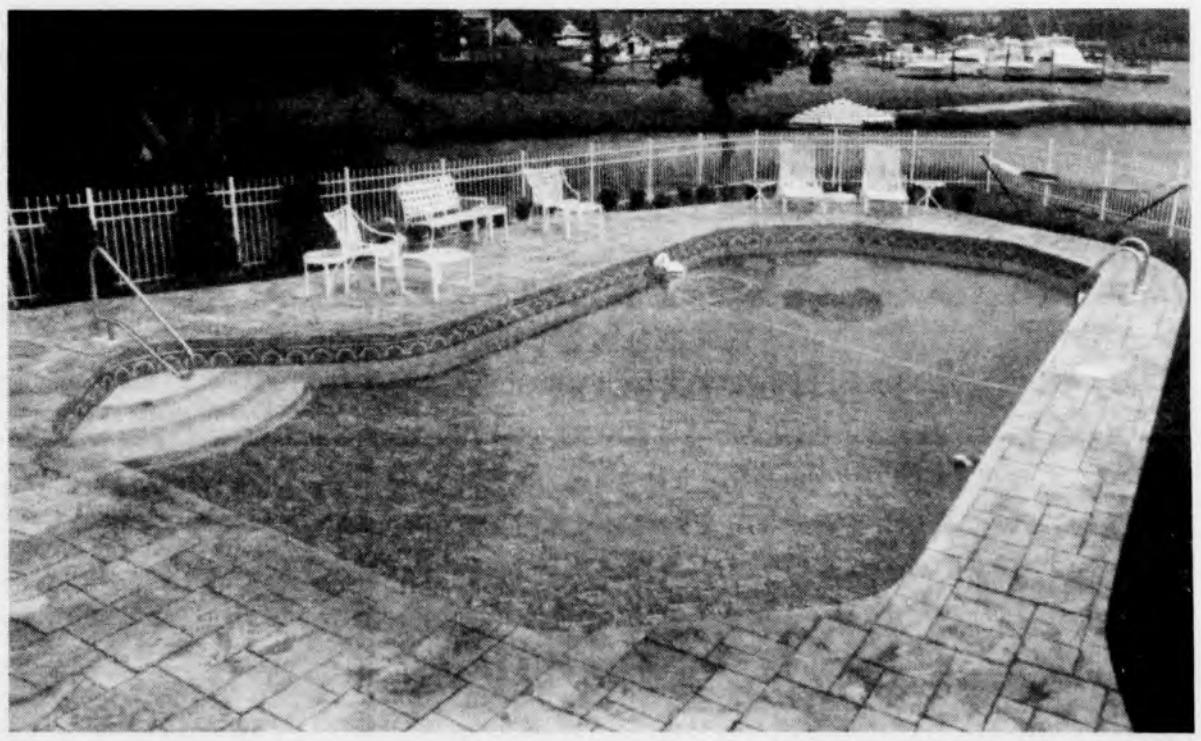
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Groundwork on Septic System Plans Starts

By David Tibbetts
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The draft plan addresses 135 homes near Lily Pond and Little Harbor. Homeowners with septic systems that could threaten a water drinking supply are given top priority.

Residents of the Lily Pond and Little Harbor area s know they will soon be required to have mandatory Title 5 inspections every seven years. They also know it could cost them a lot of money.

What they don't know is when inspections will begin, who will go first, and how the regulations will be structured.

The health board conducted a public hearing Tuesday to get public comments on how to implement a plan to address failing systems in the two priority areas. Health board members said the plan must be submitted to the state Department of Environmental Protection by May 30.

About 10 residents attended the hearing.

Town meeting voters approved the second amended agreement with the state, which says the town will address failing septic systems in the two priority areas even if no funding is available. Health board member Kevin Ulmer said the town would not implement the plan until state funding was available.

"We will get DEP approval for our plan, but we will not notify homeowners until the money is in place," he said.

The state is offering $3 million in low-interest loans over six years, $500,000 per year, to residents within the priority district whose systems fail Title 5 inspections. Those homeowners whose systems fail an inspection have two years to make repairs.

Usually, homeowners need a Title 5 inspection only when they sell their homes.

Residents could borrow up to $20,000 and repay the loan through 20-year betterments similar to what sewer customers pay.

Residents with repairs exceeding $20,000 would have to obtain additional funding on their own.

Ulmer said it was too late for the town to receive funding this year, although it could get $500,000 in the next fiscal year. Ulmer added that no one can be certain when the state will allocate additional funding, if at all.

"You can never be sure of state funding because it allocates money from year to year," Ulmer said.

Health board Chairman Tom Cook said the draft plan currently being proposed was a scaled down version of the town-wide on-site waste water plan presented at town meeting.

The draft plan addresses 135 homes near Lily Pond and Little Harbor. Homeowners with septic systems that could threaten a water drinking supply are given top priority.

Ulmer said the health board would eventually formulate a prioritized list of homes numbered from 1-135.

Ulmer said the state's distribution method, $500,000 a year, would allow the town to provide loans for only 25 homes per year. "The big question is what happens in the future?" Ulmer asked. "Assuming a 40-50 percent failure rate, we may only need half of the $3 million. We may want to address homes near the Aaron River and the reservoir."

· Resident Rick Swanborg of Nichols Road wanted to know if he could get his house at the top of the priority list.

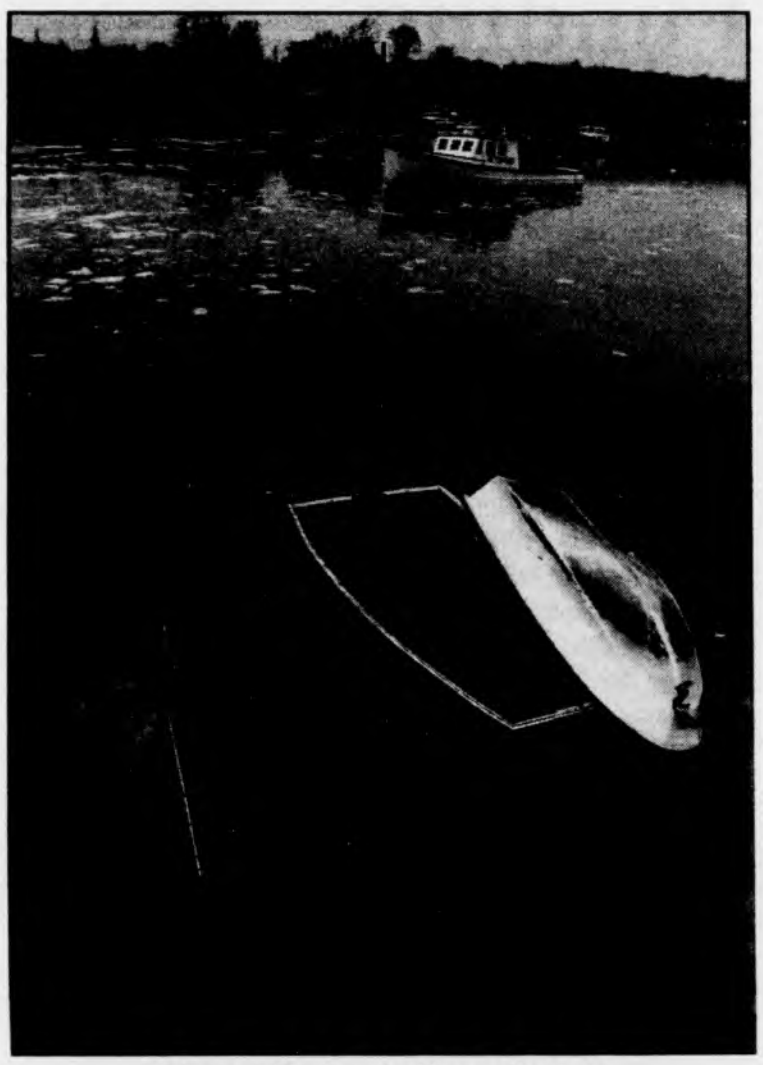
"The problem is we need to hit the priority areas first," Cook said. "If we have money left over we'll have to make sure we have a regulation to deal with that. Maybe it will be first-come, first served. I don't know."

Anne Lane of Nichols Road wanted to know if individual condo owners with a shared system were eligible for $20,000 each or $20,000 as a whole.

Cook said that would also have to be addressed when the health board writes its regulations. He added that the health board would hold public hearings on new regulations after DEP approved the plan.

Bruce McMeekin questioned how the plan would impact new homes or new septic systems. Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said new systems are exempt from Title 5 for two years. After that, the new systems would have to be inspected every seven years forever.

Swanborg praised the health board for doing an excellent job.



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✓ Favors creation of a Master Plan on budget, tax rate, capital needs - the town manager still needs a plan to manage

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✓ Attorney & mediator with experience in municipal law

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Names: Andrea Freeman, Kelley O'Donnell and Karen Niessink

Occupation: Seniors at Cohasset High.

Goal: To have fun!

Best vacation: Miami (Andrea), Williamsburg (Kelley & Karen).

Best day of your life: When we turn 21!

Biggest worry: Getting wrinkles (Andrea), going bald (Kelley); college next year (Karen).

Favorite holiday: Ground Hog Day (Andrea), St. Patrick's Day (Kelley), Professional Secretaries Day (Karen).

Favorite season: Summer!

Favorite TV show: Three's Company (Andrea), Dukes of Hazard (Kelley), Mork & Mindy (Karen).

Favorite movie: 'Ferris Bueller's Day off' (Andrea), 'Sixteen Candles' (Kelley), and 'Top Gun' (Karen).

Favorite book: Anything with Fabio (Andrea), anything by Danielle Steele (Kelley), anything by Mary Higgins Clark (Karen).

Favorite junk food: Beef jerky (Andrea), Goldfish (Kelley), JJ's B& W Frappe (Karen).

Most embarrassing moment: Going into the guys' bathroom by mistake (Andrea); flying head first down the steps at a store (Kelley); hitting a parked car (Karen).

Person you'd most like to meet: 'Wierd Al' Yankovic (Andrea), Rupaul (Kelley), Gordon Elliott (Karen).

Pet peeve: Smokers (Andrea), buying gas (Kelley), being late (Karen).



Village Revitalization Committee Meeting

The Village Revitalization Committee will meet Thursday, May 1, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the South Shore Community Center senior room.

The following agenda is scheduled:

1. Charrette & Grant Application Recap – Where do we go from here?
2. Review Greenbush Line impacts on Village.
3. Review '97 plans for Farmers' Market.
4. Discuss Harborfest participation, June 20-22.
5. Develop goals for 1997.
6. Elect new committee chairman.

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Kudos to Our Boston Marathon Finishers!

Boy, do we start off on an awesome story today; it is about the number of runners from Cohasset who took part in last week's Boston Marathon! Here is the list, along with their times, though it will be hard for many to believe that it was done! **John Bradley** (time, 3:12:13); **Bill Cavanaro** (time, 4:19:44); **Alice Cook** (time, 4:34:34); **Don DeMichele** (time, 3:37:13); **Jeff Grossman** (time, 4:22:34); **Chris Haggerty** (time, 4:55:24); **Kerry Kirkendall** (time, 3:43:43); **Rick Kirkendall** (time, 4:40:24); **Geoff Nothnagle** (time, 4:13:44); and, **Steve Smith** (time, 3:55:03). Our hats off to you all, we award each and every one of you your own laurel wreath! **Jamie Langmaid** also ran, it was his second running of the marathon. He improved his time, finished in just over four hours. Jamie is an employee of John Hancock.

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Our own Cohasset seniors had a very important event Tuesday, it was the candidates' luncheon held at the Community Center at noon. The town should extend thanks to our seniors for putting this affair together, so that we may be knowledgeable about our candidates as we head for the polls!

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The Saturday that all of you avid gardeners anxiously await each spring is right around the corner — the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will host 'Not Your Ordinary' plant sale Saturday, May 10, at 9 a.m. at the Lighthouse Keepers' House (on Border Street, Cohasset Harbor). Chairman **Maura Ditmar** tells us there will be a large variety of gardeners' choice plants, including perennials, small trees, herbs, ground covers, ornamental grasses, etc. ... of special interest: many uncommon and hard-to-find perennials! It will be held rain or shine, and here is a word to the wise — go early for the best selection! The Garden Club stocks up wonderfully well, but the word has spread as to how great the sale is, so people cannot wait to get there! They will provide complimentary coffee for you, another super extra! Oh yes, the proceeds from the sale benefit the clubs' scholarship fund and many civic projects — so, your garden will flourish and the students and citizens of Cohasset will also! As will you!

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There is a very happy/sad event around the corner that many will be interested in knowing about — Friday, May 9, from 4 to 6 p.m., there will be a tribute to **Marie Price**. Marie is retiring at the end of the school year, leaving most wondering what in the world our kindergarten will do without her! She has been "priceless" over the years, and loved by all that come in touch with her, be it student, parent, grandparent, etc. The party will be held at Kimball's by the Sea, and they are asking that you RSVP to **Kate MacPhee** at the Osgood School. They ask that you send a memory, photograph or tribute for Marie's Retirement Book. The cost will be $20 if you are unable to attend this event but would like to contribute, please see Kate. And, be sure we will inform you all about the event!

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Have you seen the new press box at Alumni Field yet? It's truly spectacular, isn't it? Be sure to thank **Bob Gledhill** when you see him, he donated all of the siding for the building, as well as his time and expertise in putting it up!

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Yeah Joe!! **Joe Slotnick,** that is. Word from Vassar College is that Joe is a member of the Vassar College men's basketball team that finished the season with a 12-13 record while playing a much more competitive schedule than last year. Joe is a member of the class of '99.

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Hats off to **Ashley Wilfand,** class of '98 at Thayer Academy. Ashley made the honor roll for the second term. She is the daughter of **Robert** and **Wendy Wilfand.**

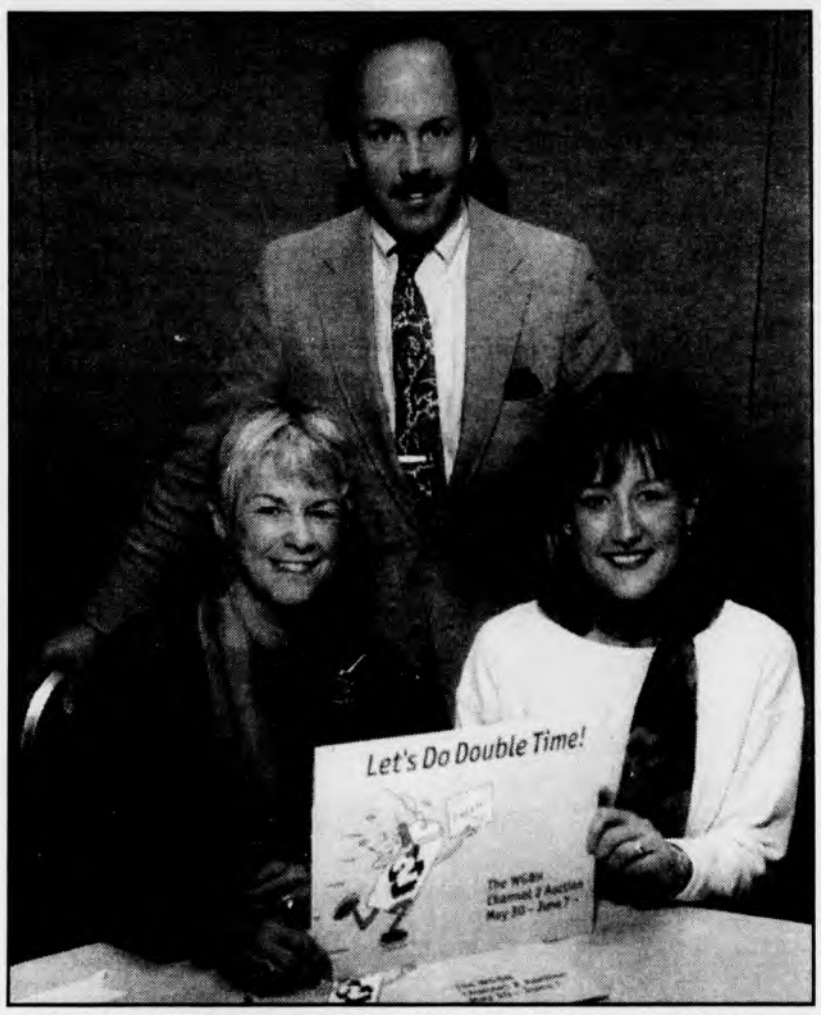
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Dylan Lanzillotti (grade 6) and **Jeffrey Schneider** (grade 8) also earned themselves a spot on the Achievement List, an honor indeed!

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Let us know what is new in your life!

— Sallyann
383-0560



The 1997 WGBH/Channel 2 Auction recently began its 32nd year with a grand Kick Off event at the Newton Marriott Hotel for the Auction's famous 'Go-Getting' teams. Pictured are WGBH volunteer Gregory Hoffman (standing, rear) of Cohasset, and (seated) Susan Kaplan, acquisitions manager for the Auction (left), and WGBH volunteer Noelle Cappella (right) of Scituate. Go-Getters pictured here will solicit and pick up donations from businesses and individuals in Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham and Hull. Over 8,000 items are donated to the auction each year. For more information, call Kaplan at 617-492-2777 ext. 4207.

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Free screenings will be conducted for cholesterol, blood sugar, cataracts, glaucoma, chiropractic care, hypertension, lung capacity and oral cancer.

The Guild for the Hard of Hearing Mobile Van will do free hearing tests. The van has been funded by the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank of Cohasset.

An oncology nurse from the Norwell VNA will be available to teach breast self-examination, and the Mobile Diagnostics Van will be in the town hall parking lot performing mammograms from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost of the mammograms is usually covered by most insurance plans. Please call the Social Service League office, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., to schedule an appointment. Call 383-0771 or 383-0821.

Pharmacists from Walgreens and C.V.S. will discuss both prescription and over-the-counter medications and drug and alcohol interactions.

Healthy snacks and drinks will be provided by Stop & Shop, Dunkin' Donuts and Atlantic Bagel Co.

Representatives of the South Shore Collaborative Tobacco Control Program, the Cohasset Police Department, and the American Cancer Society will be at the Cohasset High School with displays and videos for the high school students.

All residents of Cohasset are invited to attend and take advantage of all the free screenings and services.

Hire a Student

The Social Service League of Cohasset has compiled a list of Cohasset High School students who are ready, willing and able to do odd or not so odd jobs around your home; yard clean up, pet sitting, plant watering, weeding, baby-sitting, car care, window washing, etc. Many of the students can drive. The rates are reasonable. For names and phone numbers of students, call The Job Bank at 383-0771.

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Sharing the Cost of Sewers

Property owners in two parts of town are asking for a little help from their neighbors. Those in the north and central sections of Cohasset face paying for a major public works project alone if the rest of us don't pitch in.

A Yes on Question One means paying 55 cents more annually per $1,000 assessed valuation. So if you own the median-valued home of $308,000, your taxes will go up $169 per year. If you home is worth $200,000 you'll see an increase of $110 and so on.

Those of you who won't get the sewer may ask, why should I help? After all with Title V some homeowners could pay through the nose to upgrade and repair their septic systems.

But those affected by Title V aren't alone. The problem is affecting thousands across the state and the legislature continues to seek ways to provide relief. In Cohasset, a limited number of homes in critical areas will receive state-subsidized loans to upgrade their systems under a program being administered by the Board of Health.

Last year, the town supported a new school even though not everyone has school-aged children. Why? Because it was the right thing to do. In some way, each of us benefits from the schools.

A few years back, the town supported a new track at the high school. Most of you probably will never watch a game there — but you voted for it because it was good for the kids and good for the town. The town supported buying the Hagerty property. Why? Because owning a piece of the harbor front will be a positive addition to Cohasset.

Ultimately, we all benefit from a cleaner environment. The state knows that. That's why the town is under a court order to upgrade and expand its sewer system. The sewer is coming to north and central Cohasset whether residents there want it or not.

Without your help, they will be saddled with the entire cost of the project. Even with your help, they are still going to pay the additional taxes through the override, plus 50% of the construction costs through betterments, plus a fee per-linear-foot to hook up to the system and annual operation and maintenance fees of about $400 a year.

For too long residents of north Cohasset have been out there fighting the battle for shared-sewer funding all alone. And now they're being joined by those in the center of town.

It's time we became one town again. Vote Yes on One.

Thanks, Peter and Fred

This week two public servants, in the finest sense of the term, bid adieu to their respective boards.

Selectman Peter Pratt will soon have "former" selectman before his name. And water commissioner Fred Koed will become a past member of that board.

What a shame that neither man is running again.

But maybe we should count ourselves lucky to have had them for just three short years. They've compressed so much into their tenure of office and have provided leadership on tough issues.

Mr. Pratt's accomplishments include the monstrous harbor dredging and James Brook flood control projects which are closer to fruition thanks to his tenacity and determination. Mr. Koed tirelessly helped lead the water department back to credibility and financial stability.

Both men deserve our thanks. We wish them well.

— Mary Ford, Editor

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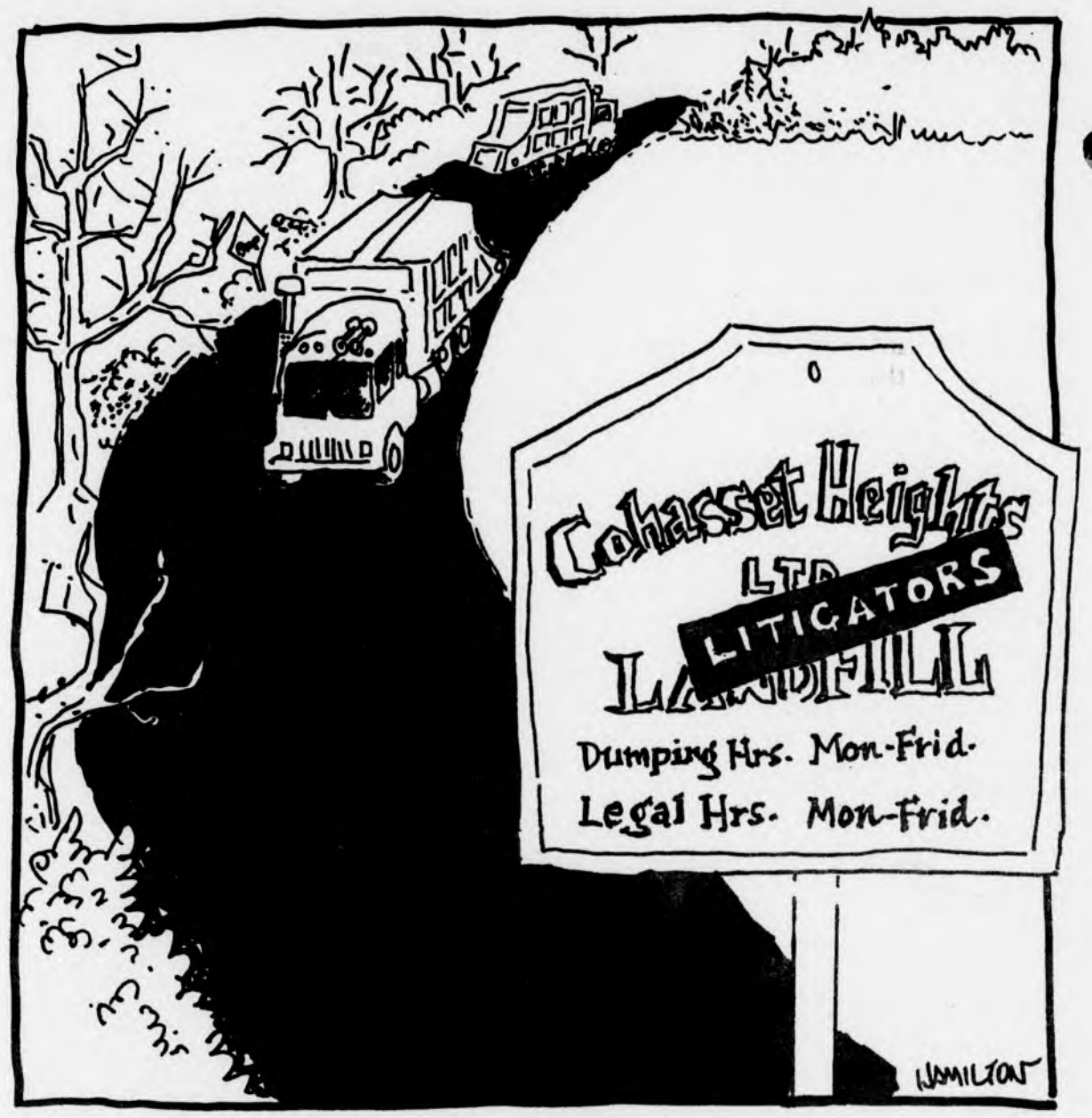
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Lest We Forget

To the Editor:

Do we need more memorials to peace, and fewer honoring those who experienced war?

Peace is just a rosy ideal to those who haven't witnessed the suffering of war, especially by innocent children.

The death, destruction and disruption of WW2 need not have happened if Hitler had been faced down initially by democracies willing to be forceful, instead of allowing his depredations in the name of peace. How can we forget the rage we felt, as the disasters mounted and the horrors unfolded, for the unprepared and peaceful fools that let it happen?

Peace isn't preserved by idealistic memorials, or pious poetry, or meek acquiescence to bad people. It's preserved by demonstrating the will and the ability to punish aggression, or even threats of aggression.

Monuments and murals are only an aid to remembering history; more important is understanding the lessons of history. Remembering with understanding is the real memorial.

R. M. Campbell
75 Old Pasture Rd.

Stance on Town Manager Targeted

To the Editor:

I would like to take exception to Ronnie McMorris' comments regarding town manager (4/24/97).

Ms. McMorris has to be assured that the town has voted on this measure, not out of hastiness, as she wrote, but out of the experience and obvious, measurable, proven, lack of faith townspeople have in her board of selectmen.

Individually they bring us little qualification which would allow their management of a corporation with a budget as large as Cohasset's, and collectively they repeatedly show an ability of bringing more indecision to simple issues than unified answers. I will challenge Selectman Michael Sullivan, a successful, experienced recruiter, to show résumés of a school employee, a non-practicing lawyer, retired manufacturing manager, or executive recruiter, which he has submitted, successfully, for such high budget management and planning work. This is a generalized profile of who we have running our town and governing our finances. While their qualifications indicate a measure of accomplishment in their own right, today's town government is way too complex for volunteers with such unrelated municipal government experience.

On the other hand, the selectmen's disfavor of the recall provision article at town meeting, as well as their anti-town manager sentiment, show only a fear of unified citizen questions of their capabilities and a selfish regard for their want for power. Integrity would allow them to measure up for any challenge of recall, just as a qualified manager could elevate Cohasset with capable, unselfish, and non-politically aimed management. (Hint: Go to Hull.)

Selectman McMorris, show me a better way to govern, but not with one made up of dictator wanna-bees or some private "club." Show me credibility and accountability, not a way of snuffing out citizens' ability to question government. The day the selectmen give in to citizen rights and defer the disposition of issues to better judgment will be a day they might start being admired for leadership.

The volunteer selectmen should be relegated to such duties as the choices of food at the beach, and a qualified manager should manage the multi-million dollar infrastructure, business, and future planning decisions (there is such a thing) of the town.

Mark Bell
King Street

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Time to Remember Two Brave Men

To the Editor:

During the early part of the 19th century, more than 40 ships were wrecked on the ledges off the town of Cohasset. So great was this loss of lives and ships, that the Boston Marine Society, ship owners and captains petitioned the U.S. Government to construct a lighthouse off the coast of Cohasset.

Captain William Swift of the Corps of Engineers was given the task to build such a lighthouse. After careful inspection of the numerous ledges, he chose Minot Ledge, being the furthest out from shore, at a distance of two and one-half miles.

Work began in 1847 on Minot Ledge. Nine holes were drilled five feet deep and twelve inches in diameter. The nine 40-foot wrought iron pilings which tapered from 10 inches down to four inches in diameter were secured with iron filings. The keepers' quarters and light room were built above that. The lantern room was 11-1/2 feet in diameter, with 15 21-inch reflectors. When completed, the lighthouse stood 75 feet above the sea.

The first lighting of Minot Light was Jan. 1, 1850, with Capt. Isaac Dunham as the first keeper of the new lighthouse.

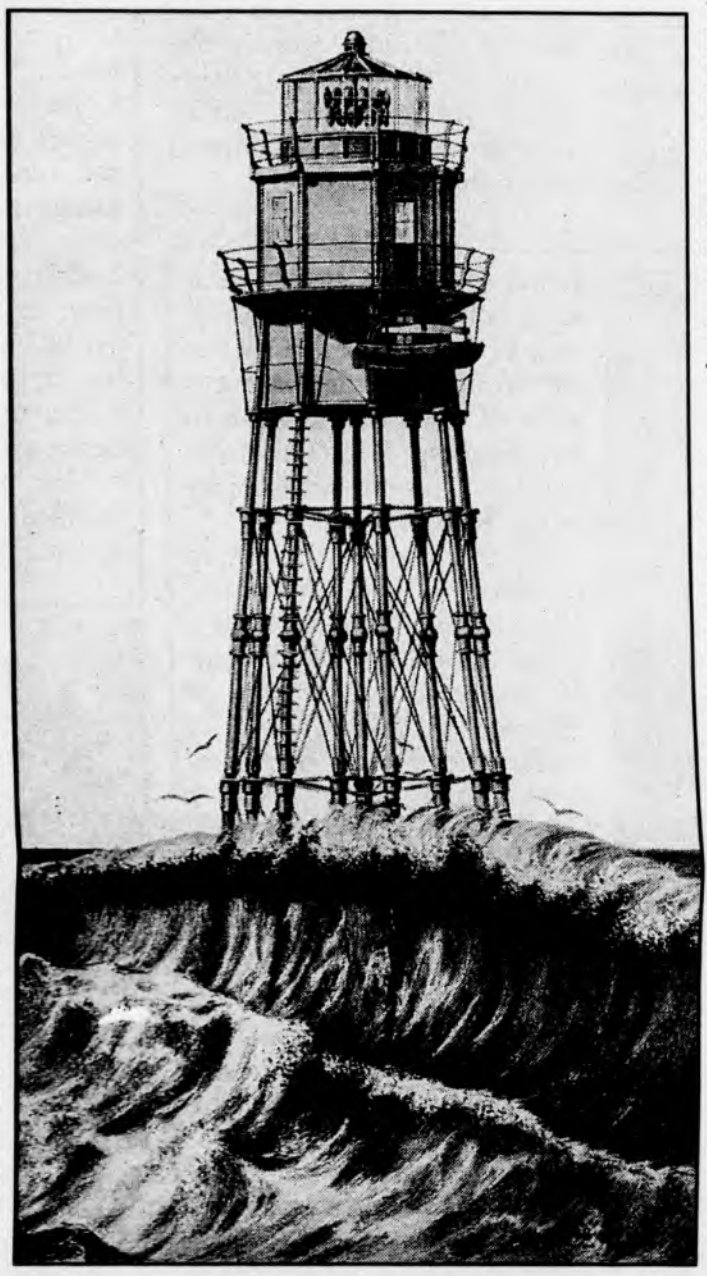
No sooner had he taken command when his troubles began including northeast gales and a constant tightening and repairing of the bracing on the stanchions which supported the lighthouse. That January ended with the knowledge that the lighthouse was, in fact, unsafe.

The winter of 1850 at the lighthouse was very trying for the lightkeepers, with prevailing northerly and easterly gales most of the time during the months of January, February and March. However, this was nothing compared to what was to come in April, when the lighthouse was in grave danger of toppling over into the sea.

This is a story of a man in fear of his life.

April 6, 1850, Keeper Dunham writes, "I have stayed a lot longer than I should have." This is strangely prophetic when we realize that the lighthouse fell into the sea exactly one year from his above written words.

During the following spring and summer, Capt. Dunham wrote to the lighthouse service time and again, for support to strengthen the light, but Capt. Swift of the engineers said that the light would withstand any storm, and, therefore, did nothing to strengthen the light. Consequently, Capt. Dunham resigned from the lighthouse service. An excerpt from Capt. Dunham's log book reads as follows: "April 1850 Friday = This day and last night will long be remembered by me as one of the most trying that I ever experienced during my life. The wind N.E. to N. blowing very hard with a sea running mountainous high. It must be that we were in the hands a merciful God, for which I am thankful that we are yet spared."



"Saturday, sixth, the wind from the east blowing very hard with an ugly sea, which make the lighthouse reel like a drunken man = I hope God will in his mercy, still the raging sea = or we must perish. We have made out to clean the lantern up — with fear and trembling. God knows what the end will be."

"4 p.m. — The gale continues with great fury. It appears to me that if the wind continues from the east and it is now, is that we cannot survive the night, = if it is to be so O God receive my unworthy soul for Christ sake, for in him I put my trust."

"Sunday, seventh, cleaned up the lantern for lighting. Wind east with a tremendous sea which seems as if it would destroy the lighthouse, I pray to God to still the raging sea if it is his will."

"Monday, eighth, the wind now west north west WNW blowing very fresh which will kill the ground sea. Thank be to God for this blessed wind."

After Capt. Dunham resigned in the fall of 1850, Capt. John Bennett became the next keeper of Minot Light. He openly belittled Capt. Dunham of being timid and resigning. His repentance would come later. Keeper Bennett hired a new crew from Cohasset, Massachusetts. They were Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson.

After a bad northeast storm in late fall of 1850, Capt. Bennett's mind soon changed as to the safety of the lighthouse. He too advised Capt. Swift to strengthen the lighthouse. But again, nothing was done.

In December of 1851, one of the worst storms so far took place. Bennett became so worried that the lighthouse would fall into the sea that he put a letter in a bottle saying, "our situation perilous, but I shall if it be Gods will, die in performance of my duty."

Friday, April 11, Capt. Bennett flew the signal for the boat to come out. He left the weakened lighthouse in the charge of the two assistant keepers, Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson. That was the last time he would ever see them again. Sunday the wind was picking up from the east. Late Monday there were gale winds. Wednesday, April 16, 1851, the winds were northeast and intensified to hurricane force. Little did the keepers know that it would be the worst storm of the century. The two heroic keepers continued to perform their duties, keeping the bell ringing and the light burning. Their worst night was to begin. The northeast winds abated, but always after the wind passes, the murderous ground seas begin, and the worst time of all is at ebb tide when the sea surge climbs right up over outer Minots ledge, as if there were a stairway causing the seas now to reach high on the keepers quarters, 60 feet above the ledge and pounding it with every wave.

The lighthouse now was swaying two feet from side to side!

Around midnight, the lighthouse started to list to the leeward. As the pilings started snapping, the keepers realized that the end was near. They wrote a note saying the light would not last the night out, signed, "JA & JW." A bottle was found later.

About 1 a.m. the morning of April 17, 1851, the bell was heard ringing furiously, as the pilings snapped one by one and the lighthouse fell into the sea.

It has been 146 years since that terrible night of April 17, 1851, when the lighthouse pounded by gale winds and heavy seas was cast into the ocean, taking with it Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson to their death.

The town of Cohasset has always remembered those who gave their lives for their country, but somehow the town has forgotten two of its bravest men. They knew full well that the lighthouse was proven to be unsafe by Capt. Dunham and Cohasset mariners, yet in the true spirit of the lighthouse serve, they sailed out to the lighthouse never to return.

With that in mind, I honestly and wholeheartedly feel that it is time, and long overdue, that recognition be given to these two heroes. A granite monument to be placed on Lighthouse Island this year would be a wonderful tribute to these fine boys who sacrificed their lives in order to save others.

An account (The Antoine and Wilson Memorial Fund) has been established at the Hingham Institution for Savings, Ship Cove Lane (Elm Street) Cohasset, Massachusetts, should you care to make a donation. Your help and support would be greatly appreciated. Time to remember.

Herbert L. Jason
59 Cushing Rd.

Egg Hunt Support Appreciated

To the Editor:

The Cohasset Recreation Commission held their 20th annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 29, and would like to thank the following organizations and individuals who made it possible:

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For their hard work conducting the Easter Egg Hunt our most sincere gratitude go to Georgine Butman, Ted Carroll, Emily Henderson, Jessie MacDonald, Karen Niessink and Eric Worley.

A very special thanks to Ms. Phyllis McComas and Ms. Shelia Sullivan. For their continued efforts, interest and support of this event, sincere gratitude goes to Jean, Manny and Dana Salvador.

Jack Worley
Director
Recreation Department

Voters' Guide

SELECTMAN

Name: Thomas J. Callahan
Age: 38
Family: Wife, Alison; daughter, Katie, 7; son, Peter, 4.
Education: BA, Boston University, 1980; JD, Albany Law School of Union University, 1984.
Occupation: Attorney, self-employed, offices in Boston and Holbrook.
Years in town: 11+
Civic/Municipal Experience: Member of conservation commission, 1989-present; chairman, July 1990 to June 1991, July 1995 to August 1996; vice chairman, July 1994 to June 1995.
Reason for Seeking Office: I am running for selectman for the opportunity to continue serving the town as I have for eight years as a conservation commissioner. I want to help formulate the necessary management plan we need to address our problems, utilizing my experiences professionally and on the commission with similar issues.

I hope to be part of a board that will squarely address the tough decisions that need to be made. Those who know my commission work know I will commit the time and energy needed and do not shrink from the tough decisions.

Most importantly, I run to represent the interests of the whole town and not a single issue or interest group, or from the position of rampant negativism relative to our town

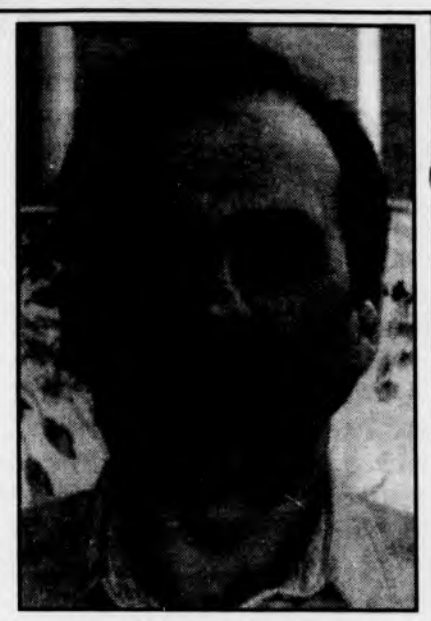


boards. I want to bring back a sense of consensus and community. We need constructive action on the important issues ahead (budget, train, CHL, education) and not continued infighting.

SELECTMAN

Name: Alexander C. Koines
Age: 45
Education: Derby Academy, Tabor Academy, Chauncy Hall, Chapel Hill, BA, Roger Williams University, 1974
Occupation: Manufacturer's Representative
Years in town: 40
Civic/Municipal Experience: Founding member and officer, Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers
Reason for Seeking Office: The past two years have been exciting for Cohasset government. Some regard the controversies over the new school, the town manager and the sewer as divisive, but I see them as a healthy sign that our democracy is working. Citizens became more involved and began to question how and where their tax dollars were being spent.

Our property taxes have doubled in the past ten years and our town accountant has

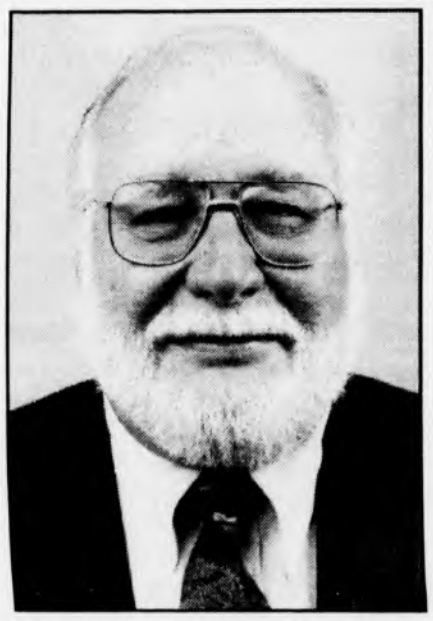


predicted a rate increase from $15.05 to near $20 per $1,000 in the next five years. I seek the office of Selectman to make sure this doesn't happen.

I will work cooperatively with all board members and citizens but such communication cannot always be harmonious. We need different viewpoints and ideas. My opponents support more overrides. I believe we must try to live within the reasonable limits of Proposition 2 1/2. We will be a better town for having made the effort.

SELECTMAN

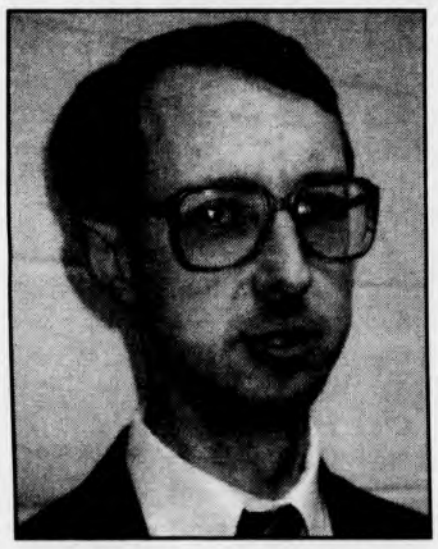
Name: Wigmore A. Pierson
Age: 57
Family: 3 children: Elizabeth, 17; Morgan, 15; Carrie, 13.
Education: BA Lakeforest College, Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth.
Occupation: Founder, president, New Options Group; president, Pierson Corporation, an investment management company.
Years in Town: 12
Civic/Municipal Experience: Chairman, Committee on Town History; member, Cohasset Historic Commission; member, chamber of commerce and historical society; former member Cohasset Historic District



Commission; founder, host "Pierson to Person", public affairs television show.
Reason for Seeking Office: I am a candidate for Selectman because I believe we can do better — better in listening to our fellow citizens; better in making timely decision; better in our responsiveness to citizen concerns; better in streamlining the management of town affairs; better in handling our financial affairs; and better in our accessibility to our fellow citizens.

Since I have been deeply involved in investment and financial matters, have been a career counselor for more than 20 years, served as host of "Pierson to Person" for 10 years, and served on three town boards since 1988, I believe I bring well balanced skills and talents to the boards of selectman.

In addition, and perhaps most importantly, I feel that the board can benefit from my experience, my willingness to listen openly to our fellow citizens and my independent voice.



WATER COMMISSION

Name: John McNabb
Age: 40
Family: Older brother of Mike, Lauren, Tara, Christopher and Gerald McNabb. Parents: John and Julie McNabb
Education: Bowdoin College, 1978; major in psychology with honors; Cohasset High School, 1974 graduate
Occupation: Environmental Government Officer's consultant
Years in town: 36
Civic/Municipal Experience: chairman, Water Resources Protection Committee, 1994-present; South Shore Water Supply Advisory Committee, 1996-present; Groundwater Protection Committee, 1991; Recycling Committee, 1996-present; South Shore Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board, 1994-present; Town Government Structure Committee, 1983-84, chairman 1985-87; Trustee, Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 1984-87; vice president and co-founder, SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion); representative of citizens at the 1996 site assignment hearings.
Reason for Seeking Office: I am running for water commissioner to continue the work of Fred Koed and the water commission in the last three years to rebuild our water system so we will never again have the situation we had in the summer of 1994 when many Cohasset homes were without any running water. While the commissioners have solved the immediate problem that led to the 1994 water crisis, there is still much work to be done.

A second water storage tank is essential to provide the required fire reserve in the water system to allow the fire department to fight a fire without depleting water pressure throughout Cohasset. There are still many miles of old water pipes in Cohasset which must be relined or replaced.

The water commission also must continue the use of private contractual services to run its operations. These services provide important cost controls for operation of the department.

SELECTMAN

Name: Diane C. Sullivan
Age: 56
Family: Two sons, Michael, age 35, married, lives with wife and two grandchildren, Kelly and Daniel, in Amherst, N.Y.; Jason, age 19, in college at UMass/Amherst.
Education: Weymouth Schools, Salem College.
Occupation: Manager of Cost Containment and Managed Care Services at Medical Claims Service, Inc., Quincy.
Years in town: 20
Civic/municipal experience: Former selectman, 1985 to 1987, Chairman 1987 Drainage Advisory Committee, Sewer Advisory Committee, Fire Station Committees, former member Board of Directors, Cohasset Community Center, Selectman Liaison Harbor Committee, Elder Affairs and others.
Reason for seeking office:
I am seeking to return to the board of selectmen to fill the seat vacated by Peter Pratt. Since a potential move out of state in 1987 prevented me from running for re-election at that time, and based on what I have observed in town, I feel it is a good time for me to bring my experience back to the board as the town deals with the very important issues before us. In addition to my experience, I will bring personal commitment, knowledge and willingness to work hard, listen well, and make sound judgments with fairness for all.

This is an important time for Cohasset as we move forward to achieve professionalism in



the operation of our town's government. Implementation of a professional town manager will be an exciting challenge and will require a commitment to the mandate of our town meeting vote.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Name: Hugh J. Morgan
Age: 52
Family: Two sons, Derek, Chris
Education: Cohasset Public Schools
Occupation: Retired supervisor MBTA; currently bus driver to Cohasset public schools
Years in town: Most of life
Civic/Municipal Experience: U.S. Navy, Vietnam Era Veteran; St. Anthony Church; Cohasset Little League; George H. Mealy Post #118
Reason for Seeking Office: I am seeking the office of school committee for many reasons. Namely, quality of education, maintenance of school buildings, transportation and budget. As we embark into the 21st century so too does Cohasset schools with education reform.

The new administration in place at all three schools are dedicated to the education of our students. The school committee also has an obligation to all taxpayers to keep the budget at a reasonable figure that we all can live with and not be subject to override votes. We must institute strong maintenance programs, look to the state for additional funding for projects and use resources that are readily available to us. If elected, I promise to work with the other committee members and administration to achieve these goals.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Name: Joe McElroy
Age: 55
Family: Wife Mary (formerly a teacher in the Boston school system and currently a computer instructor).
Children: Three: Mary-Catherine, Christopher and Rachel. Mary Catherine and Christopher are graduates of Cohasset High School and Rachel is a sixth-grader at the Deer Hill Elementary School.
Education: He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Boston University and a Master of Education from State College at Boston. He was the United States Army Security Agency's "Instructor of the Year" and he has taught as an Adjunct Professor at Bridgewater State College.
Occupation: Mr. McElroy is the North American Footwear Buying Manager for Reebok; previously he was Director of Material Management for Etonic-Tretorn-Puma. He retired from military service as a Lieutenant Colonel with citations to include the Bronze Star, five Meritorious Service Medals and two Army Commendation Medals. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. Joe is also a member of the National Association of Purchasing Managers and the American Production and Inventory Control Society. Mr. McElroy has certifications in purchasing and inventory control as well as software analysis and design. He is a licensed real estate salesperson and notary public.
Years in town: A 13-year resident of Cohasset.
Civic/municipal experience: He has served on the town's Capital Budget Committee, been Director of the Cohasset Historical Society, was chairperson of a South Shore Alzheimer's telethon and is past President of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation.
Reason for seeking office: Mr. McElroy says that he made the decision to run for School Committee because of his concern that all students have the best possible opportunity for a quality public education and because he wants to help heal recent rifts that have arisen within the Cohasset community. He has stated that he will give special emphasis to integrating five-year strategic and financial plans, promote better understanding of school and community priorities, and put technology on the "fast track" while emphasizing core basic studies.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Name: Kathleen Ofsthun
Age: 40
Family: Married to Rich; three sons, Ryan, 11; Chris, 9; Conor, 5
Education: B.S. with honors in accounting at University of Illinois; graduate work at University of Chicago
Occupation: Currently at home with my three boys. Fifteen years of business experience as a CPA and as a marketing consultant.
Years in Town: 3
Civic/Municipal Experience: 1996-97 president, parent school organization; little league coach since 1994; Harborfest volunteer; Meals on Wheels volunteer.
Reason for Seeking Office: I'm running for school committee because I want to further excellence in our schools. I believe in providing a challenging curriculum and setting high expectations for students and staff. I also believe the schools can do this at a fiscally responsible cost, and that my expertise as a CPA will help achieve this.

From the new school to the middle school, I would provide vigilant oversight of projects underway. Then I would contribute to an expanded vision of our schools, updating the five year strategic plan and widely publicizing it along with the maintenance and capital spending plans. The school committee can educate citizens about school issues through these and other communications. The committee should prepare reports of spending versus the budget, explaining significant variances. As a critical thinker who enjoys financial analysis and reporting, I would work for Cohasset's schools to achieve excellence at a reasonable cost.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Name: Susan Turgiss
Age: 43
Family: Married; husband, Robert; daughter, Nicole, 11.
Education: Masters of Education, Northeastern University; Bachelor of Arts, Bridgewater State College
Occupation: Speech and language pathologist in public schools
Years in Town: 6 years
Civic/Municipal Experience: Parent representative Deer Hill School Council; Member 1995 Cohasset Public School Strategic Planning Committee; P.S.O. Board Member; Cohasset Web Site Committee; Academic and enrichment volunteer.
Reason for Seeking Office: I am a candidate for school committee because I believe education is one of the most important gifts that we can give our children. We must prepare our children for the future by encouraging them to reach their potential as learners and responsible citizens. Recognizing their range of interest and talents, maintaining high standards, and keeping current with curriculum and technology is important.

My seeking a school committee position reflects both my personal and professional life. I hold a Master Degree of Education which I have enriched with post-graduate training. As a speech and language pathologist for 15 years in public schools, I have been positively and actively involved with implementing curriculum changes and testing brought about by education reform. Given my background, I chose to put my energy and community support into our schools.

My focus for Cohasset schools is academic excellence, fiscal accountability, and community involvement and support.

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Tabloid Reporters Nabbed in Hingham

Victoria Kennedy Seeks Help from Landscapers

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

The scene for the latest chapter of the Kennedy saga is Jerusalem Road in Cohasset where Victoria Kennedy and her sister-in-law sought assistance from local landscapers to escape from two tabloid reporters who were pursing them.

Police said the reporters from the London tabloid The Star were apparently staked out across the street from the Kennedy home at 181 Atlantic Ave. early Tuesday morning.

"They followed Mrs. Kennedy out and down Jerusalem Road. When she saw workers from Richard Kelley Landscaping, she was upset and pulled over to get assistance," investigating Officer Lawrence Ainslie said.

"They came to the rescue and tried to block the (reporters') vehicle to give Mrs. Kennedy time to get away," he said.

Ainslie, who was dispatched to investigate the incident at 7:50 a.m., said the Martin Gould, 41, who had a New York address but a U.K. drivers' license, allegedly bumped John Buckley of Hull, forcing him onto the hood of their rented car. The other landscaper Adam Ewell, also of Hull, jumped out of the way, Ainslie said.

The reporters allegedly fled the scene and proceeded to follow Kennedy's car into Hingham, he said. A few minutes later, Kennedy drove into the Hingham Police Station off Route 3A where she was assisted by Officer Kris Phillips.

"They described the car," said Phillips, who said he spotted the vehicle and apprehended the men after a short chase.

Hingham Police Sgt. Taylor Mills said the Mrs. Kennedy and Rory Kennedy remained in the police station parking lot until the reporters were apprehended and then were "safely on their way."

Cohasset police have charged Gould with assault & battery by a dangerous weapon (motor vehicle) and three counts of assault by a dangerous weapon (motor vehicle) and operating a motor vehicle negligently.

Hingham police have filed a complaint against Gould for speeding and failure to stop for a police officer. Gould's passenger was identified as Star reporter John Barrett of New York City.



A Fox TV news van camps outside French Memories. TV news crews and reporters from around the world have flocked to Cohasset to pursue the story about the latest Kennedy scandal.
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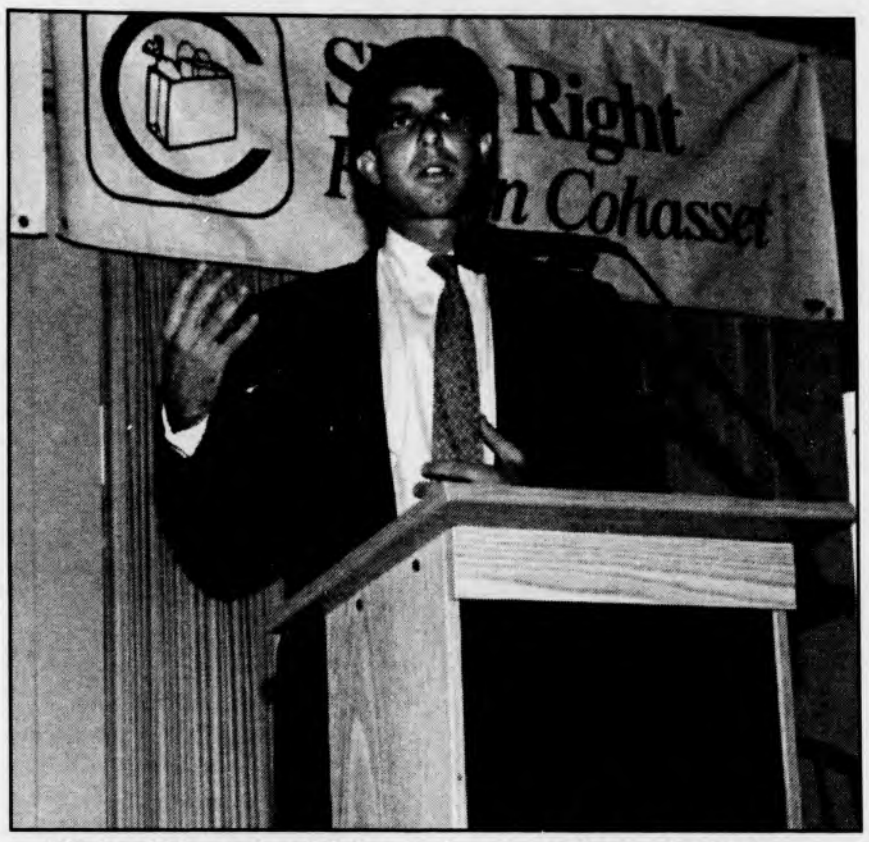
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Kennedy Story

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Michael Kennedy of Atlantic Avenue talks to the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at a meeting last year. Allegations that Kennedy had an affair with his children's baby-sitter have brought media from all over the world to Cohasset.
Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

paying much attention to it," said Selectmen Chairman Merle Brown.

"I saw Channel 4 in town Friday night running around trying to find someone to talk to without much success."

The Boston Globe quoted unnamed sources in its report which said Kennedy, 39, of Atlantic Avenue, who is the son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was allegedly involved with the girl possibly since she was 14. If true, Kennedy could be charged with statutory rape. (The girl is now 19 and a freshman in college.)

Norfolk County District Attorney Jeffrey Locke and Police Chief Brian Noonan said they would conduct a preliminary review based, at this point, solely on the Boston Globe story. According to published reports, Chief Noonan has talked with the teenager's family. However, he was refusing to comment on that.

"I'm not sure this will go as far as some people think," Noonan said Friday. "We need a victim, we need testimony. We have nothing now."

By Monday, Cohasset police were referring all calls to the district attorney's office. Locke's office confirmed a preliminary review was underway and would only say the matter was being handled just like any other investigation.

Kennedy's lawyer, Thomas Dwyer of Dwyer and Collora of Boston, has refused to comment on the situation.

Although rumors had circulated around town for weeks, reporters from other media outlets could find no solid leads and could only quote the Boston Globe.

Frustrated reporters from a Los Angeles-based supermarket tabloid, London's The Mail on Sunday and WCVB-TV Channel 5 in Boston contacted the Cohasset Mariner looking for information.

The Globe tabloid (not to be confused with the Boston Globe) even went to the Mariner's Hingham office last week and asked for the paper's file on Paul Verrochi, the father of the girl , and was told there wasn't one.

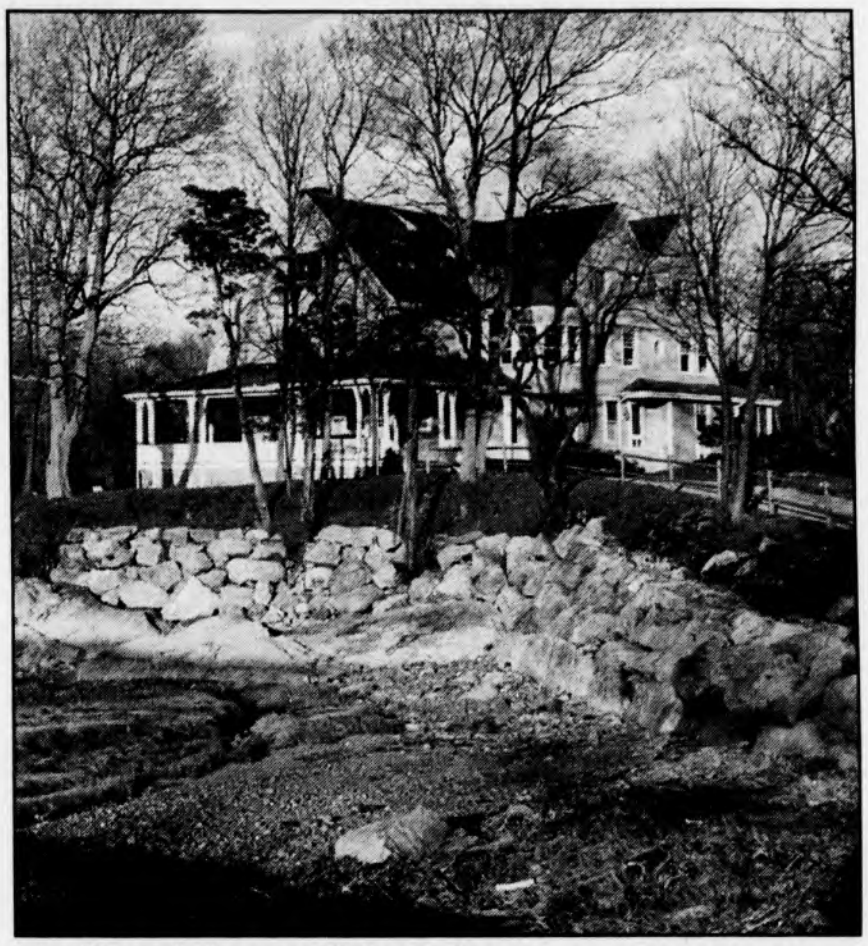
Monday night a Channel 56 cameraman and newscaster attended the selectmen's meeting looking for a new angle. The subsequent 10 p.m. televised news report said selectmen were apparently more interested in budgetary matters than Michael Kennedy.

By early this week, it was obvious the national media was not letting up on the story. The town was a beehive of activity, even the local stores were able to cash in on the sudden attention. On Monday, the French Memories bakery was selling out of its usual fare of fancy pastries and croissants.

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, a Cohasset native who knows both families, said the entire matter is unfortunate.

"I am particularly concerned for the children in both families," she said. "This is terrible. We all need to get on with our lives and not dwell on this."

This community is no stranger to media attention. Over the last decade or so, it has been the centerpiece of two feature films, "Witches of Eastwick" and "Housesitter," the site of several commercials, and a Viking movie. Most recently, Cohasset — dubbed "a power suburb" — was the focus of a lengthy Boston Globe story featuring some of the town's wealthiest citizens including Paul Verrochi and his wife, June.



The Kennedy home on Atlantic Avenue. Staff photo/Alan Chapman



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School Years Pay Price With Love

Long-Time Teacher to Retire

By Kerry Herlihy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

In 1971, Cohasset schools got lucky — that's when Marie Price came to town. Through her loving style of teaching, Price, who retires in June, has helped hundreds of local children along their way.

And ironically, it was the reputation of the schools that made the elementary teacher and her husband sign on the dotted line for their new home.

> **'Marie has carried tradition throughout the years which Cohasset will greatly miss.'**
> **— Paul Callahan, Deer Hill School principal.**

The Realtor told them not to move in if they didn't want their children to be pushed and attend college.

Price replied: "Where do we sign?" she recalled.

Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan says Price's grandmotherly image has been a source of strength for the school where she teaches Kindergarten.

"Marie has carried tradition throughout the years which Cohasset will greatly miss," he said.

Price's philosophy of teaching "everything grows with love" has not changed since the moment she decided to enter the field, she says.

The banner, a gift from a former student, that hangs on the wall next to her classroom door reads "You have touched me and I have grown" typifies her loving, supportive spirit.

The Rockaway, New York native tells parents at the beginning of the school year about the four rules of teaching:

- emphasize inner qualities rather than achievement;
- focus of strengths and talents while not expecting perfection in everything;
- accept children's differences and idiosyncrasies;
- and convey to children that they are loved unconditionally. "I strongly believe in helping build self esteem," Price says. "I try to compliment each child everyday.

Price's "Special Child of the Week" is an example of her focus on self-esteem. She designates a week for each child during which he or she receives special recognition. The pupil, who serves as a special helper, brings in pictures of himself which she hangs up. On Friday, the parents and siblings of the child of the week come into the classroom for a party.

"I once had a family come in with their dog," Price recalls fondly.

Part of Price's success comes from her enthusiasm for teaching.

Once of her favorite lessons is the study of Ancient Egypt. She and her husband went to Egypt in 1988 and when she returned, the children had so many questions for her that she ended up being an expert on the topic which led to her becoming a tour guide at the Museum of Science.



Long-time Cohasset teacher Marie Price will retire in June.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Price devised an interdisciplinary unit that included a visit to the Museum of science. She has continued to teach the unit on Ancient Egypt and has learned more with her pupils every year.

Other exciting events during the year include the Christmas and Hanukkah shows, Halloween, Valentine's Day, Letters to Santa, activities with high school students, and book writing with six-graders.

Price says none of these activities would be possible without help from parents.

"We couldn't teach without the parents," she says. "They volunteer to read, chaperone, paint, help with paperwork, and help with art projects. We work together."

While Price applauds the emphasis on early childhood education today, she is concerned about rising competitiveness among children.

"Children are focusing on who is best at this and that, therefore ignoring individuality," she says. "Maybe this is due to the lack of free time children have nowadays. They need more free time to use their imagination. With rigid schedules, children don't have the time to be creative."

Although Price won't be back at Deer Hill in the fall, she'll have plenty to keep her busy. She plans to spend time with her grandchildren, visiting her condo in Palm Beach, volunteering in a neo-natal nursery, and attending high school basketball games. Price also plans to join her husband selling real estate with Hallmark.

But she is quick to point out, she'll miss much about teaching.

She feels sad when she thinks about missing the first days of school when everything is so new and the children are in such wonderment. She says she'll miss seeing the children's joy when they do something they couldn't do; feeling for loose teeth; hearing about baby brothers and sisters; and seeing her pupils' growth when they are ready to move on.

But most of all Price says she will miss all the hugs and friendship with the children, parents and teachers.

Special Education Plan Available for Public Review

The Three Year Program Plan for Special Education is available in the Student Services office for public review Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Improving On Perfection

Ken Ekberg Sees Flaws With 8-0 Laxmen

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

They got off to a great start when Matt Belson grabbed the faceoff, raced the length of the field and whipped a shot past the Norwell goaltender in the first 10 seconds of the game.

And after a timeout with 1:52 remaining in the half and leading 3-1, the team struck again with two quick goals to put the contest away with a four-goal cushion..

But Cohasset High boys lacrosse coach Ken Ekberg was more than a bit miffed after the Skippers came away with a 9-4 victory over the Clippers on Tuesday.

Now don't get Ekberg wrong. He's delighted Cohasset is unbeaten with a perfect 8-0 record. And he know he has a fine crop of veteran players who know the game. What Ekberg fears are the mental mistakes, several of which surfaced against Norwell. Cohasset may be able to get away with the mental lapses against average teams, but when the Skippers face teams the caliber of Hingham, Duxbury, Falmouth and Barnstable, they'll be in big trouble.

They can't afford the mistakes and Ekberg knows it. The trouble is, there is only so much he can do as a coach to rectify the problem.

"We just have to get better over the second half of the season," Ekberg said. "In a seven-minute span we committed five penalties and Norwell scored two goals.

"The teams coming up are going to be tough and it's not going to make things any easier if we make penalties."

Cohasset led 7-2 at the time and wasn't worried about the Clippers getting back in the game, but the penalties were disturbing, nevertheless. In short, the win was tougher than it had to be.

The win marked the first time the Skippers had their entire team together again. Cohasset was short seven players during vacation week, but that didn't stop the the team from improving to 7-0 with three wins.

Cohasset concentrated on getting an early lead in every game and having the advantage at halftime. The Skippers accomplished their goal, managing to establish themselves early in every game and ultimately coming away with victories over Walpole (12-3), Masconomet (12-1) and Xaverian (14-8).

Despite the fact the Cohasset was shorthanded, its potent defense remained intact, giving opposing offenses very little room to move in the Skippers' end, and providing Cohasset with several fast break opportunities.

Jamie Buick had a big offensive week for the Skippers, racking up an impressive 14 goals and six assists in three

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Donovan's School Record Lifts Girls

By Terry Kahn
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

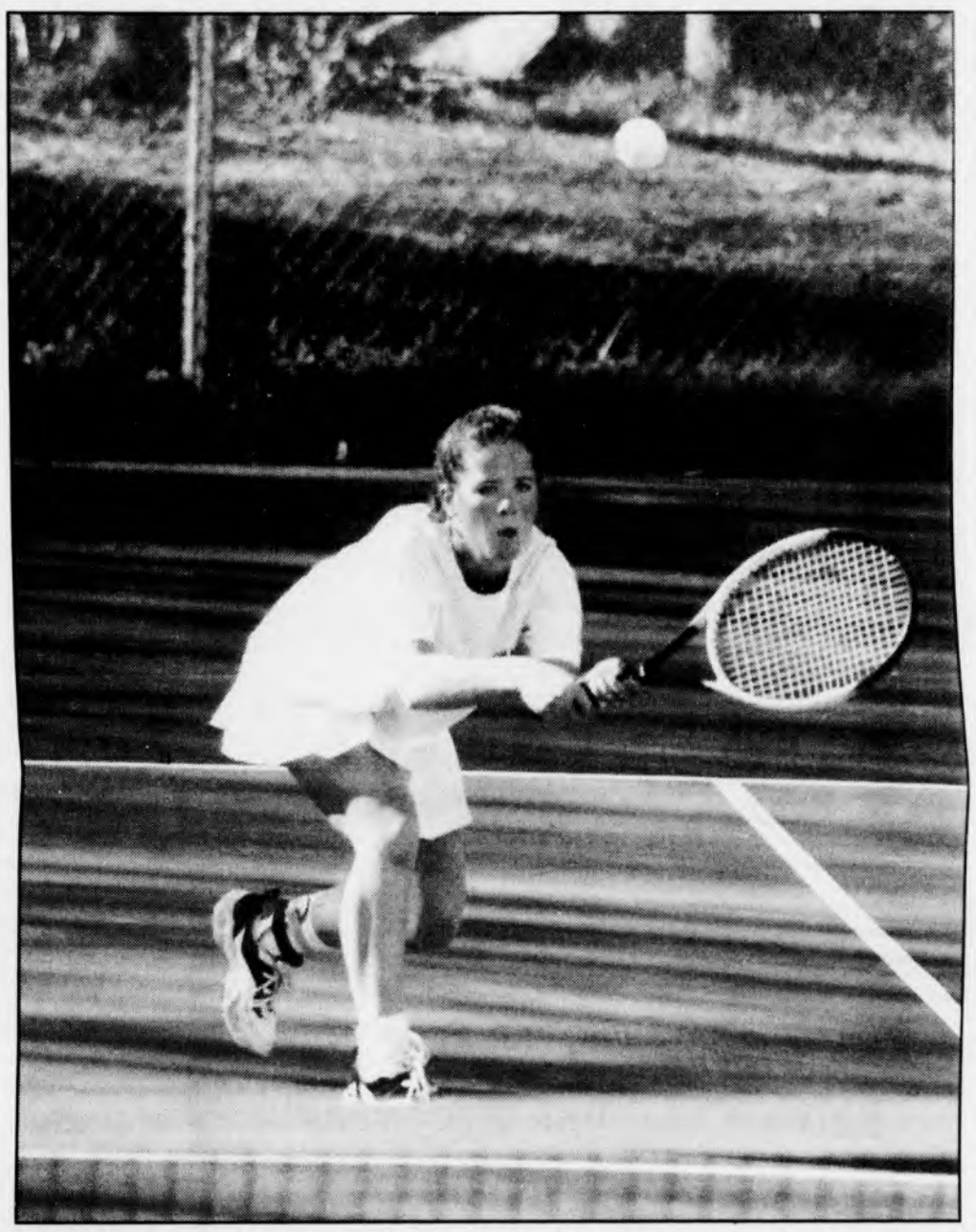
The Cohasset High girls lacrosse team opened its 1997 season with an impressive 14-2 rout of Algonquin Regional on April 14. The Lady Skippers were led by freshman Caitlin Donovan's school-record seven goals and goalie Melissa Rosano's outstanding play in net.

Also scoring for Cohasset were co-captains Ali Kinchla and Megan Connolly (two goals each) Jackie Kahn and Emily Libby.

On April 17, the girls traveled to Dover-Sherborn where, in the rain and mud, they fell 10-6. Kinchla and Connolly again led the Lady Skippers with a pair of goals each, while Donovan and freshman Jenny Chastain had single tallies. Melissa Rosano had seven saves for Cohasset.

"We're a very young team, mostly eighth and ninth graders," said head coach Rose Kahn, "and we need to develop some maturity. We had a great effort in the opener, but came out flat against Dover-Sherborn."

Cohasset was off for the spring vacation, but was scheduled to host Marshfield on April 28 at the Deer Hill School field, and Cape Cod Academy on April 30.

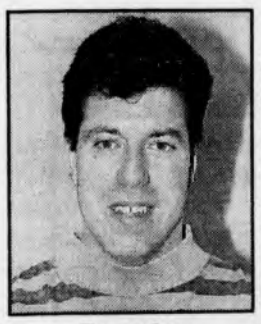


Cohasset High girls tennis team's No. 1 singles player Kate Stone smashes a two-handed return during a Lady Skippers' South Shore League match.

Staff photo by Alan Chapman

EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

Finally, Spring Shows True Colors



Reardon

For the second day in a row, the sun has been shining brightly and the temperature has been...well...spring-like. And that certainly hasn't been the norm this season because this is New England...and it's spring time.

While the cold, raw weather like we had on Monday has been a nuisance to the majority of people, it has been a major thorn in the sides of local, high school athletic directors and athletes, alike.

We survived a snow-less winter with very few, if any cancellations, only to be slammed by a blizzard on the first day of April. This, of course, came after almost two weeks of the preseason. Teams were working themselves into shape and anticipating the upcoming spring schedule. Soon, they thought to themselves, they'd be able to shed the cumbersome sweats and work out in light shorts and billowy T-shirts.

And then, WHAM! It was back to shoveling out snow and practicing in the gym and parking lots, waiting for the mountains of white stuff on the fields to melt. Sure, the South Shore was a winter wonderland, but couldn't it have come, oh, let's say...in the winter?

But that's all behind us now. Spring is finally here in full bloom. We'll be seeing the track times improve as muscles loosen in the warmer weather and move more freely.

Pitchers need less time to warm up before facing batters, and they won't stiffen up as easy. Tennis players' backhands will become more fluid and they'll be able to move around the court with a spring in their steps. Being able to feel your toes will do that for you.

The spring athletes will need all the warm weather they can get. Most teams are about five games behind on the schedule and dates will soon be filled. Baseball and softball teams could be playing up to four days per week.

Baseball coaches, with even the deepest pitching staffs, now have to plan their rotations carefully. It adds a whole new dimension to the game. For some teams, it should work to their advantage. There are some high school pitchers out there who are nothing short of working mules. They can throw five or six hard innings and come back and do the same, three days later without a hint of tightness or soreness in their arms.

Hopefully, by the time the tournament rolls around, the various teams won't have burned their jets by playing so many consecutive games.

Softball teams look to be the ones to make out the best by playing a slew of games. Remember, a softball pitcher can literally pitch every game, whereas it would be inhumane to try the same with a baseball pitcher. Softball pitchers use completely different muscles. And throwing underhand is a more natural delivery than coming over the top, or three-quarters like the pitchers do in baseball.

But who can really complain now that the sun is shining and the high school fields are dotted with teams, both practicing and competing. The spring season is here in full force. It's time for teams to get down to playing some serious sports.

New Press Box Is Just What This Reporter Ordered

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

With first glance, the new Cohasset High press box on Alumni Field looks more like a structure that would be advertised in a Jack Conway catalog.

Modern, three-story home with state-of-the-art features. Heat, storage area, windows overlooking scenic view.

It's almost a shame to call the structure a press box. That is except for the reporters, cable broadcasters and assistant football coaches who keep in touch with the rest of the staff on the sidelines.

Coming in with a price tag at just about $10,000, the newest addition to Alumni Field is a virtual steal. When bids first went out for building the press box, the lowest one was $20,000 for just two floors. This beauty has a storage floor as well. Equipment, such as tackling dummies and other football and soccer equipment will be stored there.

But the absolute best part of the box, from a reporter's point of view, is glorious heat. No more will I have to stand in the bleachers on Thanksgiving Day, shivering and trying to keep my hands warm enough to write. Why, now I'll actually be able to take my coat off in the toasty confines of the second floor. Instead of a piping hot cup of hot chocolate, I'll be able to enjoy a Diet Pepsi as the Skippers do battle with arch rival Hull on the playing field.

Curse that Jim O'Sullivan. The student/athlete/sportswriter can enjoy a warm fall of football, while I bundle up like Admiral Byrd when I head off to my games.

The only thing I'm worried about is that the press box will be full of people who have no business being there. This is a problem at all the football games, forget one that better resembles Bob Kraft's private box.

There have been several occasions when I've had to squeeze past youth league coaches, students and parents of players, who are trying to get a better view of the game. Meanwhile, I'm pressed against a flimsy plywood wall, trying desperately to see who is emerging from the pile after a first-down run. Anyone trying to get into the press box should have some form of ID proving they belong there. That doesn't include a youth football jacket with the word "Coach" stitched on the sleeve.

I've already circled my calendar for Thanksgiving. I cover the game every year, but this year should be extra special. I'll be in the lap of luxury. Now all I have to figure out is whether to order the Lobster Bisque or Sirloin for a half-time snack.

I can always get a little surf and turf action going.



The brand new Cohasset High press box is as nice as they come in high school circles.
Photo by Joe Reardon

Junior Laxmen Rock Duxbury

By Terry Kahn
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Junior lacrosse team opened its season with a hard-fought, 11-4 win over Duxbury.

Attackman Evan Pestone picked up a first-quarter goal and assist as Cohasset overcame a nervous start to finish the first quarter with a 3-1 lead. A balanced attack in which six different Cohasset players scored, doubled that advantage to 6-2 at halftime. It was highlighted by Greg O'Connell's thrilling length-of-the-field run for a shorthanded goal just before the half.

Curt Kahn closed out his second hat trick in as many games as Cohasset put the game away in the fourth quarter. Pestone finished with two goals and the assist. Matt Davis added two goals and the three Michaels — Rasmussen, Devine and Ernst — tallied single goals for the skippers.

Nick Murphy stopped nine Duxbury shots en route to his second win in goal. Stephen Davis, Reed Smith, John Friedman and Justin Runey anchored a defense that surrendered just four goals for the second consecutive week.

The Junior lacrosse team plays its next two games at home, May 4 against Barnstable at 1 p.m. and May 12 against Hingham at 5:30 p.m.

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The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 1997 for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball Camp

Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27, ages 7 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $140. Ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $75. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club.

Basketball Camp

Tuesday, July 8 to Friday, July 11, grades four to six, price $120. Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18, grades six to nine, price $150. Price includes a camp shirt. Cohasset High School. Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff.

V.I.P. Soccer Camps

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25, front field, CHS. Soccer ABC's, ages 4 and 5, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., price $50. Half day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., price $80. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by V.I.P. soccer—Dave Pike and Ross Irwin.

South Shore Soccer Camps

Both weeks are optional for boys and girls. Monday, Aug. 4 to Friday, Aug. 8, ages 8 to 18. Monday, Aug. 11 to Friday, Aug. 15, ages 8 to 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., price $175, Cohasset High School. Price includes camp shirt and ball. Directed by SSSC—Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz.

Lacrosse—Full Contact Clinic

Monday evenings, 6:30 to 8 p.m., grades five and six (entering fall '97), Deer Hill School, June 30 to Aug. 18, price $35. Full equipment necessary, gloves, helmet, pads and stick.

All camps have individual application forms. Call the recreation office at 383-6791, or stop by the town hall for more information.

Little League Dance

The annual Little League dance and fund raiser will be held on May 17 at Kimball's by the Sea from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. There will be hor d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Music will be provided by "The Greatful Dads." Tickets are $25. For tickets or donations to the auction, contact Kevin Lewis at 383-2076.

Spring Recreation Programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept mail-in registrations for spring recreation programs for children ages 4 and 5 and grades K-6. Programs are scheduled to begin the week of April 28, continuing for six weeks through June 6.

Monday — T-Ball, ages 4 and 5, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday — Softball, grades 4 to 6, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday — Used for make-up day.

Thursday — Kickball, grades K-3, Osgood Field, after school to 5 p.m.

Friday — Arts and crafts, ages 6 to 10, Osgood, 3 to 5 p.m.

For further information, call the recreation department, 383-6791.

Little League Parade, May 3

The Cohasset Little League will hold its annual opening day parade Saturday, May 3. The parade starts at the Red Lion Inn, 71 South Main St., Cohasset, at 8:15 a.m. and progresses up Main Street to Barnes Field.

The Deer Hill School Band will lead the parade, followed by an excess of 300 players, a fire truck with last year's champions and our special guest, Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray. We expect more than 1,000 town residents to participate in the parade and ceremony.

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games. Against Norwell, Buick didn't lose a step, putting in four goals to go along with an assist.

"Jamie is just doing so well the other teams are really starting to key on him," Ekberg said.

Tenth-grader Steve Kovach "played very well" according to Ekberg, who was pleased with what several freshmen did on the field.

Freshman Travis Moore was moved up to the varsity squad and responded with eight goals in three games.

Buick scored six of his goals in Friday's win over Xaverian to lead five Skippers who registered tallies. Buick added three assists to finish with nine points. Moore had a hat trick and assist, while Matt O'Connor and Bobby Stansell both fired home two goals and two assists, each. Dave Noble closed out Cohasset's scoring with a solo tally.

Skipper goalie Ely Kahn turned away 11 Xaverian shots and was credited by Ekberg for leading the team when it was short of players. "Given the fact we're really shorthanded he's kept us together," he said.

Because Cohasset doesn't have an especially deep team, the players do tend, through no fault of their own, to tire in the second half of games. That's a big reason the Skippers like to establish their game early.

"Part of that (fatigue) is just the quantity of personnel," Ekberg said, "and I don't mean the size of the school. We should win most games if we score 10 goals. Defense is the team's overall strength."

Ekberg's theory proved sound once again as the Skippers netted 12 tallies against Walpole and wound up easy winners. Both Moores hit for hat tricks to join Stansell. Belson had a goal and assist, while Buick fired in one tally.

Cohasset has all the physical tools to put together a strong second half. If the team can eliminate, or at least drastically reduce the mental mistakes, the Skippers should find themselves winning several more games.

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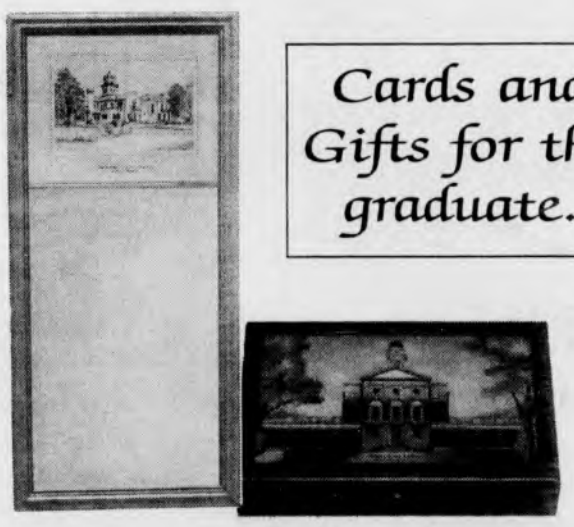
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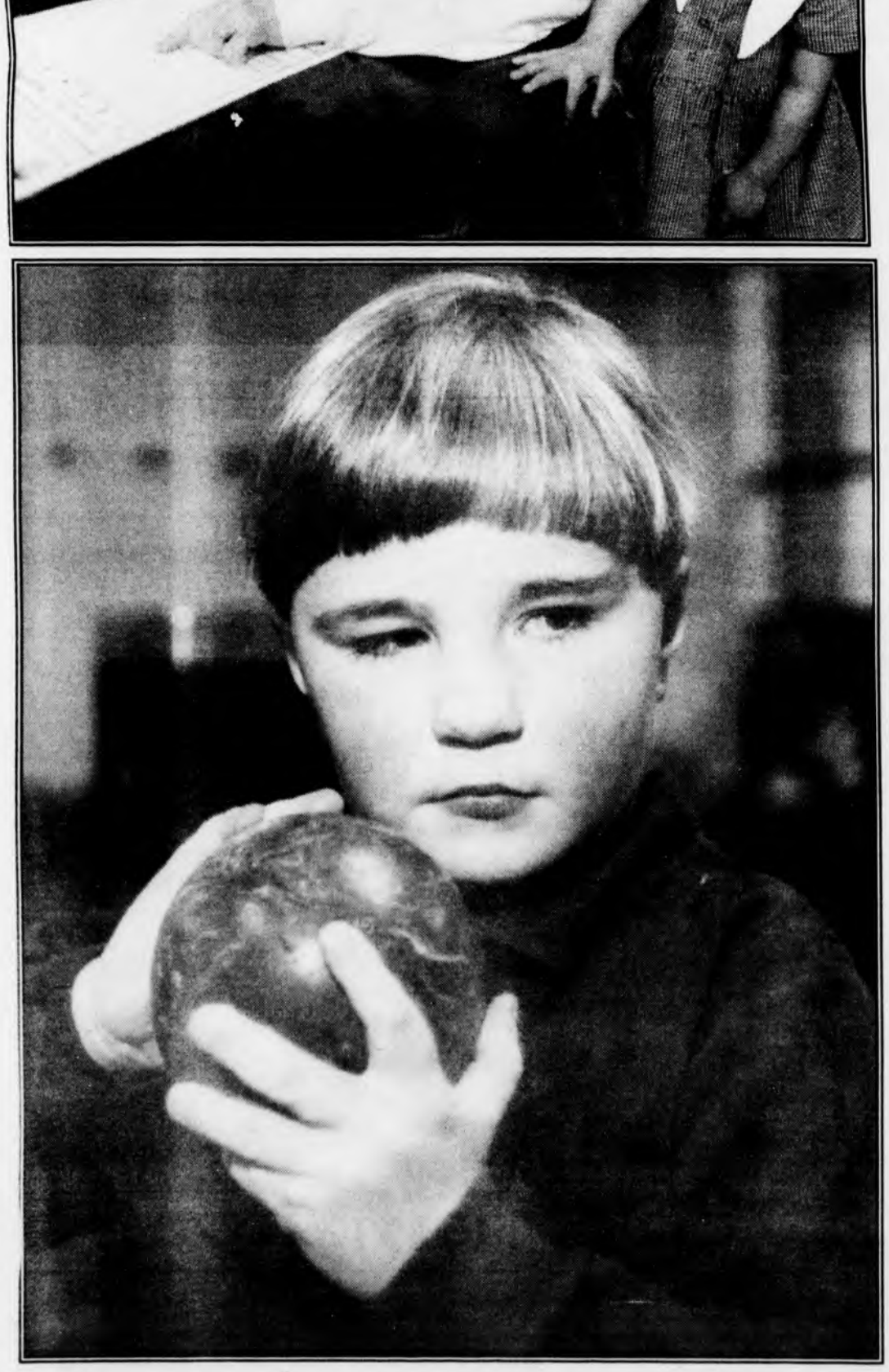
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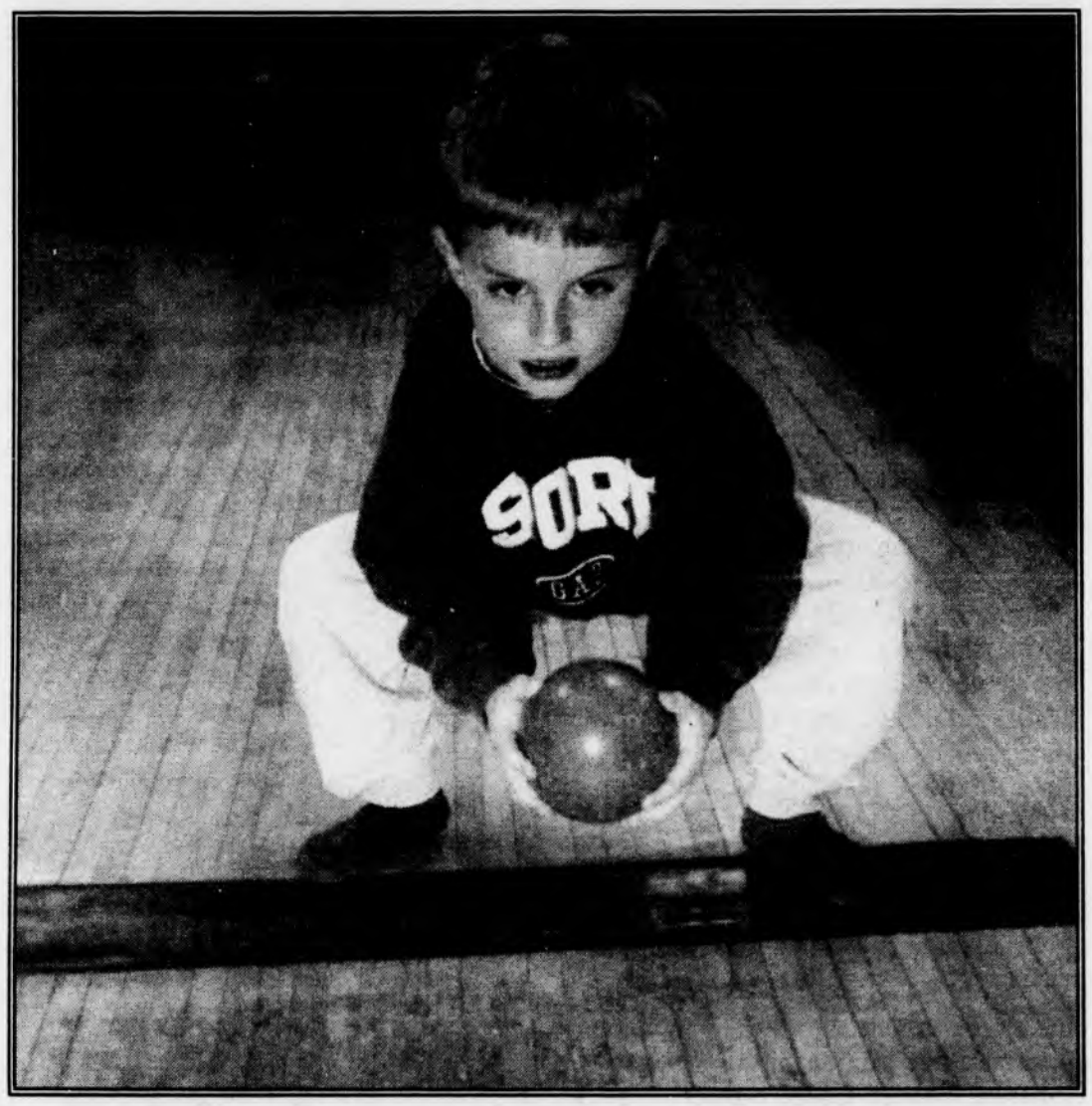


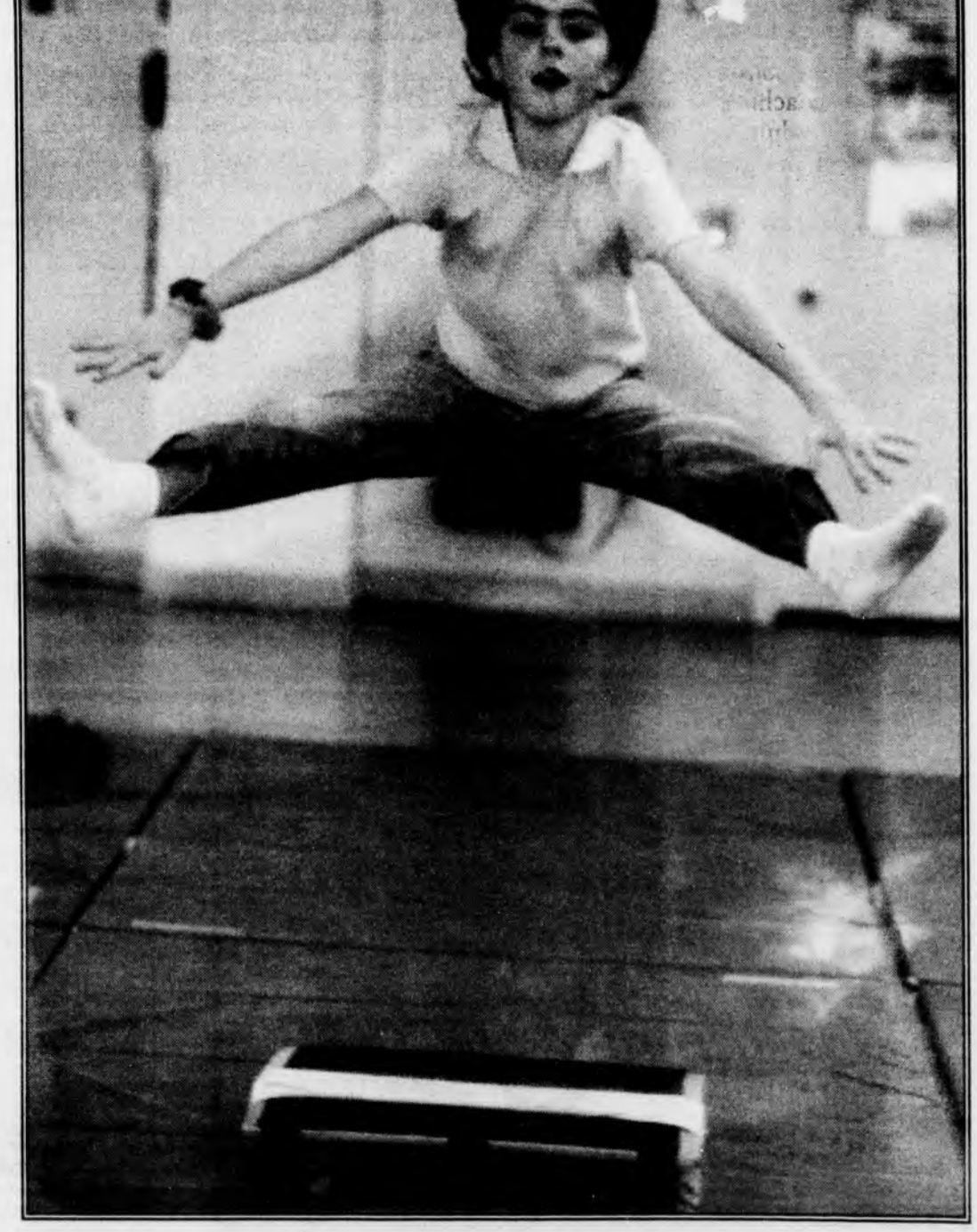




Clockwise, starting below: Alex Nugent takes aim at the pins during vacation camp at the South Shore Community Center, 3 N. Main St. Lucy Kittle flies off the springboard in the gym. Jonathan Wade gets ready to roll in the bowling alley at the community center. Mary Brennock keeps score while Michaela Valente patiently waits her turn. A CHS gymnast shows Alyssa Rogers proper form during vacation week at the community center.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman





School Notebook

P.A.C. Meeting Slated

The Parents Advisory Council will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Deer Hill School library. The guest speaker will be Lynn Silva, director of student services for Cohasset. All parents/guardians of children receiving services under Chapter 766 are welcome.

For further details call P.A.C. chairperson Kim Maynard, 383-2707.

Sign Up for Sunset Dance Cruise

Dust off those dancing shoes. The Cohasset Soccer Club will be hosting a Boston Harbor Sunset Dance Cruise Saturday, June 14. Enjoy a very casual evening watching the sun set over the skyline of Boston aboard the 200-foot Provincetown II, while being entertained by continuous live music from four bands on three separate decks. Passengers may board at the World Trade Center in Boston, or at Pemberton Pier in Hull. Tickets are $30 each until May 31 and $37.50 from June 1 on. Tickets may be purchased from any Cohasset Soccer Club coach or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Cohasset Soccer Club, Sunset Dance Cruise, P.O. Box 409, Cohasset, 02025.

Proceeds will provide three $1,000 scholarships to selected graduating Cohasset High School seniors who are active in voluntary community service. Maintaining and upgrading soccer fields, equipment and uniforms. Continuing education — coaching courses, youth and adult refereeing courses, and pre-game soccer clinics.

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Derby Students Raise $1,200 for Easter Seals

Young people from Derby Academy, Hingham, shot baskets to help expand independence for people with disabilities at a recent Boston Celtics-Easter Seal basketball shoot-out in the school gym.

Shooting baskets for three minutes, 11 students raised $1,200.14 to fund Easter Seal services. Melanie Griffiths contributed the most to the total, raising $283.55.

Basketball shoot-outs are sponsored throughout Massachusetts by T J Maxx, Business Equipment Depot, WB56 and WWLP-TV22 and the Boston Celtics. Celtics stars Dee Brown and Rick Fox are honorary chairman of the event. Students secure pledges from family and friends for baskets scored during the shoot-out. All money raised supports local Easter Seal services for men, women and children with disabilities. Programs include summer camp, home health care, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment loan, adaptive swim programs, support groups for people recovering from strokes, technology for independence and information and referral services.

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Judge Dismisses CHL Civil Rights Charges

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Superior Court Judge Thomas Connolly dismissed charges brought by the owners of the Cohasset Heights Landfill — brothers Paul and John Barry — that the board of health violated their civil rights.

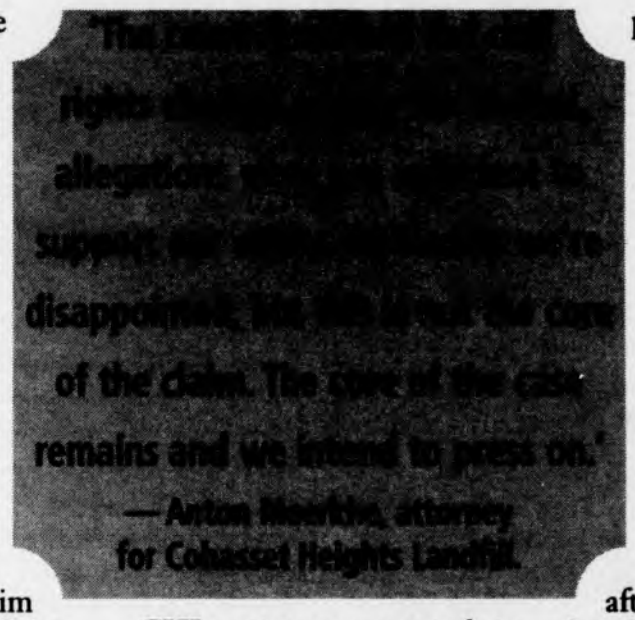
Connolly's decision effectively narrowed the focus of the case to its core elements. CHL is attempting to overturn a health board ruling that rejected its request to expand its landfill by 26 acres.

CHL lawyer Anton Moehrke took the loss in stride.

"The court dismissed the civil rights charges saying the factual allegations were not sufficient to support our claims," Moehrke said. "Obviously we're disappointed, but this is not the core of the claim. The core of the case remains and we intend to press on."

Connolly also ruled that lawyers for CHL cannot introduce additional evidence or witnesses to corroborate their claims that hearings were conducted improperly.

CHL attorneys claim there were procedural deficiencies in hearings by the health board that rejected CHL's application to expand by 26 acres.



CHL attorneys wanted to question health board members Alix White and Kevin Ulmer, Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik, and environmental agent Bruce Haskell. CHL claimed White was biased against CHL because of her prior involvement in an anti-CHL activist group, Stop Any Further Expansion.

CHL claimed Ulmer illegally participated as a health board member in hearings on CHL's expansion because he testified as an expert witness before being elected to the board. CHL wanted Godzik to confirm that Haskell testified as an expert witness, then attended a health board meeting after the CHL hearing was closed to introduce additional evidence.

Connolly said White stated that she was not involved with SAFE while she was on the health board, and Moehrke was satisfied with her explanation.

Connolly ruled that Ulmer proved he had removed himself from all hearings on CHL's site assignment.

Finally, Connolly ruled that Haskell met with the health board after the hearing closed only to offer technical assistance, not to introduce new evidence. Because Haskell's actions were appropriate, there was no reason for Godzik to testify.

Connolly also dismissed a request by CHL to have the court overturn the health board's decision.

Connolly will now review the record of 19 hearings on CHL's expansion before ruling on its appeal.

"This decision is a devastating loss for CHL," said Cohasset attorney Kevin O'Donnell who represents a citizen's group opposed to CHL's expansion. "While this decision does not end the appeal process, it does remove CHL's frivolous civil rights claim and limits the Court's review of the decision to the record of the hearings, which is as it should be."

John McNabb, vice-president of SAFE, said CHL has little hope for a favorable ruling by Judge Connolly.

"While CHL is expected to continue to their fight for expansion, any future efforts on their part would be like rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic," McNabb said. "This decision was a near-total defeat for the landfill."



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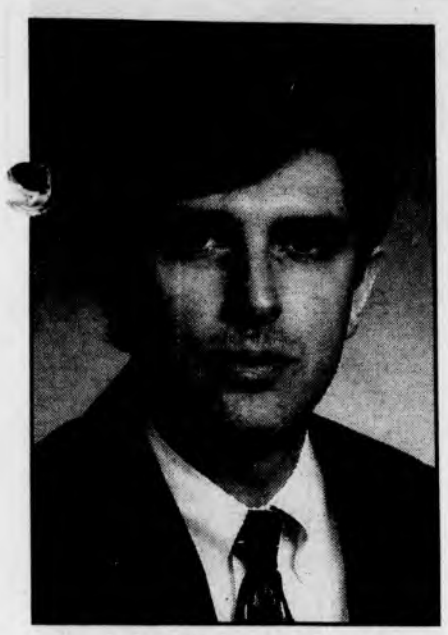
Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, announced that applications are still being accepted for the seventh annual Ray Shamie Summer Internship program. The internship is open to all college students entering their sophomore, junior or senior year.

The Shamie Internship Award is an annual paid summer internship at the Republican Party headquarters, established in honor of former Republican Party Chairman Ray Shamie. The 10-week, 40 hours per week internship entails working with each member of the state committee staff on a wide array of projects.

The intern selected would begin working in June and finish in August. There is a $2,500 stipend for the program.

Anyone interested in applying for this program can call Sen. Hedlund at (617) 722-1646 or Gary Coon, executive director of the Republican State Committee at (617) 725-1966. Applications are due by May 9.

Cohasset Business



John M. Rattenbury

Rattenbury Named Department Manager

John M. Rattenbury, P.E., C.I.P.E., of Cohasset has been named manager of the Plumbing and Fire Protection Department at Erdman Anthony Consulting Engineers' Boston office.

Previously, he was a mechanical engineer in the Plumbing and Fire Protection Department at R.G. Vanderweil Engineers Inc. of Boston.

"I am pleased to welcome such an experienced professional to our staff," said Albert P. Prior, P.E., senior vice president of Erdman Anthony Consulting Engineers. "John's leadership skills will be a key factor in our continued success."

Rattenbury earned a B.S. in aeronautical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N.Y. in 1989. He is a registered professional mechanical engineer in Massachusetts and is certified in plumbing engineering by the American Society of Plumbing Engineers.

Edward Jones to Host Career Day

John Flanagan, the local investment representative for Edward Jones, said that the Cohasset office will participate in Jones' National Career Day Tuesday, May 6.

The event will feature a program to be broadcast live over the firm's satellite network. This program, which swill air twice, will examine opportunities and challenges offered by a career with Edward Jones.

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Porter is V.P. of Account Services

Jim Porter of Cohasset has been named vice president of account services at Dickinson Direct, a full-service direct-marketing firm located in Braintree. In this capacity he will oversee the management and growth of one of Dickinson Direct's five account teams.

Porter brings 12 years of direct marketing experience to his new position. He is the former vice president of sales and marketing for The Production Company, Burlington, Mass., and the founder of the Boston-based integrated direct response agency, Briggs Porter Lewis. His background includes building account teams, servicing accounts and developing new business. He has provided direct response and direct marketing services for clients including Powersoft, Lotus, Bausch and Lomb, Stride Rite and Sola Optical. Porter holds a master's in business education from Babson College and an undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

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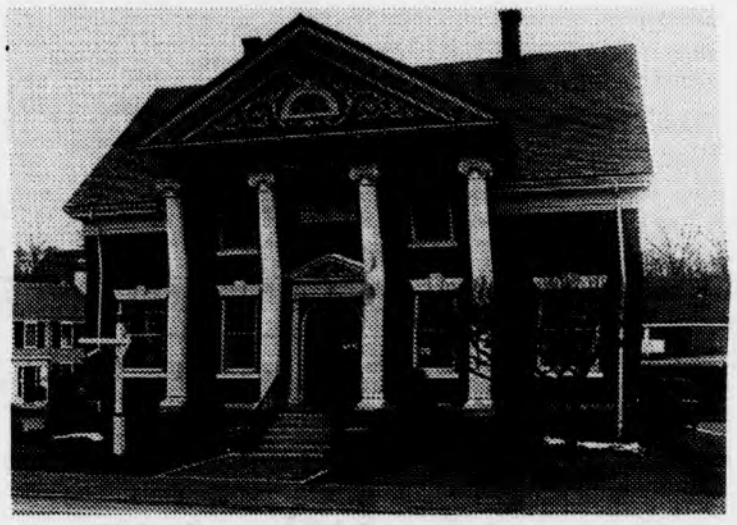
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A giant used book sale will be held at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m.

The sale offers about 15,000 books and phono-records, many of them donations. There is a good supply of children's books, and books of biography, history, business, home and garden, fiction, mystery, and science fiction.

Thousands of paperbacks are offered at 25 cents, and hardcover books are 50 cents. Sunday, everything will be offered at $1 per bag.

The annual book sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Cohasset Library, with proceeds used to improve library services. The book sale chairman this year is John Flanagan, a member of the Friends' board of directors.

Internet Author to Speak

What do families at the Boston Computer Museum, rocket scientists in Washington, D.C., faculty at McGill University in Montreal, and Cohasset residents all have in common? All have the chance to hear Carol Baroudi, co-author of the million-plus seller "The Internet for Dummies." Baroudi has guaranteed us a "hot time" on May 8 when she comes to Cohasset High School at 7:30 p.m. and presents an engaging, funny, thoughtful look at how new technology affects us and what we can do to get the most out of it.

Baroudi has spoken to audiences throughout America and in Europe and Canada. She was recently featured in The Interview in "The Boston Globe" magazine. Her book has been translated into 14 languages. She has been lauded for her ability to explain, both in print and verbally, the global Information Revolution and its boundless opportunities in a manner that is both understandable and entertaining.

Mark your calendars. Save the date. Join us for this special evening, Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., in the Cohasset High School cafeteria. Sponsored by the Cohasset PSO.

Spring Benefit For Nursery School

Usher in the warm breezes of May with an evening out to benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. The sounds of the Grateful Dads will fill the Bancroft Hall at the Lightkeeper's House from 8 to 11 p.m. as the Parents' Board presents its first-ever spring fundraiser May 2. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the school's programs and scholarship fund. Tickets are $50 per couple and may be purchased by calling Janyce Brown at 383-9828 or Ann Stenbeck at 383-2753.

Pesticide Spraying Guidelines

The Tree & Park Department does not do any pesticide spraying. As in the past it is recommended that when choosing a pesticide company, you should call a certified sprayer with references.

The 1997 South Shore Insect Infestation Report predicts a light to moderate infestation of Canker Worms, Gypsy Moths and the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Copies of this report are available at the D.P.W. office and Cohasset Town Hall.

Cohasset Youths to Perform 'Peter Pan'

Arianna Deedes and Martha Henderson of Cohasset will appear as Indians in the Showstoppers, Inc., presentation of the musical "Peter Pan," May 1 through 11, at Scituate High School.

The cast of gifted actors, musicians and singers from throughout the South Shore make this production of the well-known magical fairy tale a special event that promises to delight children of all ages. Tickets are $10 for children, 10 years old and under, $18, $14 and $12 depending on seating. For further information and ticket reservations, call Showstoppers box office at 545-3182.



Sheri Ziccardi as Nellie Forbush and Joel Leonard as Luther Billis rehearse for the Hingham Civic Music Theatre production of "South Pacific" on stage this weekend and next at Hingham High School.

Carol Meyer photo

HCMT to Perform 'South Pacific'

Hingham Civic Music Theatre will present the musical "South Pacific," which is set in an island paradise during World War II, May 2, 4 and 10, with a special Mother's Day performance scheduled for May 11. All performances will take place in the Hingham High School auditorium.

The show will be performed Friday, May 2, at 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m.; and Saturday, May 10, at 8 p.m. The special Mother's Day performance is scheduled for Sunday, May 11, at 3 p.m.

Pre-sale ticket prices are $10. Group rates are available. All tickets at the door will be $12. To order tickets or for further information, call 749-4540.

Tickets may be ordered by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of tickets to: HCMT Tickets, c/o Mary Roever, 29 Howland Lane, Hingham, MA 02043. Tickets are also available at Corson's Glasshouse on Route 53 in Hingham; at Noble's Camera Shop in Hingham Square; at Hingham Public Library; Olden's Pharmacy in South Weymouth; or from any cast member.

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The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomer's Club will hold its second annual Lighthouse Keeper's Ball in Cohasset Sunday, May 3, from 7 to 11 p.m.

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Cost for the entire evening is $45 per couple in advance; $50 at the door. For more information, call Kathleen at (617) 545-6059 or Ginny at (617) 545-5323.

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomer's Club is always open to new members, and invites all residents of Scituate and Cohasset to join the club. For more information, call 383-6963 or 545-4937.

Open House at SandcCastles

SandCastles Child Care Center, 152 King Street, Cohasset, will hold an open house Saturday, May 3, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. SandCastles offers child care for infants, toddlers, pre-school and pre-kindergarten. For information, call (617) 383-9987.

Spring Fling For Center Nursery School

The dress will be casual flash, the food will tempt tastebuds with everything from chicken satay to "to die for" bourbon pecan tarts and the beat will be provided by the Grateful Dads at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School first-ever Spring Fling fund-raiser May 2. Sponsored by the Parents' Board, this 8 to 11 p.m. event at the Lightkeeper's House is the perfect way to spend a spring evening. Food, fun, friends and dancing, all with the added benefit of staying close to home while supporting the programs and scholarship fund of the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

Tickets are $50 per couple in advance, $60 at the door, and may be purchased by calling Janyce Brown at 383-9828 or Ann Stenbeck at 383-2753.

Derby Academy Spring Fair

The Derby Academy Spring Fair will be held Saturday, May 10, from noon to 4 p.m. at the school on Burditt Avenue in Hingham, rain or shine.

Celebrate spring with the entire family. The fair will include past favorites such as pony rides, moonwalk, high striker, face painting, cookie decorating, games and prizes.

Start an afternoon at the fair with lunch at the Fast Food Grille or at Derby's own Gourmet Galley which features many delicious selections. Music will be provided throughout the afternoon by a DJ.

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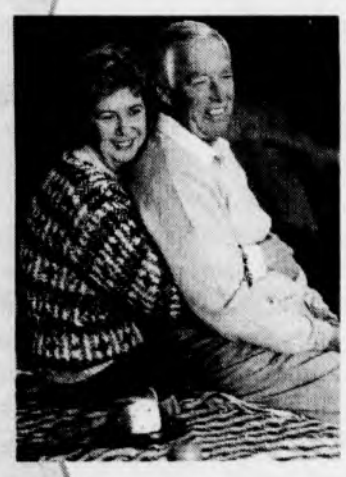
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By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Interest rates have begun to creep upward, and mortgage refinancing has inevitably begun to slow as a result. But homeowners shouldn't think of the door to refinancing as closed. Rates are still fairly low in historic terms, and many homeowners have both reasons and opportunities to take advantage of them.

Sophisticated mortgage products mean increased options. Careful consideration will reveal whether or not refinancing makes sense for you.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

"[Refinancing] used to be nice and simple. It meant lower rates and [thereby] lower monthly payments," said Keith Gumbinger, a spokesman for HSH Associates in Butler, New Jersey. "Now it's a mess. There's so many more [mortgage] instruments available."

Most homeowners refinance in order to have lower monthly payments on their mortgage loan. If you have a fixed rate mortgage with a high interest rate, an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) might be the answer. These loans often involve a very low "teaser" rate for the first few years; the rate is then adjusted annually based on current interest rates.

If your original mortgage has an interest rate of 12 percent it would still make sense to refinance at 8.50 percent, even if the rate later climbs upward once the teaser period expires.

The first step in considering refinancing, according to Gumbinger, is to figure how many more years you'll spend in your house, apartment, etc. If your current mortgage doesn't fit with your schedule you may want to consider one that does. ARMs can benefit homeowners who expect to move in a few years. You may sell the house soon after or by the time the higher interest rate kicks in.

On the other hand, an ARM may not be right for a borrower who wants to nestle for a few decades, because interest rates could rise sharply over that period of time. You can negotiate your borrowing rates to a certain extent, but rising interest rates can increase your payments without your control.

Ideally, you want to match the length of time in the house with the terms of the mortgage or, in the case of ARMs, the period of the low set rate.

There are some instances when a higher monthly payment may be a good choice because the long-term savings will be dramatic. For instance, if your job makes it necessary for you to move every few years, there's no reason to have a 30-year mortgage. While a shorter term loan involves higher monthly payments on the principal, it will also mean a lower interest rate; lenders require higher interest rates on longer loans to compensate for their long-term risk. So you will pay less interest over the life of the loan.

If you opt to pay a point (1% of the total sum of the loan) up front you can lower the interest rate even further to try to bring your monthly cost down Even if you plan to remain in your home for a long time, a shorter term mortgage may still be a smart choice. You may now be in a financially better position to handle a larger monthly payment than you were when you first obtained the mortgage.

A refinance evaluation also provides an opportunity to take a look at other debt and needs for cash. While it is often easier and less radical to obtain a home equity loan to cover home improvements or other debt, bundling car loans, credit card debt and home equity loans into your mortgage is a possibility. Interest rates on mortgages are often lower than those for home equity loans.

If a home equity loan is 10 percent and you can get a 30-year mortgage with no points and no settlement fees due up front for 8.75 percent, why not save 1.25 percent? (If the home equity loan doesn't charge any fees, you should compare it with a mortgage that factors settlement fees into the annual rate.) Credit card interest will almost surely be higher than a given mortgage rate. And don't forget you'll get to deduct the interest on the debt from your taxes. Home equity loans are usually shorter term, however, so you'll have to calculate the total interest you will pay over the long run to see if you come out ahead.

None of these options come without new fees and expenses. The cost of refinancing should always be factored into your considerations. You will have to pay settlement fees that include recording fees, appraisal fees and quite possibly fees for new title examination and title insurance. How much you'll be charged will depend on the lender, especially if you choose a new one. Often points are required as a penalty or requirement of refinancing. Adding up all the fees and amount of interest you will pay should tell you whether or not you will be getting a better deal than you have now.

If you are increasing the size of the loan you should explore the option of a home equity loan as well, in order to make a comparison of the total costs. You can figure all this out yourself or have a mortgage broker help you.

Organizations such as the American Homeowners Foundation in Arlington Virginia and HSH Associates also offer products to help you shop for mortgages.

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Police Report

Friday, April 11

3:46 p.m., fire, gas leak (outside), area of 52 Stockbridge St.

5:37 p.m., suspicious (other), Beechwood St.

6:31 p.m., assist motorist, S. Main St.

7:20 p.m., notification, Elm St.

7:35 p.m, parking violation, Atlantic Ave.

8:19 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

8:24 p.m., suspicious auto, Ripley Rd.

10:07 p.m., MV violations, Church St.

Saturday, April 12

12:54 a.m, disturbance general, S. Main St.

1:20 a.m., MV accident, Beechwood St.

3:06 a.m., notification, Church St.

3:26 a.m., transport, Mobil Mart Rt. 3A

5:24 a.m., suspicious (other), Jerusalem Rd.

9:29 a.m., parking violation, Brook St.

10:29 a.m., parking violation, the Square.

10:52 a.m., general services, Church St.

11:12 a.m., MV accident, Forest Ave. at Jerusalem Rd.

11:27 a.m., assist citizen, transport to Robbins Garage.

11:38 a.m., disturbance, Hillside Dr.

4:39 p.m., parking violation, Bancroft Rd.

7:12 p.m., medical aid, Old Pasture Rd.

10:23 p.m., escort, Curtis Liquors to Bank.

Sunday, April 13

1:26 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

4:41 p.m., officer wanted, Red Gate Ln.

8:31 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

10:24 p.m., disabled auto, King St.

10:25 p.m., assist other PD, N. Main St.

10:54 p.m.,MV stop, Sohier St.

11:04 p.m, MV stop, S. Main St.

Monday, April 14

1:06 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:23 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.

6:33 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.

6:46 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:26 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.

7:30 a.m., MV stop. CJC Hwy.

7:33 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.

8:14 a.m, threats (bodily harm), Elm St.

9:08 a.m., assist citizen, N. Main St.

9:53 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.

9:57 a.m., general services, Brook St.

12:37 p.m., general services, Beechwood St.

2:05 p.m., officer wanted, Sandy Beach. 33-year-old in protective custody.

2:11 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

2:21 p.m., larceny, Square.

2:33 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

2:45 p.m., officer wanted, Sandy Beach. Arrest: Shawn R. DeCruz, 799 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Cohasset. DOB: 8/31/63. Charges: Protective custody, illegal poss. of Class D substance, subsq. off., WMS warrant.

2:50 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

3:21 p.m., assist motorist, Super Stop & Shop Pk. Lot.

3:36 p.m., disturbance, Hull St. Arrest: Anthony Commesso, 22 Lamberts Ln., DOB: 2/1/8/50, Charges: Assault & Battery.

5:04 p.m., transport, HQ.

5:56 p.m., MV stop, Hull St,

9:08 p.m., officer wanted, Pond St.

9:10 p.m., MV stop, Nichols Rd.

9:25 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

9:33 p.m., suspicious (other), Jerusalem Rd.

9:45 p.m., MV stop, Beach St.

9:46 p.m., vandalism, Cushing Rd.

10:04 p.m., suspicious (other), Pond St.

Tuesday, April 15

12:28 a.m., suspicious person, Wadleigh Park. 31-year-old in protective custody.

2:50 a.m, assist other police department, Hull St.

3:14 p a.m., assist citizen, Sohier St.

5:00 a.m., wires down, CJC Hwy.

6:12 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:19 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

7:35 a.m., fire, structure, Summit Ave.

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7:37 a.m., animal complaint, CJC Hwy.

7:40 a.m., violation of restraining order, CJC Hwy. Arrested: Paul S. Madden, 38 Taylor St., Pembroke. Charges: violation of a protective order.

7:48 a.m., vandalism, Reservoir Rd.

8:02 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.

11:35 a.m., parking violation, Brook St.

2:37 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

4:15 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

4:44 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

5:05 p.m., tree down, CJC Hwy.

5:58 p.m., officer wanted, Summer St.

6:02 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

7:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:00 p.m., transport, CJC Hwy.

8:57 p.m., general services, Beechwood St.

11:02 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., Arrested: Rory J. MacDonald, 10R Booth Hill Rd, Scituate. DOB: 12/8/62. Charges: operating an unregistered MV/trailer, operating an uninsured MV, attaching plates to a MV, state highway-fail use care start/stop/turn, illegal possession of a Class B substance.

11:18 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.

Wednesday, April 16

2:59 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.

6:42 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

6:53 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:03 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

8:29 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.

8:55 a.m., medical aid, Chamberlain Run.

9:11 a.m., assist citizen, S. Main St.

9:22 a.m., animal complaint, Hammond Ave.

10:28 a.m., vandalism, Ledgewood Farms Dr.

3:45 p.m., assist citizen, Beach St.

5:25 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

5:40 p.m., suspicious (other) CJC Hwy.

6:22 p.m., transport, King St.

6:43 p.m., medical aid, Driftway.

7:26 p.m., notification, Doane St.

8:32 p.m., officer wanted, Ledgewood Dr.

8:54 p.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.

10:14 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., Arrest: Justin Alex Muir, 61 Broad Reach Rd., N. Weymouth, DOB: 5/3/71, Charges: default warrants.

Thursday, April 17

12:07 a.m., suspicious auto, S. Main St.

12:55 a.m., medical aid, Beaver Dam Rd.

7:27 a.m., assist other agency, Pond St.

9:05 a.m., MV violations, Ripley Rd.

10:35 a.m, animal complaint, Ripley Rd.

1:40 p.m., assist motorist, Super Stop & Shop Pk. Lot.

2:29 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

2:54 p.m., larceny, Pond St.

6:56 p.m., suspicious person, Atlantic Ave.

Friday, April 18

6:37 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

8:14 a.m., medical aid, Cedarledge Village.

8:21 a.m., medical aid, Atlantic Ave.

9:58 a.m., medical aid, Cedarledge Village.

11:03 a.m., fire, tank removal/inspection, West Gate Ln.

11:48 a.m, MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:57 a.m., medical aid, Pond St.

12:08 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

2:34 p.m., 69-year-old Cohasset male in protective custody.

2:42 p.m., fire,oil burner inspection, Beechwood St.

2:57 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

3:38 p.m., disturbance, Jerusalem Rd.

4:11 p.m., tree down, N. Main St.

4:54 p.m., assist citizen, Church St.

6:49 p.m., assist citizen, Wheelwright Farm.

9:47 p.m., medical aid, Atlantic Ave.

11:46 p.m., officer wanted, King St.

Saturday, April 19

12:42 a.m., annoying phone calls, Deep Run.

4:47 a.m., general services, Forest Ave.

9:12 a.m., MV violations, S. Main St.

9:21 a.m., tree down, Beach St.

10:50 a.m., annoying phone calls, Arrowood Rd.

10:59 a.m., MV violations, S. Main St.

1:19 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

2:01 p.m., tree down, Forest Ave.

2:29 p.m., suspicious (other), Ripley Rd.

2:46 p.m., wires down, Border St.

3:30 p.m., property (lost), S. Main St.

10:05 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

10:15 p.m., disturbance, King St.

10:22 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

10:51 p.m, MV stop, Norfolk Rd.

11:21 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Sunday, April 20

1:14 a.m., MV stop, King St.

1:26 a.m., assist other PD, Gannett Rd.

1:58 a.m., noise complaint, Atlantic Ave.

2:28 a.m., noise complaint, Elm St.

2:59 a.m., noise complaint, Elm St.

3:16 a.m., general services, N. Main St.

11:59 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

12:12 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

1:19 p.m., noise complaint, James Ln.

2:01 p.m., fire, gas leak, Ash St.

4:41 p.m., general services, Bates Ln.

4:57 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

5:24 p.m, MV accident, Border St.

7:34 p.m., medical aid, Little Harbor Rd.

8:23 p.m., assist other PD, East St.

11:11 p.m, disturbance, King St., 36-year-old Cohasset male in protective custody.

11:43 p.m., medical aid, Ledgewood Dr.

Monday, April 21

12:12 a.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd. Arrested: Anthony F. Green, 199 Hull St. Cohasset, DOB: 8/1/77, charges: illegal possession of Class D substance (marijuana); Benjamin M. Laney, 285 Country Way, Scituate, DOB: 1/21/79, charges: illegal possession of Class D (marijuana).

12:20 a.m., general services, Ledgewood Dr.

1:45 a.m., general services, Beechwood St.

1:54 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.

3:48 a.m., open door/window, Town Hall Lot.

7:04 a.m., open door/window, South Main St.

9:54 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

11:22 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St. by Summer St.

12:49 p.m., MV stop, area of 360 Beechwood St.

1:18 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. by Bound Brook Ln.

1:46 p.m., MV stop, King St. at Pond St.

2:30 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Sohier St.

2:41 p.m., info, general, Rye New Hampshire.

4:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

4:58 p.m., MV accident, Tedeschi Plaza.

5:21 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.

6:33 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

8:39 p.m., disturbance, Hull St.

9:13 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

10:46 p.m., suspicious (other), Hull St.

11:47 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.

Tuesday, April 22

3:40 a.m., medical aid, King St.

3:45 a.m., info, general, Pine Ridge Rd.

6:50 a.m., medical aid, Parker Ave.

6:55 a.m., MV stop, Hull St./Cedar St.

8:00 a.m., larceny, Black Horse Ln.

2:30 p.m., MV violations, S. Main St. by River Rd.

2:57 p.m., info, general, various.

4:00 p.m., disturbance, St. Anthony's Parking Lot.

4:18 p.m., assist citizen, S Main St.

4:20 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

7:53 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

8:13 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

8:35 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

9:30 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

9:37 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

9:53 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

10:19 p.m., MV stop, King St.

10:21 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

10:29 p.m., vandalism, Jerusalem Rd.

10:35 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

11:24 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

Wednesday, April 23

12:25 a.m., transport, Conways/Scituate Line.

10:42 a.m., medical aid, Margin St.

1:33 p.m., parking violation, N. Main St.

2:30 p.m., suspicious (other), Tad Ln.

2:32 p.m., traffic safety inspection, Margin Ct.

3:02 p.m., larceny, Hillside Dr.

3:49 p.m., serve restraining order, Stanton Rd.

4:02 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.

8:28 p.m., officer wanted, Stanton Rd.

9:22 p.m., disturbance, Walgreen's Prk. Lot.

9:42 p.m., officer wanted, King St.

Thursday, April 24

6:50 a.m., vandalism, Pond St.

7:25 a.m., service restraining order, Stanton Rd.

8:28 a.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.

9:52 a.m., serve restraining order, Brockton District Ct.

10:34 a.m., medical aid, Glades Rd.

4:21 p.m., fire (misc), Beechwood St.

6:04 p.m., info, general, N. Main St.

8:56 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

9:36 p.m., annoying phone calls, Cushing Rd.

Friday, April 25

12:43 a.m, suspicious auto, across from 120 Doane St.

1:17 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.

2:08 a.m., suspicious (other), S. Main St.

7:06 a.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Pond St.

7:32 a.m., MV stop, N. Main by Dolan Ln.

7:37 a.m., vandalism, Pond St.

7:46 a.m., MV stop, Lower King St.

9:00 a.m., investigation, Police HQ.

3:12 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.

4:13 p.m. warrant of apprehension, Stanton Rd.

4:36 p.m., warrant of apprehension, Stanton Rd. Arrested: Robert H. Crane, 4 Stanton Rd., Cohasset, DOB: 3/27/47, warrant.

4:45 p.m., officer wanted, N. Main St.

5:08 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

6:00 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy. Arrested: Gerard M. Deveny, 95 Pleasant St. Cohasset, DOB: 7/15/71. Charges: illegal possession of Class D Substance (marijuana). Arrested: John G. McDonald, 799 CJC Way, Cohasset. DOB: 10/22/76. Charges: illegal possession of Class D Substance (marijuana). Arrested: David A. Stover Jr., 533 Beechwood St., Cohasset. DOB: 11/24/67. Charges: illegal possession of Class D substance (marijuana) with intent to distribute.

7:00 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

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Norfolk Division

Docket No. 97P0967E1

Estate of ALEXANDER M. FULTON late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK.

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that DONNA FULTON of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executrix named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on May 28, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this fourteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
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ROCKLAND TRUST COMPANY claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property situated in Unit A-6 120 Wheelwright Farm Cohasset, County of Norfolk, Massachusetts given by Mary Jane Brazil to Rockland Trust Company dated October 30, 1989 and recorded at Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in book 8472 page 83 has filed with said court a bill in equity for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry to foreclose and by exercise of power of sale set forth in said mortgage.

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State Water Transportation Study Underway

By Alice C. Coyle
COHASSET MARINER



In an effort to determine how best to spend the $50 million earmarked for water transit in last year's Transporation Bond Bill, the state has launched the Massahchusetts Ferry Project.

In the wake of Quincy's successful new Harbor Express water shuttle and the on-going popularity of the Hingham commuter boat, it is not surprising that state transportation planners are looking to build on, and expand this piece of the tranist puzzle.

Scituate's Brian Burke and David Glancy, founders of Scituate's Commuter Express, are hoping their commuter boat venture — which ran on a trial basis during the winter of 1996 — will be included in any expansion of water transportation on the South Shore.

"We're hoping the study will conclude that Scituate is one town beyond the harbor that should have water transportation," Burke said.

Transit Director Astrid Glynn of the Executive Office of Transportation and Consturction said the study, expected to be completed by June 30, will look closely at existing water transportation and commuter boat service, ascertain where best to expand service on both the North and South shores and determine what role the state will play , if any, in building and or operating new facilities. Glynn said the project will also look at providing water transportation service to the Boston Harbor Islands, recently added to the National Park system.

"The study is trying to establish what are the feasible short-term alternatives and what is the best role for the state to play," Glynn said. "We need to determine what are the best ways to invest public dollars and get a good return for the travelling public? Should we make capital investments in docks and boats, or operating investments, or is it better left to the private sector? That's what we're looking at. We need this study to inform the long-term decisions we make."

Because water tranportation service is limited and relatively new, Glynn said the study is an essential tool for expansion.

"We haven't done as much with boats as we have with buses and trains," she said. "We need an educational process."

To better foster communiciation with local communities, Glynn said the department has set up a series of outreach meetings. The first of three meetings was held last night in Gloucester. Another meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. today, May 1, at Fall River's Maritime Museum. The final meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 9, at the state Transporation Building at 10 Park Plaza in Boston.

Alice Boelter of Boelter Associates, the lead contractor undertaking the study, said special attention is being paid to existing ferry service and traditonal or hisoric routes.

Current operators and facilities will be assessed, she said. "By looking at them we'll see what lessons we can learn - good and bad."

Boelter said the Scituate ferry is considered part of the very recent history, and will receive close attention.

Burke and Glancy are counting on that.

After securing support, and a place to dock their boat from Mill Wharf Marina owner Stephen Warner, Burke and Glancy received the selectmen's blessing to press forward to make the experimental ferry a permenant fixture in town.

If approved by the state, Burke envisions running one boat into Boston at about 7:15 a.m.. The evening boat would arrive back in Scituate at about 6:15p.m.. The round-trip fare for the 50-minute trip would probably be $10, Burke said. With an expected ridership of 175 to 200 passengers per day, and with many of them walking to the ferry or getting dropped off, Burke said he doesn't anticipate any problem accommodating the anticipated 125 cars that would be parked in the 300-spot municipal lot on Cole Parkway. Burke acknowledges that the Scituate ferry would be just one piece of the overall transportation picture.

"The train will be a big piece, the zipper (HOV) lane is another. We're talking about taking 200 people to the financial district each day. That's a smaller piece of the picture," Burke said.

With a 70 percent success rate getting in and out of Boston during one of the worst winters on record, Burke is optimistic that year-round service out of Scituate can be brought up to 80 percent.

Burke and Glancy continue to work with Warner on a parking proposal and have been meeting with local boat builders Gladding Hearn of Somerset to discuss different designs, including the mono-hull, which was used during the trial last year, and high speed catamarans. Burke estimates the cost of designing and constructing a commuter boat at about $4 milllion.

Another important issue being evaluated in the state's study is the "worthiness" of propsed services for state subsidies, Boelter said. These subsidies, Boelter explained, don't have to come in the form of fare relief and operating costs, they can be for capital expenses including docking facilities and boats, or for advertising and promotion of service.

Whatever form these subsidies are given, state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, says he's in favor of them.

A supporter of ferry service as a key part of the "transportation menu" available to South Shore commuters, Hynes said the state should support commuter boat services as it does other modes of public transportation. Because water transportation is a relatively new mode of transit, Hynes said state support is essential to get it afloat.

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Train Borings are Not a Dull Topic

Lawsuit Threatened Over Who Pays for Consultant

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The May 1 conservation commission meeting seemed like a routine evening of public hearings and discussion. But by the time the meeting ended, several members of the commission lashed out at the MBTA for refusing to pay consultant fees to monitor work in wetlands.

'Do you really think the rail can ever come through Cohasset to our satisfaction?'

— Vee Roebuck, conservation commissioner.

The conservation commission closed a hearing on a request by the MBTA to perform geo-technical borings along the Greenbush line right of way. The commission has 21 days to issue a ruling.

The conservation commission wants the T to pay for a consultant to monitor the work. Commission members said they would draft an order of conditions ordering the T to pay for the consultant. If the T doesn't pay, commission members said they will sue the T.

"The state law clearly says that we have to allow this," said Tom Callahan. "It means

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Town to Spar With MBTA

Powwow Planned for Next Week

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Selectmen aren't sure if they should put the gloves on with MBTA officials at a proposed meeting next week.

But it the majority of the Greenbush Mitigation Committee have its way — selectmen would come out slugging.

Threatening to disband, the mitigation committee told selectmen Monday that the MBTA is unresponsive to Cohasset's requests on a variety of mitigation issues facing the town as the train gears up to make a comeback. See related story page 14.

"We're being had," said member Michael Dick. "Look at the facts as they come in. We're not getting anything of merit. What the T is doing is blowing a lot of smoke."

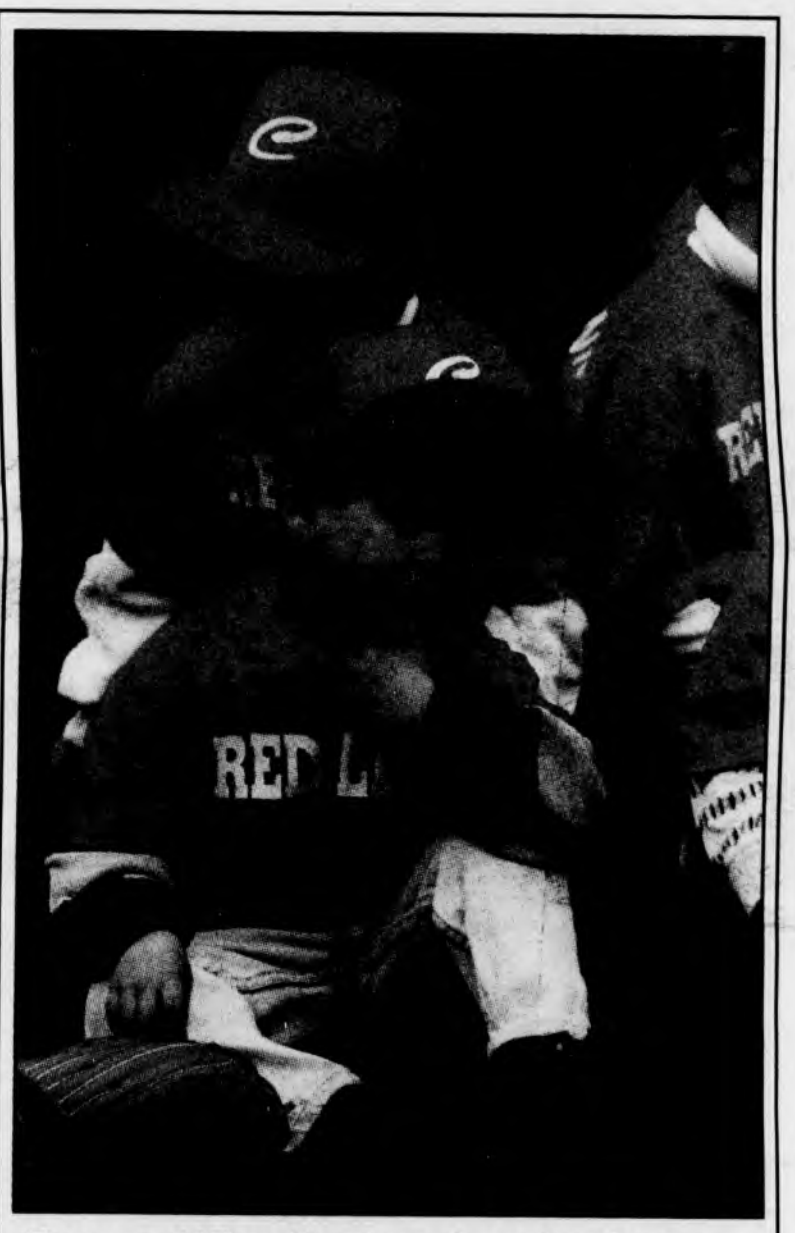
He said if the town can't mitigate, it should litigate.

Mitigation member Dean Rizzo, the group's chairman, disagreed that the T is the bad guy and tried to persuade selectmen to use reason with state transportation Secretary James Kerasiotes and MBTA General Manager Patrick Moynihan at the proposed powwow. He said the T has moved on some points and stressed that the process was still in the early stages.

"What's the rush? Why send a bad message when the train is three to four years away?" Rizzo asked.

The main focus of the meeting with state officials — the

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Five-year-old Terry MacCormack ponders the upcoming Cohasset Little League season during Saturday's opening day festivities at Barnes Field. For more photos see page 18.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Diane Sullivan is Newest Selectman

51 Percent Turnout Saturday

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

There's no doubt that the name Sullivan will get twice as much ink in the coming year.

Newly elected Selectman Diane C. Sullivan took part in her first selectmen's meeting on the other side of the desk Monday night in more than a decade.

Unearthing her nameplate from her prior term in the 1980s, Diane Sullivan joins Selectmen Chairman Michael H. Sullivan and their counterparts on the board, Merle Brown, Nan Roth and Ronnie McMorris.

Diane Sullivan has been a regular in the audience at selectmen's meetings for more than a year since funding issues surrounding sewers in her neighborhood of north Cohasset surfaced.

She defeated local talk show host Wigmore Pierson, conservation commissioner Tom Callahan and Alex Koines, a member of Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers, a government watchdog group — for the seat vacated by Peter Pratt, who did not seek reelection.

"I feel pretty darn good, I can tell you that," said Diane Sullivan, a manager at a medical claims service company, after the votes were tallied Saturday night. She did not seek reelection the last time because of a possible move out of state.

Fifty-one percent of the town's 5,256 registered voters cast ballots Saturday.

Businessman Joe McElroy and Kathy Ofsthun, an

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Chittick, Kirk are Thanked

The school committee said good-bye to fellow board members JoAnne Chittick and Jim Kirk last week and thanked them for their hard work during their three years of service which included getting the new school project approved.

Maureen Jerz, committee vice-chairman, acknowledged the enormous amount of work that Chittick and Kirk put into their tenures of office. Schools Supt. Stephen Hart said they will be missed.

"JoAnne and Jim have been wonderful committee members, I will certainly miss them," Hart said.

Chittick and Kirk thanked committee members for the experience.

"It has been a privilege to work with such smart and committed people," Kirk said.

Chittick and Kirk did not seek reelection.

Cohasset Man Injured in Accident

Christopher W. McKenna, 20, 8 Norman Todd Rd., sustained head injuries Tuesday following a two-vehicle accident on Route 3A near the Hingham rotary.

Hingham Lt. Joseph H. McCracken said McKenna, who was heading east on Rt. 3A, was driving a 1988 Dodge pickup which apparently lost traction as it accelerated up the hill just past the rotary at 2:14 p.m. McCracken said McKenna's truck slid sideways into the westbound lane colliding with the 1992 Chevy truck driven by David Moorhead, 38, 52 Oak Hill Rd., Braintree.

McKenna was transported by MedFlight to Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston where he was listed in good condition Tuesday evening.

Moorhead, who complained of shoulder soreness, was transported by Brewster Ambulance to South Shore Hospital.

There was extensive damage to both vehicles, police said.

Trucker Cited After Accident

Police cited a Wilberto Rosario of Brockton for failure to stop for a stop sign, failure to take care at an intersection and for defective equipment (brakes) following an accident on Pond Street on Monday morning.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said the brakes failed in the truck Rosario was driving as he approached the intersection of Pond and Spring streets where a second truck had stopped.

Noonan said Rosario coul[illegible]n't stop on the sharp hill a[illegible] ended up sandwiched between the other truck and the ledge. The fuel tanks of both trucks were punctured in the mishap.

Clean Harbors was on the scene from about 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. cleaning up the spilled fuel, police said.

The trucks, which are not town-owned, were delivering hot top for street resurfacing which is underway.

Noonan said he would ask DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield to see that the trucking companies not to use Pond Street because of the steep hill.

"We've had numerous accidents there," he said.

Elder Affairs Appointments

Selectmen appointed Eugene Price, 85 S. Main St., and Sr. Barbara Reney, of the Villa of St. Joseph at 339 Jerusalem Rd., to the Cohasset Elder Affairs board this week.

They also accepted the resignation of Jack Conroy, 379 Atlantic Ave. from the CEA and will send Conroy a letter thanking him for his service.

Water Company Hosts Open House

Employees from Massachusetts-American Water Company are preparing the first open house for Hingham, Hull and N. Cohasset residents at the new water treatment facility. The event will be held during National Drinking Water Week on Thursday, May 8, 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 10, 3 to 6 p.m.

"We'd like to see as many of our customers as possible at our open house, including their children," said Eileen Commane, water company operations manager. "We've had a number of people express interest, so we planned this event to give local residents a chance to see where their water is treated and to see this plant they've heard so much about."

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'Stamp Out Hunger' Food Drive

The Cohasset Post Office will help "Stamp Out Hunger" this Saturday, May 10, by participating in a food drive which will benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry.

The National Association of Letter Carriers is sponsoring the drive in conjunction with the United States Postal Service.

Along with delivering mail that day, letter carriers will also collect non-perishable food items left for pick-up at residents' mailboxes.

Donations will be brought to the post office and then delivered to the food pantry. Residents are asked not to include any glass or perishable items.

"We're delighted and proud to be associated with the drive and are happy to help out in any way we can," said postal officer in charge Joe Polito.

In advance of the town-wide food collection, the Cohasset Food Pantry has issued a "wish list" of most needed and popular items as guidance for townspeople responding to the postal workers drive.

"We're indebted to the people of the post office for this wonderful effort, and to the people who contribute," Marjorie Steele, chair of the pantry's steering committee, said, "and we thought it would be helpful if they knew what was needed."

Items needed are canned fruits, vegetables and basic soups, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jellies, fruit juices both bottled for home use and packs for school lunches, cereals, healthy snacks, canned tuna, laundry detergents, household cleaners and personal products.

The pantry has also announced a change in its operating schedule. Beginning Tuesday, May 13, the pantry will no longer be open during the evening, but has expanded Tuesday morning hours to 9 to 11 a.m.

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Sun. 11	2:59	10.6	9:21	3:39	9.5	9:36
Mon. 12	3:48	10.1	10:11	4:30	9.1	10:27
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Summer Schedule Approved

Selectmen adopted the following summer meeting schedule: May 27, June 9 & 23, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18, and Sept. 2.

Selectmen traditionally meet semiweekly in the summer months. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

Harbormaster Gets Raise

Selectmen approved an annual raise for harbormaster John "Moose" Winters from $565.45 to $596.76 per week effective Jan. 27. The raise is retroactive, selectmen said.

Photos of Beacon Rock Sought

The Cohasset Historic Commission is looking for any photos of Beacon Rock — aka Signal Rock — that will show what was there in the mid/late 1800s. Please call Ham Tewksbury at 383-1074 if you have any information and/or pictures of what existed at that historic installation.

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$3.9 Billion Transportation Bill is Boon for Area

By Alice C. Coyle
COHASSET MARINER

Of the $400 million slated for state road and bridge projects in the 1997 Transportation Bond Bill, nearly $19 million has been earmarked for the South Shore.

After passing in both the House and the Senate, the $3.9 billion bill is currently in conference, said Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth. One of the six members of the conference committee reviewing the legislation, Hedlund said there should be no snags getting the bill through.

While the bulk of the Transportation Bond Bill supports continuing Central Artery commitments, Hedlund named several local projects to be initiated through this authorization including $1.5 million for safety improvements on Elm Street in Braintree, and a $250,000 study of five Route 18 intersections in Weymouth which rank high on the state's 100 most dangerous list. The bill also includes an additional $10 million for an access road to the former Naval Air Station in South Weymouth ($15 million was authorized for this project in last year's Transportation Bond Bill.)

In Hingham, two major road projects will receive state help through the bill. The long planned resurfacing of Route 228 through Hingham into Cohasset has been allotted $2.6 million and another $2.5 million will go toward safety improvements, reconstruction and resurfacing on Route 53 and Route 228 at the Hingham/Norwell line. Hedlund points out that $2 million of the latter project's aid is coming in the form of federal funds.

Another $600,000 in the bill has been earmarked for improvements to Atlantic Avenue from Nantasket Avenue in Hull to the Cohasset town line.

In addition to working toward road and bridge improvements in his district, state Sen. Robert Hedlund has sponsored an amendment to open up additional state funding for local dredging projects.

A $7.5 million revamp of the Route 3A bridge at the Scituate/Marshfield town line is also included in the authorization, Hedlund said. Nearly $2.5 million was authorized for engineering studies and construction of the temporary bridge last year, he noted.

The bill also includes $4 million for Route 3 construction through Duxbury and Kingston.

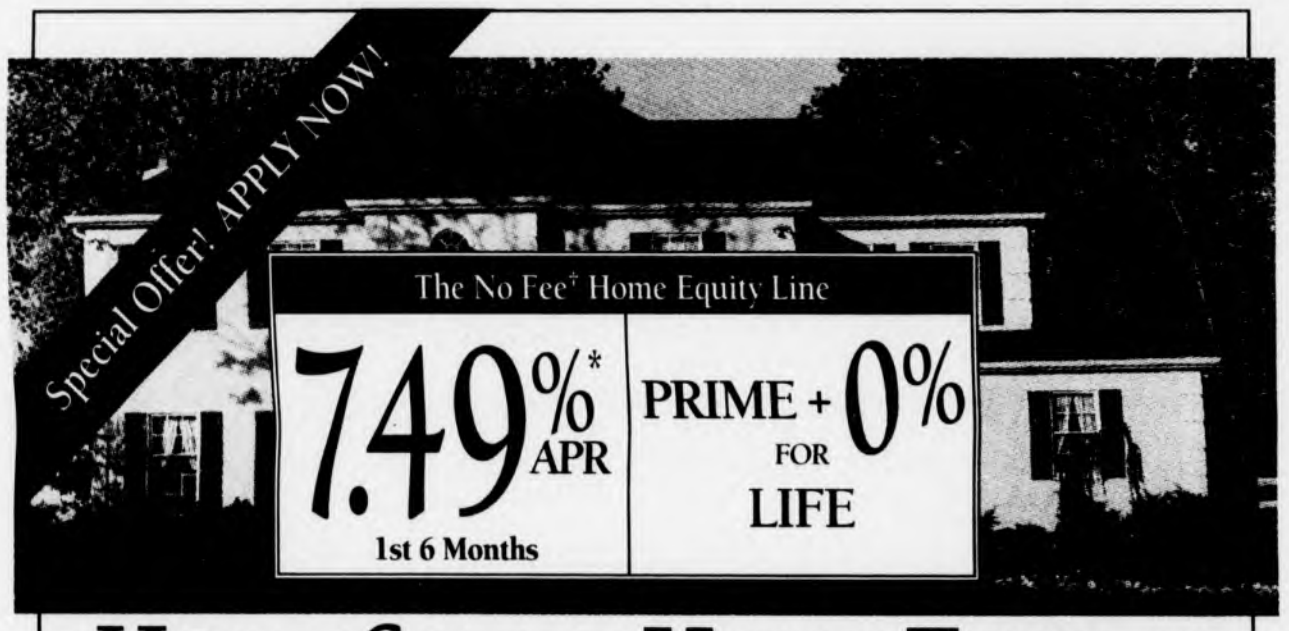
Communities throughout the South Shore will also get state assistance for improvements to town roadways through chapter 90 reimbursements; Abington–$282,000, Braintree–$813,000, Cohasset $165,000, Duxbury –$370,000, Hanover –$351,000, Hingham –$537,000, Kingston – $291,000, Marshfield –$465,000, Norwell – $334,000, Rockland – $322,000, Scituate – $430,000, and Weymouth –$893,000

In addition to working toward road and bridge improvements in his district, Hedlund has sponsored an amendment to open up additional state funding for local dredging projects.

"We've had problems securing money for harbor dredging," said Hedlund, who noted Hingham's $1.8 million dredging work which began late last fall and will continue after the 1997 boating season wraps up, was the only project funded through the state's capital spending plan this year.

In order to loosen up state funds, Hedlund said he's looking to reapportion the state's gas taxes to go toward dredging projects. Another funding vehicle Hedlund is seeking comes through the state's Public Works Economic Development Program (PWED). In 1996, State Transportation Secretary James Kerasiotes gave out $17 million in grants for PWED eligible projects. Hedlund said he is

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Transportation

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looking to secure some of these grant monies for dredging work in 1997.

"Having dredging on my mind, I asked Secretary Kerasiotes if marine transportation infrastructure programs would qualify under PWED," he said. After getting no quick answer, Hedlund pushed an amendment to change the language in the PWED grant program to include such projects.

And while no money in this year's transportation bond bill has been specifically earmarked for water transportation improvements, Hedlund said he will continue to push for the best use of the $50 million authorized last year for the improvement and expansion of ferry service in his district.

Hedlund said long term goals for the state should be to replicate successful ferry service and water transit in other areas of the country, particularly New York and New Jersey.

In the short term, Hedlund said improvements such as a better commuter waiting and boat docking areas and parking upgrades would enhance the popular commuter boat service out of Hingham. The Massachusetts Ferry Project, a study initiated by the state last month is looking at existing service as well as expanding it in communities like Scituate.

Also relevant to South Shore commuters, the Transportation Bond Bill includes increases by 500 the number of two person vehicles that can use the Expressway's High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV). Currently, motorcycles, buses, vans and vehicles with three or more occupants can use the six-mile zipper lane daily, and 2,000 two-person vehicles with stickers are permitted to use it every other day, Hedlund said. Hedlund maintains that even with the increase the lane will not be used to capacity, and he will continue to push to open the lane to all two-person vehicles daily.

Projects on South Shore to be included In '97 Transportation Bond Bill

- Duxbury and Kingston: $4 million for Route 3 work.
- Braintree: $1.5 million for safety improvements on Elm Street.
- Hingham and Weymouth: $10 million for Route 3 Naval Air Station access road. ($15 million was authorized last year for the project)
- Weymouth: $250,000 to study safety improvements at 5 dangerous intersections on Route 18.
- Marshfield and Scituate: $7.5 million for bridge work on Route 3A at town line.
- Hull $600,000 for reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue from Nantasket Avenue to Cohasset town line.
- Hingham and Cohasset: $2.6 million for resurfacing Route 228.
- Hingham and Norwell: $2.5 million ($2 million from federal government) for work on Route 53 and 228.

Total approved in budget for state is $3.9 billion as compared to 3.2 billion last year. The budget has been approved by the House and Senate and now is in conference.

Upcoming Meetings are Noted

The following meetings have been posted outside the town clerk's office at town hall:

- Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., May 15.
- Library Trustees, 7:30 p.m., May 14.
- Osgood School Reuse Committee, 7:30 p.m., May 14.
- Planning Board, 8 p.m., May 21.
- School Facilities Committee, 7 p.m., May 13.
- Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., May 11.
- Sewer Commission, 6 p.m, June 2.
- Water Commission, 7:30 p.m, May 8 at the Water Department.
- Zoning Board of Appeals, 8 p.m., May 21.

All meetings are at town hall unless otherwise noted. Room locations are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule at town hall on the day of the meeting. Check with the town clerk or the particular board's office at town hall (383-9900) for any cancellations.

Dog Licenses at Town Clerk's Office

Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office and valid from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. The fee for licensing is $15 for females and males, $8 for spayed and neutered. Proof of rabies vaccination is required. May 1 is fast approaching and any individual who has not licensed his or her dog by May 1 shall pay an additional late fee of $25.

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Newest Selectman *Continued from page 1*

accountant, were the two top vote-getters in the four-way race for two seats on the school committee. They defeated school bus driver Hugh Morgan and Susan Turgiss, a speech pathologist.

Alluding to last year's divisive battle over the proposed new school, McElroy preached unity Saturday night.

"I look forward to working with all members of the school committee. The priority is to move forward together. Both the school committee and the town as a whole," he said.

Ofsthun echoed McElroy's remarks and reached out to the losers.

"I hope Susan and Hugh continue their involvement," she said.

John K. McNabb Jr. fended off a challenge from John C. Pereira for an open seat on the water commission. Fred Koed did not seek reelection.

McNabb, an environmental activist who is a former member of the library trustees, said he will stress communication with Cohasset citizens and said he will be responsive to "customer complaints."

David Marks, who received 25 write-in votes, joins Lillian M. Curley and Mary K. Muncey, who ran for seats on the Recreation Commission which had three seats up for grabs. Marks had taken out nomination papers but did not return them. He could not be reached for comment but, according to published reports, is happy to accept the post.

Pierson provided live commentary which was telecast on Channel 3 by Continental Cablevision from 6 p.m. until about 7:30 p.m. when the results were announced. A crowd of about 50 people, including candidates, families and supporters jammed the front of the town hall auditorium anxiously awaiting the results.

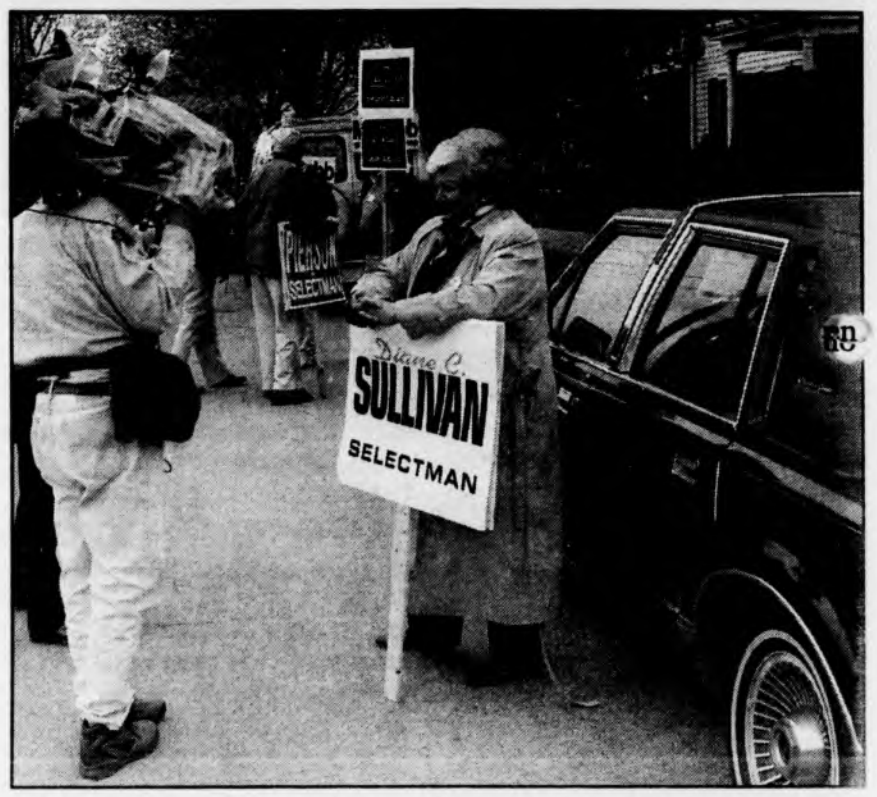
With the new optical scanning voting machines used for the first time in Cohasset, officials expected votes to be counted earlier but the write-ins for the recreation commission slowed things down. The wait added to the anticipation.

Pierson, who lost his bid for selectman by 94 votes to Diane Sullivan, had taken a leave of absence from his popular Thursday night talk show "Pierson to Person" to conduct his campaign.

Pierson, who ran unsuccessfully for town treasurer last year against Joe Buckley, said Saturday night he'll be back in front of the cameras in two weeks. He said any thoughts of a future candidacy would have to wait for another day.

"The people have made a collective judgment they want me in the background of local government rather than the foreground. I respect that opinion and decision," he said.

For complete election results, see page 11.



Diane C. Sullivan is interviewed Channel 7 as she campaigns outside the polls on Saturday.

Staff photo/Victor Pryles

Ten Minutes for Walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes at 8 p.m. on their meeting nights to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda, selectmen said.

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Goal: To enjoy life!

Best vacation: Any road trip with my family.

Best day of your life: My wedding day.

Biggest worry: Not hitting the high notes.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite TV show: School Committee meetings.

Favorite movie: 'Heaven Can Wait.'

Favorite book: 'The Pillars of the Earth,' by Ken Follett.

Favorite junk food: Cold Pepperoni Pizza.

Most embarrassing moment: Calling dads by their sons' names.

Person you'd most like to meet: Thomas Jefferson.

Pet peeve: People who bring tomatoes to community theater!

HCMT Performs 'South Pacific'

Hingham Civic Music Theatre presents the musical "South Pacific," which is set in an island paradise during World War II, May 10, with a special Mother's Day performance scheduled for May 11. All performances will take place in the Hingham High School auditorium.

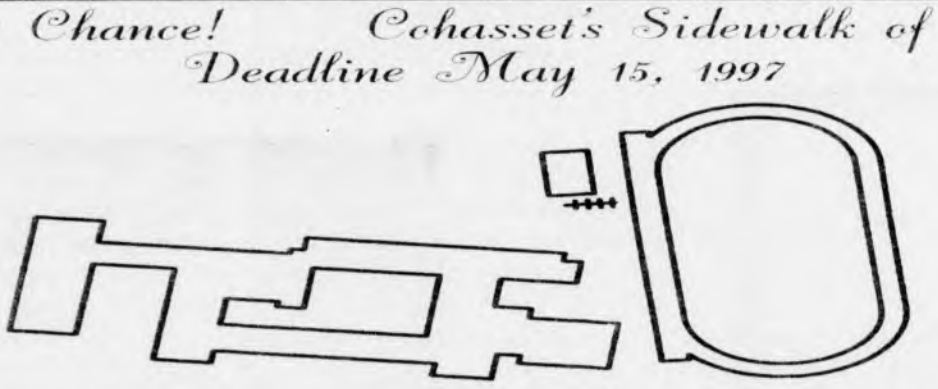
The show will be performed Saturday, May 10, at 8 p.m. The special Mother's Day performance is scheduled for Sunday, May 11, at 3 p.m.

Pre-sale ticket prices are $10. Group rates are available. All tickets at the door will be $12. To order tickets or for further information, call 749-4540.

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Class of '70 Issues a 'Brick' Challenge!

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The Class of 1970, CHS, purchased a brick paver for Alumni Field, and hope that other classes and individuals will do the same before the mid-May deadline. How about it, people, accept **Marilyn Pratt Morrison's** challenge! Let's see how many classes will follow suit! It seems all we have been writing and talking about is reunions lately, tack a few more dollars on to the cost and there you will have it — the money for a paver! Remind everyone that the bricks will last forever, another plus!

❑

Melissa Anne van der Werf-Porter, daughter of **Raymond** and **Karen van der Werf** (former residents of Cohasset), has graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.S. in Health Science. Melissa graduated from Cohasset High School in 1994, and she will be teaching in Arizona this fall. Congratulations Melissa, hopefully you will let us know all about life as a teacher in Arizona after you get settled in!

❑

The South Shore Art Center is certainly a busy place now; preparing for the Art Festival on the common is lots of work and preparation! It all begins May 15, that's when they receive entries for juried show and juried photo exhibitions; Friday is also receipt of entries, May 17 is the judging. All work must be original, recent and not previously exhibited at the SSAC or its art festival. All work must be delivered to the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd. No work will be accepted for Juried Exhibitions after 4 p.m. May 16; no work will be accepted for members or young artists after 4 p.m. May 31. Paintings must be securely framed and wired, ready for hanging. No clamped glass frames will be accepted. Sculptured and 3D entries must be accompanied by their own pedestal. Young artists' work must be matted and no larger than 18" x 24." To find out more information, call the Art Center at (617) 383-ARTS.

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Speaking of great events, another reminder via **Maura Ditmar** — the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's "Not Your Ordinary" plant sale will be held this Saturday (May 10) at 9 a.m., rain or shine. In case you missed it, it will be held at the Lighthouse Keepers' House (on Border Street, Cohasset Harbor). What a wonderful idea it would be to get your mom a unique plant for Mothers Day, which is the day after the sale! If you are really a "good kid," you can even plant it for her! In any case, don't miss the sale!

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Cohasset lost one of its finest men last week, **Herm Fichtner** passed away Wednesday. Herm was such a gentle person, the nicest man you would want to meet — we can still see the marvelous way he and **Jo** used to dance together, a sight to behold! A super husband, brother, dad, granddad and friend, Herm will be missed by many and forgotten by few — we loved you Herm, and our hearts go out to Jo and all of Herm's family! God Bless!

❑

Are you doing your spring cleaning yet? With the weather that we have been having, it has probably been delayed due to inclement weather — well, the spring weather is finally here, and we know just the spot for your "used goods!" The Cohasset/Appalachia service project is having their annual yard sale May 17, and they would like your items! Any treasure that you have may be dropped off at the Second Congregational Church any day of the week prior to the sale, May 12 to 16. If anything is too big for you to "lug" yourself, call the church and they will arrange to pick it up. We'll let you know more about the sale next week, but circle the 17th in the meantime!



The Deer Hill School Band marches in the Little League Parade on Saturday.

Mary S. Earon photo

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One more important date to re-remind you of — May 10 is Leo's 75th birthday, and if you haven't already wished him a happy day, be sure to do so!! Happy birthday **Leo Fiori**, may your day be an awesome one!

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Congrats go to **Caitlin Stansell** of Cohasset fame! Caitlin won the Gold Medal in ski racing — her category was female, age 13-14. The event was the Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge, held at King Pine Ski Area in East Madison, N.H. Keep it up, Caitlin, we see an Olympic future for you!

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Thursday, May 15, the Col. Thos. Lothrop/Old Colony Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are cordially inviting all interested and potential members of the D.A.R. to a luncheon at Hatherly Country Club. To be a member, one only needs to be related to a person who in any way was involved in the American Revolution. For reservations please call 383-1547 or 383-0025.

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Lots of folks are excited about the "new" **Buttonwood Books & Toys** — it will be the same high-quality unique stock, just in a new local. They are in the new Shaw's Supermarket complex now, with more stores soon to follow. Be sure to pay them a visit, you'll be glad — it is Cohasset's own treasure chest!

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Obituaries

Juliette R. Tetreault

Juliette R. (Asselin) Tetreault, 77, of Cohasset, a communicant of St. Helen's Church, Norwell, died May 4 at the home of her son, Michael E. Tetreault of Cohasset.

Mrs. Tetreault was an employee of Rust Craft Greeting Cards in the 1940s.

She was a member of the Norwell Senior Citizens and American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Tetreault lived in Norwell since 1947 before moving recently to Cohasset.

Wife of the late Joseph E. Tetreault, she leaves another son, David J. Tetreault of Virginia; four brothers, Leon Asselin, Paul Asselin, Larry Asselin and Armand Asselin, all of Rhode Island; a sister, Pauline Goulet of Rhode Island; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Anthony's Church. Burial was in Notre Dame Cemetery, Pawtucket, R.I.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St.

Donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Dr., Braintree 02184.

Helen L. Livingston

Helen L. (Kendall) Livingston, 91, of Cohasset and Sarasota, Fla., a homemaker, died April 30 in Sarasota.

She was a member of the Doric Dames of Boston, the Parliamentary Club of Boston and the South Shore Women's Republican Club.

Mrs. Livingston lived in Hingham and had been a resident of Cohasset for 50 years. She was a graduate of Burdett College.

She leaves her husband, Albert Livingston; a son, Eugene V. Roundtree of Weymouth; a daughter, Barbara Harris of Wellington, Fla., formerly of Duxbury; 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Wednesday in the Second Congregational Church. Burial was in High Street Cemetery, Hingham.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St.

Donations may be made to American Heart Assn., 20 Speen St., Framingham 01701.

Health and Healing Fair

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m., the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset is spearheading a health and healing fair in response to the growing national grassroots movement of self- and natural healing.

The goal of this event is to experience, first-hand, the effect and power of the unique 'alternative' approaches being offered that evening to health and healing. Opportunities will be provided to actually receive a hands-on, personal 'sampling' of each of four therapies.

The therapies and presenters include Debbie Barrett, a Reiki master, who will demonstrate the 'Dream Weaver,' a new technology for stress reduction and transformational healing through a 'vibro-acoustic' mat within a copper 'dodecahedron' frame where special music is heard as well as felt, creating a unified energy field.

Jim and Patricia Berkeley-Watson, essence therapists, involve ancient techniques for focusing spiritual energies. This is commonly referred to as 'mental acupuncture' and 'spiritual chiropractic.'

Dr. Bruce Indek, a Hingham chiropractor, will use chiropractic techniques and manipulation to balance and restore, through universal innate healing energies. Using a specialized computer program, Dr. Indek will also provide a health profile for each participant.

Nancy Dunn, R.N., Cohasset, is a certified nutritional counselor in wholistic health, who will share what's involved in a natural, organic approach to food in support of the immune system and optimum health.

This first annual health fair is free of charge and pre-registration is strongly recommended as space is limited in order to accommodate everyone comfortably between 7 and 9 p.m. Registration should be completed by May 16.

For more information and registration forms, call the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset at 383-0345.

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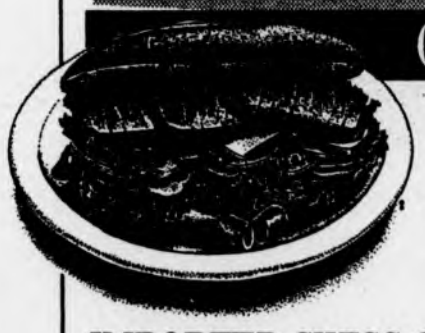
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A Thank You Note From Diane Sullivan

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Sincerely,
Diane Sullivan

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Making a Difference

Much has been written in recent days about volunteers. That's all thanks to last month's summit in Philadelphia promoting volunteerism and its ability to move our country forward.

High-powered leaders, such as President Clinton, General Colin Powell and former presidents Carter and Bush, are extolling the virtues of volunteering and how those who serve their communities and country can fill voids where government has been unable to help.

Here in Massachusetts and on the South Shore, we have seen firsthand where that call to action has been answered. Volunteers are being relied on more and more to fill a gap where government falls short. We see it in the jails where people are working to educate prisoners and develop skills to make them better and more productive citizens. We see it at area soup kitchens and homeless shelters where volunteers are busy tending to the needs of those down and out and who feel the government has abandoned them.

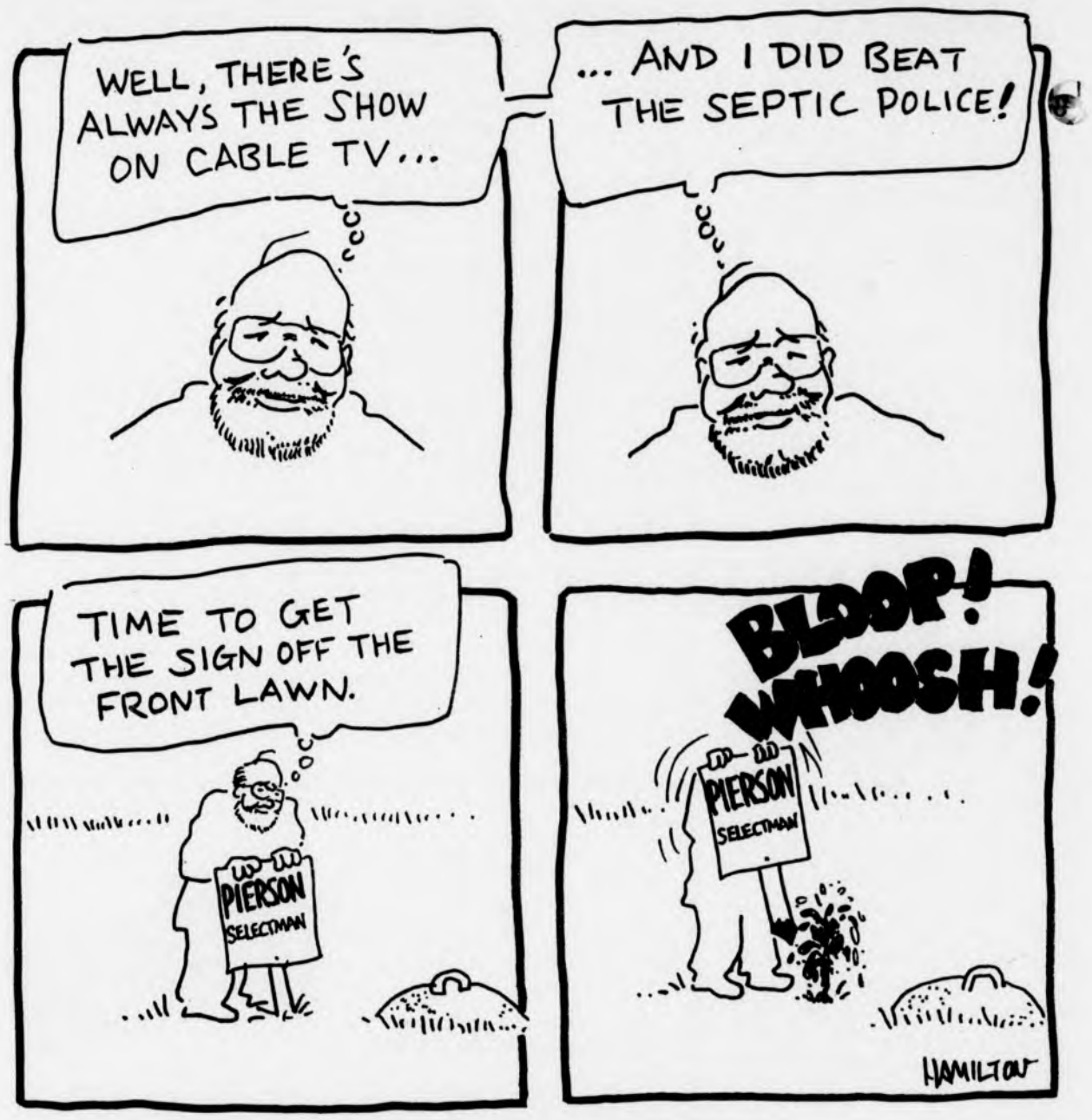
Funds are being cut at nearly every level of human service and volunteers are being looked to as a source to meet the need which hasn't gone away, and, in many cases, has only grown. As is tradition in these parts, volunteers are being used as a solution to many of the problems plaguing our society.

Volunteers add a special touch at area hospitals and are often there to lend a hand or shoulder to cry on when people feel lost in the red tape and bureaucracy of the medical profession.

The President's call to serve has been heard and answered here on the South Shore. Those who give unselfishly of their time need to be commended and applauded. They do what they do not because President Clinton hails the need for volunteers. They do it because they see where they can make a small difference in the lives of their families, friends and neighbors.

From this summit and attention cast on it, we hope our communities and corporations recognize their obligation to do more to encourage people to get involved. They need to take the lead from those already volunteering their time and urge leaders and executives to spare an hour or so a week to make a difference. We are fortunate here on the South Shore where people are willing to go the extra mile and do more for their community. But there is more to be accomplished and we need our corporations and businesses to follow suit.

It may seem old fashioned, but as a community we can do more together. We can solve our problems if we can come together and lift each other up.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to Forge Ahead

To the Editor:

The past town meeting completed favorably business on four notable issues as follows:

• The town manager will save his salary or more in efficiencies. There will be better communication between departments and with officials themselves.

• The Learning Laboratory for biological research on lobsters offers an exciting opportunity for budding biologists.

• The sewer plan satisfies the needs of the town and spreads some of the costs to all, since the state has ordered the town's compliance with the waste water laws.

• The third phase of water service improvement was approved, continuing the program started a few years ago and long overdue.

All these decisions were not without vigorous debate and were not supported by all who voted. However, we should now circle the wagons and abide by town meeting, our legislative branch and the subsequent town election. Cohasset needs to implement these decisions and forge ahead on new issues.

M.K. Gjesteby
175 Old Pasture Rd.

Mixed Feelings About College List

To the Editor:

I read the list of college acceptances for Cohasset High School students with mixed feelings that others may share: pride in the preparation that made them possible, and dismay at multiple options that suggest indecision and "scalp hunting" ... both of which must be trying for guidance counselors and college admission offices.

It is understandable that students want to have a back-up in case their first choice fails them, but it is difficult for me to understand acceptances at six and seven colleges, some quite different and some quite similar. And there is the likelihood that applications had been made at several more.

For a period in the past, I interviewed applicants and was a little annoyed by an instance when a multiple application ruled out the possible selection of another good candidate ... considering the practical factor that a college would not likely admit several from a small high school. I thought then, and still believe, that parents' and students' goal of showing off a lot of acceptances plays into the picture.

Osborne Ingram
274 Beechwood St.

McElroy Says Thanks

To the Editor:

I would like to publicly thank my hard-working Campaign Committee and the many voters who helped elect me, but I also want to reassure every single resident of Cohasset that I will do my best to capably and fairly represent the best interests of all Cohasset residents and particularly our youth. I will need your help, suggestions and constructive criticism as I work with my fellow committee members to represent you. Please call me at any time at: (ph) 383-0505, (fax) 383-9762 or via Internet @ COHJOE@aol.com.

Joe McElroy
Windy Hill Road

The Mariner welcomes letters to the Editor.

More letters on page 12

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Inspiring Speech Highlights Little League Opening Day

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Saturday, May 3, a day shared with town elections and voters, the opening day of Little League was held in Cohasset.

Beneath gray skies and cool temperatures, early morning voices were loud with excitement as officials and participants organized baseball teams that were dressed in brightly-colored new uniforms into parade formation behind the town's firetruck and the Deer Hill School marching band, led by Mr. Biaggini, the band leader.

The parade began at the Red Lion Inn and proceeded to Barnes Field on North Main Street. Perched atop the immaculately-kept firetruck, the 1996 Little League championship team, the Dodgers, waved to the cheering baseball fans that lined the parade route.

At Barnes Field, the opening day ceremonies commenced, beginning with the Star Spangled Banner performed competently by the Deer Hill School band.

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray was on hand to throw the ceremonial first pitch.

The Dodgers team players were called up one by one to receive their championship trophies from their coaches.

The highlight of the morning's ceremony, however, was the remarkably inspiring speech delivered by Mark DeGiacomo, a member of the Little League's board of directors and player agent. Despite a faulty public address system, DeGiacomo was able to transcend the listening crowd that day with a speech that reminded us, not only as Little League players, participants, and parents, but also as citizens of Cohasset and the world, what we are truly capable of and what is important to teach our children: loyalty, courage and character.

For those who were straining their ears that morning to hear DeGiacomo and for those who were not there, but manning the polls, the speech was as follows:

'I would like to welcome everyone to Barnes Field for our celebration of the arrival of spring, the great game of baseball, and most of all, a celebration of our children.

I especially want to welcome the parents and guests who live in our town. I know it is difficult to take time out of your busy schedule, given the fact that you live in a town that was described in one recent newspaper article as an 'affluent seaside community of million dollar homes that have perfectly manicured lawns in front, tennis courts and swimming pools in the back and are occupied by high-powered executives who wear $1,000 suits.

I'm starting my second season as a member of the Little League board of directors. I can tell you that I am very proud of our program and what we have accomplished for the children of Cohasset. Although nothing is perfect and you can't make everyone happy all of the time, I believe that all the people involved with the program in this town work very hard to achieve the true purpose of Little League.

When I first started with the board, I had a problem. I didn't know what the true purpose of Little League was. I had some ideas, but I didn't know for sure. But, it seemed important to figure it out, because I knew I'd be dealing with some difficult questions which involved children, and if I understood the underlying purpose of Little League, then perhaps the answers to these questions might be clearer.

I started by considering stories I had read in the newspapers or saw on television about Little League organizations around the country. This was disheartening. For instance:

The way Little League is run in some towns makes one think that one of its purposes is to teach children that winning is the only thing, and that having fun and learning about a great game that has spanned generations doesn't matter. If you're on the losing team, you are a loser.

I checked the Little League book to see if that purpose was there. It wasn't.

Another false purpose of Little League, as practiced in some towns, is to give middle-aged men with little pot bellies an opportunity to relive their glory days, real or imagined, through their children's games. Well, I looked that one up too, and you know what? It wasn't there.

It is sad, again in some towns, that Little League baseball is mistakenly taught to 10-year-old children that if they do not make it to a major league team, then they are not as good a person as their friends who do, that, somehow, that 10-year-old is a failure. Well, I didn't have to look that one up. I know that's not in the Little League book.

What is in there is very simple. The purpose of Little League is spelled out right on our emblem. It is to teach loyalty, courage and character. While all three are lofty goals, I will submit to you that there is a first among equals, and that is character.

It was in 1963 that Martin Luther King taught that the true measure of a person is 'the content of their character.' I believe that 20 years from now, what we will really admire about our children won't be the size of their home, the kind of car they drive, or which country club they belong to. What we will admire is the kind of person they have become — the content of their character.

Little League can help build character by teaching children things such as not arguing with the umpire every time a call doesn't go their way. Everyone makes mistakes and no matter how positive you are that you are right, you may be wrong.

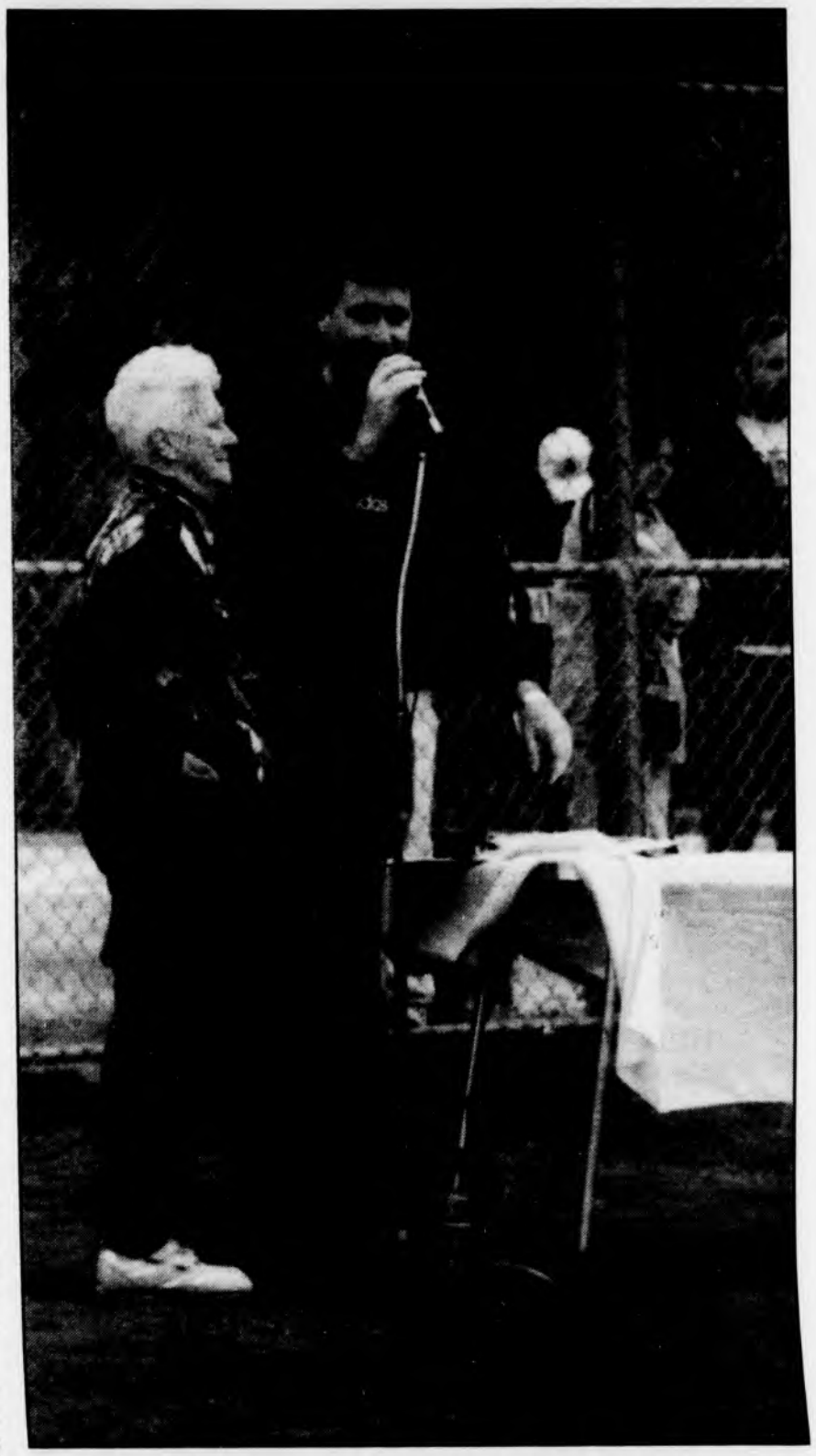
Don't gloat over a victory with the players on the other team because making other people feel bad should never make you feel good.

Every dog has its day. No one wins all the time. Don't walk away from a friend because he or she has had a bad game. Friends stick together through good times and bad.

Twenty years from now, we, as parents, can rightly take a great deal of credit for the character of our children. We, as parents, should also acknowledge the contributions of others along the way, be it a relative, a family friend, a priest, minister or rabbi, or special teachers.

If we, as directors and coaches, continue to guide ourselves by the true purposes of Little League, then 20 years from now, as we admire the character of the child who has grown to become an adult, we may reflect back to a day like today, on this field, and think that maybe, in some small way, Little League helped.'

As the crowd dispersed that morning and preparations were underway to begin the first ballgame of the day, a thought that prevailed throughout and expressed in quiet murmurs to each other was, 'So where is Fox cable now?"



Mark DeGiacomo and Mary Jeanette Murray at Little League Opening Day on Saturday.
Mary S. Earon photo

COHASSET ELECTION RESULTS

Precinct	1	2	Total
Selectman			
Diane C. Sullivan	507	378	885
Wigmore A. Pierson	320	371	691
Thomas J. Callahan	268	310	578
Alexander C. Koines	236	153	389
Write in	3	2	5
School Committee			
Joseph R. McElroy	677	660	1,337
Kathleen A. Ofsthun	694	597	1,291
Susan M. Turgiss	642	498	1,140
Hugh Joseph Morgan	219	290	509
Write in	12	11	23
Trustee Paul Pratt Memorial Library			
Anne C. Bowdoin	882	709	1,591
Agnes McCann	783	742	1,525
Patience G. Towle	856	650	1,506
Write in	2	6	8
Assessor			
Michael C. Patrolia	940	916	1,856
Write in	10	5	15
Board of Health			
Alix P. White	988	857	1,845
Write in	5	2	7
Cohasset Housing Authority			
Ralph Perroncello	943	918	1,861
Write in	2	2	4
Planning Board			
Alfred S. Moore Jr.	910	824	1,734
Write in	5	8	13
Recreation Commission			
Lillian Murray Curley	888	817	1,705
Mary Muncey	785	723	1,508
David Marks	14	11	25
Anthony Carbone		10	10
Sewer Commissioner			
Raimund G. Vanderweil Jr.	959	819	1,778
Write in	6	4	10
Water Commissioner			
John J. McNabb, Jr.	932	816	1,748
John C. Pereira	288	314	602
Write in	3	1	4
Question 1			
Yes	743	582	1,325
No	620	649	1,269

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pierson Grateful for Support

To the Editor:

To the 691 citizens who expressed their confidence in me with their votes last Saturday, my heartfelt thanks.

To the many persons who chose to publicly endorse my candidacy, you have my very special thanks for your courageous support.

And a very special thanks to the following dear friends who worked so hard and put in so many hours on my behalf: Doris and Jack Golden, Rich Silvia, Rhonda Myers, Ken Jason, Jill O'Donnell, Herb Jason, Bob Julien and John Small.

To quote Abraham Lincoln on a boy who stubbed his toe, I'm "too big to cry and far too badly hurt to laugh."

I extend my sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Diane Sullivan as she begins her tenure on the board of selectmen.

Wigmore A. Pierson
Atlantic Avenue

Candidate Turgiss Praised

To the Editor:

It was my distinct pleasure to work with Susan Turgiss and the many people who helped with her campaign for school committee. My congratulations to Kathy Ofsthun and Joe McElroy.

I want to thank Susan for conducting her campaign with integrity and commitment. She handled a major part of her campaign, while working full-time. Her knowledge about education as well as her common sense assessments enhanced our understanding in many ways. Her sense of humor as well as her respectful attitude also went a long way in making the process enjoyable.

Susan's thorough, honest and clear way of answering questions and defining the issues made it easy for all of us who worked with her to encourage support on her behalf. We would do so again.

I hope that at some point the town as a whole will experience and benefit from her expertise and concern for education.

Diana N. Kinch
77 Forest Ave.

McNabb Appreciates Support

To the Editor:

I want to sincerely thank all of the people who helped me in my successful campaign for Water Commissioner. Thanks go to all those who made phone calls on Election Day, put up lawn signs, helped with mailings, held coffees and contributed to the campaign.

I also want to thank the people of the town of Cohasset for this opportunity to serve them as Water Commissioner. I intent to work hard to continue the work of the commission to rebuilt our water distribution system, to improve water pressure and water quality, to protect the watershed of our water supplies, to study the feasibility of taking the North Cohasset water service area by eminent domain, and to serve the entire town responsibly as a Water Commissioner for the next three years.

John K. McNabb Jr.
53 Pond St.

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Call in with your questions or mail questions or comments to "On the Mark with Ilana Marks," P.O. Box 717, Scituate, Mass. 02066. Our E-Mail address is ILANAMARKS@AOL.COM.

For a rebroadcast show, tune in Monday at 8 p.m. if you live in Scituate or Tuesday, if you live in Cohasset.

Citizens Needed for Town Boards

There are two vacancies on the Greenbush mitigation committee; two on the mosquito control committee; four on the sidewalk study committee and six on the town history committee which compiling information for the third volume of the town's history. Any citizens interested in serving on these boards should call the selectmen's office at 383-9900.

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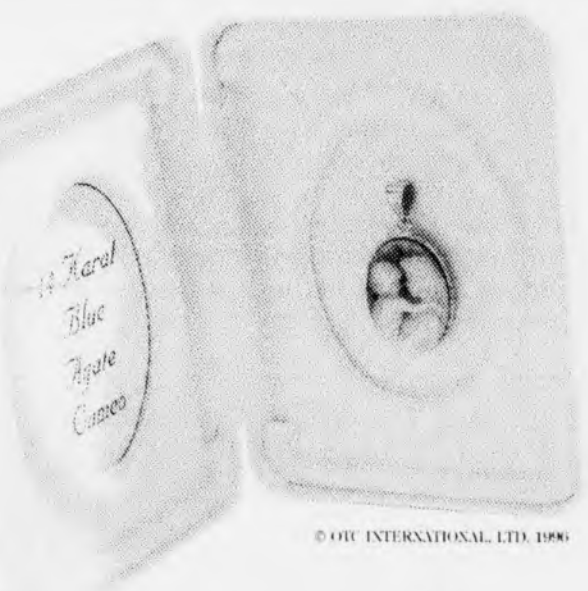
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Committee Split on MBTA's Mitigation Plan

Group Threatens to Disband

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Cohasset's mitigation committee is split over the MBTA's response to requests to mitigate specific impacts of the Greenbush Line on the town. The mitigation committee voted 3-1 on Thursday, May 1 to disband with Chairman Dean Rizzo casting the dissenting vote.

Selectmen rejected the request on Monday, May 5 with a promise to help the committee find a new focus.

Mitigation committee members Marty Corry, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln and conservation commission member Michael Dick felt the MBTA was not serious about mitigation measures.

"We voted to let selectmen know that the mitigation process is over," Dick told conservation commission members on Thursday. "There is nothing more we can do. The MBTA has rejected all of our points out of hand. They give you a rosy picture, but when push comes to shove, it's all smoke."

Dick was referring to discussions with the MBTA and a letter from Andrew Brennan, manager of environmental affairs for the "T", which rejected many of the town's mitigation requests.

But Rizzo said the T did agree to some of the town's requests, even though it didn't agree to mitigate everything. Rizzo said many of the points rejected in Brennan's letter also contain offers to work with the town on alternative measures.

"There is a difference of opinion on the committee," Rizzo said. "I feel that they've responded to most items even though they haven't given us everything we wanted."

Rizzo pointed to a scheduled meeting between the town, MBTA General Manager Patrick Moynihan, and Transportation Secretary James Kerasiotes to discuss the impact to the James Brook Basin, and other environmental issues.

"I think this is premature and we should reserve all judgments until we meet with them," Rizzo said.

In his letter, Brennan rejected many major points, beginning with a traffic light at the entrance to the station on Route 3A. Brennan said the driveway out of the station did not meet the Massachusetts Highway Department's minimum traffic standards for a signal. Brennan said he would make a formal request to Mass, Highway on the town's behalf, but felt it had little chance of being approved.

Brennan rejected requests for traffic lights at three additional intersections on Route 3A because the MBTA expects the Greenbush line to decrease traffic on the road.

Brennan said the T will build a drop-off ramp at North Main Street because it has a directive from Environmental Secretary Trudy Coxe to maximize station access for pedestrians and bicycles. Town officials wanted to eliminate the drop-off so one main street in town would remain clear during peak travel hours.

Brennan said the drop-off would be modified to preserve a newly discovered vernal pool in an adjacent area. He also offered to eliminate a street modification plan at the town's request.

The MBTA will realign the entrance on Route 3A to make drop-offs and pick-ups easier. The T also agreed to plant evergreen trees, which grow to a mature height of 15-25 feet, between the station and the cemetery.

Brennan said the T would not provide a second road for emergency access at Rocky Lane in the "unlikely event" that a train stalled on the grade crossing during a fire, police or medical emergency. He said the T was interested in a plan to provide alternate access through t he proposed Rose Hill subdivision, but the proponent of that project would have to pay for most of the road improvements.

Brennan offered to continue discussions on the MBTA's desire to close grade crossings at three private streets off South Main and provide alternate access. The T wants to close the crossings to prevent the train engineer from blowing the whistle, but the town wants the lanes open.

The T will meet with town officials this week to discuss cost-sharing the $1.5 million flood-control project for the James Brook basin. Town officials believe the Greenbush line will exacerbate flooding, but Brennan said the existing rail bed is not the source of flooding and restored service will not add to the problem.

In the Village, the T has agreed to keep train service on the existing right of way.

The T will replace only 20 spaces lost at Target Industries' parking lot, and will re-stripe the municipal lot to preserve the current number of spots. The T will not tear down the old public works building for more parking now that the Village Station is no longer an option.

Brennan said the T's vibration studies show that the train will not affect fragile or older buildings in the Village.

The T has refused to relocate the Strawberry Parfait restaurant. Brennan said the business would still have access to Pleasant Street and the trains would not affect the building's use as a restaurant. Brennan said the issue was legal as well as environmental and should be referred to the T's real estate division.

Brennan said it is the T's position that there are no extraordinary wetlands impacts in Cohasset. he said the T would work closely with the conservation commission. The T is exempt from local bylaws, although it must abide by the Wetlands Protection Act, Brennan added.

The T will also offered to provide information about rail bed pollutants, and to leave in town possession a strip of land on one side of the right of way for a walking or bicycle path.

Brennan said he would examine the impact the train would have on well fields, and would also discuss the issue with the Department of Environmental Protection.

Train

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details of which had not been finalized Monday night — is to ask the T to pay for a substantial amount of the $1.5 M James Brook flood control project. The train right-of-way runs through the James Brook basin.

Problems with the T range from the town being told that the North Main Street drop off must stay when the town wants it to go — to no commitment for a Route 3A station traffic light, which the town wants.

After considerable discussion, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan recommended a less confrontational approach at the upcoming meeting. He said a "contentious situation" with T officials would not be in the best interest of the town at this point.

The board did not accept the mitigation committee's vote to disband but agreed the committee needs a new charge to take it beyond mitigation issues. They will decide on the new direction at a later date.

The mitigation committee and selectmen agreed that a professional "point person" to deal with the T might be needed. It's not clear at this point how much hiring a consultant would cost.

Mitigation member Marty Corry said the town needs someone to take the work the mitigation committee has done and use political and legal means to get some satisfaction from the T.

The mitigation committee will talk to officials in other Old Colony Railroad towns, such as Abington, to find out what kind of problems they faced.

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Boring Not a Dull Topic

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we will issue the permit, draft our conditions, let them do the work, bill them for our consultant, and sue them when they don't pay."

Robert Egan, project manager for the T, said it was the MBTA's policy not to pay for consultants.

"We just don't have the funds to pay for everything," Egan said.

Egan advised the town to send a letter to MBTA General Manager Patrick Moynihan asking for special consideration.

Egan also urged the commission to approve the permit so boring work could begin immediately. He reminded commission members that the T was not bound by local bylaws.

"We have contacted individuals on whose property we will be working and we have legislation in place permitting the work," Egan said. "We are just telling you where we are going to work."

Meredith L. Avery, an environmental scientist for the T's engineer, Sverdrup Civil, Inc., said 42 holes must be drilled along the right of way to analyze ground conditions and stability for the track.

Conservation commission members were also angry that a boring drill turned out to be much larger than Avery had previously indicated.

At a previous conservation commission meeting, Avery told members that the drill would be a small, detachable unit transported to the site on a pick-up truck.

Last week, Avery produced a photo of the actual vehicle that will be used: a 10-foot wide, over-sized pick-up truck with a drill permanently mounted on the bed.

Michael Dick pointed out that a 10-foot-wide truck was a significant departure from a small, detachable drill.

But Avery countered that the truck was consistent with Sverdrup's report on how the work would be done.

"You've also given testimony here in which you described a smaller rig," Dick said. "That testimony is also part of the official record."

Avery said the truck would require a 10-foot-wide path through environmentally sensitive areas. She pledged to perform all required mitigation work in sensitive areas.

Avery said Sverdrup would hold off on boring work until a biologist finished a vernal pool survey along the right of way.

Dick said the conservation commission's position on the consultant would send a strong message to the T.

"Now is the time to lay the groundwork to preserve the rights of the town wherever we can," Dick said. "We're here to preserve the towns bylaws and I want to do that."

Conservation commission chairman Vee Roebuck felt the town should save its resources for major battles in the future.

"We are talking as if we can stop the Greenbush line in our small town," Roebuck said. "Do you really think the rail can ever come through Cohasset to our satisfaction?"

Dick said he felt the town's position was strong because the T was clearly ignoring Environmental Secretary Trudy Coxe's directive in the draft EIR that it compromise with towns wherever reasonable and possible.

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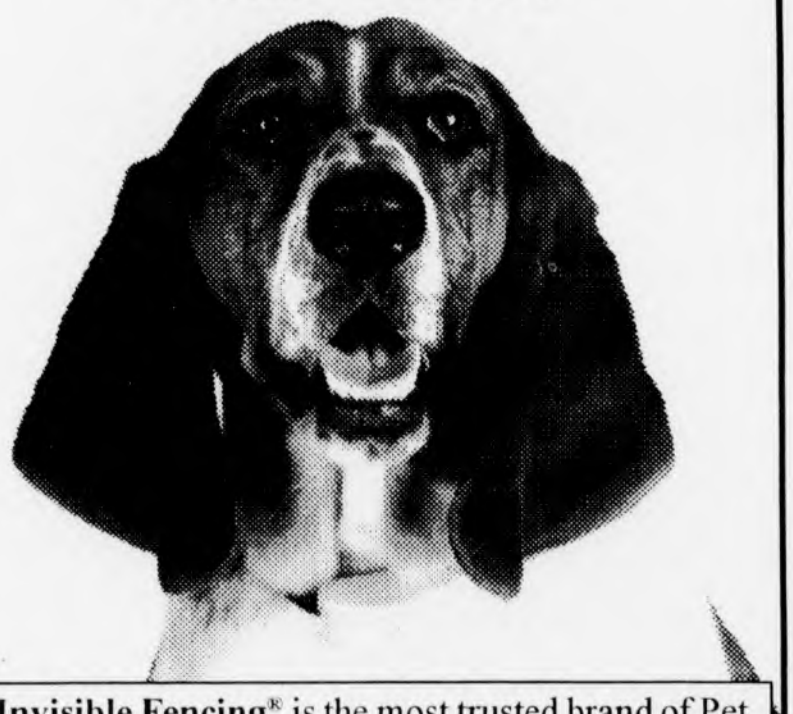
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$10M Override for Sewers Okayed

If it could have passed by "willing" it alone, Maria Plante of Jerusalem Road did her share Saturday for the 50/50 shared sewer funding plan.

Plante — watching, lobbying and persuading whenever she could — "worked" the election from 8 a.m. until nearly 7:30 p.m. when the good news was announced to boisterous cheers and gasps of relief from proponents.

The $10 million sewer override by the narrow margin of 56 votes. Half of the $20 million project, which will install sewers in north and central Cohasset, will be subsidized through the tax base. Property owners will pay 55cents more annually per $1,000 of assessed valuation. Through the debt exclusion override, taxes to pay for the sewer will increase during the life of the bond issue. An override was necessary because the cost of the project could not be absorbed within the 2-1/2 percent mandatory tax cap.

Last year, an override for 50/50 shared funding for the north Cohasset project failed by 67 votes. Proponents hoped that joining north and central Cohasset into one override would provide enough votes to pass the override.

Plante was back as usual in the audience at the selectmen's meeting Monday night to thank the board and townspeople for their support of the shared funding through the override. Her north Cohasset neighbor and fellow activist, Diane C. Sullivan, as the town's newest selectman was on the other side of the desk. For complete election results, see page 11.

CHL Will Clean Swale, Owner Paul Barry Says

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Paul Barry, owner of Cohasset Heights Landfill, has agreed to clean siltation from a swale located on Trustees of Reservations property.

Conservation consultant Paul Shea said the work wouldn't begin before June 15 because the ground is too wet in the spring. Barry also agreed to extend clean up work farther into the area around the swale to remove phragmites — large, invasive weeds that are frequently evidence of environmental distress — only if it was a viable option.

The Department of Environmental Protection has directed CHL to remove siltation from the swale. The siltation has altered the depth of the swale, producing a shallower body of water.

Barry said the asphalt run-off came from an access road located on his landfill. The edge of the road deteriorated and migrated into the swale, filling it with siltation.

Conservation commission member Tom Callahan was pleased to have an agreement to clean up the swale, but he complained that there was much more to be done.

"I would like to see you expand this work to include all of area C in the surrounding area," Callahan said. "If cleaning the stream bed is something you can do in the short run, by all means, do it. It satisfies the state issue but we have other issues. My recollection is we were going to revisit all area C as part of the consent order"

Callahan was annoyed that CHL had not yet produced an agreement for judgment that would end a wetlands dispute in court for area D, although he said he heard the agreement had been signed.

Barry said he was reviewing the agreement for judgment with his lawyer, Anton Moehrke, to make sure all points in the document were acceptable.

Callahan said CHL agreed last year under the terms of an administrative consent order to repair area D. CHL never did the work and the town had to sue Barry in Norfolk District Court to enforce the order.

Now CHL is prepared to sign an agreement for judgment in the town's favor that would order the clean up of area D

Callahan said the agreement for judgment would have to be modified to include the clean-up work in the swale. He also felt the agreement should be modified to remove phragmites in area C.

Barry said he would remove the phragmites only if the conditions were right.

"We want to remove the sedimentation and contamination as DEP has requested," Barry said. "But if we have to go 100 yards into the wetlands to clean the swale and the phragmites are 300 yards in, do we want to disturb 200 yards of untouched land?"

Barry said he also has a consultant's report that shows the phragmites are shrinking.

"Why disturb 200 yards of land if the phragmites are shrinking?" Barry asked.

Callahan scoffed at the assertion that the phragmites were shrinking.

"Shrinking phragmites is highly implausible," Callahan said. "But we're going to have to go in there at some point and we might as well take care of this."

Barry said he would use a Bobcat to cut a path from his property into the wooded area around the swale. Workers would remove the siltation with hand tools, and remove it from the wetlands with a conveyor belt.

Shea said the work was a good idea and would probably restore the swale to its original depth.

Barry complained that the state was singling him out for polluting the swale with a common construction material, asphalt.

"I wonder, if you examined all the storm drains on Route 3A, a state road, I bet you would find this same type of asphalt runoff," Barry said.

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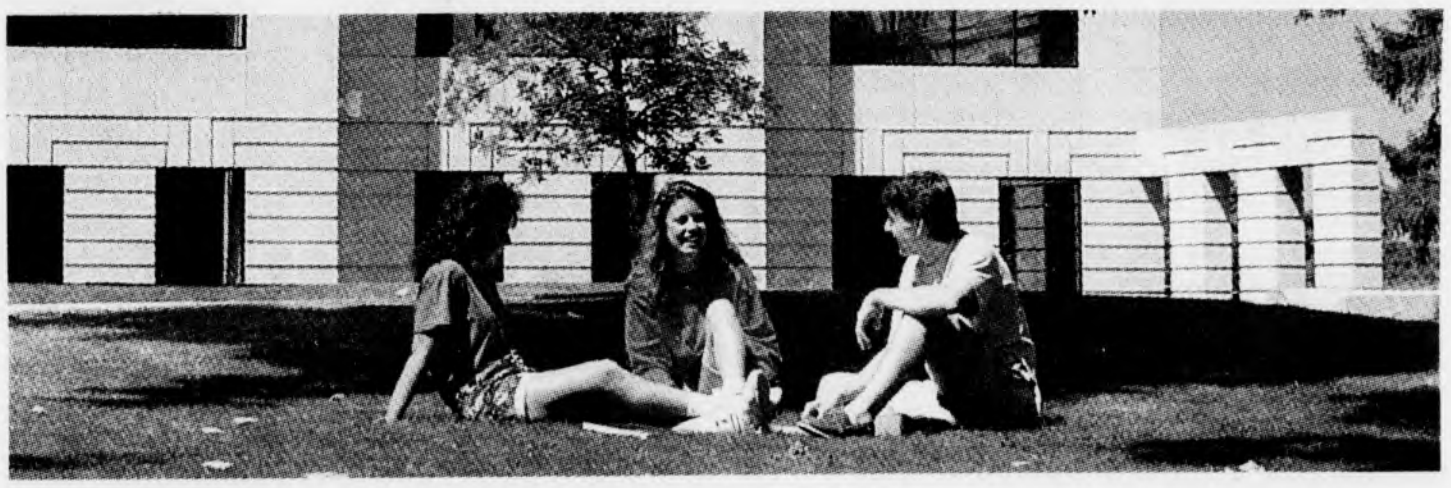
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Geordie Carrick, Christopher Brown, Chase Manifase, Robby McCunney, and Blair McGreenery take part in the Trike-a-Thon. Behind the kids is Marianne Smith, South Shore Community Center Nursery School teacher.

Cohasset Pre-Schoolers Trike for Safety

Event Raised Money to Fight Childhood Cancer

Preschoolers from the South Shore Community Center Nursery School (SSCCNS) in Cohasset donned their tricycle helmets recently and set off to raise money for Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Trike-A-Thon culminated a week-long educational program conducted by pre-school teacher Marianne Smith to encourage safe riding behavior among children and to raise money to fight childhood cancer.

Accidents on bicycles, tricycles and other riding toys are a leading cause of death and injury of young children, according to Smith, who conducted safety lessons through storytelling and coloring projects. Some of the assignments were done by students at home, where parents were also reminded of the importance of safe bicycle instruction. Students then relayed this important information to other students in the nursery school through special presentations.

'We thought this was a timely project for students, who would learn the safety rules of the road while helping those less fortunate.'
— Lynne Sheridan, nursery school director.

A final exam included a morning Trike-A-Thon, where children put into practice the lessons they learned while riding along a supervised course set up by school officials and parents. The simulated course included road signs as well as common hazards children encounter, from curbs and driveways to loose pets and bouncing balls.

"As summer approaches more children will begin to learn or continue to perfect their riding skills," said SSCCNS director Lynne Sheridan.

"We thought this was a timely project for students, who would learn the safety rules of the road while helping those less fortunate," she said.

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'Let's Play Ball'

Opening Day Kicks Off Little League Season



Brendan Burn receives his trophy for being a member of last year's Major League champion squad, Dodgers, during Saturday's opening day ceremony at Barnes Field.

Photo by Mary S. Earon

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray was scheduled to be out of town last weekend, but there was one annual event she just couldn't miss. She had to be on the pitcher's mound of Harold F. Barnes Field to throw out the first ball, kicking off the Cohasset Little League season.

"I couldn't go," she said of her scheduled trip. "This is where I belong.

"We're here to have fun and learn the fundamentals of baseball."

Jeanette Murray wound up and threw a strike to catcher Brian Lewis. "If it's okay with you," she asked the crowd of players, parents and relatives, "let's play ball."

With those words, a cheer rose from the more than 200 budding baseball players at Harold F. Barnes Field on Saturday morning.

Despite the windy, chilly conditions, there was an excitement in the air as the players, dressed in clean, slick uniforms, gathered on and around the neatly cropped infield grass. Members of 1996 champion Dodgers squad were awarded trophies for their sterling season and drew a huge applause from the crowd.

The American and Cohasset Little League flags rippled fiercely in the wind, which was blowing in from center field. The long ball would not be a factor on this day. Banners draped the outfield and first-base line fences.

Opening day got off without a hitch at 8:30 a.m. as the annual parade made its way from Cohasset Village down Main Street to the field.

Mark DeGiacomo, a member of the league's board of directors, gave a refreshing speech, explaining the philosophy and purpose of Little League baseball in Cohasset.

"The purpose of Little League is spelled right out in our emblem," he said. "It is to teach loyalty, courage and character. While all three are lofty goals, I will submit to you that there is a first among equals, and that is character."

As the rematch of last year's championship game between the Dodgers and A's grew close, the electronic scoreboard in right field was turned on.

Considering it was the first time this year the scoreboard was lit up, one may think it would draw notice. But it didn't. The players were too busy taking infield practice and trying to loosen their arms in the chilly, opening day air. There was a game to be played, the first of the season.

Batmen Falling Short of Tourney

By Jim O'Sullivan
COHASSET MARINER

The Cohasset High baseball team limped to the halfway mark of their season with a 4-6 record after two tough losses to Norwell and East Bridgewater. With a patchwork pitching staff and a lineup that has yet to catch fire at the plate, the squad needs to win six of its next 10 to earn a berth in the tourney, to say nothing of winning a higher seed and, possibly, home-field advantage.

Over April vacation, Cohasset squared off against South Shore Vo-Tech, winning both games handily behind the strong pitching of Joe Pergola and Joe Magner. The two Vo-Tech victories brought the Skippers to the .500 mark at 4-4 and left them with 12 games left and six wins needed to make the tourney. A week and a half later and Cohasset still needs those six victories.

Last Monday afternoon, the team traveled to Norwell to face the Clippers. The teams had met earlier in the season, with the Skippers winning. This time, however, they wouldn't be so lucky, despite a pair of RBI doubles by sophomore third baseman Al Schwerin. Pergola again took the hill, and pitched well enough to win. He took a perfect game into the fourth inning and a no-hitter into the fifth. But suspect fielding and scratch hits allowed Norwell to scrape two runs together and tie the game in the seventh. Two innings later, with the Skippers' bats dozing peacefully, the Clippers pushed across the winning run.

Also last week, Cohasset fell to East Bridgewater, 7-4, in another game which they could have won. Again, the boys in blue could not string together seven solid innings and folded under the pressure. With 10 games remaining, they need six wins.

Things would go from bad to worse on Sunday afternoon. The Carver Crusaders paid a visit to the South Shore and emerged with a victory, triumphing 8-3 over a lifeless Skipper squad. Cohasset had several defensive lapses early and their bats didn't get cracking until the sixth inning. Greg Taylor racked up an RBI, as did Bob Buckley, but Cohasset couldn't muster enough offense and dropped its third game in a row.

Monday's contest against Norton was no better. The Skippers were thrashed by an unprintably obscene score and embarrassed by the Lancers. Despite two hits apiece from Pat Hurley and Kevin McKenna, the visiting team was only able to collect three runs in a losing cause.

Now, the Cohasset Skippers find themselves in dire straits. With eight games to go, six games are needed to earn them a tourney berth. If they aspire to winning a higher seed, then all eight of those games would certainly help.

Soccer Jamboree to Feature Revolution Star

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

The sport is still struggling to find its niche with the American television audience, but among the kids who spend their weekends playing soccer, it can't be beat.

Need proof? Head up to Milliken Field on Saturday morning for the fifth annual Scituate/Cohasset Spring Soccer Jamboree. Organized by the Cohasset Soccer Club, the event includes more than 200 boys and girls under-10 teams from both towns.

The jamboree will feature New England Revolution player Sam George, who will be on hand from 1:30 to 3 p.m. to sign autographs and have his picture taken with local players in front of a Revolution banner.

John Magruder, director of Cohasset's under-10 program, said the jamboree gives the younger soccer players the chance to compete on different fields than they are used to. Traveling teams in Cohasset are limited to older players.

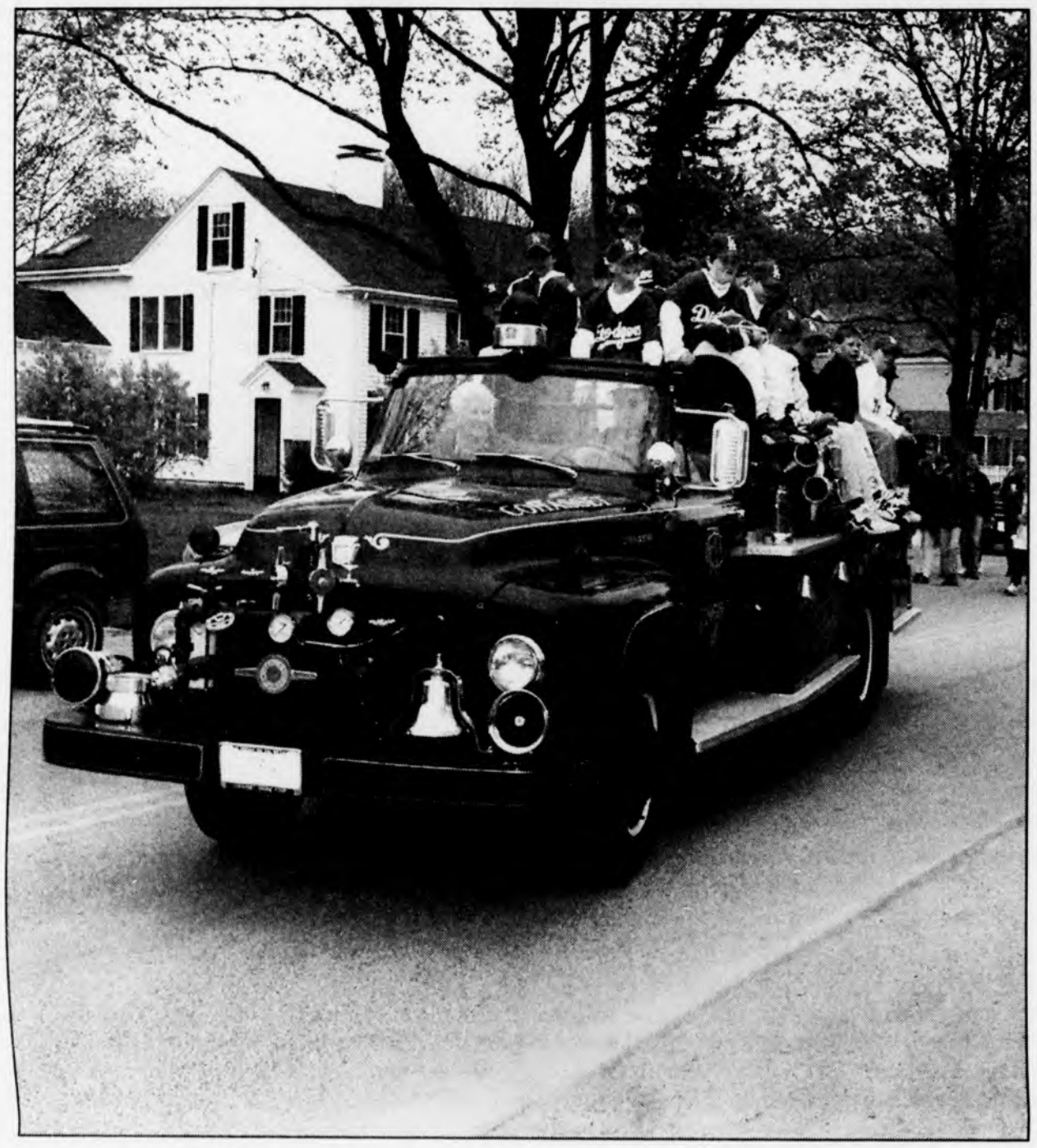
"It was exceptionally well received last year," Magruder said. "Under-10 kids don't travel a lot. This gives them the chance to play another town."

The Cohasset Soccer Club includes Kindergarten-age kids through the under-12 players. In all, more than 400 kids participate in the spring program in Cohasset alone.

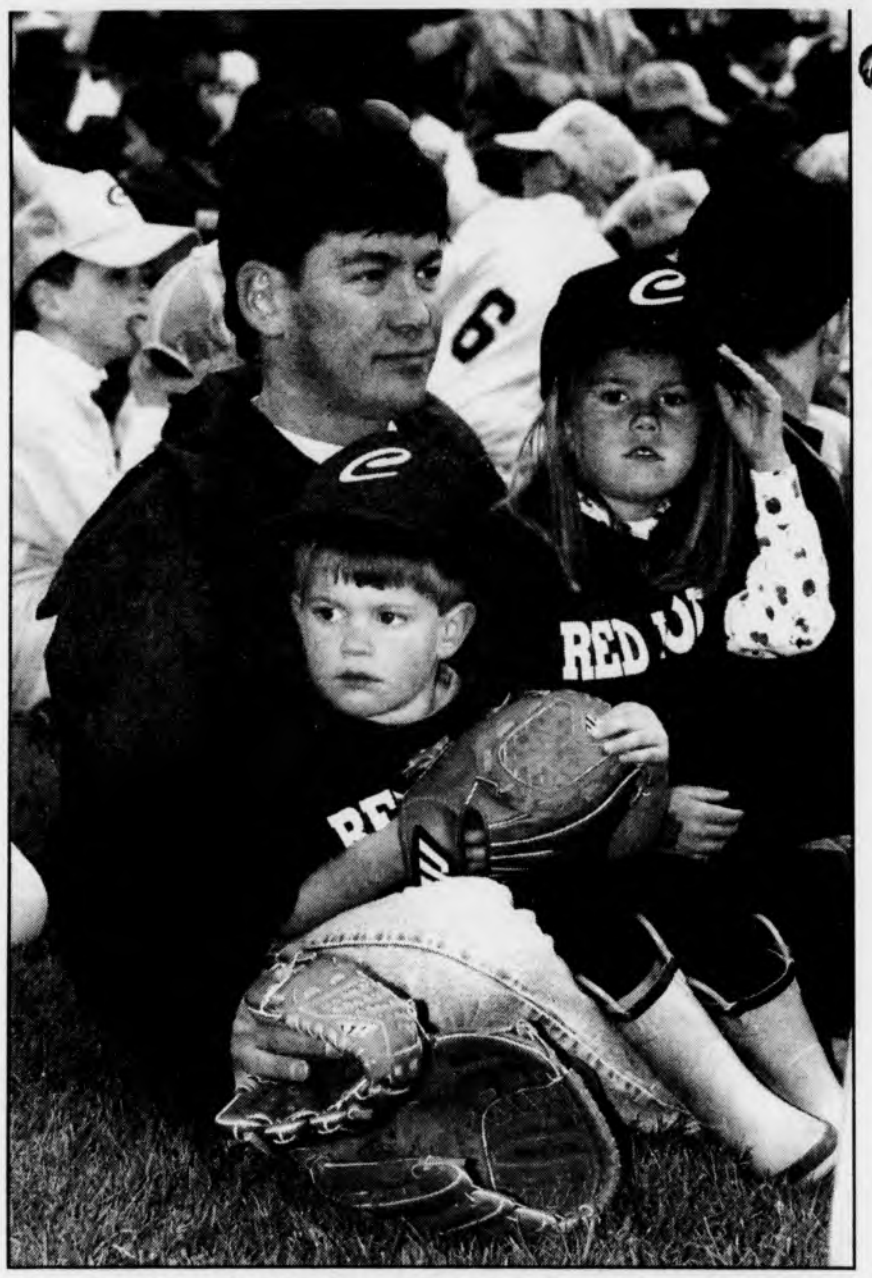
As competitive as the kids get on the field, the league's philosophy is to promote exercise and an appreciation of the game for the kids. To do that, coaches do very little fundamental work at an early age.

"It's running around and having fun for the kids," Magruder said. "We try to teach the kids to have fun so they go away with a good experience from playing soccer."

Time to Play Ball in Cohasset



Last year's Little League champion Dodgers get to ride in style during Saturday's opening day ceremonies.



Jay Monaco takes in the opening day festivities with his kids Michael and Kristin.



State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray throws out the first pitch as Cohasset Little Leaguers look on in the background.



Shortstop Brian Lewis of the champion Dodgers squad warms up before the start of his opening day game.

Photos by Bill Wadsworth



Members of the Cohasset Little League team, Moody Blues, chat with one another during Saturday's opening day ceremony at Barnes Field.

Photo by Mary S. Earon

Little League Dance

The annual Little League dance and fund raiser will be held on May 17 at Kimball's by the Sea from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. There will be hor d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Music will be provided by "The Greatful Dads." Tickets are $25. For tickets or donations to the auction, contact Kevin Lewis at 383-2076.

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Situated across from the picturesque Old Oaken Bucket Pond in the Greenbush area, Belsan Bait & Tackle, carries fresh live and frozen bait, as well as a full line of salt and fresh water tackle, featuring names like Penn, Shimano and Daiwa.

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Belsan Bait & Tackle offers professional rod and reel repair and plans to run fishing clinics for children and adults. "Kids' clinics" for young fishers ages 6 to 12 will be held May 17 and 18. In addition, the fisherman to weigh in the first 25-pound striped bass keeper at Belsan Bait & Tackle will receive a gift certificate for $35.

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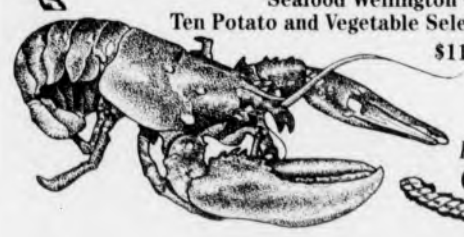
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The A's coaching staff of Ray Hanian, Jim French and Dave Curry developed a sound team during the course of the season and battled the Dodgers to the final out. Team members included Jimmy French, Kevin Hanian, Trey Curry, Scott Faber, Alex Berg, D.J. Lanzillotti, Tim Anton, Mark Chapman, Robbie Lehr, Nick Cavanaugh, Trevor Hardie and Willy MacArthur.

Members of the champion Dodgers included three-year team members Liam and Yari Martin, Kyle Webber, Brian Lewis, Andrew Walsh and Jeff Scribner. Two-year members included Brendan Byrne, William Prendergast, Curt Kahn and John Dwyer. The rookies were Mark Lewis and Andrew Lovalo.

The Dodgers were coached by Steve Webber, Don Roines and Kevin Lewis.

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Directors are P.G.A. Professionals Holly Taylor, Art Cornwell and Charlie Lanzetta.

For more information or to sign up, call (617) 878-5836.

1997 Summer Sports Camps and Programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 1997 for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball Camp

Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27, ages 7 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $140. Ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $75. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club.

Basketball Camp

Tuesday, July 8 to Friday, July 11, grades four to six, price $120. Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18, grades six to nine, price $150. Price includes a camp shirt. Cohasset High School. Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff.

V.I.P. Soccer Camps

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25, front field, CHS. Soccer ABC's, ages 4 and 5, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., price $50. Half day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., price $80. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by V.I.P. soccer—Dave Pike and Ross Irwin.

South Shore Soccer Camps

Both weeks are optional for boys and girls. Monday, Aug. 4 to Friday, Aug. 8, ages 8 to 18. Monday, Aug. 11 to Friday, Aug. 15, ages 8 to 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., price $175, Cohasset High School. Price includes camp shirt and ball. Directed by SSSC—Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz.

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Monday evenings, 6:30 to 8 p.m., grades five and six (entering fall '97), Deer Hill School, June 30 to Aug. 18, price $35. Full equipment necessary, gloves, helmet, pads and stick.

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People over 50, and those responsible for older adults, now can gather information on resources, services and products designed specifically to meet their needs all under one roof at Eldercorps' first Valued Aging Conference and Exposition at Boston's Bayside Expo Center May 16-17.

Eldercorps, a non-profit, membership organization that supports productive and valued aging, is producing the event, which will feature more than 90 educational conference sessions, presentations, workshops and nearly 100 exhibits.

The Valued Aging Conference and Exposition grew out of Eldercorps' Annual Conference on Productive and Valued Aging at Harvard University. "We've created an event unlike others for mature individuals by listening to what they need and want," said Rad Romeyn, Eldercorps executive director. "As a 65-year-old woman told me, 'I want to come to one event where I can learn what resources are available to me and where I can meet like-minded older adults so we can explore what we can do to give our lives purpose'."

Conference topics range from finding personal meaning in older years, to how and where to keep learning, how to take control of finances, strategies for community involvement, elderpreneurship and more. The exposition features products, services and resources for mature individuals in categories like estate planning, financial security, healthcare, housing, family caregiving, health, fitness and well-being and lifelong learning.

Registration for conference sessions begins at 9 a.m. and continues throughout the day both days. The exposition is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The Valued Aging Conference and Exposition will also generate new initiatives and elder recognition progr ams. The event will introduce programs like the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans Learning Center at the Boston Renaissance Charter School, where older adults can join the computer world, and Eldercorps' successful Elderpreneur of the Year Awards, which recognizes dynamic older adults who have recently initiated a new business or local community service or other enterprise.

Major sponsors of the Valued Aging Conference and Exposition include John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, Vencor and Community Newspaper Company.

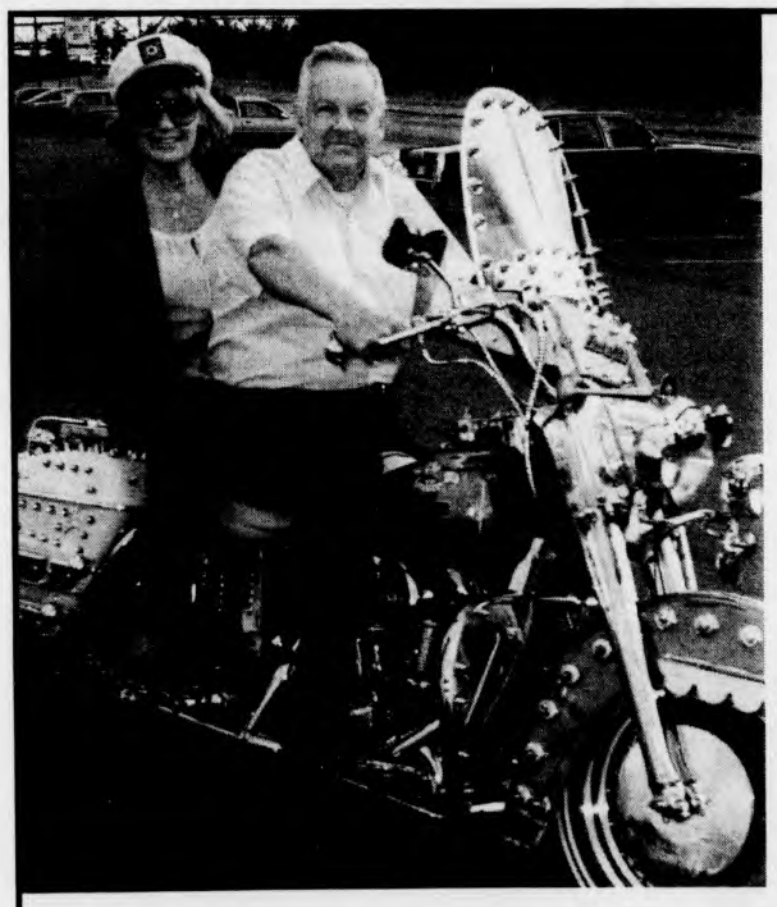
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Friday, May 16

9 a.m. *Conference Registration Begins & Exposition Opens*
10 a.m. *Keynote Address*
Timeless Healing: The Power & Biology of Belief by speaker Herbert Benson, M.D., Founder & President, Mind/Body Medical Institute.
10 - 11 a.m. *Workshops*
• Computers Can Be Fun • Coping Strategies for the Alzheimer's Caregiver • For the Love of Dance • Aging with Beauty • 100 & Still Kicking• Sexuality in the 2nd Half of Lif e• Navigating the Eldercare Maze
11 a.m. *Keynote Address* Valued Aging: The Challenge of a New Stage of Life Elsie Frank, President, Massachusetts Association of Older Americans
11 a.m. - 12 *Workshops* • Computers Help You Remember • Positive Aging • Writing Your Autobiography • Aging with Beauty • Working for Credit • Avoiding the Real Estate Tax Trap • Cross Cultural Aging Films • Staying in Your Home • Tai Chi & Meditation
12 p.m. *Fashion Show* by Maturity Matters
12 - 3 p.m. *Computer Open House*
12 - 1 p.m. *Workshops* Massage Sessions • Playfulness Is Ageless •High Touch Meets High Tech – Solutions to Medication Compliance • What Is Normal Aging? • Speaking Up • Stress: Sources & Solutions • 55 Alive
1 p.m. *Keynote Address* In Pursuit of Lifelong Learning, Marty Knowlton, Founder, Elderhostel
1 - 2:30 p.m. *Film Festival*
1 - 2 p.m. *Workshops* Computers Can Get It for You • Finding the Pocket in You • Spiritual Eldering • Aging with Beauty • From Generation to Generation • Older Women's Issues Roundtable • Caregiving & the Family • A Community Service Project • What about Medicare HMOs?
2 p.m. *Keynote Address* Long Term Care Myth Information Joan Melanson, Director, Long Term Care Marketing John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company
2 - 3 p.m. *Workshops* Computers Connect You to the World • Creating a Senior Volunteer Program • Writing Your Memoirs • Aging with Beauty • Pension Planning• Old Friends/New Friends Roundtable • Cooking with Nutrition • Keeping Fit Mentally & Physically • Cutting through the Health Insurance Maze
3 - 4 p.m. *Workshops* Who Pays for Long Term Care? • An Introduction to Investments • Working in Retirement • Aging with Beauty • Understanding Social Security • Aging: Viewing the Landscape • Don't Let Them Take Your Money • Cerebral Fitness for the Adult Brain • Work & Employment Roundtable
3:30 - 4:45 p.m. *Film*
5 p.m. *Conference & Exposition Closes*

Saturday, May 17

9 a.m. *Conference Registration Begins & Exposition Opens*
10 a.m. *Keynote Address* Main Stage
What Is Valued Aging? Freda Rebelsky, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Boston University
10 - 11 a.m. *Workshops* Preventing Back Pain in Osteoporosis • What's So Funny about Growing Older? • A Lifecare Community • Aging with Beauty • Whole Brain Learning / Whole Body Health • The Forgotten Retail Market • Fitness for Older Adults • Elderhostel Roundtable
11 a.m. *Keynote Address* Empowering Seniors through Multisensory Learning Ruth Wolverton & Sylvia Barnes, Founders of Australian Productive Aging Foundation
11 a.m. - 12 *Workshops* Computers Can Get It for You • Avoiding the Estate Tax Trap • Elderpreneurship •Aging with Beauty • Older Men's Issues Roundtable • You Too Can Produce TV • Managed Care for Seniors: What's It All About?
12 p.m. *Fashion Show* by Maturity Matters
12 - 1 p.m. *Workshops* Computers Connect You to the World • Understanding Medicare • Choosing an Independent Living Community • The Connection between Body & Mind • Understanding Memory Loss
1 p.m. *Workshop* "Healthy Heart: What you need to know."
1 - 2:30 p.m. *Film*
1 - 2 p.m. *Workshops* Putting Your Best Foot Forward • Assisted Living Options • Caregiving & the Family • Aging with Beauty • The Importance of Self-advocacy • Staying in Your Home • Cutting through the Health Insurance Maze
2 - 3 p.m. *Workshops* Computers Help You Remember • Family Friends Need You • Investing for Women • Aging with Beauty • Who Pays for Long Term Care? • Examine Your Doctor • Spirituality Roundtable • Living with Arthritis through Exercise
3 p.m. *Computer Open House*
3 - 4 p.m. *Workshops* Cross Cultural Aging Film • Aging with Beauty • A Poetry Reading • Cerebral Fitness for the Adult Brain
3:30 - 4:45 p.m. *Film Festival*
5 p.m. *Conference & Exposition Closes*

More than 90 workshops and activities geared to those age 50 and older

The Valued Aging Conference and Exposition comprises more than 90 keynote addresses, workshops and presentations covering topics from finding personal meaning in older years to taking control of finances.

The conference was co-developed by event producer Eldercorps and the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, in conjunction with a committee of experts in older adult issues. The conference literally is too expansive to cover all at once, says Rad Romeyn, Eldercorps executive director, but some aspects stand out.

Keynote speakers will discuss varied topics including: "Timeless Healing", "Valued Aging", "Lifelong Learning", "Long Term Care Myths" and an "Introduction to Investments."

The workshops and roundtable sessions will encompass a wide range of topics of interest to older adults. They will include, for example, "Sexuality in the 2nd Half of Life," "Older Men's Issues," "Tai Chi & Meditation," "Avoiding the Estate Tax Trap," "Navigating the Eldercare Maze," "Computers Connect You to the World," "Political Action," Choosing an Independent Living Community," "Aging with Beauty," "Travel for Adventure" and many more.

Special activities run the gamut from fashion shows, to massage sessions to computer training.

New initiatives will be introduced at the conference and spin off a life of their own after the event. One of these actually will expand on its previous success, that is, the Educational Conference at First Valued Aging Conference and Exposition Elderpreneur of the Year Awards. Developed by Eldercorps, these awards recognize men and women over 55 who have applied a lifetime of experience and expertise to new challenges.

The event combines this expansive educational conference with an exposition of about 100 exhibits featuring products, services and resources for mature individuals in categories like estate planning, health care and housing.

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Valued Aging Conference and Exposition Information

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TIME: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (both days)
LOCATION: Bayside Exposition Center, Boston
COST: General admission is $6. One dollar off general admission for seniors

DIRECTIONS: Southeast Expressway to exit 15
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School Notebook

Gala Art Opening Planned

Deer Hill School will be hosting a Gala Art opening, Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. This art show entitled "Favorites 1997" represents the art work of all Deer Hill students. Each student has chosen his/her favorite art work of the year to be included in this exhibit. There will be refreshments and music. All are invited to attend. Admission is free.

In addition to this year's annual art show, Deer Hill will be celebrating the grand unveiling of a permanent clay installation created by Deer Hill sixth grade students.

For additional information on this event, call Ann Berman, art teacher, (617) 383-6115.

Post Prom Committee Seeks Support

The Post Prom Breakfast Committee for the graduating seniors has come up with some ideas to make this year's event the best ever.

The breakfast will be held this year at the Second Congregational Church and has traditionally been well attended by the seniors in past years. This year, along with the delicious food which is provided by the parents of the attendees, the committee would like to offer a little more to keep the prom-goers entertained.

"We were thrilled with the number of parents who are willing to help out this year and the support from the school has been great, too" reports co-chair Donna O'Donnell. "However, some of the ideas would require more money than we presently have available for this event."

Community support for this breakfast would be very much appreciated to help fund the surprise entertainment. The committee is looking for cash donations in the range of $15.

"The main focus is to keep the students safe and away from danger. Prom night is always a worry for parents and post prom activities have become a big part of the prom night festivities in order to keep the teens out of their cars and away from drugs and alcohol," said co-chair Debbie Niessink.

If you would like to help the committee provide a safe, fun night for the prom-goers, please consider sending a donation to the Post-Prom Breakfast Committee. Checks may be made payable to Donna O'Donnell and mailed to her at 196 Fairoaks Lane.

Summer Arts at Derby

Registration is now open for "Summer Arts at Derby 1997" at Derby Academy in Hingham. "Summer Arts at Derby" is a comprehensive arts program for ages eight to 15, that offers classes in drama, music, visual arts, dance, writing, gymnastics, martial arts, photography, and sports. Students choose their own schedules for the five-week program. Dates are June 30 to Aug. 1; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The program culminates in an arts festival Friday, Aug. 1. For more information, call Thalia McMillion, director, at (617) 740-4766.

Derby Has Role in Environmental Study

Derby Academy sixth-graders will have an opportunity to participate in an Environmental Impact Study conducted by engineers from Color and Colantonio. The school will utilize the findings in long range campus planning and renewal. The students will be able to see the importance of their work now and in the years to come.

This study of the Derby campus and the surrounding area, including Broad Cove, will give students a chance to put their math and science skills to work in a real life situation. They will participate in observations, measurements, and data gathering with the engineers. The fieldwork will be the basis for computer analysis and completion of DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) forms that will be submitted to the town's Conservation Commission. With the engineers, the students will review the findings and help prepare the report. They will accompany the engineers and school officials to an informal presentation before the Hingham Conservation Commission at the end of May.

DRUG FACT



Dr. Donald Macdonald of the Florida Pediatric Society conducted a survey of 100 youngsters in Straight, a drug-free rehabilitation center in St. Petersburg, Fla. The boys and girls, ages 12 to 18, were from middle- and upper-income families. All had been heavy marijuana and hashish users. Prior to entering the program 85 percent had coughs; 75 percent had chest pains, and 40 percent had been taken to doctors for those and other symptoms including headaches, sinus trouble, sore throat, laryngitis and chronic fatigue. The physicians had done a variety of tests including EEG's, x-rays, nasal smears, TB skin tests, sputum cultures, urine tests and complete blood tests. Only eight of the doctors had asked about drugs. All eight youngsters denied drug use. And all eight doctors dropped the subject. When Dr. Macdonald made his survey, the 100 boys and girls had been drug-free for four to 12 months. They had received virtually no medication at Straight. Aside from the cough, all symptoms for which they'd been taken to the doctor, had disappeared — and 94 percent said they felt much better physically.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Investing in annuities requires research

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Investors looking for a tax break are often tempted by annuities. Who wouldn't want to watch their money grow tax-deferred? And with a variable annuity you can do just that; but the tax break comes at a price.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Like other retirement accounts, annuities lock up your investment for a long period of time, and some penalize you for tapping into your money before you reach retirement age. Most importantly, annuities are on the



whole more expensive than the average no-load mutual fund. Higher investment gains may be eaten up by fees and expenses, leaving the investor marginally better off with this choice of investment.

What's an annuity? Insurance and money management companies sell many different kinds. Simply put they are an investment product combined with an insurance policy that allows money to grow tax-free until withdrawn in retirement, at which time it is taxed as income. The insurance policy consists of a death benefit which ensures that an investor's heirs will receive at least the original investment even if the market crashes around the time the investor dies. Some annuities may promise more than that, such as minimum annual interest on the principal or other benefits to protect the principal investment.

Variable annuities are one of the most popular annuities right now. They seem attractive at first glance because they allow investors to choose their investments from a family of mutual funds. Usually the annuity funds are similar in investment focus to the non-annuity funds in the mutual fund family, but the funds are kept separate for tax purposes. In many ways buying a variable annuity resembles buying mutual funds in your IRA or in a company 401(k) plan. But these annuities are costly. They almost always charge more per year than their mutual fund counterparts.

"There are more cost-effective ways to invest," said J. Michael Martin, president of Financial Advantage in Columbia, Maryland. "[Annuities] are overused because they are pushed so hard by sales people -- they are usually a high commission product."

Martin says some investors even make the mistake of buying annuities for their IRA accounts, which means they are paying extra for the tax-deferral component when they don't have to.

Many companies charge one percent of the principal each year -- on top of the other expenses involved in running the annuity mutual fund, such as fees for prospectuses and the money manager's salary -- to compensate themselves for the risk of paying a death benefit and to cover the commission of the broker or insurance agent who sold the annuity.

That explains why the average expense ratio for variable annuities is 2.08 percent, significantly more than the 1.42 percent average for U.S. diversified equity mutual funds, according to Morningstar in Chicago.

Some financial planners say the death benefit isn't necessarily worth the added cost. "You shouldn't buy an annuity for the death benefit," said Scott Dunn, assistant scientist market research, LIMRA International. There are other ways to ensure your family will be provided for when you die, he said, that may be more cost-effective, such as life insurance. After all, under the worse possible conditions your heirs simply get back the money you invested with no interest -- not too impressive.

To be fair, an annuity might be the right product for someone who wants to supplement his 401(k) and his IRA contributions. Because of the added costs for annuities, many conscientious financial planners will make sure you've put as much money as you are allowed into an IRA and 401(k) before starting an annuity.

But you should be aware of repercussions associated with early withdrawal. Many annuity companies charge a surrender fee somewhere south of 10 percent if you withdraw the money early.

In addition, all earnings on the withdrawn money will be taxed as ordinary income, even if those earnings are capital gains and could be otherwise taxed at a lower tax percentage.

If an investor can live with the inflexibility and not touch his money, eventually his funds will appreciate more in an annuity than in a comparable mutual fund; but the gains aren't all that impressive. The high costs of annuities usually make the tax-deferred gains marginal.

Those investors who have decided that the benefits of annuities outweigh the costs should take note; there are new variable annuities that have low fees and no surrender charges, making them better investment products.

SMART MONEY

Kids and savings

- If your child receives a weekly allowance of $2 and he or she decides to save $1 of the $2, match your child's $1.



Child puts $1 in the piggy bank.

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Child has $2 in the piggy bank and $1 to spend.

SOURCE: *Liberty Financial Young Investor survey*

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It's Happening

Yard Sale to Benefit 10th Appalachia Trip

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is sponsoring their annual yard sale, Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset (next to town hall). Items can be donated any morning from Monday through Friday. For other times or for pickup of large items by appointment, please call 383-0345. Proceeds will be used to support our 10th trip, this year to Campbell County, Tennessee, where 84 Cohasset volunteers will work to help repair and upgrade homes of needy families. Bright and early, the morning of Saturday, June 28, 48 teenagers, 12 college-age youth and 24 adults will board buses to head for Tennessee and spend the following week working on 12 homes. We will then return to Cohasset, "good-tired" and inspired, Sunday evening, July 6. To help us get there, we would appreciate your support of "treasures" and "treasure" in our up-coming yard sale. Also, please mark your calendars for our car washes as well, May 31 and June 14, also in front of Second Congregational Church.

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'Internet for Dummies' Author Speaks May 8

What do families at the Boston Computer Museum, rocket scientists in Washington, D.C., faculty at McGill University in Montreal, and Cohasset residents all have in common? All have the chance to hear Carol Baroudi, co-author of the million-plus seller "The Internet for Dummies." Baroudi has guaranteed us a "hot time" on May 8 when she comes to Cohasset High School at 7:30 p.m. and presents an engaging, funny, thoughtful look at how new technology affects us and what we can do to get the most out of it.

Baroudi has spoken to audiences throughout America and in Europe and Canada. She was recently featured in The Interview in "The Boston Globe" magazine. Her book has been translated into 14 languages. She has been lauded for her ability to explain, both in print and verbally, the global Information Revolution and its boundless opportunities in a manner that is both understandable and entertaining.

Mark your calendars. Save the date. Join us for this special evening, Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., in the Cohasset High School cafeteria. Sponsored by the Cohasset PSO.

Not Your Ordinary Plant Sale

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will host a "Not Your Ordinary" plant sale, Saturday, May 10 at 9 a.m. in the Lighthouse Keepers Cottage, Border Street, Cohasset. Rain or shine!

Many choice, uncommon and "hard to find" items will be featured, including perennials, small trees, ground covers, herbs and ornamental grasses.

Proceeds will benefit the club's many civic projects and the scholarship fund. Complimentary coffee will be served. Come early for best selection.

Pops Concert May 14

The annual Pops Concert will take place in the Cohasset High School cafeteria Wednesday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to come and enjoy an evening of fine vocal and instrumental music presented by the students of Cohasset High. Refreshments are included in the $5 cost of admission.

This event is sponsored by the Arts Boosters Club and all the proceeds are used to support the arts at Cohasset High School.

Glastonbury Abbey Plant Sale

Saturday, May 10, 8:30 a.m. to noon, a large selection of plants will be found for sale on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St. (Route 228) in Hingham. Perennials, ground cover, herbs, annuals, fruit and vegetable plants, house plants and bushes will be on sale. Plants are all being donated from local private gardens in the Hingham-Cohasset area. Many plants will be divisions of specimens grown in the Abbey gardens. Seedlings to mature plants will be available to tempt local gardeners who join us at our fifth annual plant sale. Proceeds will be donated to the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey.

Derby Academy Spring Fair

The Derby Academy Spring Fair will be held Saturday, May 10, from noon to 4 p.m. at the school on Burditt Avenue in Hingham, rain or shine.

Celebrate spring with the entire family. The fair will include past favorites such as pony rides, moonwalk, high striker, face painting, cookie decorating, games and prizes.

Start an afternoon at the fair with lunch at the Fast Food Grille or at Derby's own Gourmet Galley which features many delicious selections. Music will be provided throughout the afternoon by a DJ.

Join Hingham author and 'Arthur' TV series creator Marc Brown. He will autograph copies of his latest book, "Arthur Writes A Story" and bring along a real life 'Arthur' and other surprises.

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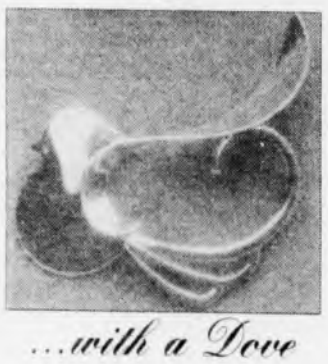
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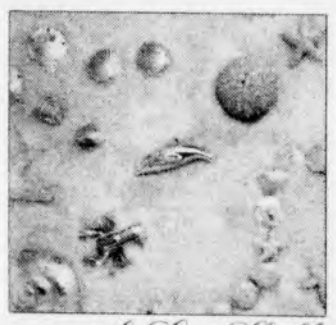
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George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118, 98 Summer St., Cohasset will hold a Las Vegas Night, Friday, May 16, 7 p.m. to midnight. Players must be 21 years or older.

May 18, the post will host an all you can eat breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon. The price is $3.75 for all ages.

These events help support the American Legion's programs and scholarship fund.

South Shore Community Center

Dance with Donna Viau — new session starts the week of May 20, offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call for times and classes available.

How to design and grow a classic herb garden — Tuesday, May 13, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. The cost is $20.

Computer classes are upcoming — MS Word. Computer kids — classes start May 20 and 22. Call for class times.

Gymnastics in Motion, Session IV, classes begin Tuesday, May 27, Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday, May 29. This is a four-week session. Various age levels and times from pre-school through high school. Call for times and class offerings. The cost is $37.50 members and $47.40 non-members.

Pesticide Spraying Guidelines

The Tree & Park Department does not do any pesticide spraying. As in the past it is recommended that when choosing a pesticide company, you should call a certified sprayer with references.

The 1997 South Shore Insect Infestation Report predicts a light to moderate infestation of Canker Worms, Gypsy Moths and the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Copies of this report are available at the D.P.W. office and Cohasset Town Hall.

Cohasset Youths to Perform 'Peter Pan'

Arianna Deedes and Martha Henderson of Cohasset will appear as Indians in the Showstoppers, Inc., presentation of the musical "Peter Pan," May 1 through 11, at Scituate High School.

The cast of gifted actors, musicians and singers from throughout the South Shore make this production of the well-known magical fairy tale a special event that promises to delight children of all ages. Tickets are $10 for children, 10 years old and under, $18, $14 and $12 depending on seating. For further information and ticket reservations, call Showstoppers box office at 545-3182.

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Police Report

Saturday, April 26

1:21 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:37 a.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.

10:40 a.m., larceny, King St.

11:09 a.m., parking violations, S. Main by the line.

11:59 a.m., assist citizen, Elm St.

2:04 p.m., escort, Stanton Rd.

4:37 p.m., medical aid, HQ.

6:39 p.m., disturbance (family), Norman Todd Rd.

7:17 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:20 p.m., suspicious (other), Joy Pl.

8:35 p.m., liquor law violations. Arrested: Jerry Cogill, 71 Doane St., Cohasset, DOB: 4/2/78, charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage, illegal possession of class D substance (marijuana); Sean P. Norris, 16 Mordecai Lincoln Rd., Scituate, DOB: 11/25/78, Charges: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage; Matthew O'Connor, 55 Lantern Ln., Cohasset, DOB: 10/06/78, charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage; Joseph P. Magner, 46 Elm St., Cohasset DOB: 8/14/78, Charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage, illegal possession of Class D Substance (marijuana); Michael J. Kearney, 1 Forest Ave., Cohasset, DOB: 5/31/79. Charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

9:15 p.m., suspicious (other), Pond St.

Sunday, April 27

12:17 a.m., general services, Linden Dr.

12:26 a.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.

6:16 a.m., open door/window, Beechwood St.

11:10 a.m., MV accident, Front of 243 N. Main St.

1:26 p.m., wires down, next to Legion.

2:50 p.m., fire, brush, N. Main St.

3:54 p.m., parking violation, area of 181 Atlantic Ave.

4:24 p.m., noise complaint, Atlantic Ave.

6:00 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:00 p.m, MV stop, N. Main St.

8:52 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

9:50 p.m., noise complaint, Atlantic Ave.

10:13 p.m., assist motorist, Kimball's Prk. Lot.

10:47 p.m., medical aid, Lothrop Ln.

Monday, April 28

11:06 a.m., assist other agency, Jerusalem Rd. Hull line to Elm St.

11:15 a.m., assist motorist, Kimball's Park Lot.

12:56 p.m., investigation, Lothrop Ln.

1:01 p.m., assist motorist, Super Stop & Shop Pk. Lot.

1:45 p.m., medical aid, Vaulrinot Ave.

3:50 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.

5:27 p.m., larceny, Brook St.

5:54 p.m., assist citizen, Hull St.

6:14 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Pond St.

7:05 p.m., trespassing, Atlantic Ave.

7:39 p.m., well being check, N. Main St. by Red Gate Ln.

11:48 p.m., medical aid, Smith Pl.

Tuesday, April 29

7:36 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:53 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.

9:20 a.m., assist motorist, Pond St.

12:52 p.m., suspicious auto, area of 181 Atlantic Ave.

2:52 p.m., annoying phone calls, Atlantic Ave.

3:56 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

3:59 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

4:14 p.m., trespassing, Atlantic Ave.

4:24 p.m., trespassing, Atlantic Ave.

4:51 p.m., medical aid, Buttonwood Ln.

5:13 p.m., disabled auto, Pond St.

5:27 p.m., disturbance, N. Main St.

6:51 p.m., suspicious auto, Ash St.

7:29 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.

7:49 p.m., open door/window, S. Main St.

9:23 p.m., general services, Highland Ave.

Wednesday, April 30

1:45 a.m., MV stop. Rt. 3A South.

6:37 a.m., suspicious auto, N. Main St.

10:37 a.m., assist motorist, Elm St.

11:11 a.m., larceny, Pond St.

11:39 a.m., animal complaint, CJC Hwy.

11:49 a.m., MV violations, Cunningham Bridge.

12:08 p.m., MV violations, Atlantic Ave.

2:42 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

3:06 p.m., property (lost), harbor area.

3:57 p.m., disturbance, S. Main St.

5:22 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.

5:53 p.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.

6:20 p.m., larceny, King St.

6:54 p.m., suspicious auto, Atlantic Ave.

8:22 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

9:17 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.

10:50 p.m., investigation, Lily Pond Ln.

10:59 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

Thursday, April 1

4:44 a.m., fire (misc), N. Main St.

6:22 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

6:38 a.m., medical aid, King St.

7:09 a.m., MV stop, Howe Rd.

7:18 a.m., MV stop, Howe Rd.

7:47 a.m., MV stop, Spring St.

8:37 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

10:05 a.m., vandalism, Border St.

10:10 a.m., disturbance, Atlantic Ave.

10:34 a.m., medical aid, Grove St.

2:44 p.m., medical aid, Tedeschi Plaza.

4:13 p.m., disturbance, Atlantic Ave.

4:22 p.m., transport, Atlantic Ave.

6:41 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.

8:10 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

9:20 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

11:15 p.m., assist other PD, Hull St.

11:32 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

Friday, May 2

1:40 a.m., assist other PD, East St.

6:29 a.m., animal complaint, Forest Ave.

6:41 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.

6:44 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.

6:57 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.

7:09 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:10 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:27 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.

12:10 p.m., officer wanted, Beach St.

12:50 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.

2:18 p.m., wires down, Howe Rd.

2:49 p.m., MV accident, Elm St.

3:13 p.m., transport, Ripley Rd.

3:23 p.m., disturbance, CJC Hwy. 42-year-old in protective custody.

4:31 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

5:22 p.m., MV stop, Highland Ave.

9:21 p.m., MV violations, S. Main St.

9:45 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.

10:11 p.m., disturbance, Bancroft Rd.

10:25 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.

11:14 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

11"40 p.m., suspicious auto, Bancroft Way.

Saturday, May 3

12:41 a.m., MV stop, Square.

12:43 a.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.

12:45 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

1:07 a.m, assist other PD, Clapp Rd.

2:54 a.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.

7:27 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:52 a.m, property (lost), HQ.

9:51 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

9:54 a.m., parking violation, S. Main St.

9:55 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

10:00 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

10:08 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

10:22 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

10:40 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

11:42 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

11:48 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

11:52 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

12:05 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

12:08 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

12:23 p.m., fire, structure, Standish Ave.

12:25 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

1:04 p.m, house checks, Atlantic Ave.

1:37 p.m., MV stop, Highland Ave.

1:40 p.m., investigation, Forest Ave.

1:58 p.m., property (lost), S. Main St.

2:03 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.

3:57 p.m., notification, Beach St.

5:02 p.m., MV stop, King St.

8:37 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.

8:46 p.m., warrant arrest, Alex Rolfe Turner, 7 Holly St., Halifax. DOB: 11/1/71.

8:58 p.m., officer wanted, Atlantic Ave.

11:40 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

Sunday, May 4

3:04 a.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.

3:17 a.m., vandalism, Pond St.

3:30 a.m., general services, Pond St.

11:08 a.m., suspicious person, Beach St.

11:15 a.m., vandalism, Elm St.

1:06 p.m, assist motorist, CJC Hwy.

3:49 p.m, fire, outside, Stockbridge St.

4:05 p.m., animal complaint, Doane St.

Twenty-six Arrests Last Month

In his monthly status report to selectmen, Police Chief Brian Noonan reported there were a total of 26 arrests in town in April. Eight were for possession of a Class D substance (on arrest was for intent to distribute), six were protective custody, four were warrant arrests, three were for minors in possession of alcohol, two for assault, two for motor vehicle violations, and one was for violation of a 209A restraining order.

There was one attempted breaking and entering at a resident last month, Noonan said.

In April, the emergency dispatch center received a 130 emergency 9-1-1 calls.

Noonan said the attended a three-day police chief's spring conference in Leominster, Mass. The seminars included: 'Police Chief Survival and Stress Awareness," "Firearms Information Update of Federal Laws," and "Current Issues for Police Chiefs."

The chief praised is officers for their conduct during the recent media onslaught relating to the Kennedy scandal.

"I would like to publicly commend the members of the Cohasset Police Department,our emergency dispatch staff and secretarial staff for their professionalism in the handling of the onslaught of media descending upon our town."

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Norfolk Division

Docket No. 97P0842E1

Estate of WILLIAM E. HAYNES late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK.

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that JOANN HAYNES of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executrix named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on May 14, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

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Register of Probate

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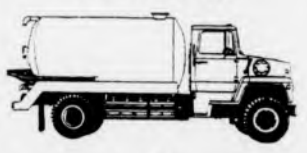


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Officials Ink Contract for New School

But Air Conditioning is Not Included

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

The new school will not be $2 million over budget after all.

The bids are in and the school building committee awarded the contract Tuesday to general contractor John T. Callahan and Sons of Bridgewater for $8,473,000, a figure which is only about $100,000 over budget, officials say.

In March, the committee told selectmen that cost estimates were $1.6 to $2 million higher than expected based on numbers obtained by official estimators. But building member Rob Spofford cautioned them at the time that the figures were not "definitive" because the project had not been put out to bid.

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Steven Walsh plays with his class mascot at the South Shore Charter School in Hull.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Charter School Plots Course for Success

Non-Traditional Education Approach Tried

By Jennifer R. Horan
COHASSET MARINER

In one of the primary classrooms at the South Shore Charter School in Hull, students learning about the metamorphosis of butterflies — as well as "butterfly math" — watched eagerly as a former caterpillar made its first attempts at leaving its cocoon and embarking on a new journey.

The fledgling charter school could be viewed from much the same perspective. The driving forces behind this new approach to education are trying to put to rest what they consider outdated teaching and learning methods and replace them with non-traditional ways to help their students reach new heights.

But the transition takes time.

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Landfill and Town Settle Wetlands Dispute

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Cohasset Heights Limited, a privately owned landfill, has agreed to end a wetlands dispute that has been the subject of a lawsuit in Norfolk Superior Court for the past year.

CHL has agreed to remove siltation from a 1,500-square-foot area of wetlands to the southwest of the landfill in a site known as Area D. Siltation in the affected area is as deep as 32 inches in some locations.

The agreement for judgment ends the court case and forces CHL to restore the wetland, which has been damaged by the siltation.

Members of the town's conservation commission say the siltation is dangerous to native vegetation and is allowing an invasive weed, phragmites, to crowd out other plants.

But a wetlands scientist hired by CHL said ripping out all plant life in the affected area to remove siltation and phragmites may not be the best solution.

CHL attorney Anton Moehrke said work would probably

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Cohasset's Week

Fire-fighters are Interviewed

Three local men are vying for two openings on the fire department. Selectmen interviewed Philip A. Pratt and John M. Hernan of Cohasset and Joseph F. Mahoney of Hull this week. They took the matter under advisement and will make a decision after results of background checks on the applicants are obtained.

A certified EMT and call fire-fighter, Pratt, 24, 83 Sohier St., graduated from Cohasset High in 1991 and has worked as a carpenter since completing a post-graduate year at Blue Hills Technical Regional High School.

Hernan, 34, 558 Beechwood St., graduated from UMass Boston with a bachelor of arts degree in 1989. He works as a landscaper and is an EMT with Brewster Ambulance.

Joseph Mahoney, 28, of Hull, is a Gulf War veteran. He works in construction and has his scuba rescue certification. Mahoney said he is working on his EMT certification.

Since 1982, all newly hired Cohasset fire-fighters must be EMTs and maintain that certification throughout their careers, selectmen said. Those hired before that year do not have to have EMT status.

Fire Department Overtime Depleted

The fire department overtime account has a balance of $887.27, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said.

In fiscal year 1997, which started July 1, the town appropriated $122,000 for overtime. As of April 1, there was $17,242.27 remaining and overtime charges for the month were $16,355.

Lincoln said there is $44,223 in the unused salaries and holiday pay account which can be used to cover overtime for the rest of the fiscal year.

"Baring any unforeseen circumstances, I am confident this balance will see the department through until July 1," Lincoln wrote in his report to selectmen.

Selectman Diane C. Sullivan questioned Lincoln about the high use of overtime. He explained that the department has vacancies which are driving up overtime. Selectmen interviewed three candidates for the fire-fighter positions this week.

Money for Voting Machines

Town Clerk Marion Douglas has written to state Sen. Robert Hedlund seeking his support for a loan program for municipalities to purchase replacement voting equipment.

Secretary of State William Galvin is considering removing punch cards from the list of voting equipment allowed in the state. She asked Hedlund to contact Sen. Andrea Nuciforo and Rep. Arthur Broadhurst of the elections laws committee to move the bill out of committee.

Cohasset was one of several towns in the 10th Congressional District that use punch-card voting machines and was involved in a recount of the Democratic primary race last fall between William Delahunt and Philip Johnston. After a recount and a court challenge, Delahunt was declared the winner.

No Truck Traffic on Pond Street

Following an accident on Pond Street last week involving two dump trucks, selectmen have asked the town's safety officer to contact the state to investigate banning heavy trucks from the roadway.

Both Fire Chief Roger Lincoln and DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield wrote to selectmen this week to say traffic rules on Pond Street should be changed.

Lincoln said there have been incidents over the past 15 years involving a gas tank truck, fuel oil tank truck and cement mixer truck.

"In my opinion, it is time to limit commercial traffic on Pond Street to those vehicles only having specific business on Pond Street," Lincoln said.

Litchfield said there have been six major accidents in the last few years.

"My fear is the next one could possibly involve a school bus," Litchfield said. He suggested all commercial vehicles over 10,000 pounds be restricted from using Pond Street as a through way.

Police Chief Brian Noonan also supports restricting truck traffic on Pond Street.

In last week's accident police said one truck couldn't stop on the sharp hill near Spring Street and ended up sandwiched between the other truck and the ledge. The fuel tanks of both trucks, which were carrying hot top for road resurfacing in town, were punctured in the mishap.

Vacancies on Town Committees

There are two vacancies on the mosquito control committee, four on the sidewalk study committee, five on the town history committee and two on the Greenbush mitigation committee. Anyone interested in serving on one of these committees, should stop by the selectmen's office at town hall or call 383-9900.

One-Way on Elm Street

Selectmen will look into making Elm Street in the village one way.

Selectman Merle Brown said cars are parked on the sidewalks making it impossible for people to use them. He pointed out that mothers with baby strollers have to walk in the street.

Selectmen said the one-way traffic would have to go in the direction on Elm from Brook to South Main Street to enable emergency vehicles to pass. They are not considering having one-way traffic in the other direction because in that case, fire trucks would have to go down Brook Street and make a difficult right onto South Main Street.

Centrex Phones Coming to Town

Selectmen are investigating having a Centrex phone system installed in town. A five-year contract would cost the town about $938 a month for "measured service" for 52 phone lines including those in the town and school departments. Installation costs of about $2641 and voice mail, which is $8.50 per line, are not included. Measured service means that the town would be charged a fee of a few cents for all calls outside the system. With Centrex, members of town departments could reach one another by dialing extensions.

Currently, the town spends about $2,000 a month for phone service.

Officials from NYNEX said Monday that benefit to a contract is rate protection. Selectmen asked Paul J. Wieners, associate director of customer service with NYNEX, to see if the company would consider waiving installation and voice mail costs if the town opted for a 10-year contract.

Permits Available

Current beach and recycling facility permits are expiring!

Beach and Recycling Transfer Facility permits are now available at the town hall Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Friday, June 27.

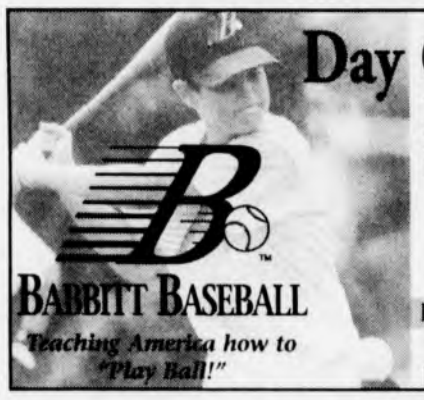
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Sun. 18	9:13	9.0	3:00	9:35	9.6	3:17
Mon. 19	10:01	9.2	3:48	10:17	10.0	4:02
Tues. 20	10:45	9.4	4:33	10:58	10.3	4:44
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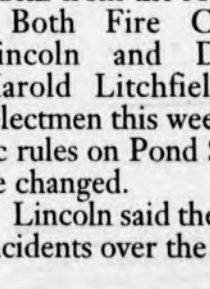
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DEP Wants Town's Plan For Utilizing Its Wells

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The state Department of Environmental Protection has directed the town to either rehabilitate old out-of-use wells for emergency use or declare them abandoned.

In a letter to the town, DEP said Cohasset must verify its emergency water status no later than June 30. DEP wants to know what the town plans to do with its wells now and in the future.

Water commissioners plan to meet with DEP representative Kelly O'Keefe to discuss the directive.

The town has two well fields that will need to be considered — one on Sohier Street and one in Elms Meadow. The Sohier Street wells were last used in 1979, and the Elms Meadow was last used in 1971.

The town's consulting engineer, Dominic Tutela, said it would be expensive to rehabilitate any old wells.

"You know what has to be done?" Tutela asked. "You have to rebuild the wells. DEP is saying the emergency supply wells have to be run like it's for every day use."

Tutela said it would could cost more than $250,000 to rebuild each well.

"You would have to rebuild the entire well," Tutela said. "You would have to pump it, clean it, install new well pumps and treatment systems, chlorinate it, possibly fluoridate it, and then maintain it like new."

Weston and Sampson Engineering Project Manager John Bocchino said DEP is forcing towns to make a distinction between emergency and abandoned wells.

Bocchino said rebuilding the wells was such a significant task that the town may be forced to declare some of them abandoned.

Once a well is officially abandoned, it can never be reclaimed, Tutela said.

"DEP wants a response by June 30," Bocchino said. "They're looking for information about schedules and moneys if we decide to rebuild."

If the town decided to rehabilitate any wells, it would have two years to complete the work, Bocchino said.

Tutela said the Elms Meadow wells are in bad shape: One well is almost destroyed and one is in very poor condition.

"I'd be surprised if you wanted to do anything with that other than turning it into a museum," Tutela said.

Water commissioner Richard Munson added that a water building in Elms Meadow could collapse anytime.

Tutela said a well at Sohier Street could serve as a good emergency well, but wouldn't be adequate for every day use.

The MBTA also plans to remove vegetation on its Greenbush right of way, which is very close to Elms Meadow.

"One well building is so close to the track you could wash its windows from the train," Tutela said.

The MBTA plans to use herbicides which could contaminate the well fields. If the town decides to rehabilitate the wells, the MBTA would be barred from using herbicides.

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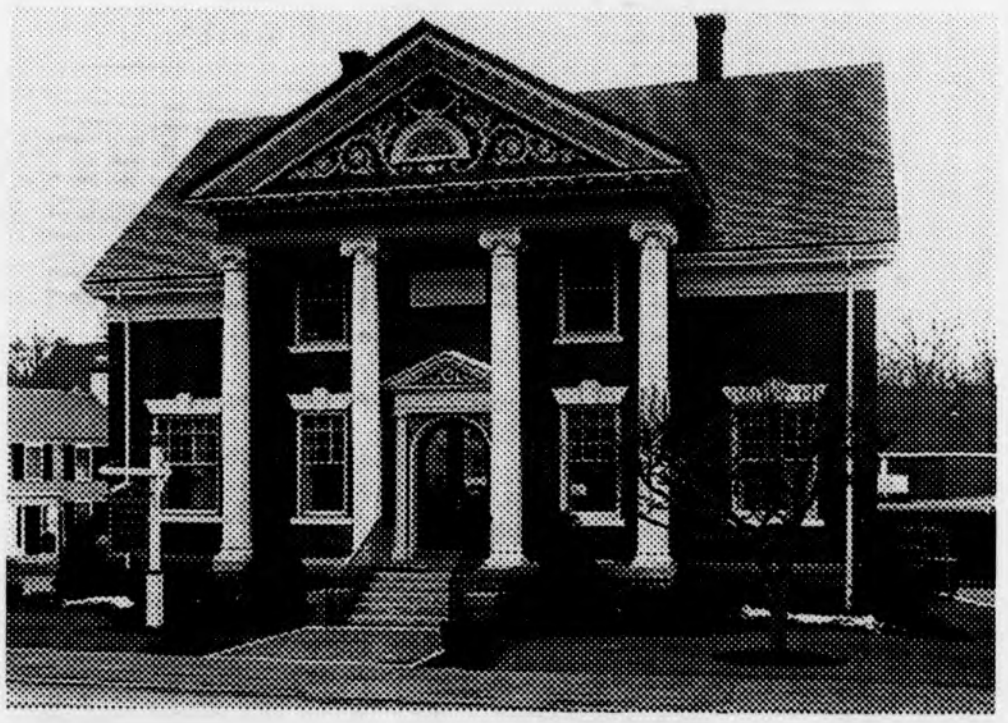
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Officials Ink Contract

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Callahan's bid was about $300,000 less than the next bidder, Mello Construction of Taunton and includes a brick facade and veneer plastic for the exterior of the building to be constructed behind the Deer Hill School.

Sid Bowen of Earl + Flansburgh Associates, architects retained by the school department, said Callahan's references checked out. He said the new school will cost about $102 a square foot to construct.

Over objections from newly elected school committee member Joe McElroy, who attended Tuesday's meeting, the building committee did not include about $88,000 in air conditioning piping in the contract The piping would set the stage so air conditioning could be added later in order to make the school available for possible use in the summer months.

"I hate to see us be penny-wise and pound foolish," McElroy said.

Bowen said air conditioning work should be included if the building committee thought it would be installed at a later date. He warned that adding the infrastructure for air conditioning later would be much more expensive.

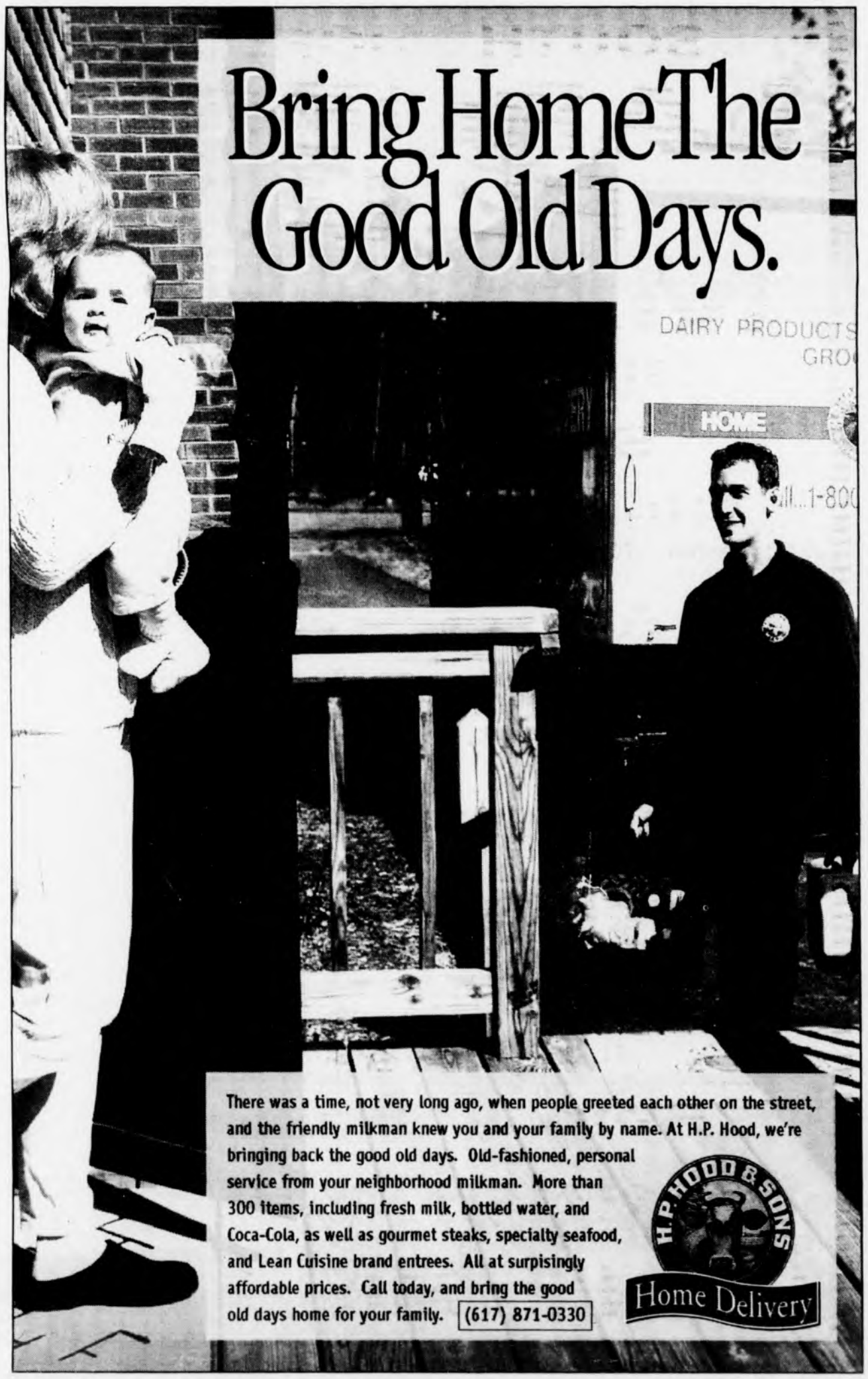
"To retrofit would cost triple after the building is in place," Bowen said.

But the committee wanted to get the contract signed so work could begin and did not have the money for the air conditioning work. Plans are to open the school in September 1998. The town appropriated $9.9 million last year through a Prop. 2-1/2 override for the project which includes $665,000 in design and engineering fees.

To get the $88,000 for the air conditioning, the committee would either have to take the money from the $528,000 set aside for contingencies or go to town meeting, which would take too long. They felt dipping into the contingency fund would be unwise at this point and expect some of the contingency might have to be used for site work.

To recoup the $107,000 that the bid is over budget, Bowen explained that some small items can be scaled back or eliminated. For example, he said $100 a window or $9,000 can be saved by "fixing" the upper windows in each classroom so they don't open. The lower windows will still open and close.

McElroy and Andrew Foster, an abutter to the new school, urged the building committee to hold off signing the contract until they get input from the selectmen and school committee. But the building committee members said while they will keep those boards updated, they had the authority to sign the contract and felt it necessary to get the project moving as soon as possible.



Landfill

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begin sometime in late June. Moehrke said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees work done in wetlands for the federal government, must approve the settlement before work can begin.

CHL owners Paul and John Barry had agreed last year to a number of mitigation conditions as part of a consent agreement with the town. Those conditions included studies of areas A and C, a 7,500-square-foot wetlands replication project, a study of the loss of tree canopy, and area D restoration.

Roderick Gaskell, a wetlands specialist working for CHL, said all conditions of the consent agreement have been completed except for the area D restoration. Gaskell said the restoration was never completed because CHL wants to study and monitor the wetlands before destroying plants that are 40 or 50 years old.

"The right way to do this is to study it," Gaskell said. "We'll pay the fines in the meantime."

Gaskell agrees that phragmites can crowd out and destroy other forms of plant life. He even agrees that the siltation came from a pipe at the landfill. What he doesn't agree with is the town's solution.

Gaskell said he has recorded measurements showing that phragmites have receded in the wetland over the last five years. He also has photographs showing that the tree canopy is returning.

Direct sunlight provides one of the key conditions for phragmites to thrive, Gaskell said.

Conservation commission member Tom Callahan has said in previous discussions that "phragmites are not going to shrink."

Gaskell said the town has refuted his report. He also criticized the town's environmental data as "unscientific."

"It is my belief that the town just wants to say that we're out of compliance all the time," he said.

Gaskell also points to an article in the Massachusetts Audobon Society's January/February 1997 issue of Sanctuary magazine by Robert Buchsbaum which states that phragmites have been shown to coexist with other plant species in salt marshes under the right conditions.

Mass. Audobon also concluded in a 1990 study that some wildlife species thrived in areas populated with phragmites.

The article states that removing phragmites from a salt marsh depends on the goals of the project. If the goal is to restore the historical plant life, "then phragmites should be reduced as much as possible."

Gaskell said a study is needed for at least two reasons: the phragmites are receding and there is a possibility that wildlife is thriving under the canopy provided by phragmites.

Gaskell said the conclusion of the Mass. Audobon article drives his point home.

"It is hard to get away from the conclusion that each phragmites area has to be examined within the context of the overall ecosystem before we can decide what restoration measures, if any, should be undertaken," Buchsbaum states in his article.

But this information has not changed the fact that CHL has signed an agreement for judgment stating that it will restore area D.

Gaskell said CHL has agreed to rip out the wetland under the condition that it bear no responsibility for the effects of that work.

"I'm not going to call black white," Gaskell said. "It's like digging a foxhole and filling it in. If they want us to rip out a wetland, we'll run the machines but we won't be responsible for the consequences."

Moehrke also questioned the wisdom of tearing up the wetland.

"It's like a Brazilian rain forest in there and that's a violation?" he wondered. "The conservation commission is saying it's the wrong kind of vegetation. Well, now we have to get in there with a bulldozer and kill all that vegetation."

Moehrke said the agreement for judgment addresses all current areas in dispute. He conceded that there could be additional disputes in the future.

CHL and the town are still involved in six additional lawsuits.

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Despite Concerns from Abutters

Bear Hill Water Tower Approved

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Town meeting authorized a water tank on Bear hill, the water commissioners approved it, but residents who live in the shadow of Bear Hill oppose it.

Abutters to the town's only water tank, located on Bear Hill, are angry that a second tank has been proposed at the location.

Water commissioners approved plans at their May 8 meeting to build a 2-million-gallon water tank on Bear Hill, rejecting an alternate site on Scituate Hill. The commission authorized opponents of the Bear Hill site to continue exploring Scituate Hill sites, including a possible location on land formerly owned by Webb Norfolk Conveyor, Co. off Rt. 3A.

New water commission Chairman Robert Kasameyer said any alternatives to Bear Hill must be presented prior to a zoning board hearing scheduled for May 21. The next water commission meeting is scheduled for May 19.

Kasameyer said the Bear Hill site was the best location currently available.

"There is a problem with fire flows and we have to consider the safety factor," Kasameyer said. "Time is a key issue and we don't know anything about Scituate Hill. With Bear Hill we're on target to build the tank by winter."

Town officials are concerned that fire flows are inadequate at night because the water plant is closed. A second tank would provide better capacity to fight nighttime fires, especially in the dry summer months.

Town meeting approved the $1.4 million tank on Bear Hill, and Kasameyer said the water commissioners were just carrying out the wishes of the town.

Kasameyer said any site on Scituate Hill would delay the project for at least a year until town meeting could approve a land acquisition.

Opponents of the Bear Hill site said the town has lived with current fire flow for decades, and spending more time searching for alternative sites wouldn't affect safety.

"To assure the town of fire flows you can turn on the emergency pump if the tank is depleted during a big fire," said tank abutter Domenic Baccari. "You can also extend the water plant's hours of operation."

Some residents felt the water commission just didn't care about the abutters.

"Too many projects like this one are rammed through and roll over people," said Mark Rattenbury. "I don't see a compelling reason not to pursue Scituate Hill."

Local residents Wayne Sawchuk and Glenn Pratt have been working on behalf of opponents of the Bear Hill site with the town's consulting engineers to find a new location for the tank.

The first site they looked at on Scituate Hill, a state highway property off Route 3A, would cost $250,000 more than Bear Hill. Massachusetts Highway Department officials rejected the town's request because the state lost a $50 million lawsuit to Paul and John Barry, owners of the Cohasset Heights Landfill (CHL).

CHL successfully sued Mass. Highway for allegedly contaminating groundwater under the landfill with salt runoff from the Route 3A site. The state has already paid CHL $10 million, but is appealing the case.

Sawchuk said the Barrys would be willing to donate to the town another piece of land on Scituate Hill, the Coyne property. But new water commissioner John McNabb opposed the suggestion because the town is locked into six lawsuits with the Barrys over CHL.

Pratt said the Webb Norfolk site would cost about the same as the Bear Hill site, except for land acquisition costs.

Consulting engineer Dominic Tutela agreed that the cost would be about the same. Tutela added that he would have to perform geological borings on Scituate Hill to make sure the land was appropriate.

Sawchuk added that the town may not be able to begin construction on Bear Hill until next year because of the lengthy permitting process.

Sawchuk said he would approach the current owners of the 62-acre Webb Norfolk site and ask for a one-acre donation of land. He added that the owner might be interested because the tank would provide an abundant water supply for developers interested in purchasing the property.

Tutela will also work with residents to make the current tank more aesthetically appealing by painting it a different color and planting high trees. But many residents scoffed at the idea that trees could hide the tank's presence.

"How big are these trees going to be?" asked George Gurnis.

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Proposed School Fitness Center Seeks Financial Backing

Focus of High School PE Changing

By Kerry Herlihy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

School health officials are reaching out to the community to help pay for a new fitness center proposed at the high school.

The estimated cost to develop the facility that will extend its use to not only the students but the community at large, is $100,000. With $2,000 donated by local power-lifter Eric Kupperstein and $1,000 donated by the PSO, the proposed fitness needs a lot more funding to bring it to fruition.

To health education coordinator Mike Gill — the center will help provide a critical piece of the physical education program.

"Physical education is vital to all aspects of the normal growth and development of children and youth — not only the physical but the social and emotional growth as well," he said.

"However, at this point, the Cohasset Schools are deficient in the equipment and space necessary to cultivate an appreciation for personal fitness in its students."

The plan is to make this project a community endeavor. The center will be open to students during the day. After school it could open up for athletic teams, faculty and town employees. Between 5 and 9 p.m., the center could be open for use by the public.

Keeping the center open Saturdays and during the summer would not only keep people on track with their fitness but give people, particularly students, an alternative activity, proponents say. A membership plan would then be created in order to keep the facility open after hours.

With the adoption of the 90-minute block schedule which takes effect this September, the physical education department will be able to devote a large portion of class time on fitness.

"The timing to develop a quality fitness center couldn't be better. Physical education is undergoing tremendous change throughout the country. We are in the process of restructuring our curriculum to incorporate fitness as a major part of physical education," said Clark Chatterton, physical education teacher and athletic director at the junior-senior high school.

'I started to work out when I was in eighth grade for football. However, it did a lot more for me than just prepare me physically, it gave me a sense of discipline and self esteem.'

— Eric Kupperstein, power-lifter.



Power-lifter Eric Kupperstein, at left, and schools health education coordinator Mike Gill meet to discuss plans for the fitness center at the high school. Kupperstein has donated $1,000 toward the project.

The fitness center will be located in the current senior lounge. Due to state education reform, study halls have been cut, therefore the senior lounge has no use. The space allows room to establish the intended model of the center; aerobic floor, cardiovascular station, and weight training area. Ideally the space will comfortably hold 25-50 people exercising simultaneously.

Gill said the focus of physical education is moving away from team sports.

"Our vision is to gear physical education towards personal wellness and fitness as opposed to its traditional format of teamed sports," Gill said. "Of course team sports should play a part in physical education but they should be taught as a result of personalized training.

"Team sports are not for everybody. Instead of excluding those who do not thrive in the team setting, we should be offering an alternative where everyone can succeed," he said.

Financial donor, Eric Kupperstein, is a world-class power lifter. His interest in drug-free lifting, youth fitness and sports motivated him to make a donation to the proposed project.

"I started to work out when I was in eighth grade for football. However, it did a lot more for me than just prepare me physically, it gave me a sense of discipline and self esteem," Kupperstein said.

He believes that once students start to pay attention to their bodies, they learn to respect and take care of themselves. This awareness will hopefully prevent them from doing anything to counteract their success. Kupperstein has also offered to hold training classes at the center for those in the community with interest.

Gill talks about the positive results personalized training has on individuals.

"Enhanced learning, improved concentration, greater self-control and self-confidence, as well as the promotion of healthy, positive, and lifelong attitudes toward physical activity are well documented benefits of quality physical education in schools. Exercise should be a way of life and with the proposed fitness center all of this becomes possible," he said.

In order for the establishment of this center to get underway, it needs additional donors from the community.

"Organizations or private citizens with an interest in the project will hopefully support the goal of preparing our students to be physically and emotionally fit for life," Gill said.

If interested in assisting with the fund-raising, call Mike Gill at 383-6107. Donations may be sent to the Cohasset Schools Fitness Center, c/o Gill, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, 02025.

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AROUND TOWN/Sallyann Chatterton

A Salute Goes to Peter Wood This Week

A 'salute' goes to **Peter Wood** this week — he has certainly received many over his lifetime! Peter was recently awarded the Legion of Merit from the U.S. Army upon retirement after 25 years of military service. Six of those year were spent with the U.S. Coast Guard, and 19 years were spent with the U.S. Army Reserve, when he retired as a Sergeant Major. Peter's last position was as Chief Legal Non-Commissioned Officer, assigned to the 94th Army Regional Support Command, in Fort Devens.

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Peter also has another accomplishment that is newsworthy, and one to be proud of also! He recently competed in the 1997 ABNAMRO Boulevard 10K road race, held in Aruba. He was awarded a trophy for finishing third in his class. Runners came from all over the Globe to compete in this race: the USA, Aruba, Curacao, St. Martin, Guadeloupe, Columbia, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Peru, Holland, Luxemburg, Suriname. Quite a feat indeed! All of the training and running that we see Peter do "around town" certainly paid off! Congratulations go to you on both milestones Peter, we admire you and your dedication!

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Speaking of marathoners, did you know that one of the Boston Marathon Finishers was **Dr. Leah Whipple**? Dr. Whipple practices veterinary medicine in Berwyn, Penn., now, but she grew up in Cohasset and graduated from Cohasset High in 1969. She ran in one Montreal and two New York marathons to qualify for Boston. Her Boston time was three hours, 34 minutes! Part of the reason for that grand finish might have been her siblings **Roger, Ben** and **Nancy (Grinnell)** who gathered with spouses and children to give her a rousing pasta send-off from Cohasset! Sounds like great fun, and we are sure that all are proud of Leah for her wonderful efforts!

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Speaking of birthdays, we send belated birthday wishes to **Jean Doble** this week, her big day was on Mother's Day this year! We won't give her age away, just tell you that it is close to the speed limit! Hope you had a great day, Jean!

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We have a new little girl to celebrate in our town, her name is **Catherine Elizabeth Gilman,** the daughter of **Beth (Marsden)** and **Jamie Gilman**. Catherine was born April 18, and weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces. She has a big sister, **Marie Ellen Gilman**, who will be three in July, and is just thrilled to have Catherine join their family. Congratulations to all of you!



Becca Lehr shows her sister, Tori, her art work at Favorites '97 at the Deer Hill School on Tuesday. For more photos, please see page 11.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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Had a nice letter from **William F. Sullivan** recently, asking for help through this column in locating three members of the Cohasset High School Class of 1948. On May 27, at 6:30 p.m. the Class of 1948 will hold its first ever reunion at Kimball's By-the-Sea. They have located, or otherwise accounted for all class members (of which there were a total of 33) except **Patricia R. Hahner, Richard E. Welch,** and **Helen J. Wolfe**. Mr. Sullivan (who was president of the class of 1948) hopes that someone in Cohasset will remember these folks, where they went when they left Cohasset, what college they may have attended, whom they married, or any other info that might help locate them (a check of the various people-search systems on the Internet, while helpful in locating other class members, has not been successful in locating these three classmates). Mr. Sullivan recalls that Helen lived on Summer Street, and Richard lived on Jeruslaem Rd (on the edge of Strait's Pond). He cannot recall, after 49 years, where Patricia lived in Cohasset. If anyone has any information on the present whereabouts of these three people, please call Mr. Sullivan collect in Seattle, Washington, at (206) 285-1798 or e-mail him at billinsea-caaol.com, or call Dorothy Conte, in Hingham at 749-0682, or Rosalie Bravo, also in Hingham, at 749-9223. They are so hoping to have all living members of their class attend their first reunion , your interest and help would thrill them! Hopefully they will take a few pictures of the event, and give us a "report" on the event!

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Ken and **Sue Fone** were in town last week, it was so great seeing them — they did promise that they wouldn't wait so long between visits again, and said to be sure to say hello to those that they didn't have time to visit. They do love life in Maine, but miss us too, and did say that out town looks great!

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Congratulations go to all of our newly elected officials, we thank you for being so willing to give up your extra time and energy to help make the town and schools function so well — and, thanks to the out-going officials for the countless hours and dedication that you provided us!

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The Cohasset Social Service League is sponsoring a mammography screening on Saturday, June 7. The Mobile Diagnostic Services, Inc. will be performing the examinations with the mobile mammography service. Appointments are necessary and can be scheduled by calling the Cohasset Social Service League at (617) 383 0771.

The mammograms are performed by fully licensed female mammography technologists in a comfortable, private mobile coach. The films are read by board certified radiologists and results are provided to each woman as well as the physician of her choice.

When used in conjunction with the following total breast health plan, mammography is the most reliable method we have now for early detection of breast cancer. There are proven methods for detecting breast cancer early, before it has spread, while it is still treatable. Here is vital information you should know to save a life-your own or a loved one's. The three-step program to breast health is simple:

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- Have a mammogram every year over the age of 40

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Insurance can often cover the cost of a mammogram, and MDSI can bill your insurance company directly, or you may pay on the day of the exam and obtain a receipt for insurance reimbursement. Medicare covers their portion of a mammogram examination every two years. Deductible and co-pay may apply, so you should call Medicare at (800) 882-1228 to check your individual status.

Remember -breast cancer doesn't take time off. The Cohasset Social Service League and Mobile Diagnostic Services care about your good health so schedule your mammogram today!

Ambulance Billing Update

The town billed for 25 ambulance transports last month for a total amount due of $9,145.61 and collected $8,078.30. Payments collected for ambulance are applied to invoices from previous fiscal years and the current fiscal year.

LIBRARY CORNER

Reception Honors Sheldon Sladen

The Friends of the Paul Pratt Library will host an opening reception for a new art and photography exhibit entitled "Half Hulls" by Marsom Pratt and "Images of the Lobster Fleet" by Susan Mullally Clark.

A tribute to the memory of Cohasset lobsterman Sheldon Sladen, who died at sea, the exhibit and reception will take place at the library Sunday, May 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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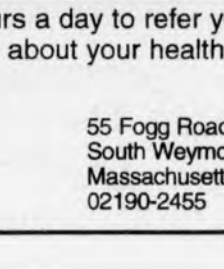
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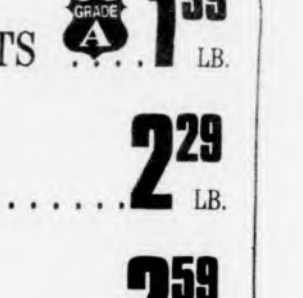


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Ban Trucks on Pond Street

It's unanimous. The police chief, fire chief and superintendent of public works all agree — trucks and Pond Street don't mix.

Police Chief Brian Noonan drove that point home last week after yet another near disaster was averted. Two heavy dump trucks carrying hot top had a mishap on the sharp hill at the end of Pond near its intersection with Spring Street.

Luckily, the truck with defective brakes somehow became wedged between the ledge and the other truck. There was a mess but not nearly what could have been.. While it took Clean Harbors several hours to clean up fuel from ruptured fuel tanks, the situation would have been much worse if all the hot top had spilled out onto the ledge and roadway.

Chief Noonan said he would ask DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield to see that trucking companies do not use Pond Street because of the steep hill.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln says there have been incidents over the past 15 years involving a gas tank truck, fuel oil tank truck and cement mixer truck.

And Supt. Litchfield worries that a school bus could be involved in a future accident. He suggested all vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds be restricted from using Pond Street as a through way.

According to selectmen, the town will have to go through the proper channels at the state level to get the authority to ban truck traffic on Pond Street. They have asked the town's safety officer, Cliff Jones, to look into the matter.

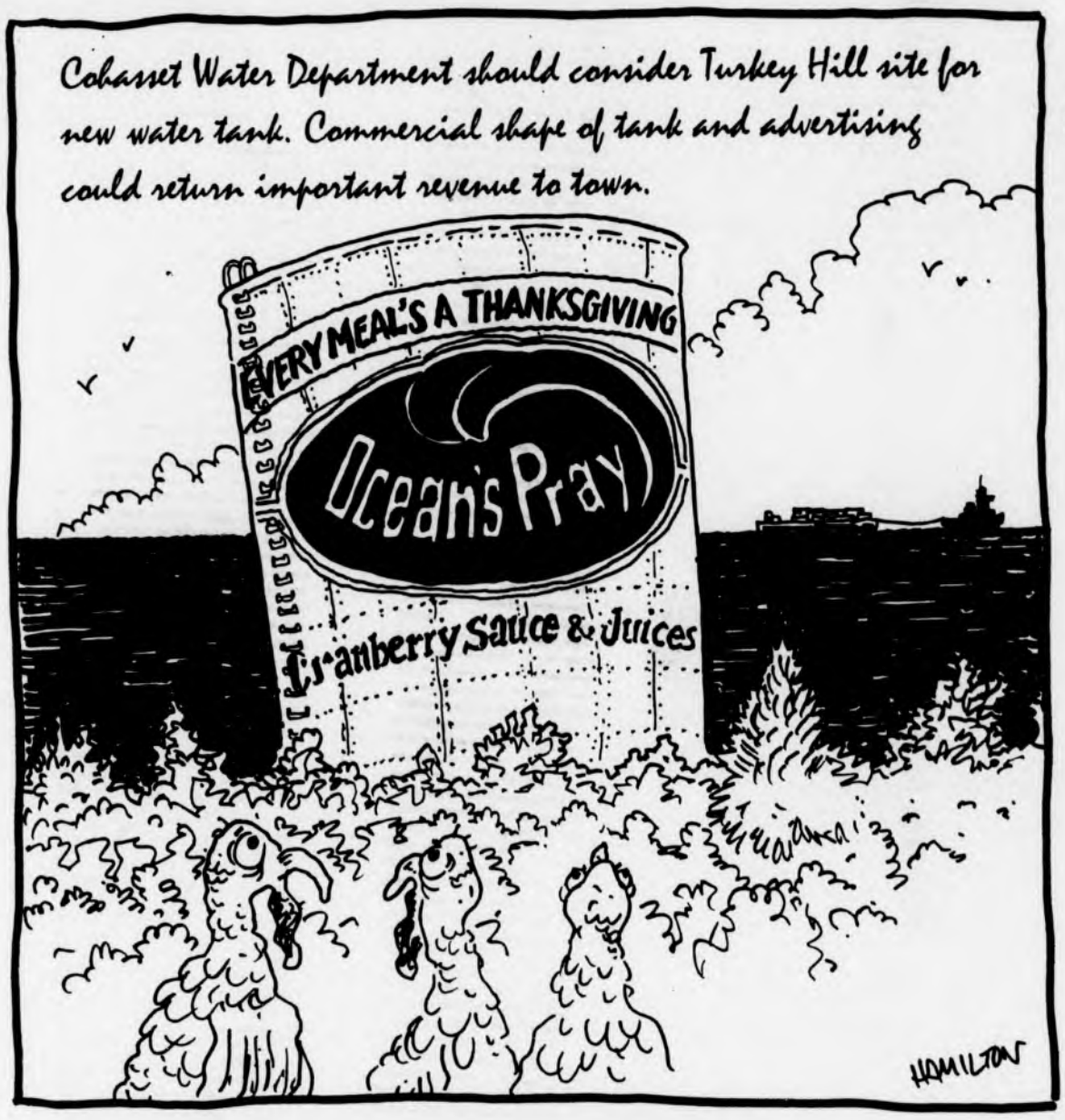
There certainly won't be a lack of evidence to convince state authorities that this is the right move.

Clearly, limiting or eliminating trucks on Pond Street is an idea whose time has come.

In a related matter, selectmen will also ask Officer Jones to investigate making Elm Street in the village one way. The street is so narrow that cars must park on the sidewalks forcing pedestrians to use the street. One-way traffic would have to proceed along Elm from Brook to South Main Street because fire and emergency vehicles would be headed that way. Although the group favors the opposite traffic pattern, the Village Revitalization Committee also backs making Elm Street one-way.

We think with a little education and changing of our habits, one-way along Elm will work. It will help pedestrians and also make the street more attractive paving the way for the possible addition of brick sidewalks proposed by the Revitalization Committee.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teenagers Volunteer for Food Pantry

Letter to the Editor:

This past Saturday my son made his First Communion at St. Anthony's Church. It was an important day for him. He read a petition before the congregation that went as follows: "That we may sacrifice for those less fortunate than ourselves..." When I heard this I tried to think how, from day to day, our children in Cohasset could sacrifice for others. To sacrifice sounds so lofty and uncommon, but my answer came almost simultaneously.

On Saturday, May 10, the Post Office sponsored a food drive for which the Cohasset Food Pantry benefited by the donation of forty-four hundred pounds of non-perishable items. Mr. Bob Thompson, Coordinator of Volunteers for the Cohasset Food Pantry, located at the Congregational Church, noted that, "the community was extremely generous." Last years collection in comparison was forty-two hundred pounds.

One can only imagine the logistics of moving around a couple of tons of food and non-perishables. Mr. Thompson mentioned that it took last year's regular volunteer staff a week to complete the job. This year a group of 7th grade boys from Cohasset Jr/ Sr. High School volunteered their services to carry, sort and shelf. They were able to accomplish the work, under Mr. Thompson's direction, in one day. These boys worked in three shifts amid their soccer, baseball and tennis schedules; they accomplished their tasks very efficiently according to Bob Thompson, who was delighted with their enthusiasm and focus.

Many of the volunteers commented how much they enjoyed working on this project and would be willing to volunteer again. Some, who wanted to volunteer but had other commitments called to apologize for their absence, but offered their services in the future. I think the willingness of these thirteen year old boys is indicative of a desire by our young people to be helpful. It is important that we encourage and provide similar opportunities and recognize these positive efforts. It was my pleasure to work with Ann McCarthy Egan, Adjustment Counselor, and Mary Babaian, Guidance Counselor at Cohasset Jr. /Sr. High School on the recruitment effort. As a result the the following young men volunteered their time: Jeremy Tedeschi, Ben Kinch, Greg Smith, Eric Libby, Joe Niessink, Peter Kovach, Jay Bertovich, Peter Maitland, David DeVito, Tom Digan, Jeff Garber, Greg Ernst, Steve Murray, Alex Etkind, Greg Harrington, Greg Donovan, Tim Straughn, Jeremy Tedeschi, Matt Ogrodnik, Nick Laas, Brian Lewis, David Krueger, Robin Murphy,Chris Carr, Jason Moore, Jake Morgan and Nick Bolster.

To Bob Thompson and Margie Steele, Director, and all who volunteer weekly at the Food Pantry, our thanks.

Diana N. Kinch
77 Forest Avenue

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To the Editor:

I want to thank the people who voted for me this past election. Throughout the campaign, I met so many interesting and insightful citizens who care deeply about our schools.

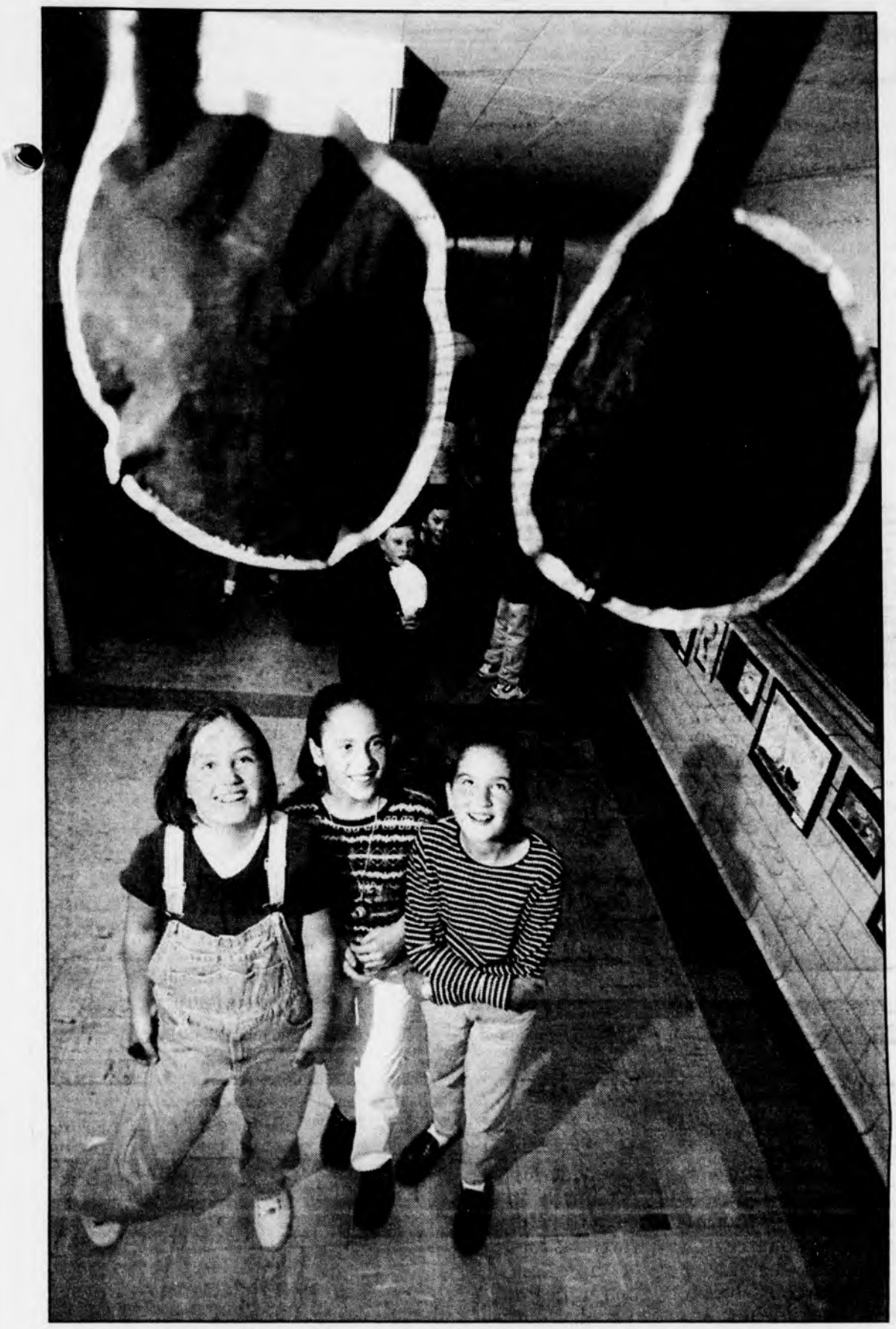
My campaign committee was a great group of enthusiastic, dedicated and concerned people for whom "thanks" will never be enough! In addition to my committee, there are the wonderful people who hosted coffees, put up lawn signs, held signs, worked on mailings, made phone calls and contributed financially. My husband, Robert, and daughter, Nicole, were my "at home committee," always encouraging and supportive.

Thanks to Mary Ford, Mariner editor, and Molly Hochkeppel, Patriot Ledger reporter, for moderating the School Committee Candidates Forum and keeping the community informed. I also want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for providing the candidates opportunity to listen to and address community concerns.

Sincere congratulations to Kathy Ofsthum and Joe McElroy. I wish them the best as they serve on the school committee.

Susan Turgiss
96 Jerusalem Rd.

Deer Hill Art Show is Everybody's Favorite



Carling Sturino, Megan Marr and Emilie Sullivan admire paper maché musical notes made in art class.



Welcoming and refreshment committee members Katherine Coyne, Courtney MacDonald, Yasmine Afshar, Kristin Lavigne and Arianna Dedes take a break before the crowds arrive for Favorites '97 Tuesday evening.



Joey Durkin shows off his art to his mother Lynn. Deer Hill pupils selected their favorite art works for the exhibit.



Anna Murphy and Shawna Sullivan unveil the mosaic sculpture produced by sixth-graders at Deer Hill, as art teacher Ann Berman and principal Paul Callahan look on (at left). Friends and family were invited to the show, "Favorites '97."



Sixth-grade art students Greg O'Connell, Kurt Kahn, Matt Davis, Evan Pestone and Robert Hickey hang out at the art show opening Tuesday.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Charter School

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After all, the educational model that public schools currently operate under stems from recommendations made in 1892, said Diane Ellis Miles, secondary school principal at the charter school.

The 1993 Massachusetts Education Reform Act instigated a state-wide mission to "break the mold" of traditional schooling by throwing 25 experimental charter schools into the educational mix.

Since it opened for instruction in 1995, the ocean-side South Shore Charter School has been under pressure to prove that its innovative project-based learning techniques yield better student performance than the model used in traditional public schools.

"If it doesn't work within the first five years, the state pulls the plug," said South Shore Charter School CEO Tim Anderson. "But we know it's going to work. We're making real, solid progress."

The school's curriculum has undergone many changes and will continue to change for the next three years of its trial period, Miles said.

"What becomes important in this system is an emphasis on what the students are learning, rather than what the teachers are teaching," Miles said.

The school's formula for success hinges on five basic goals: getting students involved in the governance of the school, inviting parents to contribute to the overall operation of the school, emphasizing project-based learning, letting students learn at their own pace and using technology to track student progress.

According to the school's current model, students — learning at their own pace — spend the morning hours of the school day in traditional courses such as math, English and physics.

After lunch, they meet in groups to work on projects geared to integrate as many traditional school subjects as possible while putting their knowledge to the test, Miles said. Some student-designed projects include cleaning up a polluted pond, building a school in Nicaragua, raising different species of fish and reintroducing them into Boston Harbor and creating a new card game with universal rules.

"We are striving to equip our students and to help our students be prepared for life from school to a career," Miles said.

By September 1997, the school aims to transfer the focus of the school day to the student projects and use all-encompassing non-traditional courses to "fill in the gaps," she said. For example, instead of offering a traditional course in the Russian language that concentrates on grammar, vocabulary and verb conjugation, the school would introduce a course on the history, people and traditions of Russia that would be taught in Russian and would combine communication, grammar, history and geography all at the same time.

"Instead of memorizing bits of facts in one's brain, one will be learning and using," Miles explained.

Courses are taught at four different levels of instruction grouped by ability, not necessarily age. Students work in groups or individually, getting as much help as they need from teachers and according to their own pace.

"If students want more help in English, they can get it. If they want to spend more time on art, they can," Anderson said.

Primary school students start learning physics, reading and world languages — Spanish, Russian, French and sign language — in kindergarten.

Miles has introduced a grading system that stresses performance-based learning and eliminates the letter grades C and D. Students receive a grade of A, B, Incomplete or F for their work. An incomplete or F grade signifies that the student has not yet mastered the information and skills needed to proceed to the next level. Because students learn at their own pace, they do not repeat courses, but build on what they have already learned and continue to work toward accomplishing their goals, she said.

"We don't care how long it takes a student to attain. Our concern is, do they attain?" Miles said.

In the pursuit to attain, students keep a journal every day, perform 50 hours of community service each year and must score in the 60th percentile in all their subjects to graduate. By the end of the five-year trial, the school will expect their students to achieve placement in the 80th percentile nationally, Anderson said.

"The diploma has to stand for something," Anderson said.

Students are required to present updates on their projects and receive quarterly multi-page progress reports from their teachers. At the beginning and end of each school year, students take the California achievement test to measure their progress according to a nationally-recognized gauge.

In turn, students and parents rate the performance of the teachers quarterly. Teachers are hired with one-year contracts.

"We try to build a sense of ownership," he said.

And the 325 students from 23 Massachusetts communities who opt to attend the South Shore Charter School over their towns' public schools seem to thrive in what Anderson calls a "creative and energizing" learning environment.

"It's awesome," said first-year charter school student Nick MacIver, a fifth-grader from Hull who transferred from Hull Memorial. "There are more projects and group activity. Last year, I sat at a

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The Crowley and Sullivan families were among hundreds who attended Hospice of the South Shore's Sixth Annual Mall Walk.

Thanks to everyone's support, more than $123,000 was raised to help Hospice of the South Shore provide care and comfort to terminally ill patients and their families.

The Mall Walk was made possible by scores of dedicated volunteers, including co-chairs Karen McArdle and Dianne Ritter Chase, Dolly Bicknell, Laura Bicknell-Carbone, Eleanor Hall, Robin Hoffman, Charlene Long, Karen Malloy, Tom McCarthy, Rose Mone, Jo Anne and Steve Olson, Teresa Sasserson, Phyllis Troupe, and Bud and Barbara Watts.

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Charter School

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desk and did work. Now, I can sit on the floor and do my work. It's fun. Last year, I couldn't ask any questions. The teacher wanted to move on. But now, I can ask away."

The kindergarten, first-, second- and third-grade classes have already filled up with substantial waiting lists, Anderson said. The school's population has increased by 50 students each year since it opened, he said.

A public school, the South Shore Charter School must accept students who express an interest in attending if space permits. Priority is given to Hull students — 45 percent of the school population hails from Hull — and to siblings of students already enrolled.

State money that would be applied to town public schools — about $5,400 per student — follows students who choose to attend the charter school. That issue has raised controversy in many communities who are concerned about losing students and state aid. But for the past two years, that money has been reimbursed to town public schools, Anderson said.

St. Stephen's Habitat Partnership

Informational Meeting on May 18

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is pleased to announce a partnership with South Shore Habitat for Humanity to build a home in Quincy. The project, initiated by the church's Outreach Committee, was unanimously approved by the Vestry on April 28. The Committee's primary objective in 1997 is to alleviate hunger and inadequate housing, and sponsorship of a Habitat house has appealed to many members of the church as a way to meet that challenge.

In addition to raising the cost of the house, $50,000, St. Stephen's has committed to providing work site crews at least one Saturday a month. The labor for the rest of the construction will be provided by South Shore Habitat.

Habitat for Humanity International was founded 21 years ago in Georgia by Millard Fuller. The fledgling organization gained a boost in visibility by the support of former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Roslyn, who continue to be actively involved. Habitat is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that has built more than 50,000 houses worldwide.

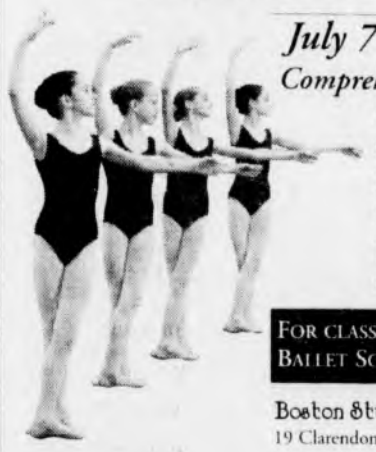
South Shore Habitat has built or renovated 12 houses in the past 11 years. Many people in Cohasset took part in a local Habitat project, the renovation of the Bates Building on Elm Street.

The house that St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is sponsoring will be one of 10 Habitat houses to be built on a 3.3 acre site in Quincy. Work is expected to begin in September and a partner family will be chosen at that time. The family will be selected by the Habitat board using income, need, willingness to partner with Habitat and other criteria. Partner families buy houses that are sold at no profit and are financed with affordable, no interest mortgages. In addition, they invest their own labor—500 hours of sweat equity.

Anyone interested in getting involved in the St. Stephen's project is more than welcome to come to an informational meeting to be held in Walton Rodgers Hall at 11:30 a.m., May 18, after church services or to call Willoughby Hood for further details at 383-1666.



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The Extended Day Camp will be in session from June 30 to Aug. 15. Hours will be Monday through Friday 7 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. It will primarily accommodate those children enrolled in the Cohasset Summer Recreation Program.

If you are interested in registering your child or children for the Extended Day Camp, call Liz Alpert or Gretchen Carney at 383-6860 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. by May 23. Space is limited.



Jim Polito, acting postmaster, helps sort through more than 4,000 pounds of donated food and grocery items for the food drive sponsored by the letter carriers and postal workers on Saturday.



Dennis Reardon and Ken Rodrick unload food collected by the letter carriers on Saturday.
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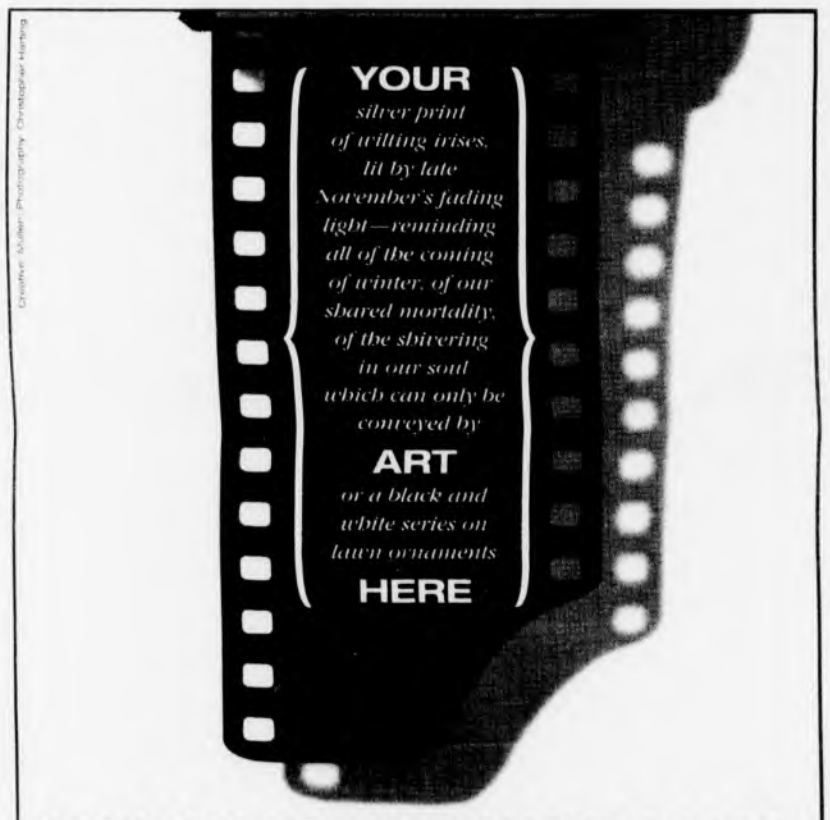


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Vegas Night and Breakfast

George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118, 98 Summer St., Cohasset will hold a Las Vegas Night, Friday, May 16, 7 p.m. to midnight. Players must be 21 years or older.

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Lacks Looks For Big Finale

Lacrosse Star Longs For Successful Tourney Run

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

It's typical that Jon Lacks' most memorable high school lacrosse game came during a contest where he didn't put any points up on the board. But it was the final result, a 9-8 win over Hingham, that really counted as far as the senior co-captain was concerned.

"They've (Hingham) been such a power for so many years and we have never come close to beating them," said Lacks. "I got a lot of attention. The did what they should have, successfully, and it worked. I came up with nothing."

Lacks typically has the opposing team's best defender on him throughout a game, trying to slow down the offense he is able to create for the Skippers. The opponents may succeed in slowing Lacks, but his presence on the field gives Cohasset an advantage.

Lacks said on Sunday he expected this to be a big week for the Skippers, who were riding a 10-1 record, their only loss coming in a tough, physical game last week in the team's second meeting against Hingham. The game was extra special because it was the first night lacrosse contest ever at Cohasset High School.

"There were over 300 people there," Lacks said. "There was a definite energy and the fans gave us a lot of support."

Unfortunately, the Harbormen weren't going to let Cohasset sweep two games from them. Despite falling behind early, Hingham came back with a vengeance against the exhausted Skipper team.

Cohasset did what it had to in the early-going, but Hingham's depth made the difference with six consecutive goals.

"Unless we don't put it to them at the beginning of the game," Lacks said, "we have tough fourth quarters."

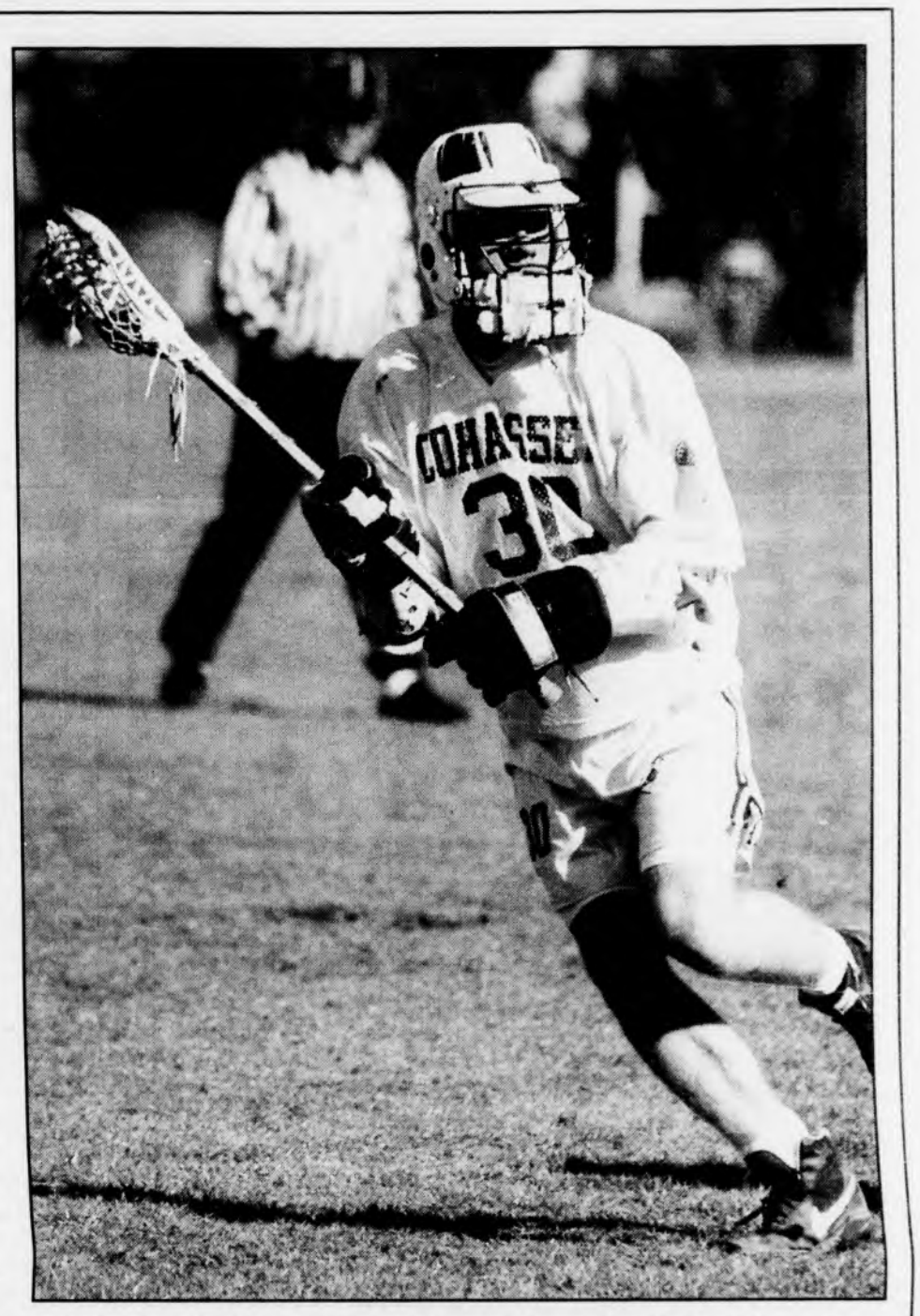
But the game has given Lacks a rush in several ways. He likes the fast pace and aggressiveness that goes along with it, and the competitiveness of those who play. "I like the whole feel of the game," he said. "The whole sport has changed my life."

There's also that feeling of constant improvement. The program was struggling along when Lacks first started playing and it slowly developed into a legitimate power. Cohasset has the distinction of being the smallest school to qualify for the postseason on a consistent basis. It wasn't an easy ride up, but it has its rewards.

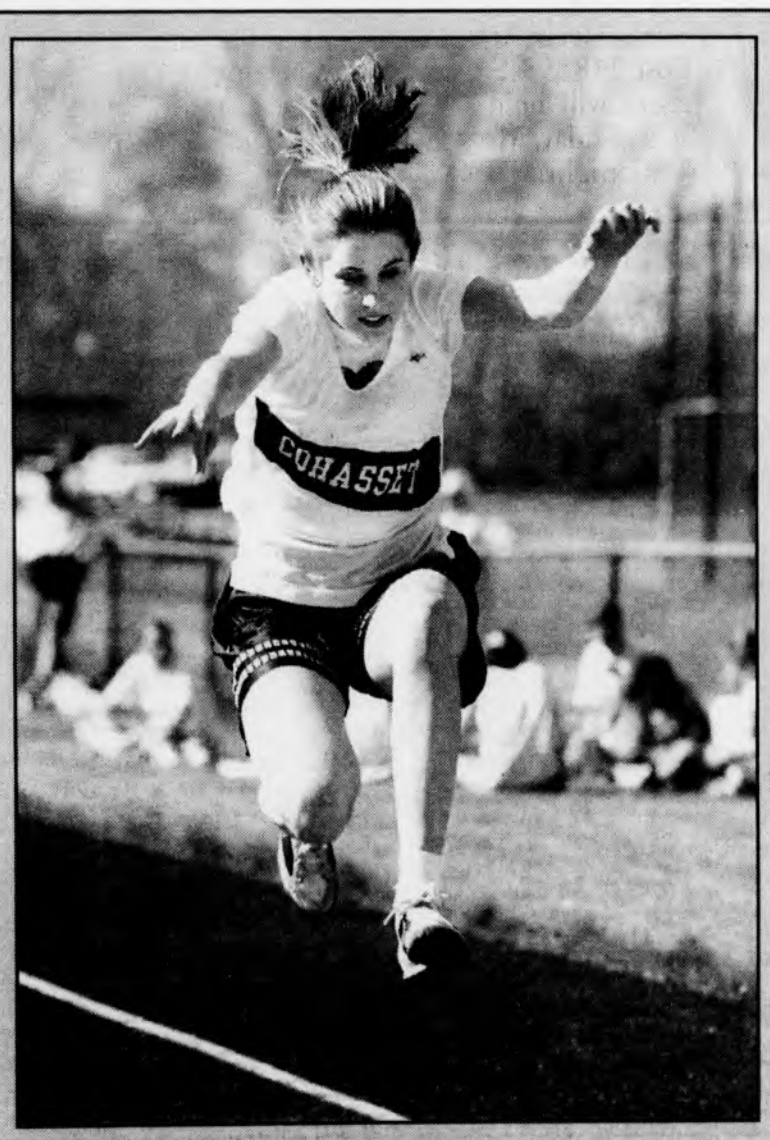
"It has been fun playing on a team that started off tough and has improved over the years," Lacks said.

Lacks is hoping the Skippers can earn a first-round bye this week with tough league games against Duxbury, Sandwich and Falmouth. What Lacks knows

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Cohasset High lacrosse star John Lacks works the ball down the field during a Skippers' game. Lacks is looking for a strong showing from the Cohasset laxmen in this spring's postseason before heading to Providence College this fall.
Staff photo by Alan Chapman



Cohasset High trackster Kristen Reynolds competes in a jumping event during the South Shore League Meet at Norwell High School.
Staff photo by Alan Chapman

THE FISH STORY/Mark Trask

Anglers Spring on Stocked Ponds and Rivers

A silken arc of spiders' web shoots across the surface of the pond and settles gently onto its surface. The minuscule hook on the end drags a wriggling meal worm into the depths. Soundlessly the rod whips into a bow as a fat trout inhales the worm below. The hiss of the drag quiets slowly and after a few minutes a colorful trout lays on the wet sand. The 1997 fishing season has begun.

For anglers all over Massachusetts the stocking of ponds rivers and streams signals the arrival of Spring. The stocking trucks have made their rounds and trout have been deposited by the net full in local streams and ponds.

In Hingham the Weir River and Plymouth River are stocked. Cohasset and Scituate share the bounty in Bound Brook as well as Tack Factory Pond in Scituate. Norwell's Norris Reservation and Third Herring Brook are famous. Further afield the Indian Head River, straddling Hanover and Pembroke, the South River in Marshfield, and Whitman's Pond in Weymouth each see a healthy stocking of brookies rainbows and browns. The ponds of Plymouth, of which Littles and Long may be most well-known, also have had salmon stock introduced again this year. A nine and 1/2 pounder made it to the scale already.

Many of these waters that are stocked with trout and most other ponds in the area contain a wide variety of warm water fish. When the sun warms the water in spring, pickerel and perch are usually the first to be seen. As the water climbs above 50 degrees, large and small mouth bass lose their sluggishness. Crappies, sunnies, and bluegills can next be see nesting in small gravelly bowls along the shore.

Early spring fishing is more productive with bait. Bass can be observed staring at a fat shiner for minutes at a time. It almost seems that the cold temperatures slow the bass' recognition of food. Finally when it does register the bass will eat. It makes you think that using lures on cold-water bass can be mighty frustrating: that sure-fire Rapala that caught you the big one last year is coming up empty after a couple dozen casts. Imagine if you will the cold slow brain of the bass as the lure wiggles by. Two casts later over promising water and the bass' brain finally registers food. Have faith in that lure, though, in a couple weeks the water will warm, brains will unthaw, and the bass will again "whack" their share of lures.

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YOUTH SOCCER REVOLUTION



Soccer players (Left to Right) Patrick Bertovich, Christopher Reynolds, Sam Steek, Will Maich, Brandon Smith and Ben Libby pose with the Revolution's Sam Adams and "Italy" coach Scott Smith.



Bobby Ridge barrels down the field with a teammate and opponent in close pursuit.



D.J. Silvia boots the ball downfield.



Brian Litchfield gets his soccer ball signed by New England Revolution player Sam Adams at Saturday's Cohasset Soccer Jamboreee.



Colin Mason blows by the defense during his game.

Photos by Bill Wadsworth

EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

Parents Have to Let Kids be Kids

Maybe it's me who's living in the dark ages. After all, young kids are involved in, and excelling at every sport imaginable these days. It takes a lot of commitment, but they love what they're doing.

The trouble is, many of them won't be competing in anything for much longer, thanks to parents who don't have a brain in their head.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not referring to all parents, not even the majority. The parents I have seen at youth events are caring, intelligent people who want their children to enjoy sports. Whether they win or lose doesn't seem to matter as long as their children leave the field with smiles on their faces.

What their goal is for their children to come away from the sport with a positive feeling towards it — a happy memory to look back on when they are older. These are the kids who, more often than not, are the ones who wind up excelling at the high school and college level. Their parents should be applauded for not putting any pressure on their kids. For young kids, having fun should be the name of the game.

Hey, if Rick Pitino wants his Boston Celtics players, who earn millions of dollars, to have fun on the basketball court, why on earth should a youngster be deprived of the same chance? And remember, Pitino is one of, if not the, most respected coach in basketball, college and pro. What's more he's a great motivator. Who are we to question Pitino's philosophy?

But there are parents who make sports the end all, be all of their children's existence.

I met one in particular just last week. Along with soccer and basketball, his 12-year-old daughter will be running

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Big Finale

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Cohasset must do is avoid the mental mistakes that have plagued the team this season. He has no doubt, however, the squad is aiming for a strong seed in the postseason.

"We have to stay out of the penalty box," Lacks said. "Our team's more united than it's ever been. Everybody is ready and willing to take on the challenge. Everybody's pulling their weight and that's definitely making the difference."

For Lacks, the high school season is an extension of the lacrosse he plays year-round. This past winter he played in the High School National Indoor Lacrosse Tourney with teammate, goaltender Ely Kahn. The pair were selected from their winter team and faced some strong competition.

"We were definitely playing against the best Division 1 players," Lacks said. "We could hold our own. I think lacrosse in this part of the country is getting as strong as anywhere in the country."

Lacks serves as a liaison between the rest of the lineup and head coach Ken Ekberg in running the offense. Lacks holds Ekberg in high regard and respects the coach's desire to win.

"He's a really unique coach," Lacks said. "He has the real determination to win. He'll bark at you, but it's never anything personal. Coach just wants to make us better players."

When this season ends, both Lacks and Kahn will head up to Green Mountain College in Vermont for two weeks to help coach at the Top Gun Lacrosse Camp. Directed by college coaches and players, the camp features some of the most promising high school players in the country.

Lacks and Kahn both attended the camp as players, but this is the first year they'll be coaching. Lacks is already looking forward to it and can definitely see himself in a coaching capacity after he is done playing lacrosse.

"That's something I'd really like to do," Lacks said. "I love the technical part of the game."

Lacks was recruited by several colleges, but wound up picking Providence College, where former Cohasset star Ken Leahy played. Lacks is looking to the college experience with excitement. And for the first time in Cohasset lacrosse history, three players, Lacks, Kahn and Matt Belson, will be playing Division 1 lacrosse.

No matter how the season ends up, Lacks will look back on his years on the lacrosse field nostalgically.

"A lot of the seniors on this team all picked up sticks together," Lacks said. "We've developed so much and we've all done it together.

"It's been a great ride."

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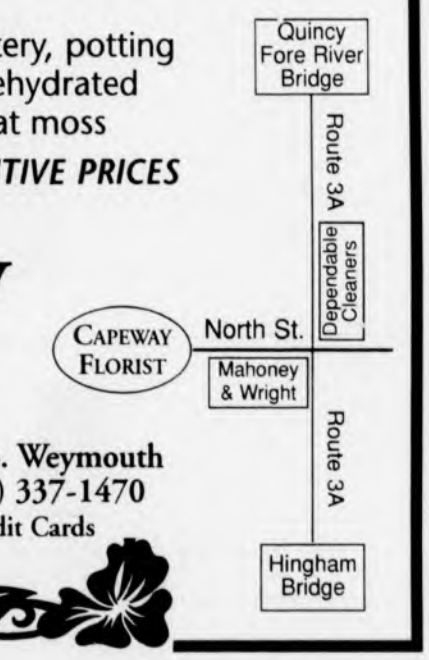
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Basketball Camp

Tuesday, July 8 to Friday, July 11, grades four to six, price $120. Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18, grades six to nine, price $150. Price includes a camp shirt. Cohasset High School. Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff.

No Post Season For Diamond Kings

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Skippers varsity baseball team (4-11), whose tournament aspirations have been dwindling for weeks now, finally found itself mathematically eliminated from postseason play with this week's 7-2 loss to Hull.

Despite a two-hit effort from Greg Taylor and solid pitching, particularly in the late innings, Cohasset found itself plagued by problems which have hampered it all season long. The Skippers have been inconsistent, piecing together two or three good innings, but usually too late to make a difference. Also, no player has repeatedly turned it up a notch to make the big play.

On Monday, Cohasset was crushed by the Hanover Indians, losing 16-3 at home. Pat Hurley pitched three beautiful innings to close it out, but the damage had been done. Senior Rob Buckley collected two hits, but he stood alone in Cohasset's lackluster offensive effort.

After making tournament last year, the Skippers had high expectations for this season. After losing two players from the team, Cohasset's talent level dropped and its wins dropped with it. However, with five games remaining in the season, the Skippers have reason to believed that solid pitching and slowly awakening bats could help them win those games.

Cohasset Summer Hockey Sign Up

Summer hockey sign-ups for Squirts and Bantams will be Tuesday, May 20, from 7:30 to 8 p.m. at Deerhill School. These are tryout teams. Tryouts will be May 31 at Babson College from 1:10 to 2 p.m. Cost to sign up will be $10. If interested in playing at these levels, call Bob Moody at 383-0385.

Little League Dance

The annual Little League dance and fund raiser will be held on May 17 at Kimball's by the Sea from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. There will be hor d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Music will be provided by "The Greatful Dads." Tickets are $25. For tickets or donations to the auction, contact Kevin Lewis at 383-2076.

'Kick-A-Thon' to Benefit New Foundation

A kung fu 'Kick-A-Thon' event is scheduled to be held Friday, May, 16 at Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi in Cohasset. Students and staff members participants will range in age from four to. . .well quite a bit older. Proceeds from the Kick-A-Thon will be donated to Project Action Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation which provides scholarships in dance, gymnastics, and martial arts to underprivileged children and youngsters 'at risk'. As a Project Action sponsor studio, Jade Forest supports the foundation's goal of providing such youngsters the opportunity to benefit from positive role models, peer support, and self esteem in a healthy, secure, and supportive environment.

During the Kick-A-Thon, students of all ages and levels of skill will execute basic martial arts kicks as well as some of the more difficult and advanced kicking techniques of kung fu. Scott Jeffery, Assistant Head Instructor at Jade Forest, and a nationally rated competitor on the tournament circuit will 'kick off' the event, beginning at 5:30 p.m. All students participating will have collected donations from sponsors for 100 the kicks they will perform. Additional donations can also be made by members of the public wishing to lend their support at this exciting event.

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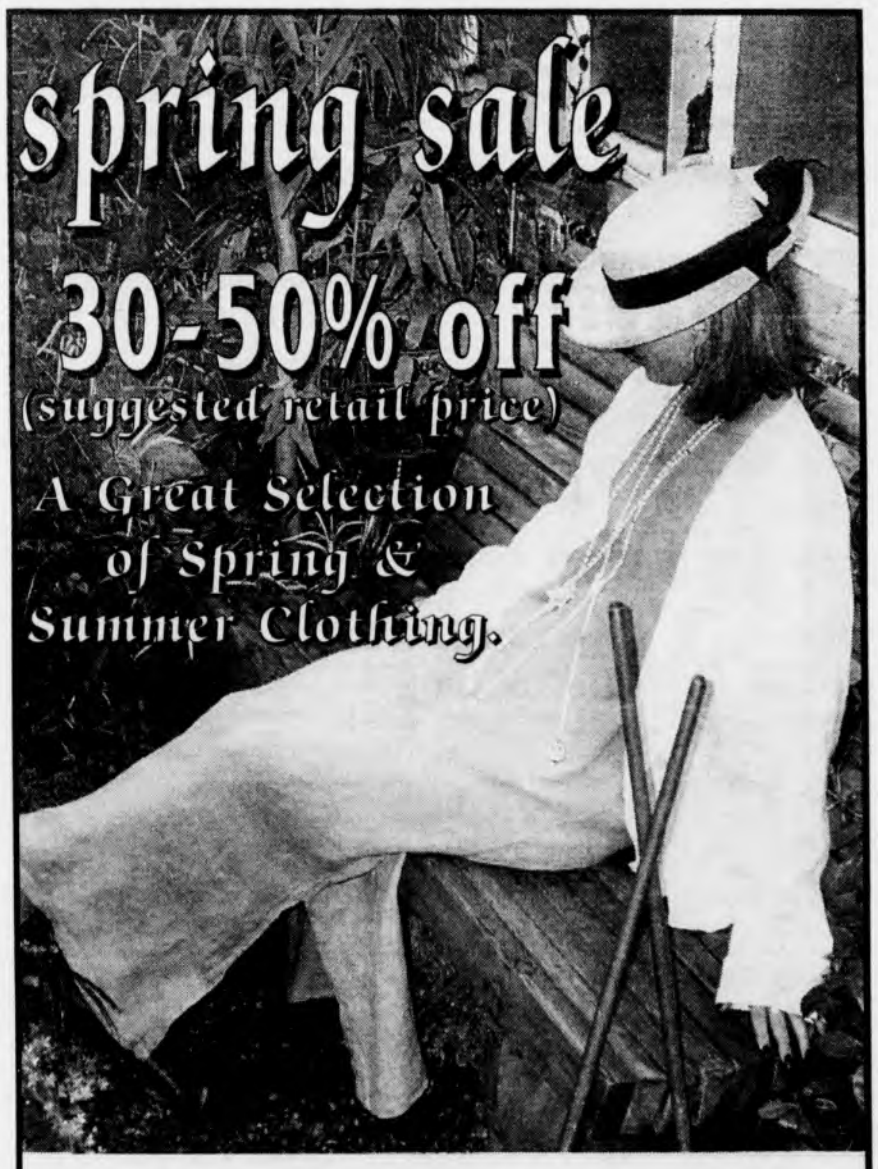


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There's a big problem here. Her father is a former marathoner, who is involved with every activity her daughter participates in. He gave me a copy of her soccer schedule, complete with practices and tournaments. He then added that any other commitments that may happen to fall on these particular dates will fall by the wayside. No questions asked.

So when does this cute little 12 year old rest? She has about four days from the end of summer soccer to the beginning of the junior high preseason practices, the last week of August. Now take a shot in the dark in guessing who her coach is. That's right. Dad started the program at her school and is working to build it up to the point where the team can enter an official league.

This, however, is all tame compared to that big race in August. Falmouth, if you've never run it, is an absolute beautiful course. Winding roads traverse through tree-lined streets for the first three miles before the runners hit the wide-open thoroughfare of Surf Drive. This is the flattest section of the course. The final three-quarters of a mile head uphill before a forgiving downhill to the finish.

As scenic a course as Falmouth is, it's not an easy one, not even for the most prepared runners. World-class runners, including Bill Rodgers, Alberto Salazar and Frank Shorter have all had their problems on the course. The heat can be unbearable, and Shorter has said on several occasions that the course is "a lot tougher than you'd think."

For a 12 year old to be running Falmouth, I don't care whether it's a boy or girl, is irresponsible on the parents' part. And they can rationalize it all they want with their little spin of how much their kids "enjoy" the day and how the race is a great take in for the family.

The fact is, nitwits, your children's bones and muscles are still growing and aren't strong enough to handle the pounding of seven miles. Even worse, the majority of these kids actually train for the race.

I have no doubt these parents care for their kids. Do them a favor. If they're interested in road races, head over to the Woodsdale School in Abington for the Colonial Roadrunners' weekly 3.2-mile fun run. On Saturday mornings, there's always the 2.5-mile loop around Fresh Pond in Cambridge. Have them run the half, mile or two mile in age-group track meets. They can compete against kids their own age and drastically reduce the risk of injury.

Believe me, nobody remembers what a runner does as a 12 year old when studies have shown they reach their peak as late as their mid-30s. Do your kid a favor. Take it easy on them and keep it fun.

Fishing *Continued from page 15*

Herring runs are in full swing now with the annual return of this silvery staple of the oceanic food chain. Right behind them are the heralding run of schoolie stripers, the rats, small 4-6 pound fish. Several spots are hot and the anglers are on them like flies. Black's Creek at the south end of Wollaston Beach, the Back River, Weir River, the Gulph, the Foster Road bridge, First Herring Brook, the North River at Damon's Point, the South River above the Bridgewaye, Duxbury Bay at the back channel are all giving up schoolie's from time to time. A wide variety of lures are successful. Gag's famous Mambo Minnow, Bombers, Rebels, Kastmasters, are among the most commonly used. Some anglers test their skills with fresh water gear on these early arrivals. The best bait at this point appears to be seaworms drifted in the current. John Tedeschi had a busy evening the tide floating them under the Mill Bridge in Cohasset. Fly fishermen are already working the beach under the Charthouse and the grassy marshes of the Gulph and the North River.

As I wrap up for the week I can only smile as a local lobsterman is relating seeing huge schools marked on his fishfinder at about 20 feet. Sounds like the mackerel are here.

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School News

Phonathon Starts Next Week

The PSO annual Phonathon has been scheduled for May 20 and 21. Calls will be made between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m.

Last year, more than $7,000 was raised. With these funds the PSO was able to buy uniforms for the high school band, interior security gates at Deer Hill and fund all teacher grants (e.g. speakers, class publications, field trips). The pledges will be for the 1997-1998 school year.



A group of sixth-grade girls mug for the camera during Favorites '97, the annual art show at Deer Hill. For more photos, see page 11.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Post Prom Committee Seeks Support

The Post Prom Breakfast Committee for the graduating seniors has come up with some ideas to make this year's event the best ever.

The breakfast will be held this year at the Second Congregational Church and has traditionally been well attended by the seniors in past years. This year, along with the delicious food which is provided by the parents of the attendees, the committee would like to offer a little more to keep the prom-goers entertained.

"We were thrilled with the number of parents who are willing to help out this year and the support from the school has been great, too" reports co-chair Donna O'Donnell. "However, some of the ideas would require more money than we presently have available for this event."

Community support for this breakfast would be very much appreciated to help fund the surprise entertainment. The committee is looking for cash donations in the range of $15.

"The main focus is to keep the students safe and away from danger. Prom night is always a worry for parents and post prom activities have become a big part of the prom night festivities in order to keep the teens out of their cars and away from drugs and alcohol," said co-chair Debbie Niessink.

If you would like to help the committee provide a safe, fun night for the prom-goers, please consider sending a donation to the Post-Prom Breakfast Committee. Checks may be made payable to Donna O'Donnell and mailed to her at 196 Fairoaks Lane.



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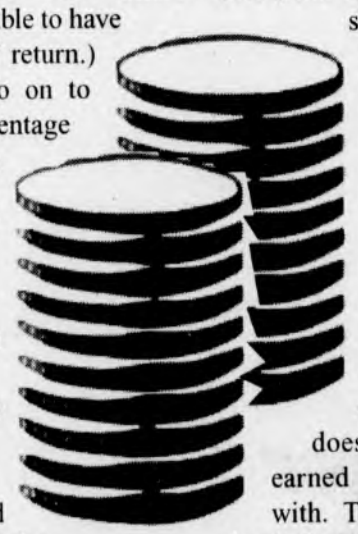
INVESTING: Calculating total portfolio return

By Amy K. Barrett
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How do you gauge the success of your investments? You probably check how much your stocks have appreciated or eye the interest paid on your bonds. Maybe you even quantify them with tangible equivalents—a car, a house, a vacation, etc. With these methods you may be getting only a partial picture. And how do you compare returns on different kinds of investments? Two components make up the profit of most investments: income (dividends or interest) and capital gains (price appreciation). And factored together, they can give you the most accurate and universal measure for assessing performance: total return. Total return is simply the percentage gain you've gotten on the money you invested.

Here's how to calculate total return. Let's say you bought 100 shares of a $10 stock (a $1,000 investment), and it paid out an annual dividend of $1 a share. A year later the stock's value had risen to $15 a share. In terms of capital gains, you've earned $500 ($1,500 minus $1,000). Add to that the $100 in dividends you received ($1 paid for each 100 shares), and your total gain is $600. Now, to convert your gain into a percentage, divide what you earned ($600) by your original investment ($1,000); you get 0.6. Move the decimal point to the right two places to make it a percentage, and the total return is 60 percent—not a hard calculation to make. (You can calculate total return with fixed-income investments the same way: Add the price appreciation of the bond to its interest payments, and divide that by the starting price of the bond. Of course, any price depreciation can offset income, so it's possible to have a negative rate of return.) Now you could go on to compare the percentage of return for the above stock to the percentage of return for any of the mutual funds or bonds you own and find out which gave you the best return on your money.



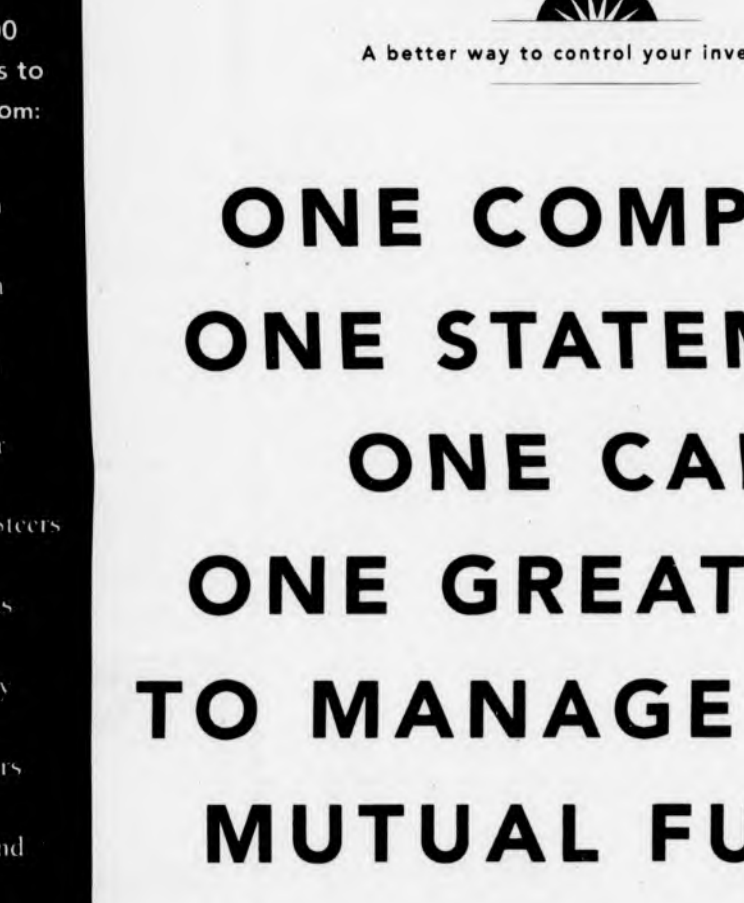
"Investors need [total return] to make intelligent decisions," said John Markese, president of the American Association of Individual Investors (or AAII) in Chicago. Despite the seemingly infallible logic of focusing on total return percentages instead of dollar amounts, many individual investors don't use it as an investment tool.

One reason may be that most money-management firms and brokerage houses—for example, two of the largest discount brokerages, Charles Schwab and Fidelity Investments—don't include it in their monthly reports. Financial firms in general "don't want to have the liability or the exposure of actually telling their customers what their rate of return is," if they have miscalculated, or their products have lost money, says Markese. And convention may also be to blame. Investors, after all, don't insist on having money managers or brokers tally their total return because they don't see it used much on Wall Street. But percentages do paint a clearer picture. The difference, for instance, between the Dow's gaining 100 points to reach 3000 and 100 points to reach 7000 is the difference between an advance of 3.45 percent and one of 1.45 percent.

While investors can calculate their own total returns, the math gets trickier if they actively add and withdraw money from their investments. Say an investor buys more shares of Microsoft toward the end of the month, and she wants to calculate the stock's total return for that month. Does it make sense for her to count all of the late purchase with her base investment at the beginning of the month when calculating total return? Not really. The AAII supplies a standard formula for calculating total return in such cases; the formula, for the sake of simplicity, assumes that all additions are made midway through the period. The equation may seem like hocus-pocus—or at least like a complex equation—to most investors, but essentially it does what the first, albeit simpler, calculation does: divides what you earned by what you started with. The equation differs in that it factors in net additions (that is, additions to the account minus any withdrawals) into your beginning and ending balances. One of the pitfalls of this method is that if you add money to or subtract it from your account at the end or beginning of the month, your total return may be off by a fraction of a point, says Markese.

Two components make up the profit of most investments: income (dividends or interest) and capital gains (price appreciation). And factored together, they can give you the most accurate and universal measure for assessing performance: total return.

Here's how the calculation works. Let's say the Microsoft investor mentioned above began the month with $1,300 worth of the software company's shares and ends the month owning $2,000 worth. Take that ending balance plus any income that has not been reinvested (in this case, there is none, because Microsoft doesn't pay out a dividend). Subtract half of any net additions that were made from that total. So let's say she bought $500 worth of Microsoft and sold $100 during the month, making her net addition $400—half of which is $200. And $2,000 minus $200 is $1,800. That's the first part of the equation. Now take the beginning balance plus half of the net additions ($1,300 plus $200 equals $1,500), and subtract it from $1,800. That $300 is what the investor earned last month. As with the previous total-return calculation, divide the beginning balance and, in this case, half the net addition into what was earned. So $300 divided by $1,500 equals .20, or 20 percent.



If you aren't comfortable with this pencil-and-paper method of finding total return, software programs exist that can calculate it and even go to the exact decimal point by taking into account exactly when deposits and withdrawals were made. In any case, don't ignore total return. Use it as your investment ruler. And with a certain amount of coaxing, eventually your money managers and brokers may also.

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It's Happening

Calling All Gardeners

If you drove by the South Shore Community Center last week you saw many busy workers sprucing up the grounds.

It is the plan to continue working on the grounds under the direction of Barbara Anglin, the Secret Gardener, and Karen Kirkendall. Plans are to plant a flowering border on Depot Court along the chain link fence. Any of the following listed plants, or any others that you have to share, are needed.

Bonica Roses, New Dawn Shrub Roses, Caryopteris Shrub, Foxglove, Coreopsis (Moonbeam), Japanese Anenome, Echinolea (white and purple), Lavender, Yarrow (pastels), Russian Sage, Creeping Phlox, Phlox, Blue Fescue Grass, Longwort, Soapwort, Peonies, Clematis.

Other items that are needed for this project are: nine yards of compost, 15 to 20 roses (Bonica and New Dawn Shrubs), 25 lbs. of bonemeal, two large containers of Ortho Systemic Rose Fertilizer, and various bulbs.

Please drop anything off at the center by June 5 or call 383-0088 if you would like to help fund this project. The Rose Shrub will cost $10 each.

Hats off to the following volunteers on the project: Anna Abbruzzese, Peter Laugelle, Linda McCarthy, Sarah Marmo, Karen Kirkendall, Chanticleers (Men's Breakfast Club), the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and Mike Bleakie, Barbara Anglin and Dean Rizzo.

Teens Raise Money for Breast Cancer Research

A teen choral group "Allegra" will perform a benefit concert Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset to raise money for breast cancer research. "Allegra" was formed in 1995 to promote ensemble singing among young women and to provide community service. "We've had two wonderful seasons", says founder and choral director Ann Whiteley. "The group has been well received at the Rotary Club, St. Stephen's Church, Second Congregational Church, CHS Pops and the Valentine Cabaret."

Seventeen young women in grades eight through 12 perform a variety of musical styles from William Byrd to Neil Sedaka. Accompaniments will be provided on piano, flute and cello by young women as well. "We decided that donations to our final concert would benefit breast cancer research to heighten awareness for a very critical women's issue," said Whiteley. "I get tired of reading about the many problems that teenagers are involved in. This group shows a productive use of their time, talents and energy."

Tickets are not required and checks may be made payable to the American Cancer Society. The members of the group are all from Cohasset. They are: Holly Brennock, Katie Buckley, Jami Butman, Carolyn Cameron, Mareth Collins-Wooley, Jane Flaherty, Grace Gardner, Lydia Guild, Lindy Holway, Elizabeth Ingber, Alison Kinchia, Ashley Koed, Bree McKenney, Elizabeth Myers, Sarah Pease, Kelly Tufts, Megan Whiteley.

Lightkeeper's House to Hold Open House May 26

The board members of the Cohasset Lightkeeper's Corporation will host a family open house and picnic after the Memorial Day parade May 26.

CLC board members will serve all-American hot dogs and soft drinks at no charge. Grills and charcoal will be available for those who bring their own picnics. It is hoped this will become an annual event at the close of Memorial Day services.

The Lightkeeper's House is ideally situated on Government Island near the Veterans Park where the final speeches are given and the flag raised. The view is lovely, and people have a chance to reflect on the beauty of Cohasset, the contributions veterans have made, and to enjoy the camaraderie of their neighbors.

The latest plans for the Learning Lab, which is sponsored by the CLC, will be on display and members of the board will provide additional information.

Reception Honoring Mrs. Price

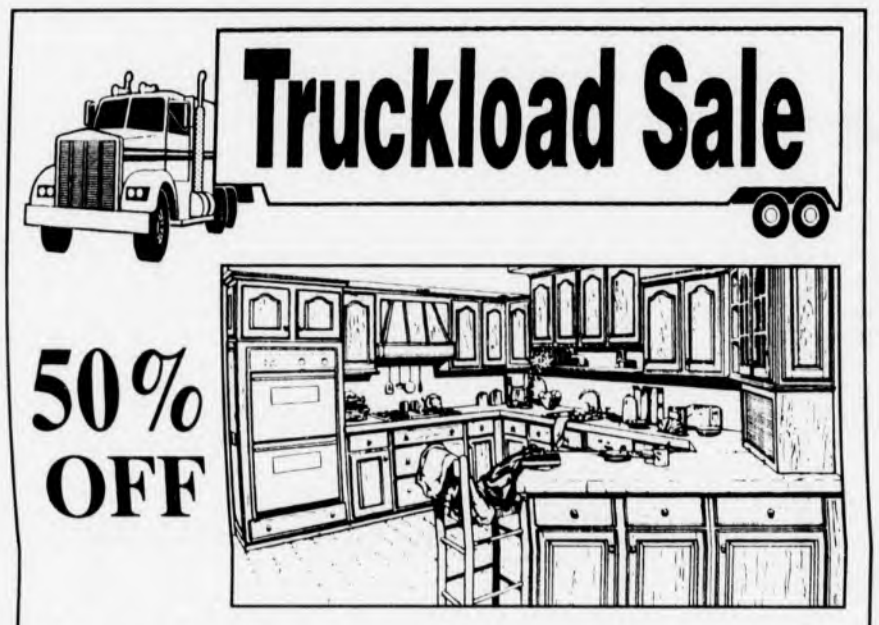
Cohasset kindergarten teacher Marie Price will retire at the end of the school year. All students, past and present, and parents are cordially invited to an open house reception in her honor Sunday, June 1, at the Second Congregational Church (next to town hall), from 2 to 4 p.m. The room mothers are collecting contributions for a Memory Book for Mrs. Price.

All former students are asked to submit a message on an 8 1/2 x 11" sheet of paper to the boxes in the offices at each school building, or bring to the reception. Your contribution can take any format. For example, it could be a drawing, a letter, "then" and "now" pictures or a special story. Be sure to include your name and the year you had Mrs. Price. Also, help us spread the word, especially among older students and returning college students.

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The orchestra's "conductor search committee" will have a difficult task filling the void left by Mr. Corley's retirement.

The final concert, "Pops '97," will be held Saturday evening, May 17, at 8 p.m., at the Old Ship parish hall, 107 Main St., Hingham. Among the compositions to be presented will be the "March of the Toreadors" from "Carmen," "Arkansas Traveler," a Strauss waltz, "Guys and Dolls," and "Bugler's Holiday," featuring the Hingham Civic Orchestra trumpeters.

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Police Report

Sunday, May 4

5:46 p.m., info, general, Beechwood Ball Park.

6:18 p.m., medical aid, Deep Run.

7:22 p.m., animal complaint, Linden Dr.

9:59 p.m, threats (other), CJC Way by Pond St.

10:57 p.m, suspicious (other), Doane St.

Monday, May 5

4:35 a.m., Burglary (B&E), CJC Hwy.

7:38 a.m., MV accident, Spring St.

8:40 a.m., MV theft, Pond St.

10:52 a.m., MV violations, from Hull via Atlantic Ave.

12:20 p.m., traffic safety inspection, Forest Ave. by Jerusalem Rd.

1:56 p.m., suspicious (other), King St.

3:37 p.m., traffic safety inspection, intersection by Stop & Shop.

7:06 p.m., general services, Summer St. 79-year-old in protective custody.

9:02 p.m., property (recovered), out of town.

9:26 p.m., disturbance, N. Main St.

9:53 p.m., suspicious person, Beach st.

10:53 p.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.

Tuesday, May 6

7:24 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

10:29 a.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Cohasset Imports.

1:37 p.m., medical aid, Margin Ct.

2:49 p.m., MV accident, Grove St. at Prospect St.

4:32 p.m., wires down, Beechwood st.

4:43 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

5:13 p.m, MV stop, N. Main St.

5:15 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.

5:16 p.m, property (lost), S. Main St.

11:10 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.

Wednesday, May 7

1:01 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

6:24 a.m., MV stop, Square.

6:33 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

6:53 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.

6:54 a.m., MV stop, Rocky Ln.

7:25 a.m., MV stop, Howe Rd.

9:53 a.m., MV violations, Atlantic Ave.

10:22 a.m., assist motorist, Parking Way.

11:10 a.m., assist other agency, Hammond Ave.

11:20 a.m., fire gas leak (outside), Linden Dr.

12:35 p.m., medical aid, Flintlock Ridge Rd.

12:58 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

1:20 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

4:45 p.m., Mv stop, Forest Ave.

5:01 p.m., Mv stop, Hull St.

5:25 p.m., officer wanted, S. Main St.

5:34 p.m., transport, S. Main St.

5:50 p.m., property damage, S. Main St.

5:57 p.m., assist citizen, Cedar St.

6:05 p.m., vandalism, Jerusalem Rd.

7:08 p.m., MV stop, Summer St.

7:27 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

Thursday, May 8

6:44 a.m., MV stop, Cohasset Plaza.

7:01 a.m., MV stop, Scofield Rd.

7:18 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.

7:39 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:25 a.m., assist other agency, Elm Ct.

8:30 a.m., vandalism, Jerusalem Rd.

10:27 a.m., by-law violation, S. Main St.

1:14 p.m., animal complaint, Sohier St.

2:51 p.m, general services, S. Main St.

3:51 p.m., officer wanted,King St.

4:38 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

5:07 p.m., officer wanted, Sohier St.

5:58 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

7:38 p.m., property (lost), Aaron River Rd.

7:40 p.m., Mv stop, Ripley Rd.

8:25 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

8:58 p.m., animal complaint, Locust Rd.

10:40 p.m., open door/window, S. Main St.

Friday, May 9

1:10 a.m., officer wanted, Margin St.

7:11 a.m., MV stop, Howe Rd.

7:36 a.m., MV stop, Howe Dr..

9:48 a.m., assist citizen, Beechwood St.

11:03 a.m., wires down, area of Beach St. and Keene Ln.

11:05 a.m., wires down, on Border St.

3:45 p.m., officer wanted, Ripley Rd.

4:53 p.m., MV stop, Rt. 3a @ Pond St.

5:37 p.m., general services, Rt. 3A @ Pond.

6:53 p.m., general services, Beechwood St.

7:56 p.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A N.B., arrested: Audrey L. Butterworth, 319 Victory Rd., Quincy, DOB: 4/12/51. Warrant.

8:35 p.m., assist other agency, Hull St.

10:53 p.m., general services, Sandy Beach.

11:02 p.m., disturbance, Spring St.

Saturday, May 10

12:45 a.m., vandalism, S. Main St.

1:34 a.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

2:08 a.m., general service Beechwood St.

9:09 a.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.

10:31 a.m, MV accident, CJC Hwy.

11:51 a.m., traffic safety inspection, Border St.

2:59 p.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy., 57-year-old in protective custody.

4:21 p.m., general services, Parker Av.e

5:17 p.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.

7:08 p.m., suspicious person, Jerusalem Rd.

10:09 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

11:18 p.m., disturbance, Harbor.

11:34 p.m., disturbance, Church St.

Sunday, May 11

4:07 a.m., Info, general, JJ's Rt. 3A.

10:29 a.m., vandalism, Summer St.

11:40 a.m., traffic safety inspection, Border St.

4:58 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd., arrested: Stephen E. Giuggio, 544 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset; DOB: 9/13/60, default warrant.

5:06 p.m., trespassing, Atlantic Ave.

5:50 p.m., vandalism, Woodland Dr.

5:54 p.m., vandalism, Highland Ave.

7:38 p.m., medical aid, Jericho Rd.

9:12 p.m., open door/window, Hull ST.

9:49 p.m., notification, CJC Hwy.

10:20 p.m., open door/window, Sohier St.

Cohasset Police Celebrate the Jimmy Fund's 50th Anniversary

The Massachusetts Chiefs of Police and communities across the state have been instrumental in supporting the Jimmy Fund and the search for a cure for cancer for 50 years. To continue this tradition and in celebration of the 50-year anniversary of the Jimmy Fund and Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, the Cohasset Police Department is launching its 1997 Jimmy Fund Canister Drive.

"Jimmy Fund canisters will be on display in local businesses in the region from now throughout the 1997 Red Sox season," Chief Brian Noonan said. "We have always relied on the generosity of the businesses and residents of Cohasset to make our fund-raising for the fight against cancer a success."

Featuring the slogan, "Your Spare Change Can Change the Future," the canisters entreat stores' patrons to "...join the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police and the Jimmy Fund in their support of doctors and researchers who are searching to find a cure for cancer."

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"It's hard to believe that in the 1940's, when the Jimmy Fund was founded, cancer was a disease only whispered about," said Mike Andrews, chairman and executive director of the Jimmy Fund. "It was a time when almost everyone suffering from cancer, children and adults alike, died. Fifty years of generous donations later and everyone's chances have improved — cancer death rates are finally declining and cure rates for some forms of childhood cancers are as high as 80 percent."

But the battle is still being waged. Every day, scientists at Dana-Farber, a recognized world leader in cancer care and research, are uncovering new ways to attack cancer and they need your help now more than ever. Please join the Cohasset Police Department and the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association on the front lines of this fight.

For more information about how to help, call police chief Brian W. Noonan at 383-1055.

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Estate of MARY E. BARNICLE late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that PETER J. BARNICLE, III of COHASSET be appointed executor named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on May 28, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this fourteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

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Scouting News

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Registration is for all girls: Daisy girls are in Kindergarten (by Fall 1997); Brownies are in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades (Osgood); Juniors are in 4th, 5th, 6th grades (Deerhill). Cadettes and Seniors are in 7th-12th grades (Middle and High School),

The current ten troops in town welcome new girls. We are always seeking new volunteers.

The Daisy troops meet once a month and will need new leaders.

For more information, contact Mary McElroy 383-0505 or Terry James 383-9173.

Cohasset Pack 38 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, April 15, four Webelos II scouts crossed over into Boy Scouts. They will join Cohasset Troop 28, headed by Scout Master Phil Lehr. The candle lighting ceremony was held during the Cub Scout pack meeting at Deer Hill that evening. Boy Scout Robbie Lehr helped to light the 12 candles on the 50-year-old candelabra which Arthur Lehr helped to make when he was a Boy Scout. Each candle signifies a part of the Boy Scout Law. After the candles were lit Scott McArthur, David Santiago and Nicholas Barnes (Jonathan Degruchy was absent) had their Webelos neckties exchanged for Boy Scout ties and then they individually crossed over a bridge reciting the Boy Scout Law. They were greeted on the "Boy Scout side" by Phil Lehr and their parents and were presented with Boy Scout hats.

Troop 28 has been very active with five to six campouts during the year as well as a weekend ski trip to New Hampshire. Two campouts have been planned for May as well as a week-long camping trip in June. The Boy Scouts also participate in a statewide clean-up of beaches each fall and use Bassings Beach in Cohasset as their base, camping in tents on the beach.

Also attending the pack meeting was The Rev. Gary Ritts who presented Webelos I Scouts Jack Carroll and Jim DeGiacomo with their God and Country religious medals. Rev. Ritts had worked with Jack and Jim over the three-month period it took them to complete the requirements for this medal.

'Eleanor Roosevelt' to Speak with Girl Scouts

The Cohasset Junior and Cadette Girl Scout Troops and the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs are jointly sponsoring an Ice Cream Social with Eleanor Roosevelt portrayed by actress Elena Dowd. She will represent Mrs. Roosevelt in her years as the First Lady. The event will be at the Cohasset Lightkeepers' House on June 4 at 2:30 p.m.

The Pilgrim Cooperative Bank and Bergson's are contributors. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Cohasset Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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Selectmen Hung Up in Lobster Lab

Process Stalled Over Text of Proposal

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

For the third week in a row, selectmen grappled with how to handle the request for proposal (RFP) for the former Cohasset Colonials showroom on the Hagerty Property.

Repeated requests from town counsel for guidance on the matter yielded little this week, as the board continued to appear confused over how to proceed.

Town meeting in March approved leasing the Victorian house to a non-profit organization for the purpose of developing a "lobster lab," an educational, research facility there.

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation, which leases the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island from the town, plans to manage and refurbish the building.

Lobster Lab director Kevin Ulmer plans to lease the top floor from the Lightkeepers for his own business.

At issue is how much detail should be included in the RFP.

Selectmen are split on the matter, with Merle Brown leading the charge to have the RFP be similar to the one issued for the lightkeepers residence. That RFP was a fairly simple document with "non-boiler plate" issues

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Mike Kelley fishes for striped bass in Cohasset Harbor.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Businesses Long for Village Station Study

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

A train station in Cohasset Village isn't such a bad concept, at least from the point of view of a number of local businesses owners.

The business community wants more of a say in what will happen with the Greenbush Line restoration project and are suggesting that a station might be better in the village rather than on Route 3A.

The MBTA plans to build the commuter rail station on Route 3 and has the blessing of selectmen and a large number of residents. But business people would like the town to reopen the station discussion and at least study the viability of a village location.

Dean Rizzo, chairman of the town's Greenbush mitigation committee and a member of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, supports a station in the village.

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Officials Split on Train Meeting

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Town officials met with Transportation Secretary James Kerasiotes and MBTA General Manager Patrick Moynihan May 15 to discuss Greenbush mitigation issues that were previously rejected by T environmental affairs manager Andrew Brennan.

The meeting was arranged by Brennan to ask Kerasiotes and Moynihan to reconsider a list of mitigation items. But town officials who attended the meeting are split on what the MBTA is now agreeing to do.

Attending the meeting were selectmen Diane Sullivan and Merle Brown, conservation commission members Veneta Roebuck and Thomas Callahan, Greenbush mitigation committee members Dean Rizzo and Michael Dick, state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, Brennan and T project manager Robert Egan.

Rizzo said Kerasiotes clearly agreed to several of the town's mitigation requests.

"I thought it went very well," Rizzo said. "I thought Mr. Kerasiotes was very receptive to our requests and concerns. He expressed a desire and willingness to

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Cohasset's Week

Osgood Reuse Progress Reported

A survey mailed to all residents will help determine what should be done with the 70-year-old Osgood School on Ripley Road.

Joanne Adkins, chairman of the Osgood School Reuse Committee, asked selectmen for $1,700 to pay for postage and photocopying.

She also said the committee would like to hire a consultant for about $9,000 to conduct a marketing feasibility study which would look at and attach a value to a range of potential uses.

Possibilities include single-family homes, condominiums, affordable housing and an assisted-living facility.

Adkins said the survey would seek residents' ideas on whether the uses should be "owner versus rental, or senior versus family."

She explained that if single family homes at the site were developed, the building would have to be demolished. Other options might involve demolishing part of the building.

Adkins said the committee has solicited input from developers with experience in the reuse of schools and would now like to move ahead with the survey and study.

"We are not married to any idea. We'd like to go to the town and say 'these are the options,'" she said.

Selectmen voted 4-1 to approve the $1,700 request. Saying she could support a lesser figure, Selectman Diane C. Sullivan cast the dissenting vote. Diane Sullivan suggested having the surveys go out with the water bills or other town bill as a way to cut costs. This idea was not supported by the other selectmen because of timing issues (bills are sent out quarterly) and how to get the surveys to the 350 homes in North Cohasset which are on Hingham water.

Selectmen agreed that the $9,000 request for a consultant should wait until the fall town meeting.

"My feeling is the town should make that decision,"Selectman Merle Brown said.

The Osgood School will close at the end of the 1997-1998 school year and will be replaced by a new elementary school to be built behind the Deer Hill School off Sohier Street.

Litchfield Gets Raise

Selectmen awarded DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield, whose annual salary is $47,000, a 5 percent raise this week.

The praised Litchfield, who was formerly the highway surveyor, for having done a great job in his first year at the helm of the new department of public works.

BOSTON TIDES
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

May 1997	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 22	——	——	5:58	12:11	9.7	6:09
Fri. 23	12:19	10.9	6:41	12:53	9.8	6:52
Sat. 24	1:01	11.1	7:25	1:38	9.9	7:37
Sun. 25	1:45	11.1	8:11	2:24	10.0	8:25
Mon. 26	2:33	11.1	8:59	3:14	1.0	9:16
Tues. 27	3:24	11.0	9:50	4:06	10.0	10:10
Wed. 28	4:20	10.7	10:45	5:02	10.0	11:09
Thurs. 29	5:19	10.5	11:41	6:01	10.2	——

Tides at all ports from Annisquam to Wellfleet

Music Circus License Renewed

Selectmen renewed the Sunday and entertainment licenses at the South Shore Music Circus this week.

"We will continue in our effort to assist the community and to be good neighbors," Music Circus general manager Vincent Longo told selectmen at their meeting Monday.

The annual liquor license at the Music Circus was renewed in January.

Three Boards to Meet June 2

Selectmen will ask the board of health and sewer commissioners to meet with them June 2 to iron out communication issues surrounding the "second amended agreement for judgement," the town/state sewer and septic agreement.

In a letter to selectmen, the health board complained of a lack of communication and void in leadership on the matter.

The board said the engineer for the project has provided contradictory information on which board should submit the limited septic system management paln to the state which is required under the agreement for judgement.

"Someone must determine who will submit the plan and to who it is to be submitted," the health board wrote.

"Communication among the three boards is still sorely lacking and needs to be improved if the town is to discharge its obligations in accordance with the judgement."

Flag Pole, wall to be painted

Advisory Committee Chairman Roger Whitley reminded selectmen Monday that the flag pole on the town common and outside wall on the new section of town hall need painting. He said drapes are also needed in the town hall auditorium.

"The building inspector talked to me and didn't want to see the fiscal year end without the money available being used," Whitley said. At the end of the fiscal year, unspent money goes into the general fund.

Whitley said there is money is the gift account and town hall fund for the painting projects. There is left over money in a warrant article for the auditorium improvments.

"I'm just dropping the problems into your lap," Whitley said.

Selectman Merle Brown assured Whitley that he would work with building inspector Robert Egan on the three projects.

"I didn't want these projects to be forgotten," Whitley said.

Commission Questions Building Addition

Conservation commission members questioned whether they should permit the owner of a house on Jerusalem Road to construct a major building addition close to a wetland.

Wayne Schmidt, 726 Jerusalem Rd., wants to build a four-car, 1,520-square-foot garage onto one side of his 2,050-square-foot home. Schmidt needs the garage to store antique cars and tools. Currently, Schmidt has several vehicles stored in his yard, as well as old cans and other debris, according to conservation agent Paul Shea.

The garage would be located within 19-1/2 feet of a wetland, much closer than the town's 50 foot no-build zone. Conservation commission members advised Schmidt to relocate or redesign the addition. Conservation Commission member Thomas Callahan said the addition was "just too massive for the property."

Conservation commission members asked Schmidt to rework his designs and attend their next meeting.

Board Appointments Made

Selectmen appointed Michael J. Beverly, 240 Fair Oaks Lane, to the water resource protection committee, and Robert M. Davenport, 17 Black Horse Lane, to the town history committee this week.

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Commission Spurns Rose Hill Wildlife Study

By David Tibbetts
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The proposed Rose Hill subdivision on Route 3A is already unpopular with the conservation commission because of its proximity to wetlands and a flood plain. The developer didn't gain any popularity at the May 15 conservation commission meeting when he presented a wildlife habitat study that didn't examine Sanctuary Pond.

Commission members complained that the developer supplied only two copies to conservation agent Paul Shea, rather than enough for every member. Members complained they didn't have enough time to review the study before the meeting.

"It's frustrating that we didn't get the reports ahead of time," Conservation Commission Chairman VenetaRoebuck said.

The developer wants to build a subdivision on a 17-acre site close to Sanctuary Pond.

Members of the conservation commission reviewed the preliminary plans Apr. 3 and asked the builder to return with the wildlife habitat evaluation and revised measurements of the flood plain line.

Daniel V. Calano Jr. is one of the landowners in a trust that wants to build a 14-home subdivision on the 17-acre site. The entrance to the subdivision would be off Route 3A with the road branching off into two cul de sacs.

Calano said the plans conformed to all ecological requirements including the placement of property lines at least 100 feet from wetlands and 200 feet from the river.

The proposal is to build a 14-home subdivision on the 17-acre site. The entrance to the subdivision would be off Route 3A with the road branching off into two cul de sacs.

Calano said the study was late because the conservation commission asked him to examine the James Brook Basin study, but gave his engineer the wrong study. Calano received the James Brook tidal study instead of the James Brook Basin study.

Roebuck supplied Calano with the correct study and asked him to examine wildlife in Sanctuary Pond.

Calano complained that he shouldn't have to study Sanctuary Pond because no work was proposed in the pond, but Shea disagreed.

"Sanctuary Pond should be added to the study because of the fish populations," Shea said. "The project impact on Sanctuary Pond probably is not that great, but it should still be examined."

Shea also disagreed with the delineation of wetlands lines and river frontage as required by the state Rivers Protection Act.

But Calano's engineer, Peter J. Ogren of Hayes Engineering in Wakefield, reiterated his position that the state had not yet clearly identified the correct way to implement the Rivers Act. Ogren said the state has advised developers and towns to use the Rivers Act as an advisory tool until it defined the correct method of implementation.

However, Calano agreed to abide by Shea's delineation lines.

Calano said the site would require a large amount of grading and filling because it was so much lower than the surrounding area.

But member ThomasCallahan restated his distaste for any filling in a wetland.

"I'm still reluctant to allow an inch of fill in the flood plain , especially because of the flooding that hit the village last October," Callahan said.

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Chittick Moves to Building Committee

The latest addition to the school building committee, JoAnne Chittick, was appointed over the objections raised by newly elected school committee member Joe McElroy. McElroy believes the building committee should be comprised of community members whose profession is in the building field.

Chittick, who did not seek reelection to the school committee, was involved in the planning for the new building for the past year-and-a-half which, according to school committee member Ralph Kidder, proves Chittick's expertise.

"I agree with Joe's point of considering the expertise of a new member to this board and I believe JoAnne's years of involvement in the school committee and the time she spent with the planning of the new building illustrates her knowledge of building maintenance and how intimately she knows the new building project," Kidder said.

Chittick replaces Liz Bates on the building committee.

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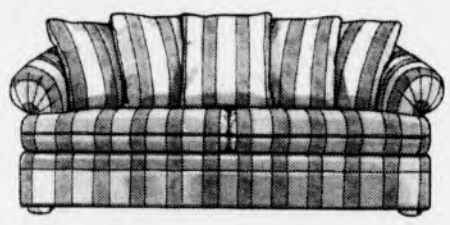
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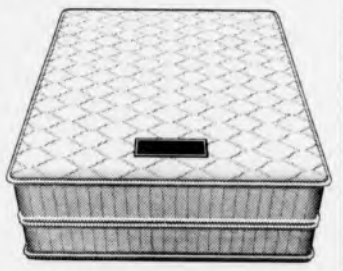
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Village Station Study

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He recognizes this is against the mitigation committee's official support of the 3A site.

"I'm in favor of having a process where we study both alternatives to determine the best location," Rizzo said.

Rizzo is not the only local official who feels the station location should be revisited. Al Moore, planning board chairman, has said previously that the train is still going to pass through the village even if the station is on Route 3A.

"Residents of the Village are going to get all the bad effects when the train comes through but none of the good," Moore said.

Rizzo agreed with Moore's assessment. He said homeowners in the village opposed the station because they feared the train would lower property values and create noise, air pollution and safety hazards. But residents are going to experience all those problems even without a village station, Rizzo said.

"If I was a homeowner in the village I would want the station because it would enhance the value of my home," Rizzo said. "The difference is between having a home in walking distance of a commuter rail station or having a home in walking distance of a fence and a rail road crossing."

Rizzo said rejecting the Village station without at least studying it is tantamount to passing up an opportunity to make the train part of the downtown revitalization effort. The T would have to pay for major renovations to the downtown area if a Village location was approved.

Town meeting rejected a request from Rizzo to fund a study or at least approve the concept and try to find outside funding.

Rizzo is not a lone voice in the wilderness fighting for a village station. More than 40 business owners signed a petition last February asking selectmen to reconsider the station.

Rizzo said even business people who support the village location would not back a poor design.

"The business community doesn't ask for much," Rizzo said. "They're just asking to have it considered. If it's determined that the station would disrupt traffic and parking, and be ugly they wouldn't want it either."

Rizzo said it is difficult for business people in the village to voice their opinions because many of them are from out of town and have no say in local politics.

Jeff Thayer runs an architectural firm in Cohasset and owns an office building at 113-115 Ripley Road. A Weymouth resident, Thayer said many local business owners have been excluded from the public debate because they don't live in Cohasset.

"A strong, vocal minority has managed to force their commuter neighbors to drive to the edge of town to ride the train when rail service is restored," Thayer said. "They don't want traffic in the one spot in town where more traffic is needed."

Thayer said studies have shown that more than 100 people from the downtown area would walk to the village station to ride the train. Those 100 pedestrians could help village businesses thrive, Thayer said.

He added that the village may turn into a "quaint office park" unless the town steps up its revitalization commitment. A village station could be a critical element of that revitalization, Thayer said.

"The village businesses will not benefit from a vastly improved parking area and increased activity which would eventually occur during midday and weekends as it currently does on the South Shore," Thayer said.

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> **— Dean Rizzo, chamber of commerce.**

Thayer added that residents should be prepared for round-the-clock train service once Greenbush is restored.

"The T says it will only run trains during the week, but just take a look at the North Shore," Thayer said. "This is just the beginning of public transportation on the South Shore."

Thayer said he is not happy about Greenbush; he just wants to make the best of a bad situation.

"The train is going to run right behind the back of my 300-year-old house in Weymouth," Thayer said. "I would much rather not see the train run through, but that decision has already been made."

Anne Gabanelle of Duxbury owns French Memories, and The Bread Shop in downtown Hingham, another business that will be affected by Greenbush.

Gabanelle said she is strongly opposed to the restoration of the Greenbush line, but if the train is coming she would like to see the town benefit from its presence.

"I agree there are a lot of security problems with the train," Gabanelle said. "But if the train is coming it makes more sense to get some advantage from it."

Gabanelle said she supports the chamber of commerce's position, which is taking advantage of the train because it can't be stopped.

Gabanelle said she would not presume to tell residents that the station should be located in the village. But she can commiserate with their fears because restored service will devastate her Hingham store, which is right next to the train tracks. Gabanelle said she doubts many customers will be interested in her store with diesel fumes pouring out of a train.

Gabanelle said the village is a pretty location, that could end up filled with McDonalds and other chain stores. She said Route 3A development is making it nearly impossible for village businesses to survive.

Gabanelle said the town had to do something to revitalize the village. She pointed to Scituate, which has a strong downtown because it prohibits commercial development on Route 3A.

"People think we don't care about the village impacts because we don't live here, but that's not true," Gabanelle said. "These businesses are our lives."

Rizzo said he hopes residents and selectmen will reconsider the Village station and at least study the potential benefits.

"The train is at least four years away and a lot can happen in that time," Rizzo said.

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Train Meeting

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work with Cohasset on our mitigation problems."

But Callahan had a completely different take on what happened at the meeting. Callahan and Roebuck asked Kerasiotes to pay for consultants to monitor the T's construction and planning work. But Kerasiotes told them "absolutely no."

"Secretary Kerasiotes put a gun to our heads and said that other promises could be in jeopardy if we take an adversarial role with the MBTA and the state," Callahan said.

Conservation commission members had considered issuing an order of conditions demanding that the T pay for a consultant to monitor geotechnical borings along the right-of-way. But the commission backed away at its May 15 meeting and may submit a consultant's bill to the T for payment at a later date.

Kerasiotes told town officials he would not set a precedent that allowed other towns to demand similar reimbursements.

Roebuck explained that the town was in a unique situation because it couldn't afford a full-time consultant, but Kerasiotes wouldn't agree to pay the fees.

"I was very much in favor of demanding payment before, but now I feel we have nothing to gain," Roebuck said. "We have nothing to gain and everything to lose by enforcing that order."

Sullivan said the town should stay focused on larger issues, rather than creating animosity on the state level over consultant fees.

"The tone of the meeting was clear and he (Kerasiotes) said flat-out 'no'," Sullivan said. "There is far more at stake here than making them angry over fees."

But Roebuck said Sullivan was letting Kerasiotes intimidate her.

Even Hedlund and Murray were split on what exactly the T and Kerasiotes are promising to do.

"I thought the meeting was beneficial," Murray said. "They are going to take a look at things brought up at the meeting."

But Hedlund wasn't so optimistic about what Kerasiotes was promising.

"I hope the secretary's word means something, but we get mixed signals depending on who we talk to," Hedlund said.

Hedlund added that he had great confidence in Egan, but little optimism in the T's upper echelon.

Rizzo maintains that the meeting went very well and that Kerasiotes didn't just brush aside any of the town's requests.

Rizzo said Kerasiotes promised to cancel plans to construct an access road for a drop-off on North Main Street.

"The only access will be on Route 3A," Rizzo said. "There is no North Main drop-off."

Town officials objected strenuously to the North Main drop-off because they want to keep at least one main artery clear during peak traffic times.

But Roebuck said she heard Kerasiotes say something different.

"Maybe I wasn't listening," Roebuck said. "But I thought he said they would look at it. I'm not certain they said they would do it."

Roebuck said Kerasiotes is doing what he's been doing throughout the mitigation process: pledging to study problems.

"That's his (Kerasiotes) M.O.," Roebuck said. "He just said they'll look at this and study that and consider alternatives."

Rizzo said the Kerasiotes also pledged to pay for a portion of the $1.5 million James Brook flood control project only if it could be shown that restoring service on the Greenbush line would exacerbate flooding.

But Callahan said the T was holding the project hostage by promising to study the rail impacts and pay if the town could demonstrate additional flooding problems.

"In a democracy, they would have to pay for part of the project," Callahan said.

Kerasiotes also said the T would look into other mitigation issues, including replacing 60 parking spots in the village instead of 20, installing a traffic light on Route 3A at the station entrance, and building an emergency access road on Rocky Lane.

Brennan confirmed that the T would build an emergency egress on Rocky Lane, but the Highway Department would have the final say on the traffic light on Route 3A. Brennan said the intersection does not meet the Highway Department's criteria for a new light, but the T would ask again.

Roebuck said the whole scenario was disappointing because the T was saying one thing and doing another.

"The state Wetlands Act limits filling in wetlands to 5,000 square feet for any project, but the T is filling 50,000 square feet in Cohasset alone," Roebuck said. "They have a pre-designed program and their sticking to it. In the end, I think Cohasset will be stuck with a bigger T assessment along with the major lifestyle impacts."

Murray said the town could also seek redress for Greenbush issues through the Legislature's Transportation Committee, which is co-chaired by state Rep. Joseph Sullivan of Braintree. Murray said Sullivan has been receptive to local issues, even though he strongly favors the train.

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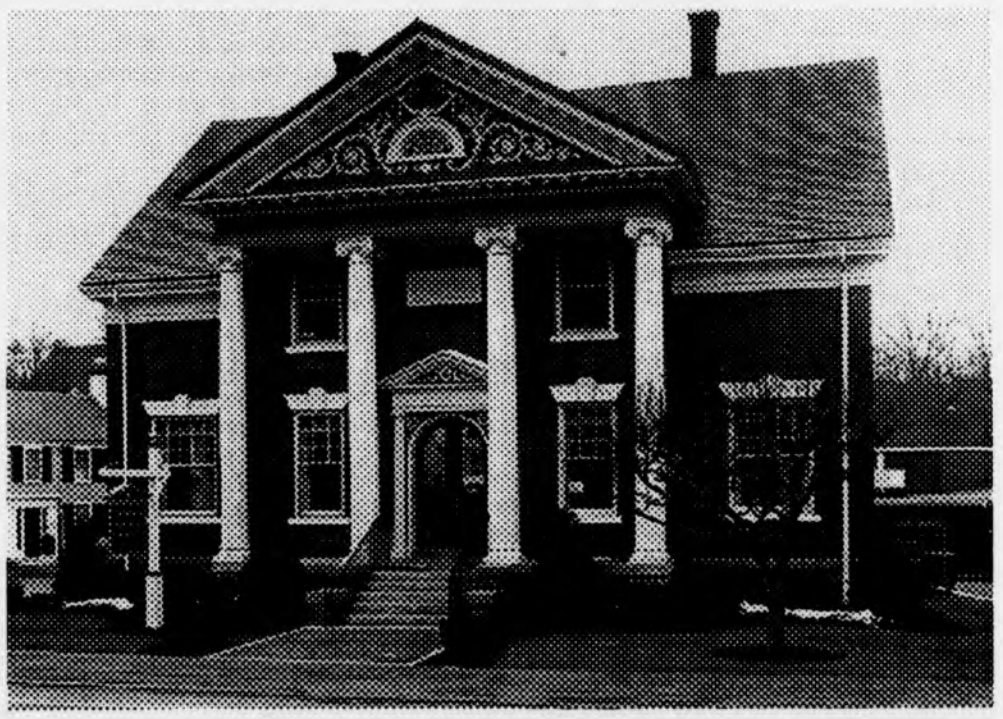
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Former P.O.W. Recalls Life in Prison Camp

Buckley Named Commander of State Group

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER



Ray Buckley, center, was installed at Kimball's by the Sea this week as commander of the Department of Massachusetts American Ex-Prisoners of War. With Buckley are Lawrence Moses, past national commander, and Zack Roberts, national junior vice chairman.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Tuesday evening, May 20, at Kimball's By The Sea, Ray Buckley was inducted as new commander of the Department of Massachusetts American Ex-Prisoners of War. In attendance were more than 100 former prisoners of war and their wives.

In accordance with his title, Buckley will conduct association business meetings and attend functions several times a year in which all chapters within Massachusetts will participate. In the Southeastern Chapter alone, there are 250 members.

The motto of the American Ex-Prisoners of War Association is "We exist to help those who cannot help themselves."

"We run support groups to make sure veterans get proper medical treatment and compensation. Our chapter has something called the Daisy Fund. We use the funds to assist the veterans and their families when medical bills need to get paid or when they need to buy clothing or other essentials and the money isn't there," Buckley says.

Buckley joined this association in 1994 as a junior vice commander. From that point, it was a matter of time and moving up the chain of command, not only in the chapter, but in the state as well, before his appointment of commander came.

The American Ex-POW Association was founded by the American wives and daughters of the Bataan Death March survivors in 1942 after 54,000 American and Filipino soldiers were marched 65 grueling miles from Bataan in the Philippines to a prison camp in San Fernando after they had surrendered to Japanese soldiers. The march lasted several weeks. It included torture, deprivation of food and water, and little rest. Many soldiers were forced to go barefoot. When a soldier fell from exhaustion and starvation, he was shot, clubbed, or bayoneted to death. Ten thousand fell before the march ended. Those who survived the march withstood several more transfers on foot and by boxcar to the final destination spot of Camp O'Donnell. There, for as long as they survived, they were held as prisoners of war.

Over the past 55 years, the American Ex-POW Association has evolved into a national one, with each state having its own department and chapters. Association headquarters is in Arlington, Texas.

In Massachusetts, there are four chapters, including the Southeastern Chapter which includes Cohasset's former prisoners of war of World War II, Frederick Piepenbrink, a retired postal worker, as well as Buckley of Forest Avenue.

JOINED ARMY AT 19

At 19 years of age, Buckley, who was partially deaf even then, joined the Army in 1944. Despite his hearing problem, he was sent overseas eventually "because they needed bodies."

Buckley spent 19 months in the Army, five as a prisoner of war. Captured in November of 1944 with four other Americans, he was listed as Missing In Action (MIA) by the War Department until February 1945. It was then that, from prison, he was able to send word to his father that he was a prisoner of war. His father then contacted the War Department.

By February, Buckley, who is well over six feet, was slowly being starved down to 100 pounds.

Before capture, Buckley was assigned to the Zeigfried line, which ran the length of Germany on the western side and was all permanent fortification. This meant that the Germans had installed cement blocks with tops, razed like the teeth of dinosaur, to prevent Army tanks from going through.

"The Germans never thought we would penetrate, but we did, and we paid a penalty. In my outfit, there were 10 men killed. In all, there were many, many more. I was put with a machine gunner. In combat, machine gunners were given about 30 seconds to live, which was not good for me, of course. We were on outpost duty, way out in front," Buckley recalls.

After the battle, Buckley and his four fellow soldiers waited for three days for relief. No one came. They stood in water, freezing, with no food or water.

"It was 50 years later that I found out why no one ever came to help us. I only found out because a book was written and published from diary notes kept by a soldier who relieved my outfit. Nobody had told him we were out there so far. The sergeant who put us out there was killed. There was no radio or walkie-talkie. For three days, the Germans watched us from a 'pill box' on the hill, where they were firing from. They captured me and the four other soldiers that Wednesday night."

'SMELLED LIKE DEATH'

After interrogation and several transfers over days, still in the mud-covered uniforms from the trenches, the soldiers were brought to a prison camp that "smelled like death." Soup was brought out in buckets with no utensils. Soldiers filled their boots or found cans lying in the dirt. Fifteen thousand

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people would die in that prison camp before the war ended.

For those of us who have never had to physically endure in wartime the tortures that result from fighting for what we believe in, learning what a prisoner of war does endure is, at the very least, unimaginable.

"You're cold to the marrow of your bones and you never, ever get warm. Once a day, you get a seventh of a loaf of bread and a bowl of weak soup or hot water. Most of all, you live in constant fear because you don't know how long you're going to be alive or how you're going to die," Buckley recalls.

How much is a seventh of a loaf of bread? How slowly would it be eaten, knowing there won't be more for at least a day?

Buckley said his first hot meal from December to Easter came on Easter Sunday. The POWs were given mashed potatoes with oatmeal on top.

"It tasted delicious ... like anything tastes delicious when you're starving," he says.

Buckley volunteered for the work details just to get out of the camp. The work was done in town. Buckley delivered coal and took ice off a pond with bare hands and loaded it onto a conveyor belt that rolled up to a brewery. His hands as well as his feet were permanently frozen.

"I did this every day for one reason. At noontime, they fed us a bowl of delicious soup and a bottle of beer," he says.

Days and nights, weeks and months, crawled by. It was 1945 and eventually, even in the prison camps, the prisoners of war knew the war was coming to an end. The alarms no longer went off during the air raids.

"I asked a German sergeant one day in German why aren't they sounding the air raid alarms. 'My boy,' he said, 'it's the beginning of the last moment.' South of us in the sky over Berlin, you could see a green glow. It was Berlin burning. The war was ending," Buckley says.

When it was obvious that the Russian soldiers, America's allies, were marching east toward their camp, bombing everything in sight, Buckley said the camp, both Germans and POWs moved out during the night and headed west.

"We convinced the Germans we'd all be killed because of the bombing. The Russians had no idea who they were bombing, and we didn't want to end up casualties. We would've been killed had we stayed," he says.

They ended up in Schwerin. It was a massive conversion of refugees from prison camps all over Germany.

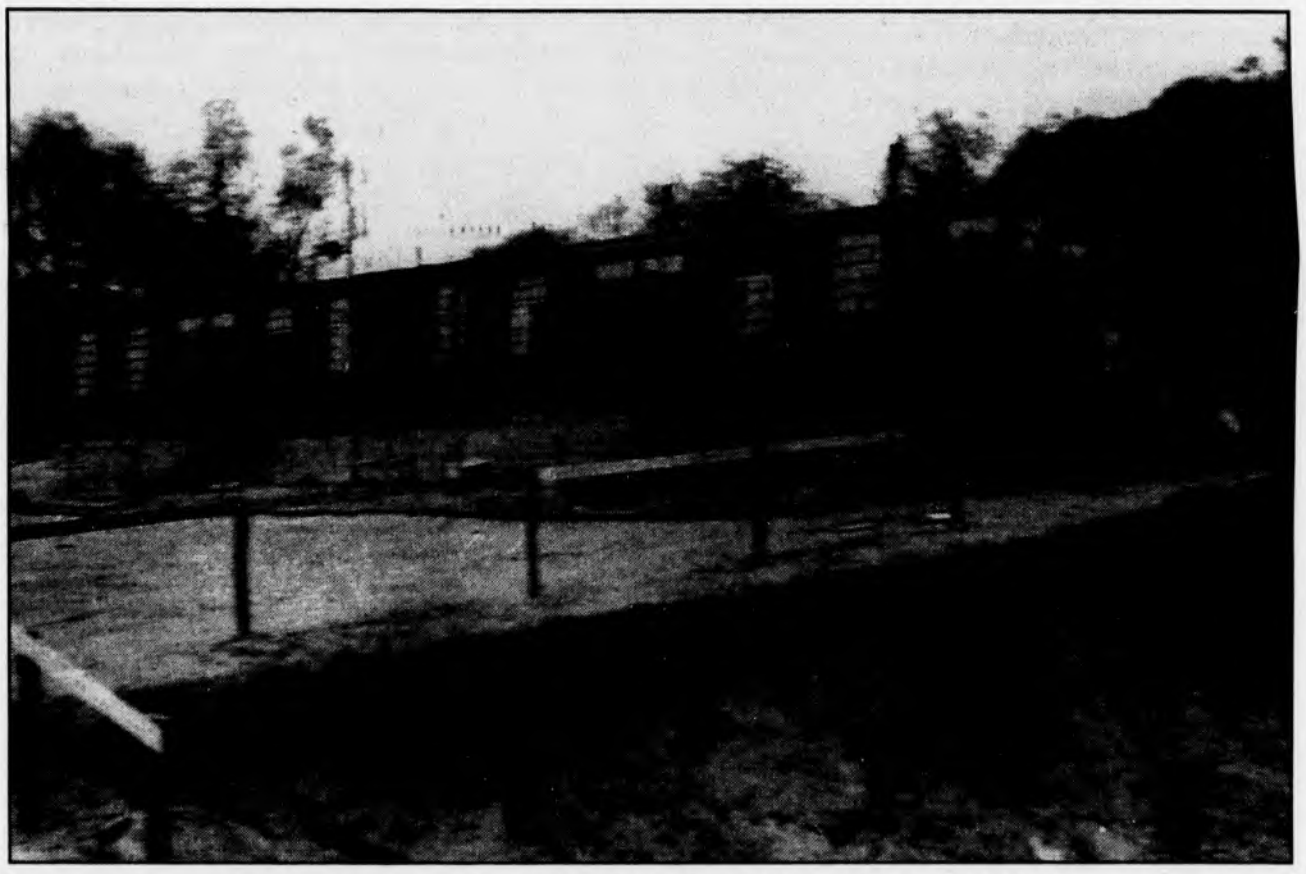
Eventually, Buckley was brought with others to France to a tent city. There, the soldiers were processed out and given showers, clean uniforms and pay. They were then shipped directly back to the United States.

"I ended up back where I started from. And, who do you think was there serving us our first chow on American turf? German prisoners. They looked good — healthy and fat. They ate well. At that point, I was less than 100 pounds, but I was so happy to be home, I couldn't feel anger at the sight of them," he says.

A black bread recipe printed in the 'Ex-POW Bulletin' by Joseph P. O'Donnell came from the official record of the Food Providing Ministry published (top secret) in Berlin. The recipe for the bread included 50 percent bruised rye grain, 20 percent sliced sugar beets, 20 percent tree flour (saw dust), and 10 percent minced leaves and straw. A note from the contributing writer, also a former POW, indicates that there were also bits of glass and sand in the bread.



The gate at the prison camp, Stalag II-A, in Neubrandenburg, Germany.



The prison camp barracks where Ray Buckley lived in 1944-45.

Memorial Day Exercises on Monday

The annual Memorial Day parade steps off from the South Shore Music Circus parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Monday and will proceed down Sohier Street to North Main Street to Central Cemetery, then to Cohasset Common and Veterans Memorial Park in the harbor.

The parade and exercises are sponsored by the George H. Mealy American Legion Post #118 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9163.

All veterans are invited to participate and should report to the Legion Hall, 98 Summer St., at 8 a.m. The contingent will march to the library to board buses for veterans' grave-side services.

Lightkeeper's Open House

The board members of the Cohasset Lightkeeper's Corporation will host a family open house and picnic after the Memorial Day parade May 26.

CLC board members will serve all-American hot dogs and soft drinks at no charge. Grills and charcoal will be available for those who bring their own picnics. It is hoped this will become an annual event at the close of Memorial Day services.

The Lightkeeper's House is on Government Island near the Veterans Park where the final speeches are given. The latest plans for the Learning Lab, which is sponsored by the CLC, will be on display and members of the board will provide additional information.



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If you would like to witness a special event, then Thursday, May 29, is the night to circle on your calendar! The Cohasset High School Class of 1997 is holding its prom that night, and the parents of the class are hosting a "pre-prom" party from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at the Light Keepers House. At 7:15 p.m. three trolley cars will arrive at the Light Keeper's House to pick up all of the prom attendees and transport them, following a short joy ride, to the Barker Tavern (the trolleys will be chaperoned by school staff and parents.). It is really worth the trip to see how wonderful all of the prom-goers look, and how happy they are! The fact that it is such a special night for them is evident when you look at them — try to take a peek!

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Wait until you hear what **Colleen Fitzsimmons** did last weekend! Colleen was a member of the Holy Cross varsity lightweight rowing team that went to the Champion International Regatta, held in Gainesville, Fla. (the Grand Finals, folks!), and she and her team finished third in the event! The same team won the New England's the week before! How exciting! And, what a way to end her time at Holy Cross; Colleen is graduating from there this week! Best of luck to you in the future, we'll be watching you and your career.

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We send birthday greetings all the way to Hawaii this week — happy birthday to **Cheyanne (Annie) Aikau**, who will be 5 years old May 27! Her sister, **Keala**, had her second birthday May 4, so it was a busy time for "the Hawaiians!" There, **Auntie Sal** kept her promise, and they now have their names in print!

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On the subject of birthdays, be sure to give **Ann Pompeo** a hug when you see her this week. Her birthday is Wednesday, May 28! No need to divulge her age, just remember that you are as young as you feel, so she is ageless! Have a wonderful day, Ann!

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Saturday was a special day for Cohasset, The Christopher Gallery, a national caliber art gallery, opened right here in Cohasset! They are at the Artist's Son, 130 King St., Route 3A. The Artist's Son will be the same, with the same custom framing and the same people to help you. Be sure to stop by!

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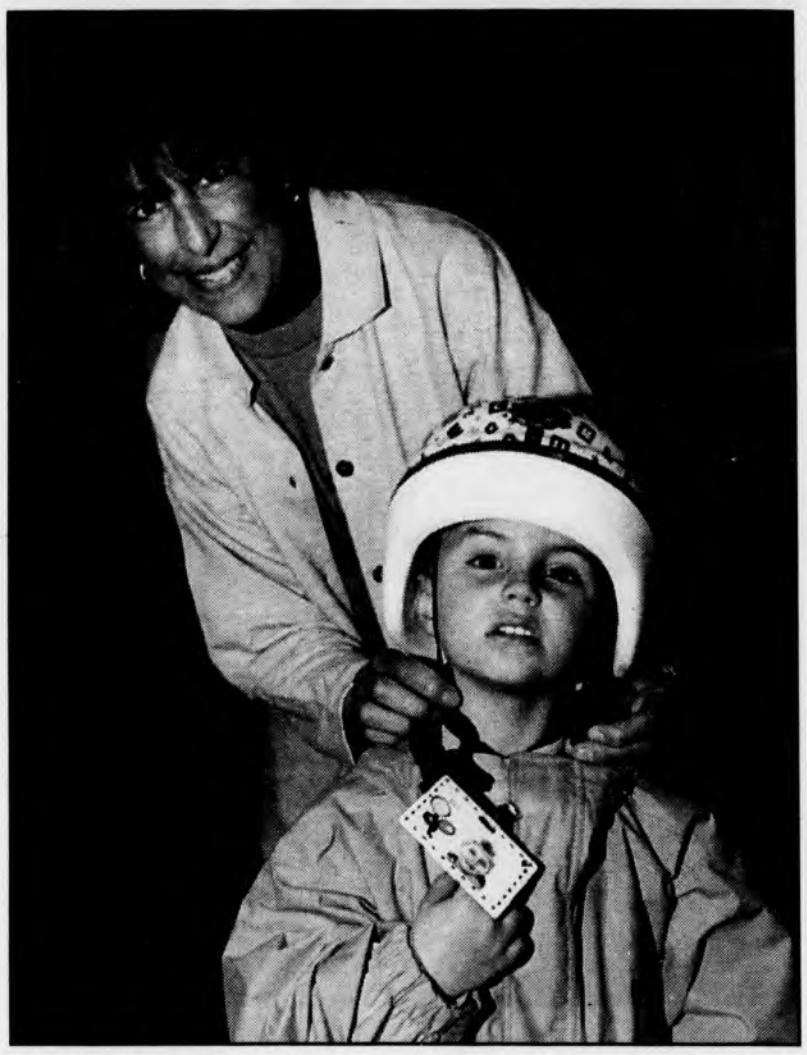
Hats off to the Cohasset Board of Selectmen who sponsored a meeting on substance abuse within the community Wednesday!

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Had a nice chat with **Mary Jane Cotton Low** last week, she is the one organizing the reunion for the CHS Class of 1962. She is working hard, and doing a great job in the process, as are many fellow classmates! Anyway, her birthday was May 15, and we do hope that it was a special one indeed! By the way, Mary Jane lives in Albuquerque, N.M.!

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Remember last summer when the St. Joseph Villa Retreat Center ran their first fund-raiser? Well, they (the **Sisters of Saint Joseph** and their very able crew of volunteers) realized enough profit to replace windows for the entire building (which you know are numerous). They are planning another fund-raiser (Fund-raiser II) which will include a performance by Roger Whittaker at the South Shore Music Circus Friday, Aug. 15, a dinner and a raffle. Renovations from this year's profits are the rebuilding of the front porch, which is already in progress, and repair and/or painting the interior and exterior walls. We will be keeping you informed as we get more information, just save the date and plan on having a gala evening for a most worthy cause!



Cohasset resident Alex Nugent, 4, finds a properly fitted bicycle helmet with help from Ann Caccavale, RN, at South Shore Hospital's Health & Safety Fair. More than 3,000 attended the day-long fair at South Weymouth Junior High School on May 10.

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Although he is the principal at the Hatherly Elementary School in Scituate, many of us know **Lou VonKahle** and want to wish him well in his retirement June 30. Lou has served for 34 years in the Scituate school system — he is a wonderful man who helped form the lives of many, and he will be missed! Have a wonderful "rest of your life," Lou!

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Did you find it yet? Or do you know anything about it? Did you even hear about it yet? The Cohasset Historic Commission is seeking any photos of Beacon Rock (or Signal Rock) that will show what was there in the mid- to late 1800s. **Ham Tewksbury** is awaiting your call if you have any photographs or information of what existed at that historic installation! Please call him at 383-1074.

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PICTURE THIS/Jan Preus



Name: Jan Preus

Occupation: Public relations director at the South Shore Music Circus.

Goal: To have the highest ticket sales and the best season ever!

Best vacation: Bermuda.

Best day of your life: The day I married my husband.

Biggest worry: That Mother Nature won't cooperate this summer!

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite TV show: 'Antiques Roadshow' on PBS.

Favorite movie: 'Tell Me that You Love Me, Junie Moon.'

Favorite book: 'Even Cowgirls Get the Blues,' by Tom Robbins.

Favorite junk food: Marshmallows.

Most embarrassing moment: Meeting an exasperated Morley Safer at the lottery office after hanging up on him three times (the line was static) when he was just trying to get directions.

Person you'd most like to meet: Tiger Woods.

Pet peeve: Poor grammar.

Ten Minutes for Walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes at 8 p.m. on their meeting nights to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda, selectmen said.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Hello, Remember Me?

Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you, because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart — remember?

And you, I remember you, standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart — remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then I see the children running around and shouting — they don't seem to know who I am — I saw one man take his hat off then look around. He didn't see anybody else with their hats off so he quickly put his back on!

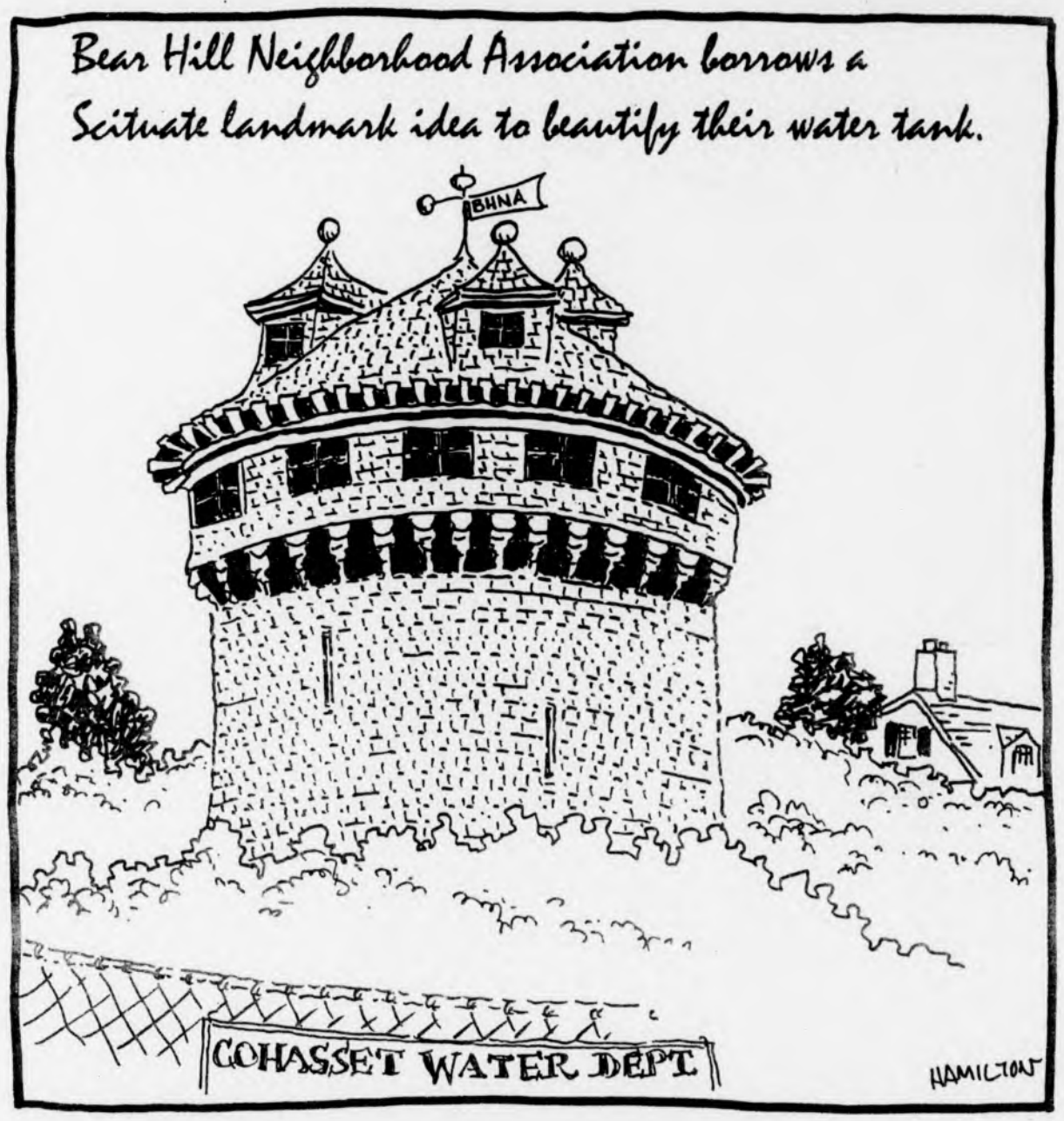
Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, Vietnam. Take a look at the memorial honor rolls sometime of those who never came back to keep this Republic free. One Nation Under God. When you salute me you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart — and I'll salute you by waving back — and I'll know that

YOU REMEMBER!

Author Unknown

Editor's note: This was read at a Masonic Lodge.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Seventh-graders Greg Harrington, Bob Thompson, Matt Ogrodnik, Jeremy Tedeschi, Steve Murray, and Nick Bolster help out at the Food Pantry.

Lynne Layman photo

Food Pantry Appreciates Support

To the Editor:

The Cohasset Food Pantry would like to thank all those who helped make the make the food collection by the postal workers Saturday, May 10, such a wonderful success. It has replenished our shelves with a quantity and variety of foods and household supplies that should be adequate for many weeks.

We are grateful, of course, to the postal workers, under the direction of Richard Leach, who organized, promoted and then collected a record 4,400 pounds on a showery day.

We appreciate, too, the generosity of the many townspeople who donated the food and responded to our "wish list," bringing us just the items most needed.

And we want to thank the group of seventh-grade boys and Diana Kinch, who recruited and directed them, along with Bob Thompson, our head of volunteers, in sorting the donations by category and then stacking them in the pantry storeroom in the basement of the Second Congregational Church.

Altogether it was a fine example of community volunteering to help others.

Marjorie Steele, Chair
Cohasset Food Pantry Steering Committee

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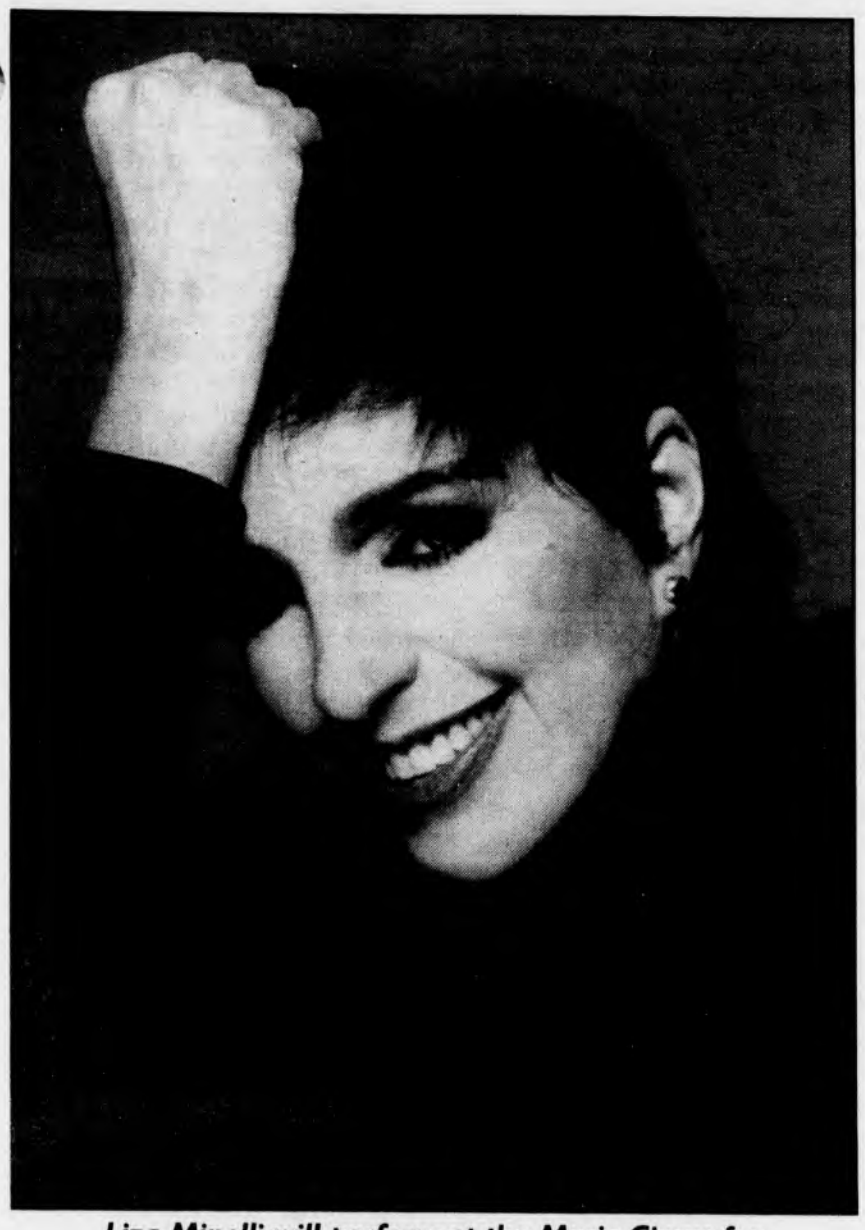
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There's Something for Everyone at Music Circus This Summer



Liza Minelli will perform at the Music Circus for the first time this summer.

By Melissa Boynton
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

What's new at the South Shore Music Circus this year? Variety. Mixed in with returning favorites Anne Murray, Tom Jones and the Righteous Brothers are acts that will attract a wider age group.

To appeal to the teenage crowd there is the World Wrestling Federation night and a new event called Jock Rock. Unbeknownst to many, Alexi Lalas — the New England Revolution soccer star, is also an accomplished musician. On that evening he will perform with his band The Gypsies.

Young children can enjoy theatre that breathes life into such favorite stories as "Alice in Wonderland," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Cinderella." The Children's Theatre series kicks off on July 3 and runs every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Country music is also a substantial part of the venue's repertoire with such big names as Lorrie Morgan, Willie Nelson and Alabama.

"Alabama and Liza are selling out quickly," says Vince Longo, general manager. (Although Liza Minelli has never performed at the Music Circus, she has performed at the Melody Tent in Hyannis. At 15 in 1963, Minelli was at the Melody Tent in Hyannis where she learned the ropes as a technical intern).

To create a more "total experience" for the patrons, Longo has expanded the "Legends of New Orleans Festival" to include free Cajun food prepared by the Silver Spoon in Cohasset.

"We did an informal test market last year by setting up a free gumbo stand," Longo said. "When I saw a 30-minute wait for a small cup of soup I realized we might have something here."

The charter of the non-profit South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc., parent company of the Music Circus, is to generate revenue from the shows to support local arts, education and recreation groups. The chairman of the SSPA board, Bruce Cameron, said that SSPA serves more than 40 organizations.

"We encourage any non-profit to submit proposals for specific projects as long as they are in the area of the arts, education or recreation," said Cameron in a telephone interview. The corporation has provided more than $1 million to those groups over the years.

In addition to providing funds to community non-profit organizations, the Music Circus has made efforts to be a good neighbor to the community. Last summer, the Music Circus provided the facility for Cohasset's special town meeting.

"When it was obvious that the attendance numbers were going to exceed the capacity of the meeting hall, the selectmen approached me to use the tent," said Longo. "It was a good thing it was moved, 2100 people showed up!"

He speaks with pride about how much fun people had with the advanced technologies at hand.

"Every time someone stood to make a statement one of our stage hands was over there with a cordless mike," he recalls.

The Music Circus is also the annual site for Cohasset High School graduation exercises.

A Little History About the Music Circus

Utilizing the Internet, some interesting facts were discovered from the South Shore Music Circus' aptly named, www.musiccircus.com.

The South Shore Playhouse Associates, which owns both the Music Circus and the Melody Tent in Hyannis had its humble beginnings in the Cohasset Town Hall. Back in 1932 Raymond Moore, founder of the Cape Playhouse in Dennis, was looking for an additional stage for his shows. He brought in big names such as Humphrey Bogart, Josephine Hull and Van Heflin.

A year later the South Shore Players was formed by Alexander Dean who took over for Moore. Under the new management, the performances gained popularity and eventually outgrew the 425 seats that the town hall provided. At the same time, advances were being made in the concept of summer theatre — tents were being used. The first Music Tent opened in Lambertville, New Jersey in 1949. A second tent opened in Florida catching the eye of a vacationing English actress, Gertrude Lawrence. She convinced her husband, Richard Aldrich to bring the concept to New England. At the time the South Shore Players rejected the idea of a musical tent. Moving down the Cape they formed the Cape Cod Music Circus (now the Cape Cod Melody Tent).

In December of 1950 the South Shore Players incorporated under the name South Shore Playhouse Inc. In July 1951, the South Shore Music Circus became tent number four on the horse grounds of the Bancroft estate. Horse stalls were torn down and new structures were put in their place. On June 25, 1951, 'Show Boat' opened with seats selling for $1.20 to $3.60.

Over the years, the facilities have been upgraded to provide better sound and comfort for patrons. Once canvas tents have been replaced with more weather-forgiving vinyl and a vented cupola. The sound is now designed for the theatre in-the-round.

COMMENTARY

Reflections on the 'Forgotten War'

By John J. Bowman
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

"Care set upon his faded cheek
But under a brow of dauntless courage."
- John Milton

When, after protracted and frustrating negotiations, the Panmunjon ceasefire was formally announced July 27, 1953, there was little stir back in the United States. Unlike the mass exhilaration that swept the nation at the end of World War II, our great cities did not reverberate with impromptu and tumultuous ceremony at the conclusion of the Korean conflict; no great victory parades streamed down our avenues beneath blizzards of ticker-tape. In fact, news of the 1953 armistice was greeted with a wan matter-of-factness.

The Korean War remains today what General Matthew Ridgeway called it then,, "a forgotten war". For three years (1950-1953). the conflict raged back and forth across the 38th parallel of that harsh and desolate Central Asian country. 34,000 Americans died as a result. An additional 103,000 were wounded.

Few today remember...or care.

The names of the grim battlefields of that conflict — Inchon, Heartbreak Ridge, Pork Chop Hill, Chonglin Reservoir — have long since vanished from popular memory, and are now relegated to the bleak pages of obscure history texts.

Today there are no stirring monuments to the Korean War dead, no heart-rending memorial walls. No drums or trumpets echo down the corridors of time.

It was never a popular war, Korea. The American public of the early 50's, exhausted from the recent catastrophes of the Second World War cared little for the bleak news spilling out of Asia. On the cusp of an unprecedented post-war prosperity, Americans were, understandably pre-occupied with matters of a more personal and immediate natures raising families, achieving job enhancement securing home mortgages, making auto payments...etc. No one wanted to hear about a "political mess" halfway across the world somewhere.

Korea was, in Averell Harriman's words, "a sour little war".

But on this Memorial Day — almost 45 years later — perhaps it is time finally to render recognition where recognition is due.

The men and women who bravely held the line amid intolerable who fought and shed their blood upon inhospitable terrains far from home, who bore the brunt of unpopular battle with what Hemingway called, "grace under pressure"...they are deserving of our highest respect.

Forgotten somehow in the swirl of the domestic politics of that time, these Americans — now in their 60s — served this nation with "dauntless courage" and high good humor.

The time has come to recognize their sacrifice and the ultimate sacrifice of the 34,000.

It is a recognition we cannot afford to overlook. All great civilizations are driven by the dynamics of history; the future hinges on our respect and knowledge of the past. The Korean war may be forgotten but the devotion and patriotism of its veterans the best of a generation — deserves, at the very least, a few finely timed moments of quiet remembrance this weekend.

Some Private Ways Clear First Hurdle

Residents' Feedback Sought

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

A dozen of the town's private ways could be on their way to acceptance as town streets.

The new designation would allow the town to use state money to repair and pave the roads.

The private ways committee told selectmen Monday they chose the following roadways, which meet the town's criteria on width and drainage, as the first to be accepted: Bates Lane, Forest Notch, Lantern Lane, Locust Road, Norfolk Road, Oak Street, Reservoir Road, Riverview Road, Rocky Lane, Short Street, Whitney Woods Lane, and Norman Todd Road.

"The first list requires very little cost to the town to accept," member Henry Rattenbury said.

Selectmen asked the list of roads be sent to town counsel for guidance on what steps the town needs to take to get these roads approved. There may be a deeds process involved, selectmen said.

Ownership could prove to be a sticky issue with the town's dozens of private ways. Some are owned by the residents or developers and on others, it is not clear if anyone owns them, selectmen said. One-third of the town's roads are private ways.

The town appropriates some money each year to maintain private ways. Selectman Merle Brown pointed out that Norman Todd Road, which was constructed as a public works jobs project during the depression, hadn't been "hot topped" in 17 years.

The town does plow the private ways in town.

Selectmen would also like residents of the streets, slated for possible acceptance, to provide any feedback or information on ownership that might be helpful.

Selectmen

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handled in the lease, Brown said.

But Selectmen Nan Roth, Ronnie McMorris and Michael Sullivan said issues surrounding parking, the renovation schedule and possible tax consequences for the office space, to be rented to Ulmer, need to be incorporated in the RFP. They are particularly concerned about how parking will be handled and if stickers or cards need to be issued to non-resident lobster lab users.

They felt the lease and RFP should dovetail and that town counsel should draft a proposed lease before the RFP is finalized — a proposal that Brown found ludicrous.

"Why should we make a lease up on a proposal that we haven't got?" he asked.

R. Murray Campbell, president of the Lightkeepers Corporation, reminded the board that the project is well intended.

"We are not carpetbaggers doing something to the town — we are citizens doing something for the town," he said.

He balked at a suggestion that the RFP and lease be put by the 15-member Hagerty study committee, warning too much input at this stage would "gum up the works." The Hagerty committee is charged with developing a recreational park at the site.

Selectman Diane C. Sullivan agreed with Brown that the RFP was clear and should be sent out. She stressed the board was obligated to follow the intent of town meeting, which supported the lobster lab use for the building.

A move by Diane Sullivan and Brown to have the RFP go out as is, failed.

Roth, McMorris and Michael Sullivan voted to have town counsel draft a lease based on the lightkeepers' lease but to include other issues such as how to handle parking and a schedule for renovation and maintenance. They want the lease ready in two weeks so they can include those issues in the RFP so it is in a condition to send out, they said.

The town bought the 2.2 acre Hagerty property four years ago. Over the years, selectmen have considered leasing, selling, moving or demolishing the house which has fallen into disrepair under the town's ownership.

MEMORIAL DAY SPECIALS

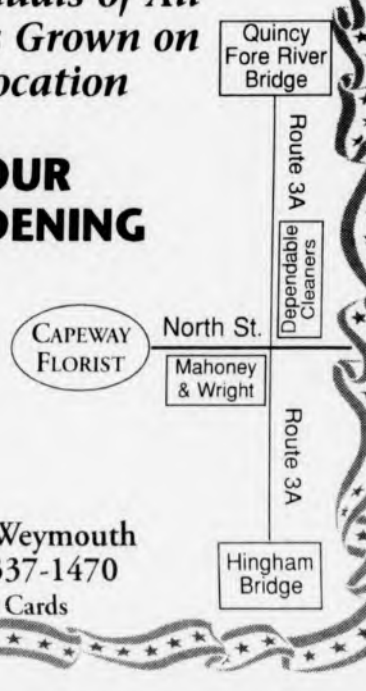
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Army Corps Seeks Public Comment on Greenbush

By Carol Britton Meyer
COHASSET MARINER

Residents will have an opportunity during the next few weeks to comment on the proposed restoration of the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad.

The Army Corps of Engineers, the lead federal agency involved in reviewing the project, is seeking public comment before deciding whether or not to issue the MBTA wetlands permitting for the project.

According to Ted Lento, project manager of the permits section of the ACE, "This will be the main chance for residents to get involved in the Corps permit process.

"There are state and local permitting processes going on, but this is on a federal level," he said.

In January, the Corps questioned the adequacy of the MBTA's study of alternatives to the restoration project and is requiring additional information from the transit authority before issuing a permit.

Comments provide an opportunity for the Corps to gain new information from the public about the proposed restoration, Lento said.

Notices of the comment period have been sent to all abutters.

"This is a beginning step in the process," he said.

MBTA Manager of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan said the MBTA has done a "good job providing information requested by the Corps."

"We've been working closely with the Corps and are eager to hear comments from the public," Brennan said. "We're looking forward to seeing how the Corps moves forward on the project."

The MBTA has applied to the Army Corps of Engineers for a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to place fill within a total of 5.11 acres of wetlands and waterways for the project in preparation of the proposed restoration of the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad.

The Clean Water Act regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material in United States waters, including wetlands.

Following the MBTA decision to no longer seek federal transit funding for the project, the Federal Transit Administration environmental review was ended without a conclusion.

The Corps is now the sole federal agency involved in the project. The Corps is soliciting public comments about the proposed restoration until June 6.

Written comments on the proposed restoration of the Greenbush line may be sent by June 6 to: Ted Lento, U.S. Army Corps, Corps of Engineers, New England District, 424 Trapelo Road, Waltham, Mass. 02254-9149. Remarks should include file no. 199700680.

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The Army Corps of Engineers will consider many factors and their effects in making their final decision, including: conservation, economics, aesthetic issues, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, shoreline erosion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water equality, energy needs, safety and the general needs and welfare of the people.

The public notice of the comment period, issued by Karen Kirk Adams, chief of the permits section of the regulatory branch of the ACE, states that the ACE has determined that the "likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge on properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places."

The Corps has determined that further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is necessary in order to lessen the adverse impact of the project on historical properties or mitigate those impacts.

That decision was based on impacts associated with several alternatives offered by the MBTA in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

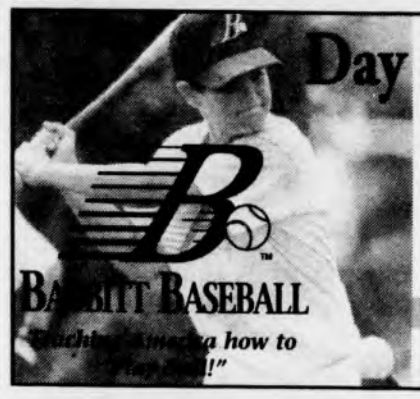
Those impacts include noise, construction vibration, traffic and visual impacts, which the Corps has determined might adversely affect properties in the Lincoln National Register Historic District and the Fort Hill Street National Register-Eligible Historic District in Hingham.

Other National register properties in Braintree, Weymouth, Cohasset and Scituate could also be impacted.

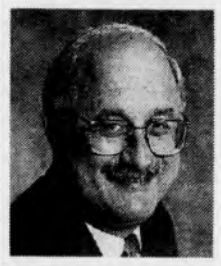
The Corps is also requesting input relating to the Endangered Species Act regarding the presence of, and potential impacts to, certain species or their "critical habitat."

Indoor Swimming Pool

Any Cohasset residents interested in participating in a volunteer project to make an indoor swimming pool available to residents, not at taxpayer expense, are asked to telephone Joe McElroy by Sunday, May 25, at 383-0505.



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Extended Day Camp

The Extended Day Camp will be in session this summer from June 30 to August 15. The hours will be Monday through Friday, from 7 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m., primarily accommodating those children enrolled in the Cohasset Summer Recreation Program. Also, as in the past, any family needing care during these dates and times are welcome.

Parents interested in registering their child or children for the Extended Day Camp, please call Liz Alpert or Gretchen Carney at 383-6860 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. by May 23. Space is limited.

Reception Honoring Mrs. Price

Cohasset kindergarten teacher Marie Price will retire at the end of the school year. All students, past and present, and parents are cordially invited to an open house reception in her honor Sunday, June 1, at the Second Congregational Church (next to town hall), from 2 to 4 p.m. The room mothers are collecting contributions for a Memory Book for Mrs. Price.

All former students are asked to submit a message on an 8 1/2 x 11" sheet of paper to the boxes in the offices at each school building, or bring to the reception. Your contribution can take any format. For example, it could be a drawing, a letter, "then" and "now" pictures or a special story. Be sure to include your name and the year you had Mrs. Price. Also, help us spread the word, especially among older students and returning college students.

Artist Call for Entries

Young artists and members to the South Shore Art Center are invited to submit entries for the 42nd annual Festival on the Common exhibitions on May 30 and 31. from 10 am to 4 pm at the center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. the festival will take place June 20,21, and 22 on Cohasset Common and at the South Shore Art Center. Members may bring work for the Festival Members Show and Young Artists can submit work for the Young Artists Exhibition sponsored by Garelick Farms.

Young Artists (18 years old and under) may submit entries on may 30 and 31 form 10 am to 4 pm at the Art Center gallery at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Entries must be matted and no larger that 18" by 24". there is no entry fee. Judged by artists Ellen Rotty and Ted Hirsch, gift and product Awards of Excellence will be given.

This year, the show will be exhibited under a tent on Cohasset Common.

To enter the members Show, membership must be current through June 1997 and can be paid at the time of entry, Each member may submit one entry ($6 fee) and the work must be original, recent and not previously exhibited at the SSAC or the annual festival. Work must be securely framed and wired, ready for hanging.

No clamped glass frames will be accepted. Sculpture and 3-D entries must be accompanied by their own pedestals.

For further information, please contact the Art Center, Tuesday through Friday 10 am to 4 pm at (617) 383-ARTS (2787).

Dog Obedience Classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for beginner and intermediate dog training classes, to be taught by Ms. Laurie Cleveland. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings, on Cohasset Common, beginning Tuesday, May 27.

For all classes, the fee is $48 per dog for the eight week, 1-hour weekly, program. To register, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-6791. Classes are limited in size, non-residents will be accepted on a space available basis. Classes do not meet should weather conditions be inclement.

Friendship Perennial Border

This week work has continued on the grounds at the South Shore Community Center.

Plans are to plant 20 rose shrubs along the fence. If you would like to donate one, the cost is $10. Each rose shrub will be marked with a marker as to its donor.

The center is still in need of your perennials for a border. Any plants not used in the border will be sold at the Farmers Market to raise money for spring bulbs to be planted in the fall.

Plants may be dropped off at the center, and to donate a rose shrub send $10 to the South Shore Community Center, P.O Box 631, Cohasset, 0202S and indicate the name to be placed on the marker.

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Ashley Stands Tall In Nobles' Goal

Local Goalie Shines In Rookie Season

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

At 5-foot-2 and 99-pounds Cohasset's Ashley Mihos wasn't exactly the most physically intimidating player on the ice for the Nobles & Greenough girls varsity hockey team last winter.

But what the ninth-grade goaltender lacked in size, she more than made up for in skill and savvy. The 15 year old made a season of cutting down opponents' angles when they broke into Nobles' zone, giving the sharpshooters very little net to aim at.

"That came natural to me," said Ashley, who breaks all stereotypes of female hockey players with her slight build and long blond hair.

The result was a stingy 2.05 goals against average as Nobles finished its Independent School League schedule with a second-place record 13-4.

What makes Ashley's season all the more impressive is the fact that she has only been stopping shots between the posts for four years. Ashley is hungry to improve and is the first to admit she is still learning the intricacies of goaltending every time she dons her more than 30 lbs. of equipment and steps on the ice.

"With experience," she said, "things start coming naturally."

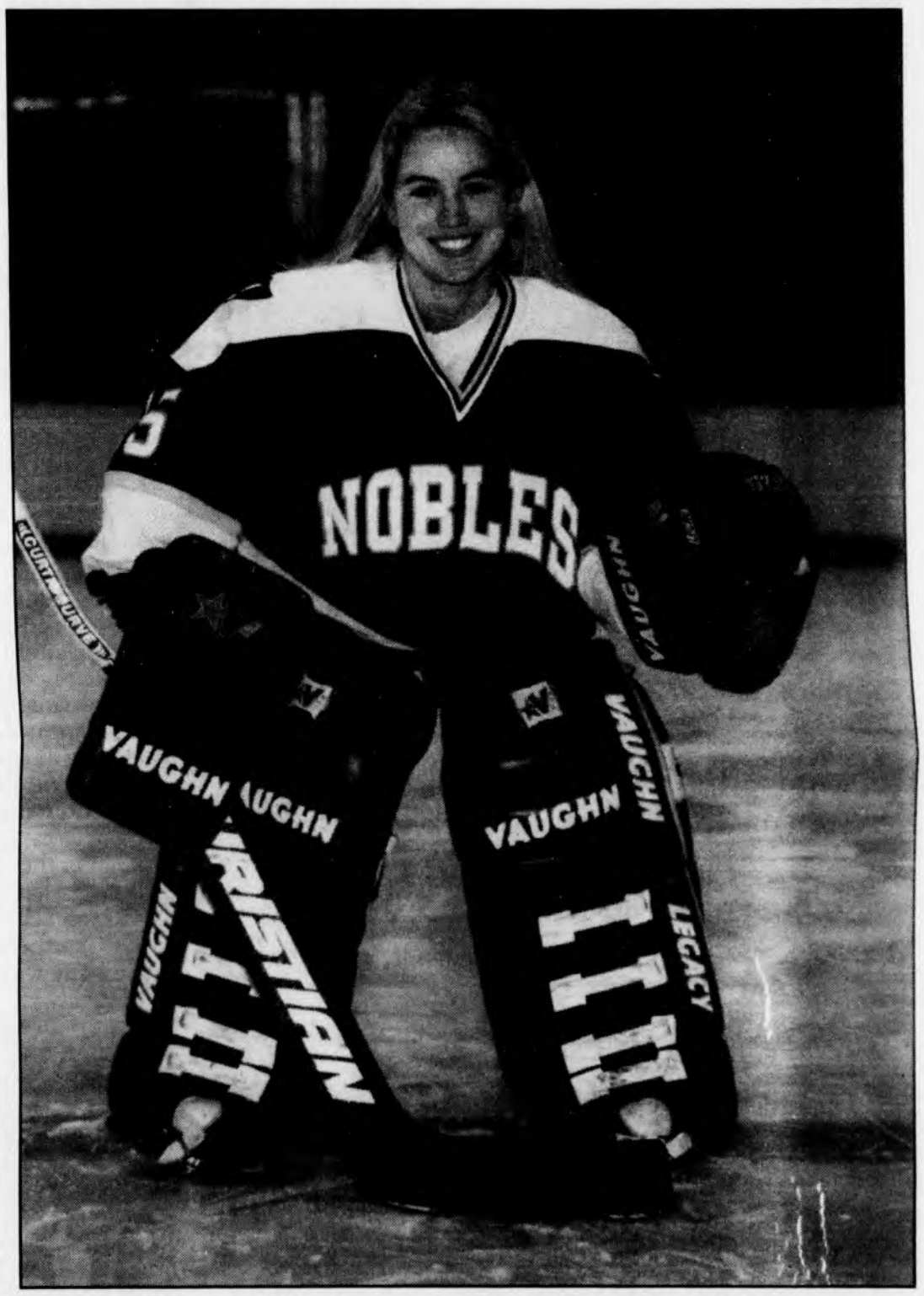
The first rumblings that Ashley was considering giving hockey a try came while watching the Boston Bruins while in the fifth grade. She became intrigued by the play of former Bruin goaltender Andy Moog and came to the decision she wanted to become a goalie.

A student at Derby Academy in Hingham at the time, Ashley told her parents she wanted to take skating lessons and play ice hockey. Derby, however, didn't have a girls hockey team. If she wanted to play, it would have to be on the boys squad.

Ashley's parents hesitated at first, hoping instead she would consider girls basketball. But Ashley had no desire to spend her winters on the courts, but in the chilly rinks, protecting the net, instead.

With her parents' blessing, Ashley took skating lessons at Hingham's

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Nobles & Greenough freshman goaltender Ashley Mihos of Cohasset posted a 2.05 goals against average in helping lead the Dedham-based school to a 13-4 record in the Indpendent Schools League.

Baseball Team Looks To The Future

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

When a team has a record of 4-12 and has lost its last eight games, very few positive things can be written. On a big-league club, trade rumors, injuries, or contract hassles might be fodder, but not so for a high school team.

This year's Cohasset High baseball team will not make the tournament this season after a taste of the good life in '96. Instead, the Skippers will play the role of the spoiler while it faces Provincetown and Scituate, both teams twice, for their last four games of the year. However, there is good news.

This year's edition of Boys in Blue is a young one. With four sophomores and a freshman starting, the Skippers have built a solid nucleus of youngsters for the future. A staff of Greg Taylor, Joe Pergola, Ben Ketchum, Jim O'Sullivan and John-Paul Laugelle looks promising for another two years. Al Schwerin has a choke hold on the third-base spot and smaller groups of sophomores on the JV squad has also shown potential. Junior Pat Hurley has shown his versatility in the field, and his bat has come alive lately, spraying line drives to all fields.

However, the season is a lost one for the seniors. Rob Buckley, Grant Emde and Kevin McKenna have all shown senior leadership this year, along with being stellar in the field. Buckley is a reliable catcher, while McKenna has been nothing short of spectacular at first base. Emde's speed and quickness allow him to cover the wide outfield thoroughfares, making most flyballs a sure out.

After a 15-1 shellacking at the hands of the East Bridgewater Vikings, the Skippers trek to Provincetown on Saturday to square off against the Fishermen. Here's to a win.

EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

Golf: The Game, Not The Sport

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

I'm not a golf fan. There, I said it. In fact, I consider it more of a game than a sport. I know people have argued for centuries over the definition of a sport. Granted, golf takes good eye/hand coordination, concentration, and no doubt the ability to perform under pressure. Those are all characteristics of most sports and also absolutely critical when it comes to hitting a ball into a hole. But, I don't know, I just can't bring myself to call it a sport.

I mean, how many sports can you name where you have the luxury of commenting on a shot, seconds after you know where it has ended up. If Wayne Gretzky turned to Mark Messier after his slapshot goal in the Rangers' playoff win over Philadelphia last weekend and told his teammate the puck was headed past Flyer goalie Ron Hextall, you can bet John LeClair would have creamed "The Great One" with an open-ice check.

Golf, too, is where business deals are made and broken. Rumor has it that Hakeem Olajuwon convinced Charles Barkley to give the Houston Rockets a try when the two were battling for a rebound when Barkley was still playing for the Phoenix Suns. I don't believe that story, but stranger things have happened.

And how annoying is watching golf on television? Fuzzy Zoeller, Mr. Good Publicity himself, drives off from a tee and you spend the next six seconds trying to pick out a tiny white ball in the clear-blue Florida sky. Give me the clicker and bring on the psychic hotline!

The clothes golfers wear are a bit much for me. And why, may I ask, do golfers wear spiked footgear? It's not as though they need to cut quick to the right to avoid a blitz from a group of caddies. They didn't get the steal sign from the club pro, or taking part in the course's annual 5K cross-country run.

There's something I obviously don't understand and the rest of the world does because golf is bigger than ever. Throw Tiger Woods into the mix and we have a new hero on par with Michael Jordan and Ken Griffey Jr.

I do like Tiger Woods. I respect any person who is at the very top of their vocation or avocation. And he's a likable guy, even though I don't buy into the fact that he's going to be more influential for Afro-Americans than either Martin Luther King or Muhammed Ali. His wacky father planted those seeds, not Tiger.

I love the fact that this 21-year-old kid has gone out and not only defeated older, more experienced golfers, but brought them to their knees. Tiger looks as though he could play several differen sports. Then, you could call him an athlete. But for now, he's the best at the *game* he plays.

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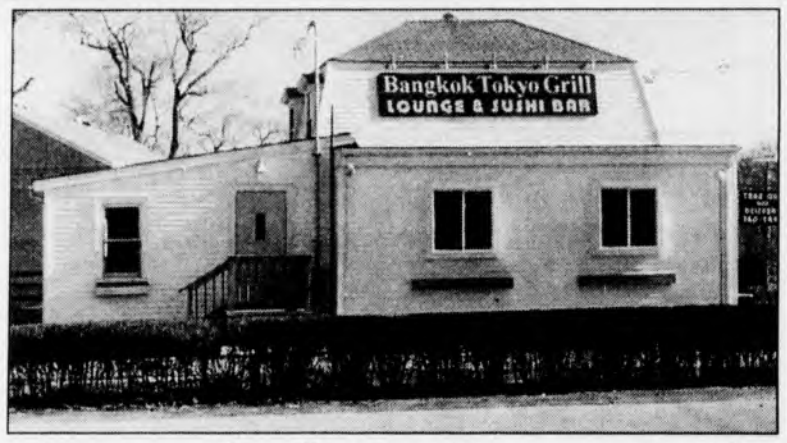
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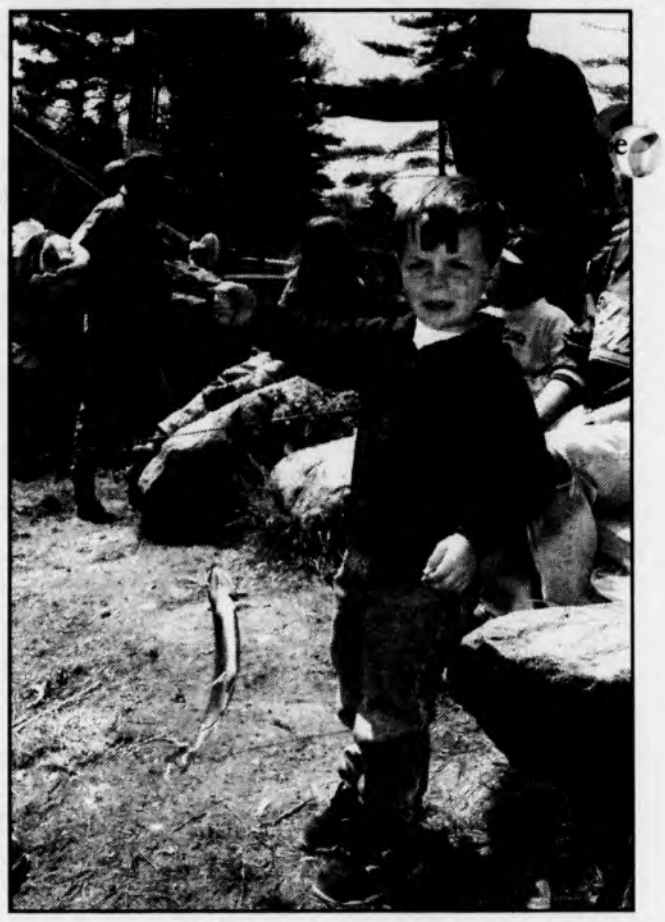
Fishing Derby Enchants Kids

Cars gingerly inched along the oft-maintained dirt road leading into the Scituate Rod and Gun Club off Route 3A. As the macadam disappeared to the rear, noses pressed against steamy glass, eager to catch the first glimpse. And there, through the newly budded trees and brush, surrounded by great boulders, The Pond. But not just any pond, no. This pond, one day out of the year, is transformed from average fishing hole to a legendary fishing destination.

Row after row of cars parked bumper to bumper spill groups of excited kids and yawning adults, carrying their second cup of coffee in a travel mug. Kids know the routine and drag the parents inside the clubhouse to get registered, and get bait, and bobbers, and hooks, and eye the huge steaming cauldron of hot dogs for later. Some lift the lid of the barrel remembering the ice cold Cokes from last year and yes, there they are. Throwing caution to the wind, the bigger kids leap the three steps to the lawn below and sprint for a good spot on the shore. The smaller mites struggle down the stairs hollering for their bigger brethren to "wait for me!"

At the anointed hour the derby begins, and all around the pond the serious fishermen, er kids, thread worms on hooks, wind on bobbers, and cast into the best-looking spots. Others beseechingly plead with totally grossed-out Moms to impale their wriggling bait for them. The buzz of excitement is punctuated by oohs of wide-eyed kids and "did you see thats" of parents as the small pond's surface is regularly broken by the acrobatic trout below. Beautiful casts into an overhanging maple are interspersed with the excited shout of a kid hooking up for the first time, realizing that the fish on the other end is pulling as hard as he is. After a short while the first kids are marching to the clubhouse, great flipping trout dangling from heavily bowed rods, to get the weighmaster's opinion.

Often after the news that it's a smaller one or that the big one hasn't been caught yet, the kids are distracted by the free hot dogs and Coke, and reappear from the clubhouse with a drink and a dog in each hand, rod, reel and fish quickly forgotten. For four hours the overstocked pond entertains more than 150 kids from the Scituate area, many fishing for the first time. By the end of the day a clear champion of the young fishermen has emerged. Twelve-year-old John Kreitz of Scituate, relying on his hard-earned years of experience, picked the best spot and came away with a big trout weighing close to 3 pounds. John was awarded a rod and reel prize.



Four-year-old Thomas Lennon shows off his catch at the fish derby.
Staff photo by Bill Wadsworth

Seaworms and eels work well in the estuaries for those inclined to drift bait for schoolies. Good reports have been coming in from Black's Creek, Back River, Cohasset Harbor, and the North River and its tributaries. Small swimmers and spoons do the trick for the hardware crowd. Normans, Mambos, Kastmasters and dressed bucktails are hot. The green and white Clauser appears to have the early lead on the fly side.

Though the wind has been fierce this week, two boats managed to get out long enough to thrash 200-300 pounds of mackerel. The next few weeks should see an abundance of mackerel in the area waters. Cod are scarce to the north of the BG buoy some report. Others seem to do well farther to the south. Clams and Solvroken jigs are preferred. Stop by your local shop for the latest information.

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Junior Skippers Rebound, Trounce Norwell 16-5

Just six days after losing a heartbreaker to Hingham, the Cohasset junior lacrosse team returned to action May 18 and stomped Norwell 2, 16-5.

Playing a near-flawless game that was the antithesis of the tilt with Hingham, Cohasset featured a balanced attack, crisp passing and aggressive defense that left Norwell frustrated throughout the contest.

Curt Kahn finished with three goals to lead Cohasset. Kahn has averaged more than a hat trick per game for the Junior Skippers. Paul Digan, Greg O'Connell, Evan Pestone and Matt Davis each scored twice, with Nick Spirito, Robert Hickey, Michael Devine, Michael Rasmussen and Rob Carpenter adding single tallies. Rasmussen joins Kahn as the only Cohasset players to score in all five games this season.

Digan and Hickey each added two assists, with Spirito, O'Connell, Pestone and Dwayne Morris also helping out on Cohasset scores.

Nick Murphy made eight first-half saves, including several key stops in a tightly played first quarter, helping Cohasset rebound from a slow start to a 9-2 half-time lead. Stephen Davis played the fourth quarter in goal — his first action there this year — and made one save.

The win came less than a week after the Junior Skippers suffered their only loss of the season, 13-10 at home against Hingham May 12. Sloppy play helped Hingham open a 6-1 first-quarter lead, which stretched to 9-3 by half-time. At that point, Hingham had outshot Cohasset 24-4, and only Murphy's stellar goaltending (15 first-half saves) kept the deficit at six.

Cohasset rebounded in the second half, twice closing to within two goals, but the Skippers never could get all the way back. Curt Kahn had four goals to lead Cohasset, with Robert Hickey adding a hat trick. Evan Pestone finished with one goal and three assists.

Murphy made 22 saves on the day.

Halfway into its season, Cohasset stands at 4-1. Kahn has 16 goals to lead the team, but he has had plenty of help. Matt Davis has 10 goals and two assists. Pestone has eight goals and four assists, with Hickey right behind with eight goals and three assists.

"Ideally, you want a lacrosse team that scores 10 goals a game and gives up five," says Junior Skippers coach Chuck Jaffe. "We're currently averaging 12 — which is unheard of at this level — and giving up six. So long as we play smart and avoid the mental mistakes that hurt us against Hingham, we'll be a good test for any team we face."

The junior lacrosse team gets its stiffest test of the season Friday, May 23, when Marshfield comes to town. Marshfield's junior team has yet to lose, including a convincing victory over Hingham. The game will face off at 4:30 p.m. at Milliken Field.

Jade Forest Adds New Curriculum

John Loupos, owner of Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi/ Internal Arts of Cohasset has recently been authorized by internationally renowned Master Wei Lun Huang, to teach Liu He Ba Fa.

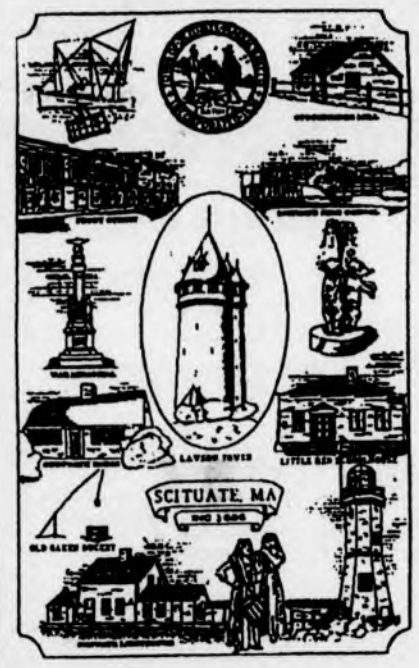
Many people are already familiar with the slow motion art of Tai Chi Chuan, but remain unaware that Chinese culture produced two other lessor known *internal* styles as well, Ba Gua Chang and Hsing Yi Chuan.

Liu He Ba Fa, which means 6 Harmonies & Eight Methods, is a hybrid system combining the distinguishing features of each of the other three. People interested in learning more about this new addition to the Jade Forest curriculum may contact John Loupos at Jade Forest, (617) 383-6822

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The Mall Walk was made possible by scores of dedicated volunteers, including co-chairs Karen McArdle and Dianne Ritter Chase, Dolly Bicknell, Laura Bicknell-Carbone, Eleanor Hall, Robin Hoffman, Charlene Long, Karen Malloy, Tom McCarthy, Rose Mone, Jo Anne and Steve Olson, Teresa Sasserson, Phyllis Troupe, and Bud and Barbara Watts.

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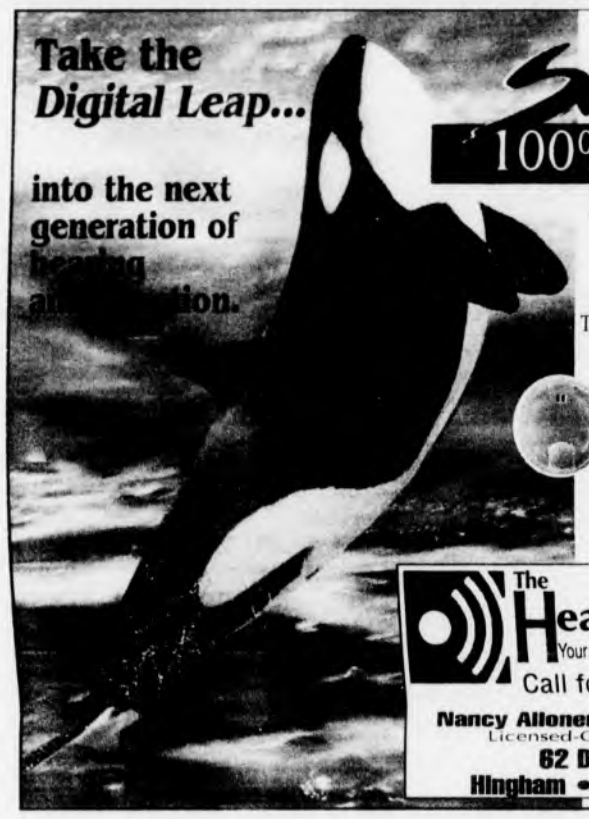
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Summer Basketball Clinic Announced

Top of the Line Basketball Clinic for girls in grades 5,6,7 and 8 will be held at Notre Dame Academy, Hingham July 28,29,30,31, and Aug. 1. Times will be Grades 5 and 6, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Grades 7 and 8, 1 to 5 p.m. The fee is $85.

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Summer Playground Camp

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is pleased to announce that Ms. Kristin Wrye will again serve as director for the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3-1/2 to 12.

The recreation commission has also established fees for the 1997 playground program which will remain the same as the 1996 program and are as follows:

5- to 12-year-olds: $150 for first child ($275 for non-residents).

3- to 5-year-olds: $125 for first child.

ACTIVITY FEE

A $35 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee, separate from program fee, to be paid at registration, will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

– Limited enrollment has been set for each program.

– Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis, and there are no discounts available for multiple children.

– All children must be toilet trained.

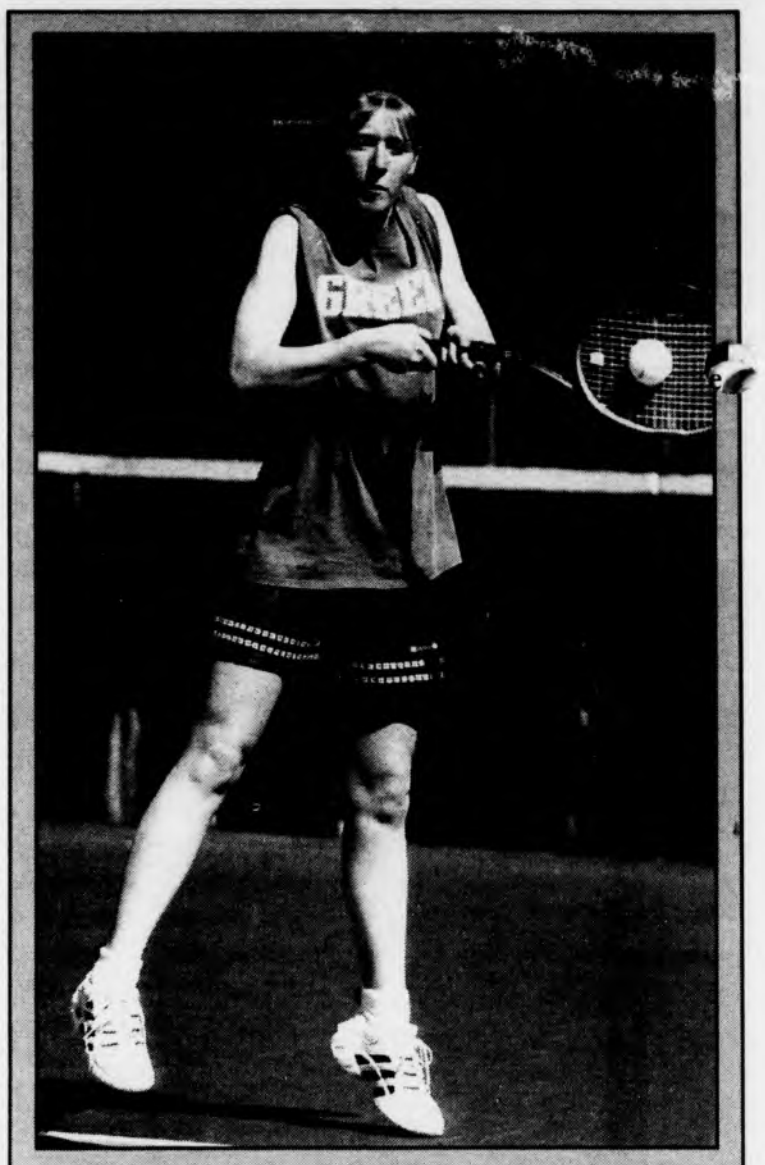
PROGRAMS

5- to 12-year-olds, full day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children must have been born between Aug. 31, 1984 and Dec. 31, 1991 to qualify. The 5- to 7-year-old program will be held at the Joseph Osgood School; the 8- to 12-year-old program, at the Deer Hill School.

Pre-school 3- to 5-year-old, half day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children must have been born between Jan. 1, 1992 and March 1, 1994 to qualify. This program will take place at the Deer Hill School.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Thursday evening, June 19, 5 to 7 p.m.



No. 2 singles player Katie Brister watches her racket make contact with the ball during a recent South Shore League match.
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Ashley Stands Tall

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Pilgrim Arena. She spent the winters of sixth and seventh grade as a member of the boys team, one of two girls on the squad.

Their reception by male teammates was less than enthusiastic. "At first they weren't [illegible]hot with the idea," Ashley said. "The thought it was kind of a joke. After a while they were looking at us as just two more players on the team."

Ashley obviously made an impression on her fellow teammate. She became the first female hockey player in the school's history to be elected a team captain. Ashley was home sick the day she learned of the honor.

"My coach (Brooks Robbins) called me," Ashley said. "At first I didn't really believe it, but then I was really excited. I knew they (teammates) trusted me. I felt really confident with my team picking me."

Robbins was most impressed with Ashley's desire to improve and the dedication needed to accomplish her goals.

"She was quite remarkable in her focus," Robbins said. "She has devoted herself to becoming a good female goalie. I think her talent is being appreciated at the next level."

Ashley had a solid seventh-grade season, garnering the team's MVP award. Along the way she also played for the South Shore Hornets, an all-girls team that played most of its games in Canton and Concord, and spent two years as a member of the South Shore Seahawks.

Ashley also had a phenomenal field hockey career at Derby. The squad was undefeated for four seasons, all of which Ashley spent as the team's goalie. Over that course of time Ashley was impenetrable in goal, allowing just *two goals*.

Ashley's past season at Nobles was highlighted by a 5-3 victory over Assabet Valley of Concord, one of her best games in net, if not the best.

The select team was as tough a squad as Nobles had faced all season. Assabet was the No. 2 ranked team in the world in the 14- to 17-year-old division, based on its second-place finish in the International tourney in Australia.

Nobles, and Ashley, was up to the challenge, however. Ashley was as sharp as she had been all season, turning away nearly every shot Assabet leveled on her. She finished with 45 saves to backbone Nobles' huge win.

Nobles coach Mark Harrington said the victory over Assabet was only one of the games in a stretch where Ashley faced the "real iron teams.

"That was her first time where she went against some tough teams," Harrington said. "Ashley played well against Tabor (Academy) and shut out Lawrence (Academy) for two periods.

"She's young, and has lots to learn of course, but she's a good learner. There's a certain amount of special drive behind Ashley which is good in a goaltender. She should improve. It's pretty rare that I have such a young goaltender. I know she's going to work hard this summer at camp. I'm looking forward to having her back."

Ashley appeared to grow stronger and more confident the longer the game went on. "It was a total adrenaline rush," she said. "I can't believe I kept stopping them."

She credits her teammates, particularly captain Jamie Notman, who will be playing at Harvard next winter, with helping her make a smooth adjustment to high school hockey.

"We have a lot of amazing players on the team," Ashley said, "and they've been great with me."

Ashley has sustained more than her fair share of bumps and bruises, including a concussion that knocked her out of a game. She is currently working on strengthening the muscles in her legs to offset a knee problem she developed. But she has no intention of letting the injuries slow her down.

This summer Ashley will attend the Gary Dineen Hockey School on Cape Cod. She'll be on the ice for a one-week session in Dennis and for two weeks at the camp in Bourne. Ashley's also looking to join a summer league somewhere in the area where she can further her skills.

Her skills are more clear cut than they were going into her freshman year when she didn't know what to expect. Ashley is more comfortable in the net, and with a year's experience behind her, she is more confident she can do continue to do a good job for Nobles.

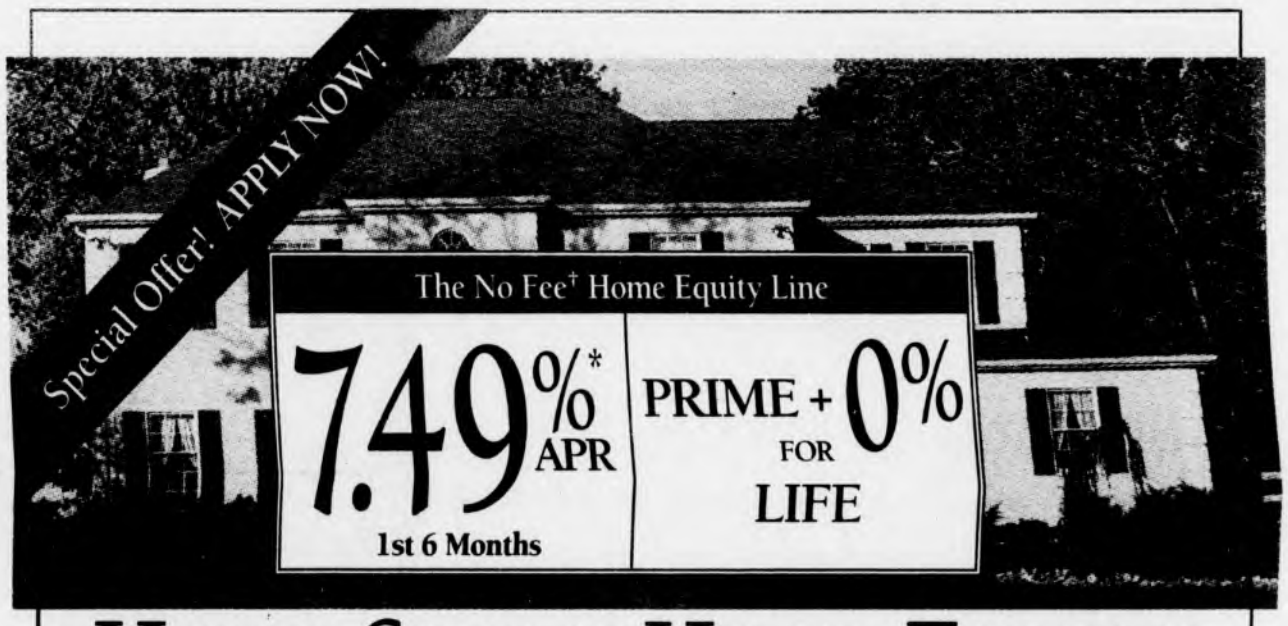
"I really want to improve my game in high school and eventually be the starting goalie," Ashley said. "I'd like to take hockey as far as I can take it."

Ashley's travels so far have been pretty successful. And with her determination this is just the beginning.



Fifteen-year-old goaltender Ashley Mihos has earned a wealth of experience playing on the Nobles & Greenough varsity girls hockey team during her freshman season. Ashley is looking forward to another strong season next winter between the posts in the Independent Schools League.

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Cohasset Summer Hockey Sign Up

Summer hockey sign-ups for Squirts and Bantams will be Tuesday, May 20, from 7:30 to 8 p.m. at Deerhill School. These are tryout teams. Tryouts will be May 31 at Babson College from 1:10 to 2 p.m. Cost to sign up will be $10. If interested in playing at these levels, call Bob Moody at 383-0385.

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Maritime Museum to Open June 1

By David H. Wadsworth
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum at Elm Street, Cohasset Center, will open for its summer season Sunday, June 1, each afternoon except Mondays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. through September. There is no charge for admission and donations are accepted.

The Maritime Museum is an 18th century former ship chandlery built by Cohasset shipowner Samuel Bates and for nearly two centuries was located near Bates Wharf at Cohasset Harbor. In the 1950s the old chandlery was given to the Society by Mr. and Mrs. William Cox, and was moved to its present location adjacent to the society's first historical museum, the Capt. John Wilson — David Nichols House.

Today the Maritime Museum holds extensive collections relating to Cohasset's maritime history, including ship models, lifesaving equipment, 19th century fishing gear, navigation instruments, maps and charts, and tells the story of famous Minot's Ledge Lighthouse just off Cohasset's shores. Also found in the museum are collections of general historical nature, including Native American stone tools, carpenters', shipwrights' and cordwainers' tools, and a "Fisherman's Country Store," containing diverse artifacts, once part of the stock of Tower Bros. Co. ship chandlery, also itself formerly located at Cohasset Harbor.

During the 18th and 19th centuries Cohasset was a maritime community, home port for "fleets" of family-owned fishing schooners catching mackerel for market; a center of shipbuilding at "Ship Cove" or Cohasset Harbor; and home of both fishing and deep sea captains sailing large merchant vessels from Boston to ports in all parts of the world. Generations of Cohasset families went to sea during the great "Age of Sail," and Cohasset's young men signed aboard the town's mackerel schooners by the age of 10 or 11 years. Some grew up to command fishing vessels, or serve as crew aboard the mercantile ships at Boston. A few, such as Capt. Joseph H. Smith and Capt. James Collier, rose to command clippers sailing distant seas.

The Historical Society's Maritime Museum specializes in Cohasset's own history, and also serves as a location for research into subjects such as genealogy of early Cohasset families and houses. The society's curator is on duty most days at the Maritime Museum. Special guided tours may be prearranged by calling the society at (617) 383-1434.

This unusual museum, in its 19th century setting, offers a unique glimpse into an age long past, when this small New England village turned its eyes to the sea.

Farmers Market on the Common

The 1997 Cohasset Village Farmers' market on Historic cohasset Common will be held Thursdays 3 pm to 7 pm form June 5 to October 9. It will feature a free folk music concert the first Thursday of each month long with organic produce, strawberries, herbs, perennials, bedding plants, Peacemeal bread, fresh flower bouquets, French pastries, honey products.

The June 5 market will feature Mark Purcell, singer, songwriter, along with fiddle player Joseph Kessler.

Plan to visit Village shops and cafés while supporting local agriculture on the South Shore.

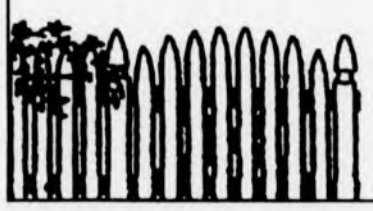
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The Cohasset Historical Society membership drive has begun. If you have not returned the envelope provided by the society, or for some reason have not received one, send your check to the Cohasset Historical Society, 14 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

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Avoiding any surprises on your credit report

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Most people have never seen a copy of their own credit report, unless they have been denied a loan or had credit problems. But sometimes paying your credit card bills, insurance and mortgage payments on time isn't enough to ensure good credit. It is important to realize that the financial institutions that report your account information and the credit bureaus that compile the credit reports have been known to make mistakes.

"People don't want to know about their credit until they have a problem," said Maxine Sweet, a spokeswoman for Experian (formerly TRW), one of the three major credit bureaus that collect and sell individuals' financial information.

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A report done in 1991 by the Consumers Union showed that about half of all credit reports contained inaccurate information -- ranging from a wrong address to a fraudulent credit card account. While industry experts say credit bureaus have improved their records since then, mistakes are by no means extinct. Eric Mierkwinski, a spokesman for U.S. PIRG in Washington D.C., says that the most common errors on credit reports are a result of the intermingling of information on two different people with the same name, or incomplete data that reads as a missed payment.

Making sure your credit report is accurate could prevent potential problems when you go to apply for a loan or a job. Banks, insurers, mortgage lenders, landlords, and employers -- anyone who needs to know your credit history for business purposes -- can obtain your credit report. To make sure your credit report is free of mistakes, your first step is to order a copy by phone from one of the three big credit bureaus (Most smaller credit bureaus buy reports from them.): Experian, (800-682-7654), Equifax (800-685-1111) or Trans Union (800-916-8800).

Reports cost $8 per copy in most instances, but certain people qualify for free copies under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.. Massachusetts residents, for example, are allowed one free copy of their report per year upon request (so are residents of some other states). Anyone who has been denied credit can get a complimentary copy of their report from the bureau that provided the data to the lender, within 60 days of their request. Those who are unemployed and looking for work or who receive income subsidies from the government can receive copies for free as well.

When you call, be prepared to give the automated operator the following details (it's difficult, if not impossible, to speak to a human being when ordering; the bureaus save all of their customer service representatives for credit report disputes.): your full legal name, -- clarify, for instance, whether you are John Doe Jr. versus Sr. -- your Social Security number, date of birth, current mailing address and previous addresses dating back perhaps as far as five years, depending on the credit bureau. The credit report should be sent to you within five days.

It's that easy. In fact, this process makes it appear as if your credit report would be accessible to any other person who possesses some of your personal information. But Norman Black, spokesman for Equifax, affirms that his company will not send an individual's credit report to an address other than their own, unless his company has the individual's permission or proof that the report is to be used for legitimate business purposes.

The credit report you receive in the mail will confirm the personal information you gave when ordering and will list the following: your credit card accounts and loans (e.g. student or mortgage), the dates you opened the accounts, your credit limits or original loan amounts, and the accounts' balances. If you have neglected at any time to make minimum required payments on balances due, those lapses will be noted. And that's not all. A typical credit report will also list any relevant rulings from state and county courts relating to bankruptcies, tax liens, and overdue child support payments. At the bottom of your report you should find a list of the companies and people who have viewed your report over the last six months and any employers that have requested it in the last two years.

If any items are missing, incomplete or incorrect, the Federal Trade Commission recommends that you dispute it in writing, rather than calling the bureau's toll-free customer service number. Documenting your complaint will help down the road if problems arise in resolving the issue. In your letter, include your full name and address and clearly state which item on your report you disagree with and why--you may even want to include a copy of your credit report with the disputed item circled.

Be as specific as possible. Clarify, for example, details of how you were never delinquent in your credit card payments. Include copies of documents (hold onto the originals) that support your argument. And the FTC suggests you send the letter by certified mail so you can prove the credit bureau received it. It should take no more than 30 days to resolve the issue, during which time the credit bureau will check with the creditor who supplied the disputed information. If the bureau finds that you are right, you can request that a notice of the correction be sent to anyone who reviewed your report in the past six months. If an investigation doesn't resolve your dispute, however, you can file a statement of up to 100 words to explain your side of the story. This statement will be mailed out with your credit report whenever it is requested.



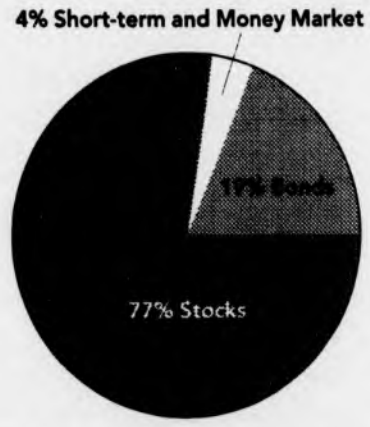
Just remember, while credit bureaus are accountable for the accuracy of the information they provide, they are not responsible for whether or not a given creditor grants you a loan. Banks have various kinds of systems, independent of the bureaus, for ranking perspective customers' creditworthiness. "One of the most common myths is 'the credit bureau denied me credit.' The reality is that creditors make their own decisions with the information we provide," said Sweet. "We are like the library; we don't write the books, we store them."

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Joie de Montreal

This Canadian city is the ultimate vacation destination



By Jim Woodworth

Summer in the city can be hot, and there is no hotter place for a summer vacation than the city of Montreal.

While Montreal — which celebrated its 350th birthday five years ago — is just 50 miles over the Canadian line in the province of Quebec, it seems far removed, both literally and figuratively, from its North American cousins south of the border.

That's because it is.

While Montreal, like its fellow Canadian urban centers, is a friendly, clean place to visit, it is also a hustling, bustling entertainment and arts center with the second-largest French-speaking population in the world. Located some 320 miles from Boston at the confluence of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers, seasoned travelers claim the closest thing the United States has to offer is New Orleans, another city with a decidedly French accent.

And, while the French-speaking population of Montreal — roughly 70 percent, compared to an English-speaking population of 15 percent, and all other tongues combined another 15 percent — is very prevalent, it only adds to the rich cultural mosaic for which the city is known. "In all the tourist areas, virtually all of the people are bilingual," assured Roselyne Hebert of Quebec Province's tourism bureau. "It is really no problem."

In fact, summer in Montreal is an endless stream of festivals and artistic events, with perhaps the grandest of all being the Montreal International Jazz Festival June 26 through July 6. Considered by some critics to be the best festival of its kind in the entire world, it features 400 concerts, 300 of them free.

The festival consumes four city blocks in the heart of the city. The entertainers perform outdoors, without the distraction of traffic noise, which is diverted from the performance area. Some of this year's performers include Manhattan Transfer, Herbie Hancock, and Tony Bennett. For a free program and more information about the festival, call (888) 515-0515.

"Montreal is an important cultural center," said Hebert, noting it ranks the cities of Toronto and Quebec in that department.

If jazz doesn't grab you, the continent's only Formula One world championship race just might. The Molson Grand Prix is held in Montreal June 13-15. Auto racing fans will find this competition an exhilarating ride that tops even the Indianapolis 500.

For those who prefer to take things at a slower pace, Montreal offers a wonderful collection of museums, including the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the McCord Museum of Canadian History, the Canadian Centre for Architecture, and the Stewart Museum. A special one- to three-day museum pass that saves visitors up to 50 percent admission on 19 museums is available. But be warned: that's just a handful of the museums waiting for you in Montreal.

And, there's more than 100 theater troupes, 50 dance companies, and more than 150 concert venues to keep visitors from getting bored. Oh yes, don't forget the countless shops and boutiques. "In Montreal, we're well-known for our theater and dance," said Herbert.

If the Great Outdoors is where you prefer to be, then you have myriad options in Montreal. Parc des Iles, located in the middle of the St. Lawrence River, offers the Biosphere — a water ecomuseum — and some of the best views of the city.

The city's Botanical Garden, which includes the world-famous Insectarium, is the second-largest of its kind in the world.

If organized athletic competition is more your style, be sure to catch the team that Dan Duquette built before he was lured back to his home state by the Boston Red Sox. Diehard fans will want to catch a Montreal Expos game in Olympic Stadium, where they will recognize the National League brand of baseball Duquette has brought to the Old Towne Team. And Montreal is the home of the most-storied franchise in hockey, the Montreal Canadiens, who play their home games at the Molson Centre.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the festivals and events held in Montreal. To get a full picture, call (800) 577-2266, extension 401, and ask for your free Canada Festivals and Events Guide.

So, you've spent a full day touring, soaking in the sights and the rich cultural history of Montreal. But you're not done yet. You want to get out and enjoy some night life.

Boy, did you come to the right place.

Want to try your luck at gaming? The Montreal Casino is ranked among the 10 largest in the world. Oh, you're not a high roller, but you love to get out and have a great time? Montreal's bars and nightclubs are open until 3 a.m., and the music and atmosphere may have be equaled, but never bettered anywhere in the world.

What will all this cost you? Less than you might think. The current exchange rate (41 percent) in Canada is among the best in years, so your dollars will go a whole lot further. There's more good news: you don't need a passport to travel in Canada; you can get by with a birth certificate and one photo ID, such as your driver's license. And speaking of driver's licenses, your United States license in valid in Canada.

And, visitors will be happy to know they can leave the driving to others — the Montreal Metro subway system links virtually all of the city's most popular shopping and entertainment complexes.

Plan on bringing some things back with you? You're entitled to bring back $400 worth of Canadian goods duty-free if you spend more than 48 hours north of the border. And, in some cases, you're entitled to a rebate of the goods and services tax charged to Canadian residents.

Want to learn more? A variety of organizations are willing to help you with lodging, tours, suggestions for entertainment and restaurants, and so much more. Start with the Canadian Tourism Commission at (800) 577-2266. The Province of Quebec has detailed information available by calling its tourism bureau at (800) 363-7777.

Closer to home, the Canadian Consulate can be reached by calling (617) 262-3760, or by writing to 3 Copley Place, Boston, MA 02116.

So come on up to Montreal. You'll be glad you did, eh?

(Jim Woodworth is a freelance writer for Community Newspaper Company.)

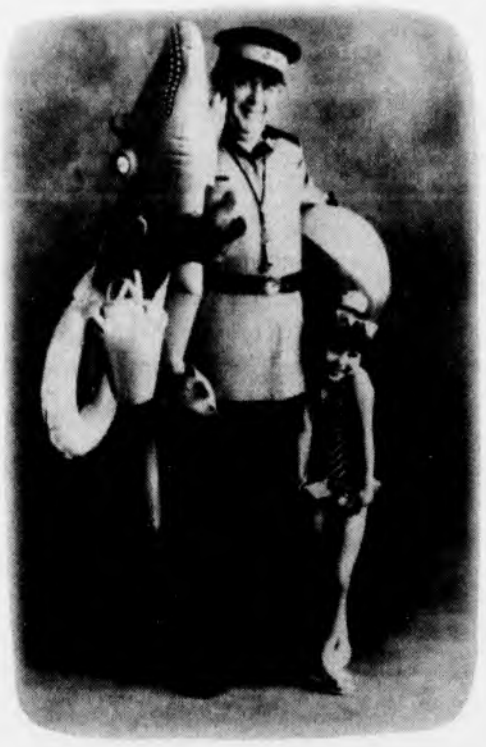
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7:07 a.m., motor vehicle stop, South Main.
7:26 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A North.
7:42 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A.
10:38 a.m., medical aid, Stagecoach Way.
11:49 a.m., burglary (B&E), Beach St.
5:27 p.m., medical aid, Hobart Ln.
5:28 p.m., parking violation, S. Main St.
6:27 p.m., assist other police department, Atlantic Ave.
8:01 p.m., disturbance, CJC Hwy.
9:20 p.m., animal complaint, Old Pasture Rd.

Tuesday, May 13

6:03 a.m., MV stop, Square.
7:07 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.
7:20 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:30 a.m., MV stop, Cedar St.
7:34 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:28 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
9:07 a.m., assist motorist, Sohier St.
9:22 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
11:58 a.m., MV violations, Square.
1:58 p.m., MV stop, Route 3A.
2:03 p.m., MV stop, Route 3A @ Sohier St.
2:17 p.m., MV stop, Route 3A South.
3:15 p.m., property (lost), Elm St.
3:42 p.m., burglary (B&E), Crocker Ln.
4:57 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
5:15 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:04 p.m., serve restraining order, S. Main St.
7:55 p.m., assist other police dept., Hull St.
10:09 p.m., noise complaint, Fernway.
10:23 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

Wednesday, May 14

12:14 a.m., MV stop, Summer St., arrested: Richard J. Nutile, Jr., 127 Hampton Circle, Hull, DOB: 1/15/67, warrant.
5:51 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:25 a.m., MV stop, Cohasset Plaza.
6:36 a.m., MV stop, Whitney Woods Ln.
6:48 a.m., Mv stop, Cedar St.
6:49 a.m., Mv stop, Whitney Woods Ln.
6:59 a.m., MV stop, Whitney Woods Ln.
7:07 a.m., MV stop, Whitney Woods Ln.
7:20 a.m., MV stop, Whitney Woods Ln.
7:26 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
7:34 a.m., MV stop, Whitney Woods Ln.
7:38 a.m., MV stop, Whitney Woods Ln.
7:41 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:47 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:35 a.m., assist motorist, Atlantic Ave. @ Sandy.
9:42 a.m., MV stop, Route 3A @ Jonathan Livingston Square.
10:15 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
11:28 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
11:42 a.m., MV stop, Elm St.
12:27 p.m., MV stop, Route 3A S.B.
12:35 p.m., MV violations, Route 3A (N.B.)
2:18 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
3:23 p.m., assist citizen, Elm St.
3:53 p.m., officer wanted, Forest Ave.
5:00 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:39 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
5:49 p.m., trespassing, Beach St.
5:54 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
6:01 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.
6:22 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
6:26 p.m., notification, Jerusalem Rd.
6:44 p.m., MV stop, Church St.
6:50 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
7:14 p.m., general services, Whitney Woods Ln.
7:37 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
7:40 p.m., MV stop, King St.
8:21 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
9:25 p.m., MV stop, Cushing Plaza.
9:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:58 p.m., suspicious (other), King St.
11:12 p.m., suspicious person, Parkingway.
11:40 p.m., disturbance, Atlantic Ave.

Thursday, May 15

12:27 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
6:15 a.m., general services, Arrowwood Rd.
11:03 a.m., fire, outside, next to Lamberts Ln.
11:07 a.m., warrant arrest, Elm St., Jason J. Curtin, 289A Beechwood St., Cohasset, DOB: 10/22/74. Charges: trespass on land, dwelling etc., assault & battery, B& E night time, intent to commit misdemeanor.
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Dwyer Named South Shore Advertising Manager

Amy Dwyer of Hingham is the new South Shore Sales Manager for Community Newspaper Company/South, publishers of the Mariner newspapers and Pennysavers.

Dwyer, who worked for 12 years at Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, is heading up the advertising sales effort for all Mariner newspapers and Pennysavers on the South Shore. Dwyer joined the sales team in early April and said she is impressed so far with what she has been a part of.

"In an age where world news has become a commodity, what people are craving is news and information that has direct impact on their lives. Community Newspaper Company is dedicated to answering that need at the hometown level with stories that reflect what's important in the community. This, in turn, provides highly targeted vehicles for companies to market their products and services," said Dwyer, who was born and raised in Abington. "The Community Newspaper Company/South group of newspapers is unmatched in the ability to provide such a product mix that can match the diverse needs on the South Shore."

Asa Cole, executive publisher of Community Newspaper Company/South, said "I am delighted to have someone with Amy's extensive sales background and familiarity with the South Shore lead our sales efforts."

Dwyer had extensive experience with Ziff-Davis — international publishers of high-tech magazines and newspapers — working in the company's national sales, corporate marketing and operations departments. When she left the organization, she was manager of network programs and had created a company strategy to integrate 20 technology focused publications, including PC Week and PC Magazine.

The Holy Cross College graduate said she sees exciting opportunities unfolding at CNC-South.

"The Mariner company is currently transitioning to an enhanced business model that promotes advertisers' ability to deliver their sales message to their target market with greater frequency and efficiency. The goal of our salesperson is to be a consultant to their advertising customer....understand their business, work with them to target their core market and help them to develop an effective sales message," said Dwyer. "I am personally committed to partnering with our advertisers to ensure their marketing objectives are met through advertising in the pages of the Mariner newspapers."

Dwyer can be reached at (617) 837-4504.



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Arthur A. Smith and Cherie Czarnota have opened a Pet Safe Fencing franchise in Cohasset Village at 18 Elm St.

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Arthur A. Smith Jr., South Shore home builder and remodeler, and Cherie Czarnota, marketing executive, have been awarded the Massachusetts franchise of Pet Safe Fencing.

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Sinnott to Speak at Awards Dinner

Sharon Sinnott, founder of The Sinnott School, an innovative business and employment skills program, will be the keynote speaker at the South Shore Women's Business Network Annual Meeting and Women Mean Business awards dinner, May 22 at Lantana, Randolph. The event is sponsored by Fleet Bank and Max Magazine, a Mariner/CNC publication. Rockland Trust Company is the SSWBN Platinum Partner.

The Women Mean Business awards were established in 1996 to honor individuals who have made a significant contribution to advancing the success of women in business; Sinnott was one of five award recipients in 1996, recognized for her innovation and commitment in founding The 1997 recipients are: Louise Alibrandi, The Face Place, Hanover; Noreen Carey-Neville, CLU, CHFC of Carey-Neville Associates, Weymouth; Vicki Donlan, Regional Marketing Director of Spence Center for Women's Health, Braintree; Elizabeth K. Levin, Vice President, Rizzo Associates, Boston, and President, The Alliance of Women's Business & Professional Organizations; Lois L. Lindauer, Founder, Diet Workshop, Inc., and President, The Boston Club; Patricia Maclsaac, R.N., CH, South Shore Hypnosis Center, Hingham; and Charlotte Phinney, Charlotte Hair Etc., Inc., Scituate.

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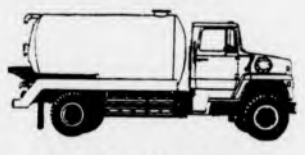
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Student Sexual Harassment Policy Reviewed

By Kerry Herlihy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Health Education Advisory Committee has put together an addendum to be added to the school's 1994 Sexual Harassment Policy for the students. The need for more adult advocates and a "formality of process" will be critical with the separation of middle school and high school next fall, officials say.

The current policy calls for a designated "reporting officer" who acts as the main contact for a student who has been harassed. Currently, the student who has been harassed will seek out the reporting officer. The officer then helps the student write a letter to the alleged perpetrator describing what was offensive and how it made he or she feel, and then the officer delivers the letter to the alleged perpetrator and discusses the incident.

Cohasset's reporting officer is Mike Gill, health education coordinator and director of physical education. Gill will no longer teach middle school students with the separation of faculty between the middle school and the high school. He fears that because these students will not know him, they might not be as apt to report misconduct.

"There are plenty of good people in this system who would be very willing to help students with this issue. I can't be the only one students come to. More than one person has to know what to do," Gill said.

The Health Education Advisory Committee believes that all teachers need to [illegible] trained to handle these typ[illegible] complaints. The advisory [illegible] mittee wants students to [illegible] comfortable going to any teacher. Members point out that students tend to click with certain teachers and not with others. Students are not going to trust a teacher he or she doesn't feel close to, they say.

The new policy addition creates a tool for teachers to use to help students resolve sexual harassment issues. In place of the current system of a letter written by a student with the assistance of Mike Gill, a standard form will be filled out by a student with the teacher he or she chooses to confide in. The form has four parts: the first section asks the victim to describe the inappropriate behavior; the second section asks the victim how the behavior made he or she feel; the third section describes the legality of the inappropriate action and gives it a name; and the fourth section describes the consequence of the offense. The teacher, acting as adult advocate, then sets up the meeting with the alleged perpetrator and takes it from there.

The school committee will forward the addendum draft to legal counsel but believes it will be well received. Judith Murphy, a parent and an administrative law judge, is a member of the Health Education Advisory Committee and was able to help with the legalities of creating the policy.

The committee hopes to see the new policy included in next year's student handbook.

School Committee Reorganizes

The committee welcomed new members, Kathy Ofsthun and Joe McElroy, at their meeting last Thursday. The committee then appointed Maureen Jerz as chairman, Rick Shea as vice chairman, and Ralph Kidder as secretary.

Maureen Jerz thanked Kidder for his service as chairman for two years.

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Selectmen to Rizzo: Clam Up or Else

Comments on Village Station Study Irk Board

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Selectmen said Monday that Dean Rizzo will have to shut up on the village station issue if he wants to remain on the town's Greenbush mitigation committee.

And although they praised his hard work on the committee — which is working with the MBTA to resolve issues ranging from grade crossings and traffic lights to noise and environmental matters — they scolded him for being quoted in a Cohasset Mariner story last week.

The story focused on how some village businesses feel left out of the decision process on where the train station in Cohasset should be located and long for a study on the pros and cons of a village station.

In a telephone interview, Rizzo said the selectmen's gag order is confusing.

"I don't see what is wrong with responding to questions as a member of the business community," he said. "Just because business concerns are not the same as town concerns, I can't express them?"

Town meeting earlier this spring turned down a request to study the village station and selectmen say that should be the end of the matter.

"The decision was made and we're not interested in having it revisited," Selectman Nan Roth said.

She said Rizzo, who was called by the Mariner for the story, should

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Cohasset Beams on Memorial Day

By Robert Ziff
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The weather in picturesque Cohasset was in perfect cooperation for a parade. In the 78 years since the first Memorial Day Parade was held here, you couldn't have asked for a better morning.

At 9:50 a.m. on Memorial Day the parking lot of the South Shore Music Circus looked as it would on almost any other Monday with the exception of Larry Lecours, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, sitting in his car, waiting. At the age of 69 he has been marching in the Cohasset Memorial Day Parade for the past four years, ever since Jim Leonard, his good friend and comrade, at the age of 74, had died of a heart attack while marching in this historic parade in 1994.

"It's all about remembering; and as long as my legs will carry me I'll be marching here," Lecours said.

By 10:30 a.m., 20 or so other veterans, some wearing army fatigues, others wearing full-dress uniforms, had gathered in the parking lot talking among themselves, remembering

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Daniel Sullivan, 9, and Brendon Barrett, 9, raise a little money at their lemonade stand during the Memorial Day parade. As the sign states, soldiers could drink for free.

Staff photo/Victor Pryles

Zoning Board Questions Water Tank Location

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The zoning board of appeals understands the need for a second water tank. But zoning board members want to make sure Bear Hill is the best site for the second tank.

The water commissioners brought their plans to construct a second, two-million gallon, concrete water tank on Bear Hill before the planning board and the zoning board May 21. The planning board voted 2-1 to give the tank a favorable recommendation, but the zoning board wants more information on alternate sites before considering a request for a height variance.

Zoning board members will meet with water commissioners again June 3 at 8 p.m. to discuss the tank.

Town meeting approved the $1.4 million tank on Bear Hill, and water commissioner Robert Kasameyer said the water commissioners were merely carrying out the town's wishes.

The 65-foot water tank being proposed is 30-feet higher than the town's 35-foot height limit in a residential zone.

Water commissioners approved plans at their May 8 meeting to build the 2-million gallon water tank on Bear Hill, despite pleas from abutters to consider alternate sites on Scituate Hill. The commissioners remained receptive to exploring Scituate Hill sites, including a possible location on land formerly owned by Webb Norfolk Conveyor, Co.

Town officials are concerned that fire flows are inadequate at night because the water plant is closed. A second tank would provide better capacity to fight night time fires, especially during the dry summer months.

Kasameyer cited other problems with the tank. He said the tank had never been completely drained and cleaned in its entire 30-year history.

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Cohasset's Week

Town Manager is Topic

Selectmen will ask the Government Structure Committee to their June 9 meeting to discuss changes to the town manager article approved at this year's annual town meeting.

The GSC was on Monday's agenda but the discussion was postponed because Selectmen Ronnie McMorris and Michael Sullivan could not attend the meeting in time. They arrived late to Monday's meeting due to a school awards ceremony.

McMorris said plans are to discuss how to re-draft the act to deal with changes.

Selectman Nan Roth called the changes "amendments."

The town manager act, which requires approval by the legislature, has been approved by the House and goes before the Senate next week.

Lead citizen petitioner for the town manager article, Thomas Gruber, and Government Structure Committee member Lillian Curley attended a hearing before the House local affairs committee last week. No selectmen attended.

Roth said Monday the relationship that town manager will have with elected boards needs to be clarified. Selectman Merle Brown said some boards, such as the recreation commission, were left out of the article altogether.

Selectmen voted 4-1 against the town manager article before town meeting. Then-Selectman Peter Pratt was the sole selectman to support the move to town manager. Pratt did not seek reelection.

New Selectman Diane Sullivan, who supports the town manager, cautioned her fellow board members that the intent of town meeting be adhered to. She said town meeting wanted the town manager to "control everything."

Two weeks ago, selectmen conducted a town manager summit with other boards on the matter. At that time, it was agreed that the Government Structure Committee would meet with other boards individually to discuss concerns about the town manager form of government.

Drug & Alcohol Board Clarified

Selectmen clarified this week just who sits on the Drug & Alcohol Committee, Members are Margo Aikens, Bill Adams, Lisa Dick, Ron Hammer and student representatives Tony Bramblett and Jami Butman. Kathy Yaeger is the PSO representative on the board and Lisa Matos, PALS officer, represents the police department. Selectmen appointed new members Nancy Hurtig, 124 Lamberts Lane, and the Rev. Clifford Cutler, 24 Highland Ave.

Roth, who is the selectman's liaison to the committee, said more members are welcome. The committee's charge will be two-fold, she said. It will carry out special projects and meeting quarterly with other groups and board to discuss drug- and alcohol-related issues.

She said one of the first projects for the group is revitalizing the Safe Homes program which will be called "Casa" after the Spanish word for house. In Safe Homes, parents form a network and promise not to allow unsupervised teen parties nor condone underage drinking or drug use.

Labor Counsel Bill Paid

Selectmen authorized payment of $6,918.75 to labor counsel, McGowan, Engel, Tucker, Garrett & Shultz this week. The payment will wipe out the $4,700 remaining in the budget for labor counsel and will require a transfer of $2218.75 for the balance from the special counsel budget.

Town Administrator Ed McCann cautioned selectmen that the special counsel budget is running dangerously low but selectmen said the bill, which is overdue, should be paid.

The town appropriated $20,000 in fiscal year 1998, which starts July 1, for labor counsel because several union contracts will be negotiated next year. This year's budget was used for grievance matters. There were no contracts under negotiation, selectmen said.

Recycling Old DPW Garage

Selectmen suggested the cement DPW garage in the town parking lot might make a good Teen Center.

They said there would be more room for games and dances and a basketball hoop could be installed outside. The Teen Center is now housed in the Independence Building on South Main Street. Cohasset Youth Resources, Inc., parent of the Teen Center, leases the building from the town for $1 a year.

Selectmen said the pink cement building would need some renovation, electrical and heating work, but is structurally sound.

The wood DPW barn which is also in the town parking lot will be torn down, they said. The DPW is now located in the new garage at the town landfill.

Yard Sale Signs Must Come Down

At the suggestion of Selectman Michael Sullivan, selectmen asked this week that citizens who advertise their yard sales on telephone poles and trees to please remove the signs immediately following the sale.

They said the old signs and deflated balloons are unsightly.

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Drug and Alcohol Committee Searches for New Focus

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The drug and alcohol committee has struggled for the past several months to reorgato ze and find a new purpose. Last month the group revived the Safe Homes program to spark interest in its efforts, but town officials felt more was needed.

About 30 residents and town officials assembled at town hall May 22 to support the drug and alcohol committee's efforts and help it refocus its efforts. Residents brainstormed various solutions, including expanding Safe Homes, increasing the size of the committee and providing social activities for teenagers.

Parents and representatives from the health board, selectmen, the school committee, police, churches, and the parent school organization attended the meeting.

Members of the drug and alcohol committee said the group didn't have a clear set of goals or a vision for its future.

"There's no chairman or even enough members," said drug and alcohol committee member Margo Aikens. "Our meetings are just big free-for-alls."

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan proposed a larger committee of at least 18 members.

But school health coordinator Michael Gill said an 18-member committee was just too big.

Sullivan modified his proposal to create a community task force made up of members from the following organizations: the teen center, the parent school organization, the council on aging, the clergy, law enforcement, the health education committee, the health board, the student council, the chamber of commerce and the community center.

Sullivan suggested the larger group could meet quarterly to offer support to the drug and alcohol committee, while also discussing strategy and ideas.

"I see the task force as a reenergization of the drug and alcohol committee," Sullivan said. "All these committees feeding into the drug and alcohol committee will give it new life."

Anthony Bramblett, a student representative to the drug and alcohol committee, suggested the group organize social activities similar to what the schools offer, such as dances and ski trip.

But even these programs have their problems. According to published reports, four eighth-graders from Cohasset Junior-Senior High School have been suspended for 10 days for smoking marijuana on a school trip to Quebec last week.

Gill cited troubling statistics which show that the average age of first drunkenness in Cohasset is 13.7 years old. He added that recent trends show more teenagers experimenting with marijuana and inhalants.

Bramblett said the statistics reinforced his point that there had to be some kind of organized activities for teenagers.

"We have to find a place where students can have dances every weekend," Bramblett said.

Bramblett said group trips could work if a college-age adult would serve as a chaperone.

"Teenagers need someone close to their age who can serve as a role model, maybe even a Cohasset High School alumnus," Bramblett said.

Gill and police officer Lisa Matos agreed the committee should focus on organized activities, like alcohol-free, after- prom parties which have worked well in other towns.

Bramblett and sophomore Jami Butman proposed adding students from the middle school and the sixth grade to the committee.

"You can't say to kids 'don't do drugs' just two months before they're first exposed," Bramblett said.

The drug and alcohol committee is also seeking public support and input. The committee meets on the second Tuesday night of each month in town hall.

Cohasset's Week

Letter Withheld from Press

On the advice of interim town administrator Ed McCann and Selectman Ronnie McMorris, selectmen refused to provide the press with a copy of a letter regarding bills for the new DPW garage this week.

The Mariner asked for a copy of the letter which was discussed at the open meeting and was provided to selectmen but was not included in the press packet.

Editor Mary Ford said she would file a public records request.

McCann denied that the letter was substantively discussed and said it contained information that could possibly relate to future legal strategy.

During the discussion, McCann said the office had received two letters from town counsel, one on the DPW garage and one regarding a water commission matter.

He said the DPW matter needed to be resolved and said the DPW committee needed to sit down with the parties involved.

Selectman Merle Brown said the letter should be given to the DPW committee which should get back to selectmen with its recommendations.

"It's up to them to take the first stab at resolving the issue," he said.

McMorris was not there for the discussion but agreed with McCann that the letter should not be given to the press.

Burn Time Flexibility Suggested

Selectman Merle Brown suggested this week that selectmen petition the legislature to allow towns more flexibility with open burning. Open burning is now only permitted from January to May 1. Brown said that citizens have lots of brush left over from the April nor'easter and can't burn it.

All burning is under the discretion of the fire chief who does not issue a permit if its too dry or windy, Brown explained.

Selectmen agreed to write state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray and state Sen. Robert Hedlund to inquire about the matter.

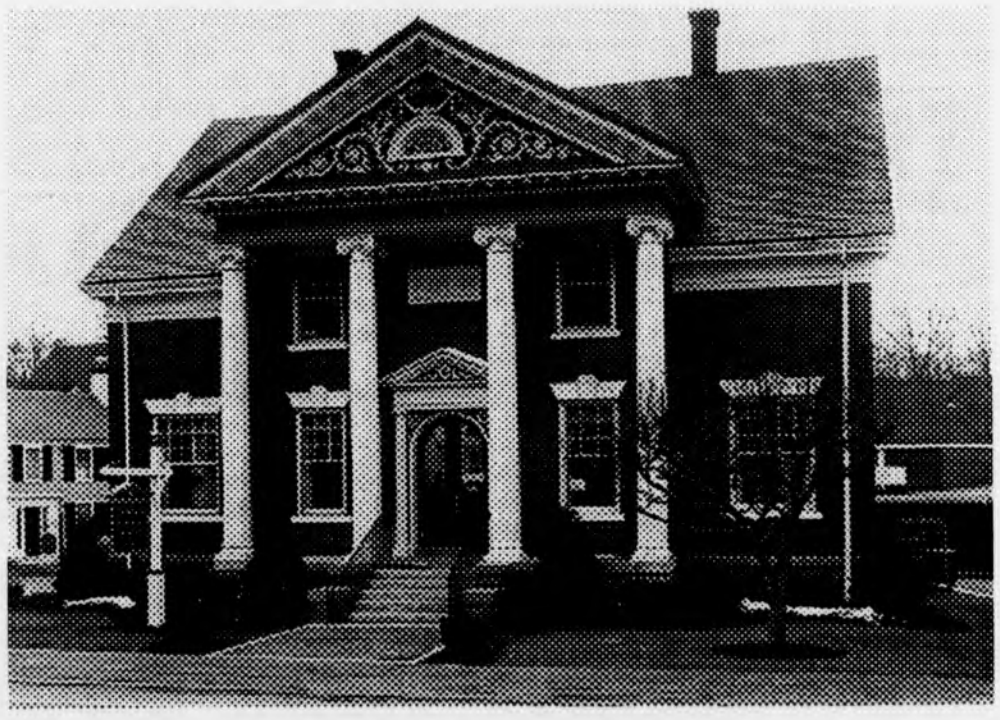
They will also ask DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield for two more chipping days at the landfill so citizens could get rid of their brush.

Interim Town Administrator Ed McCann said there is no money in the DPW budget and no overflow personnel to handle more chipping.

Selectman Nan Roth said the board could ask for a transfer of funds to pay for it. Brown said chipping requires overtime.

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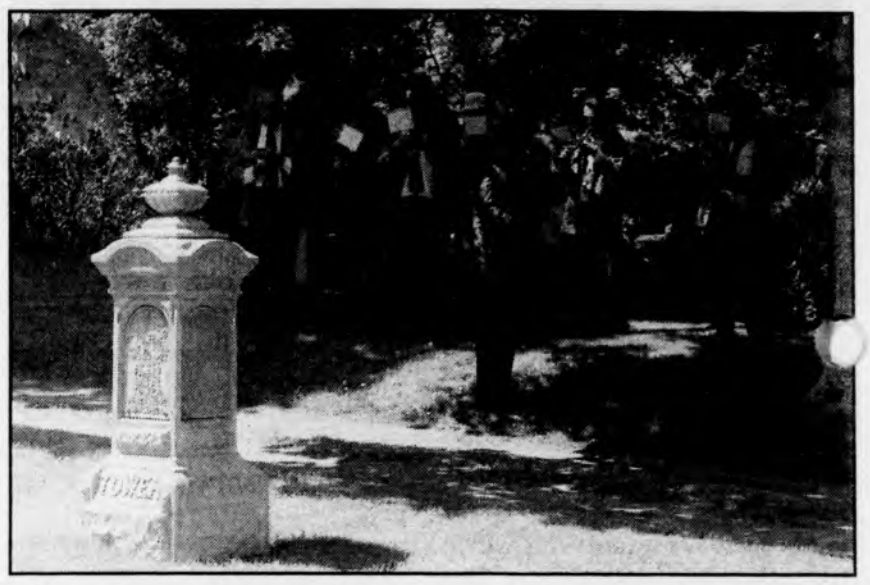
Memorial Day

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the soldiers who did not make it home. The two buses that pulled into the parking lot at that time dropped off another large group of veterans as well as the 14-member Festival Brass Band. They had been visiting cemeteries in the area since earlier that morning paying their respects at the grave sites of those killed in foreign wars.

A police car in the lead, and one tailing, the parade, sponsored by the George H. Mealy Post 118 of the Veterans Organization of Cohasset, as well as the local VFW, left the parking lot at 10:45 a.m. It made a right onto Sohier Street. They gained momentum as they passed the Osgood School where it was joined by Cohasset Girl Scout Troops 4768 and 4769, Cohasset Boy Scout Troop 28, Deer Hill School's own marching band, and an assortment of other similar troops of Cub Scouts and Brownies. With this conglomeration of children came dozens of excited, proud parents, some clutching camcorders, others with still cameras.

Traffic came to a standstill on North Main Street as the procession first proceeded down Joy Place to Central Cemetery



The band performs patriotic music from under the shade of an old oak tree at the cemetery at Joy Place during the Memorial Day ceremonies.

Staff photo/Victor Pryles

where a short but touching ceremony was held by the Rev. Cliff Cutler. This was followed by Taps and a four-gun salute firing blank rounds into the air. This seemed to particularly excite a group of young boys who scurried between the soldiers' legs searching for spent shells, something to remember this day by.

The parade regrouped back on North Main Street and continued into town where a surprisingly large number of onlookers clapped and cheered as they all passed. At the town common the parade stopped at the Honor Roll Monument, where there was a definite smell of patriotism in the air. It seemed as though the entire town of more than 5,000, as well as visitors from as far away as South Carolina, Washington and Kentucky, had gathered in the immediate area while another short service was held.

Once again back on Main Street, running through the center of town, the parade now filling both lanes of traffic seemed to take on a life of its own. The mixture of old friends running into each other on the street, kids setting up a lemonade stand for the passers-by, the music, the patriotic ballads that the marching bands were playing, and the sight of the proud servicemen who had come to remember their comrades who had made the ultimate, supreme sacrifice, all led to the general idea that this is what Memorial Day is all about. It's a time to gather, remember, and pay tribute to those who gave their lives so others can live their lives the way they do today, and this was the underlying current that ran through the minds of those present.

After passing the police and fire stations, the parade made a right onto Border Street and circled around Kimball's By The Sea where it surprised several out-of-town guests staying there who were not expecting all the pomp and circumstance, and had come out to watch and join in the numbers.

Looking out towards the Atlantic, towards far away lands where so many young men gave their lives to ensure the future of America, the parade made its final stop by the water's edge at Cohasset Harbor. There, Captain Robert Jackson, United States Navy, gave a speech reflecting upon his deceased comrades-in-arms and the meaning this annual event implies. Pastor John Mulvehill of St. Anthony's Church said a prayer reminding everyone of exactly why they are free today and the gratitude that accompanies that freedom. The flower girls dropped colorful bouquets into the sea in remembrance of those servicemen who had died at sea. After a final salute by arms, the Deer Field Band played the National Anthem and a hush swept through the crowd as hats were removed and some heads bowed all in private remembrance and reflection.

With the conclusion of the parade came an exodus back into town, into cars and into near-by homes where the sun shone on backyard barbecues, children playing and families spending time together.



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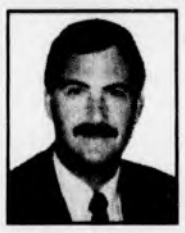
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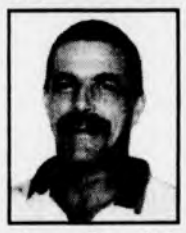
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Women Helping Women Is GEMS of Hope, USA

Roy Brings Mission to Cohasset

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

"When you feel you have a lot, you want to give back," says Leah Taylor Roy.

Roy spent time on a cool, rainy mornng discussing in detail the non-profit organization called GEMS of Hope, USA that she founded in 1994 and now chairs with Mary Larson of North Main Street.

GEMS is based on the principles and work of GEMS of Hope, Canada, which has been active since 1982.

GEMS' primary mission is to help women and their families in communities in the neediest regions to become self-sufficient through local enterprise and to improve their health, education and skills training.

The exciting dimensions of GEMS of Hope, USA, are interesting facts, from its inception in Canada to its unique and effective means of 'getting the money' to a community's most needy people, many of whom are women who are single parents.

GEMS of Hope Canada originators were Doreen and Ben Wicks, he a famous Canadian cartoonist, she a woman who Roy spent time in Haiti with while volunteering there.

"I was in Haiti for four months. Doreen was there, visiting her daughter. While there, a number of children were going blind from a simple lack of basic vitamins. Doreen ended up getting them from a pharmaceutical company. This became her first project with GEMS," Roy recalled.

Roy realized the Wicks' commitment to the organization and began working as a consultant pro bono for GEMS of Hope, Canada, after returning from Haiti. She helped assess the strategic direction after the organization decided to reposition themselves.

"GEMS at that point was collecting medical supplies and medication no longer needed by pharmaceutical companies and giving them to the needy. That was good work, but they became more interested in doing project work, community to community," Roy said.

It was at this point when the goal of helping impoverished women become self-sufficient was established. Roy, in working closely with the Wicks, made the decision in 1994 to bring the GEMS mission to Cohasset, where she would be living. Thus, GEMS of Hope, USA, was formed.

"Meeting such great, competent women like Mary Larson and all of those involved with supporting the GEMS concept has meant a great deal to me, especially when I initially brought it to Cohasset. We are 100 percent volunteers, with no overhead whatsoever. It is all from our desire to help," she said.

What fuels Roy's altruistic nature?

"My father has always worked as a public servant. My mother raised us with values such as being a part of your community and always be willing to give back. National boundaries, in many respects, are very important. But when it comes to helping others, national boundaries have no place. A person is a person, no matter where she or he lives," she said.



Mary Larson of North Main Street in Pici, Brazil where she volunteers with the non-profit organization GEMS of Hope, USA.

"Fundraising small business loans to help women get on their feet appeals to me. It gives us all a sense of integrity. It's not a handout, but instead offers available business resources to those who suffer the most in poor communities, women and children."

Why an international focus?

"There are a lot more needy people out there than there are funds. The circumstances of the impoverished in the United States are generally different from other countries because in America there is a welfare system and government agencies that help. If you are a woman in Brazil and poor, you don't have clean water or heat in the winter. If she doesn't find a way to make a living, her children may starve and die. When you see this level of need just to survive, it is heartbreaking. But when you give them a $100 loan, it makes a difference because that money goes far, much farther than in the United States. Women start their own businesses on $200."

Roy also discussed the Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham that she and Larson are currently investigating as a local venue for lending help.

"Their mission is like GEMS. Women helping women get self-sufficient. They do a wonderful job of getting women back on their feet. Becoming self-sufficient raises your self-esteem and increases health," Roy said.

The concept of the lending practice called micro-credit is both recent and revolutionary. Many American inner cities are benefiting from it as well.

"Simply put, micro credit is providing small loans to individuals who might not otherwise have access to credit markets," she said. This means all disadvantaged people.

Micro-enterprises, a result of micro-credit, include buying

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It is revolutionary because it is successful. The repayment rate in most programs is close to the 100-percent mark. The interest rate charged on a loan is very low, which is why commercial banks are still not participating to a large extent.

"The loan funders, community leaders in charge of setting up the fund, may have a degree in business or accounting. You don't have to be a banker to handle $100 loans with small interest, plus there's no regulation that may incur with banks involved. The low interest rate charge on a loan ($10 on $100 and only if the loan is outstanding for one year) cover administrative costs within the loan funding from the community's end."

GEMS raises the money and turns 100 percent over to the community, which GEMS has committed to assist for three years. The community then decides where the assistance is to go.

"We don't believe in the 'great white missionary' concept where one goes down and tells the people what to do. The community has strong support and commitment to its people. They are already making the steps to help their people move forward. When we take them on, we are just fulfilling their need for outside help," she said.

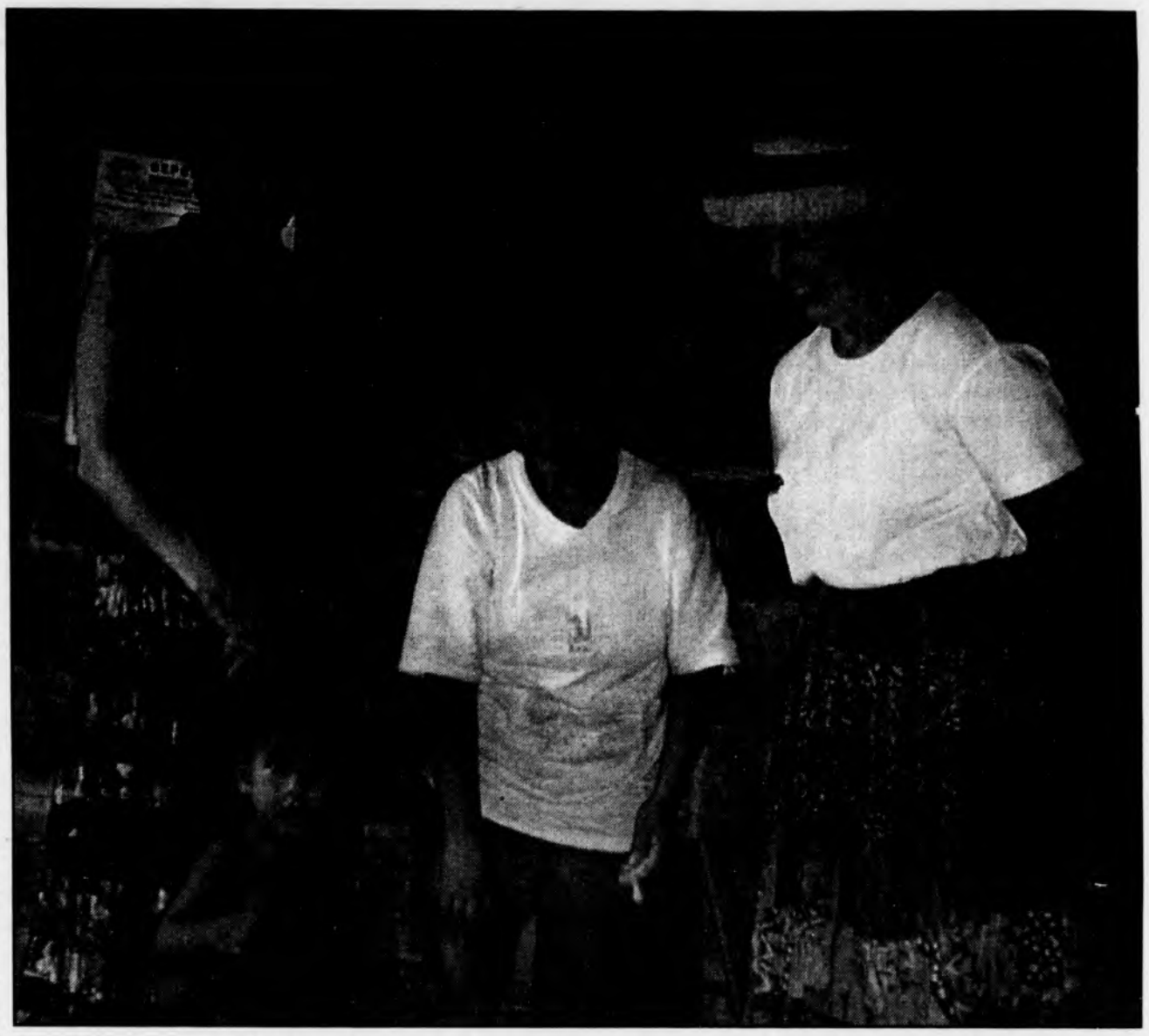
Roy acknowledges that the GEMS of Hope organization, a small one with a world-wide scope, sometimes feels like a small tool chipping away at a great wall.

"If everyone felt that they could help do something to banish poverty, the wall would come down. It takes a lot of people because the challenge is overwhelming, but it doesn't mean you shouldn't do something about it. It means you should," she said.

"We like that we don't have a paid staff or overhead. When we travel to a country that is a possible project, we pay for the trip ourselves. Every dollar we raise goes directly to the project. Not all charities can say that because they are large and have overhead and operating costs. We would actually like to see more charitable organizations do what we are doing. But in order to, they must remain small."

Roy feels that hands-on involvement is the best way to reach people. It is better, she says, to stay small and have people give their time and resources directly, than it is to be large and have to pay others. When GEMS entertains people and asks them to pay for their entertainment for charity, it goes directly to the people who need it.

GEMS' hard-working board of directors and committees are putting the finishing touches on plans for the second annual benefit croquet tournament June 8, 2 p.m., at the Roy estate. It is an event that welcomes both croquet and non-croquet players.



Leah Taylor Roy and Mary Larson with a Brazilian woman and little boy. The Cohasset women were visiting Brazil with GEMS of Hope, USA, an organization that helps impoverished families.

"It was a hugely successful day last year, not only because we raised $7,500, but also because everyone had a great, great time! People came from all over, several from out of state, who were guests in Cohasset that weekend," Roy said.

So what does a croquet tournament have to do with empowering disadvantaged women?

Leah laughs.

"Croquet has nothing to do with the women in South America or India or anywhere else in the world. It's just a fun unique event that people can look at as entertainment. We're asking you to pay for that entertainment by writing a check for charity. For $50 a person, you eat and drink from a sunset banquet and bar, meet new people and visit with friends, and play croquet, if you'd like. We want people to come and have fun, so they will come to our other GEMS events," she said.

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Join Baby Carriage Corps at Harborfest!

Attention to all of you readers who we have written about — the ones with brand new babies, medium babies, first babies, the list goes on! The Harborfest Parade committee has come up with a wonderful idea for all of you! Join the **"Baby Carriage Corps"** for the Harborfest Parade. Show off your own little darlings! Decorate your carriages and join the clown contingent from the South Shore Joesys. March along the parade route from the Harbor to the Common! Give **Bob Martin** a call at 383-0787. Let him know you'll be there, and happy to do so! Maybe he could be enticed into offering a contest — best carriage, best boy outfit best girl hairdo, etc. ... in any case, it will be a blast, don't forget to call him!

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Happy birthday greetings go to **Coley Cook** this week! Even though her birthday isn't until June 7, we promised that we'd put it in this week "in case anyone didn't know, or forgot!" After all, you are only seven once, and that is important! Hope your day is a happy one, Coley; be sure not to eat too much cake!

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Remember last year when we told you about **Lane Forrer** and his being a student ambassador to Western Europe? Well, this year Lane is going to be a student ambassador again, this time to Australia and New Zealand. Lane had to raise all of his own funds for this adventure, you name a task or chore and he has done it! He also held a raffle, the prize being a 30-volume Encyclopedia (available in either 30 volumes in print or on CD Rom). The drawing was held recently, and **Mr.** and **Mrs. David Holway** of Linden Drive were the lucky winners! Lane leaves at the beginning of July, and will be gone for a month. He is still fund-raising (right up until take-off time) so if you have a chore for Lane to do, or if you just want to applaud him and his strong character, give him a call (he lives on Diab Lane). By the way, Lane is in the eighth grade at CHS Junior-Senior High School! An up-and-coming star, that's for certain!

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Many people were saddened over the passing of **Helen Livingston** recently, she was quite a lady! Helen and Al have been living in Florida for a while now, but a service was held for her a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, her husband, Al was unable to come from Florida for the service, he is in a rehabilitation center there. We extend our sympathy to him, and hope that he regains his strength and feels "chipper" real soon!

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Here's a real "two-fer" for you to consider — the AIDS Ministry of the archdiocese of Boston/Catholic Charities in conjunction with the South Shore Music Circus presents **Ann Murray** in concert Sunday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. It will be a sellout, so call now at 482-5440 (extension 47). Every year the Office of AIDS Ministry reaches out to persons and families whose lives are affected by AIDS. Also, a major part of their work is going out speaking to young people and educating them about AIDS (they speak to approximately 14,000) students, teachers and parents). No state financial support is available, so they rely on the generosity of people like you. **Sister Zita Fleming** hopes that your generous support will be there, and that you know that all donations are 100 percent tax-deductible. All of that, and Anne Murray gives an awesome show! Sister Zita is awaiting your call!

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June 3 is a special day around here, it is **Mimi Chatterton's** birthday! Believe it or not, she will be 84 years young! Give her a special hello and a big hug, when you see her on or before her big day! She will love you for it!

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Don't forget that your beach and recycling facility permits are almost expired — this year's are now available at the town hall Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Don't forget your registrations!

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Hope you thanked your letter carrier recently, boy was the food drive a success! The Food Pantry is almost bulging with many things — lest you forgot to leave your donation there are still just a few things that are needed: toothpaste, detergent, paper towels, toilet paper — just drop it off.

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That's the news for this week — with a three-day weekend just behind us, that means that you should all have news! Share it with us! Give me a call!

— Sallyann
383-0560



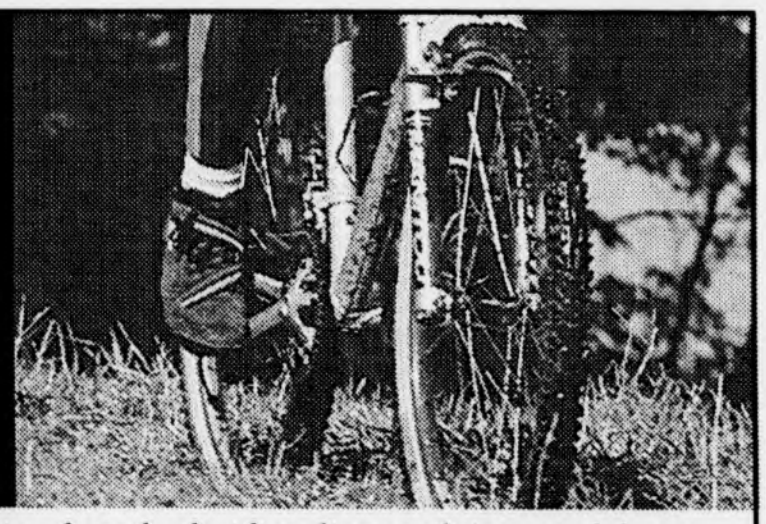
Liane Seppala and 7-week-old Dagmar needed to just step out the front door of their home in Cohasset to view the Memorial Day parade under the shade of a tree. For more Memorial Day photos, see page 11.

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Recapping Spirituality and Healing Series

Program Resumes in the Fall

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The task force that has guided the spirituality and healing series this past year at the Second Congregational Church has decided to continue the series in September, according to task force leaders The Rev. Gary Ritts, Margo Cheel and Susie Coley.

People on the South Shore are showing a steady attendance and interest in the spiritual and holistic healing movement.

"Although it's grassroots here, it's important to those who attend. It may be all they have for exposure right now," said Rev. Ritts.

Some of the choices for 1997-98 include a second annual forum for practitioners, followed by a survey and a speaker series on homeopathic and naturopathic healing, acupuncture, Ayurveda, and music therapy.

This past year beginning in September, eight events were held every other month on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Dr. Susan Emmer of Cohasset and Dr. Bruce Indek of Hingham explained and demonstrated chiropractic therapy. Dr. Indek's emphasis was through naturally innate healing energies.

Debbie Barrett of Brant Rock brought her dodecahedron (a 12-sided copper geometric frame) and introduced people to the esoterism of music and sacred geometry. It is pure relaxation to sound therapy — spiritual music that resonates from six speakers within the space of the frame.

Jim and Patricia Berkeley-Watson practiced healing with age-old essences therapy, which benefits one all over, but greatly in the weak or injured regions of a body.

There was yoga and meditation with Page Railsback of Norwell and also with Charles Mangat Ray. Several fell into peaceful repose; most left relaxed and flexible, even though it was nine o'clock at night.

John Loupos of Cohasset brought Tai Chi from his studio, Jade Forest, while Marcia Hood showed how, through energy centers, negative thoughts and feelings about one's self can limit potential and happiness.

Joan Drescher, author and illustrator, and Joanne Cavatora, harpist, soothed their audience with the reading of spiritual pages, accompanied by harp music.

Nancy Dunn, a nutritionist from Cohasset, discussed good eating for good health, and the nine-week course this spring on food, exercise and positive loving thoughts from Dr. Andrew Weil's book, "Spontaneous Healing," was led by Gary Ritts.

The general public is invited to attend all or any event of the series when the program resumes in the fall.

OBITUARIES

John W. Powers

John W. "Jake" Powers, 69, of Cohasset, died May 13 at Quincy Hospital.

Mr. Powers was president of J.W. Powers Insurance Company.

He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Marine Corps.

Mr. Powers was born in Boston.

He leaves his wife , Joan (Foley) Powers; two sons, Barry F. Powers of Reading and Christopher J. Powers of Boston; three daughters, Robyn Nunn of Vermont, Lisa J. Powers of North Carolina and Jennifer J. Curley of Cohasset; a sister, Ita Leonard of Hull; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 17 at St. Anthony's Church. Burial was in Blue Hills Cemetery.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Parade Reflections

There is something grand about a parade – especially in our small New England towns.

Families line both sides of Main Street. Impatient for the music and the marching to begin, children in clean, white sneakers lick ice cream cones and wave flags.

When the lead police cruiser appears, its lights flashing, youngsters standing on tiptoes or perched on a parent's shoulders, peer toward the sound of marching feet, beating drums and bellowing bagpipes.

I went to two Memorial Day parades this year. One as a journalist and the other as a proud wife.

In one of the parades, my husband, a Gulf War veteran and Army reservist was part of the color guard.

I beamed with pride as he marched by — a little out of step in his battle dress uniform — knowing that he was far closer than I to understanding the oft-used expression "supreme sacrifice."

Amid all the noise and color, I heard a child eagerly ask her mother when the fireworks would begin.

"That's on the Fourth of July," the mother replied brusquely, making no attempt to explain the significance of this particular celebration.

I realized that for children there is little in a parade to distinguish Memorial Day from Independence Day or Veterans Day.

Men and women march with flags and banners and drums, convertibles carry a grand marshal and local dignitaries smile and wave to the crowds.

As we get older, we learn why rather than exploding fireworks on this day we hear the sorrowful song of the bagpipe and the somber tones of Taps.

We know that this day is to remember and honor the men and women who made a sacrifice that many of us cannot begin to comprehend.

— Alice Coyle

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate Mariner.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wells Are Source of Water Supply

Board of Water Commissioners
Town of Cohasset
Gentlemen:

I read with utter amazement the article in the May 15 issue of The Cohasset Mariner entitled "D.E.P. wants town's plan for utilizing its wells." I feel obligated to correct the inaccuracy in the article and set the record straight.

First I must express an opinion:

No water supply system is complete or safe with only one source of supply and one pumping facility, or in fact one storage tank. The James Brook watershed well fields must never be abandoned at any cost or under any circumstances. The entire basin should be explored for future expansion as a secondary supply. Quote from the article, "The Sohier Street wells were last used in 1979 and the Ellms Meadow was last used in 1971," is incorrect.

In 1972, one of the driest summers on record, we were in desperate need of more water. I personally supervised the reconstruction of the Ellms Meadow well field, and the rebuilding of the triplex pump. All seven well points were pulled, cleaned, repaired and reset.

Valves were installed between the suction pipes and the main header to control each well individually. This allowed us to get maximum yield from the well field. Even though the pump was 75 years old, new parts were available. It was completely stripped down and rebuilt. The pump room was insulated and heated for year round use. Chlorination was the only treatment necessary. Two hundred thousand gallons a day of good quality water were available several days a week on a regular basis and also ready for emergency use.

That same year, Sohier Street well #1 was also rejuvenated. The original 1954 vertical turbine pump was removed. The gravel packed well was chemically treated, back flushed, test pumped and a new submersible pump installed. This well average daily yield was approximately 100,000 gallons of excellent quality water, no treatment necessary.

Fluoride, however, was introduced at this source. Well #2 at Sohier Street was in operating condition and used alternately with well #1.

On January 10, 1981, when I left as superintendent of the department, both Sohier Street wells and the Ellms Meadow wells were in excellent working condition and a valuable secondary supply for the distribution system. There was absolutely no mechanical or financial reason to allow these wells to deteriorate. Call it what you may, emergency, auxiliary, secondary or back-up, wells are a cost efficient source of water supply.

The James Brook watershed has been a source of ground water supply since 1886, however large or small the yield. It should never be abandoned.

With the new plant on line and both well fields operating in 1979, the Bear Hill Standpipe was successfully drained, cleaned and recoated with very little disruption of the distribution system or inconvenience to the customers.

Another quote: "I'd be surprised if you wanted to do anything with that other than turning it into a museum," Tutela said. In my opinion this is an unprofessional statement to make in response to a very serious problem.

Buildings, equipment and people come and go. Ground water is forever and should be utilized.

Edwin H. Pratt
former Cohasset Water Superintendent

(Ed's note: Mr. Pratt provided the Mariner with a copy of this letter for publication.)

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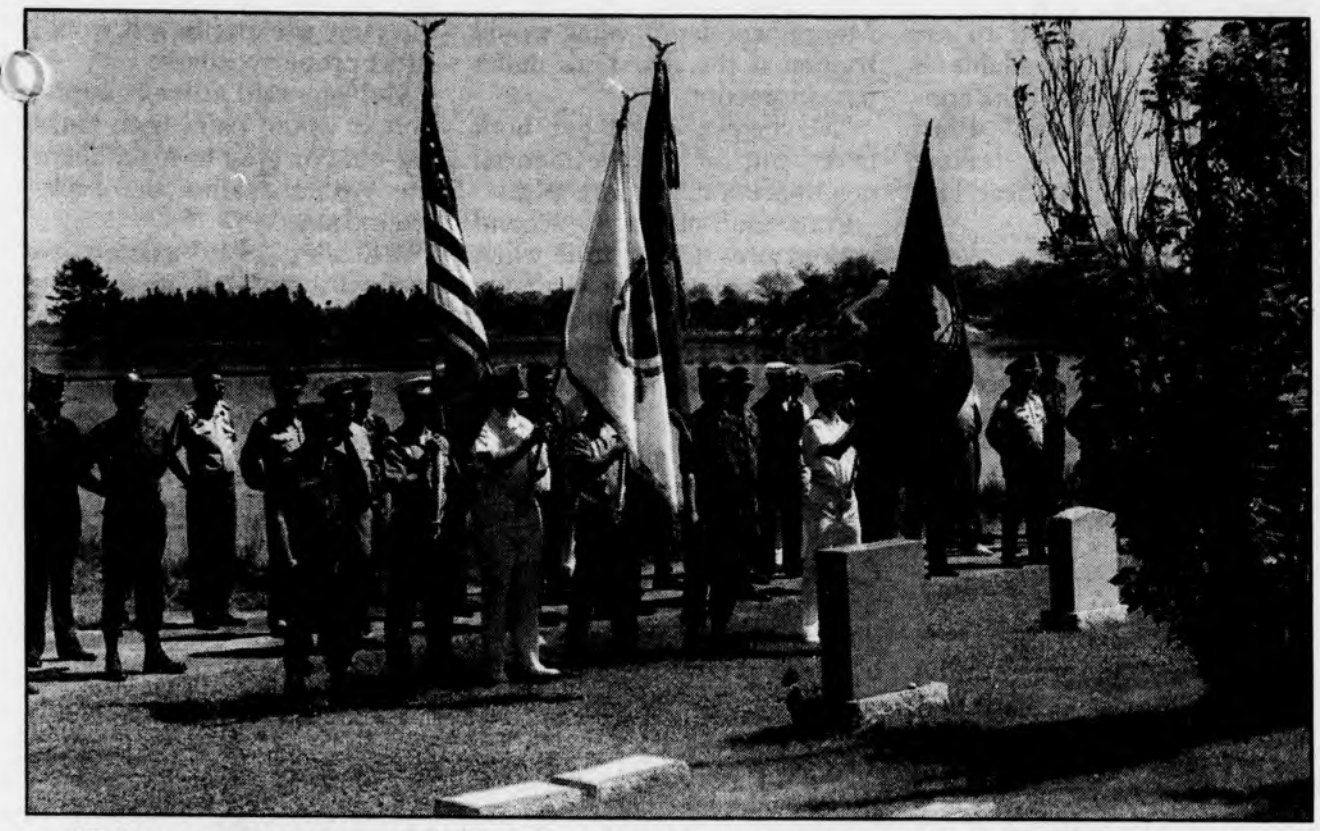
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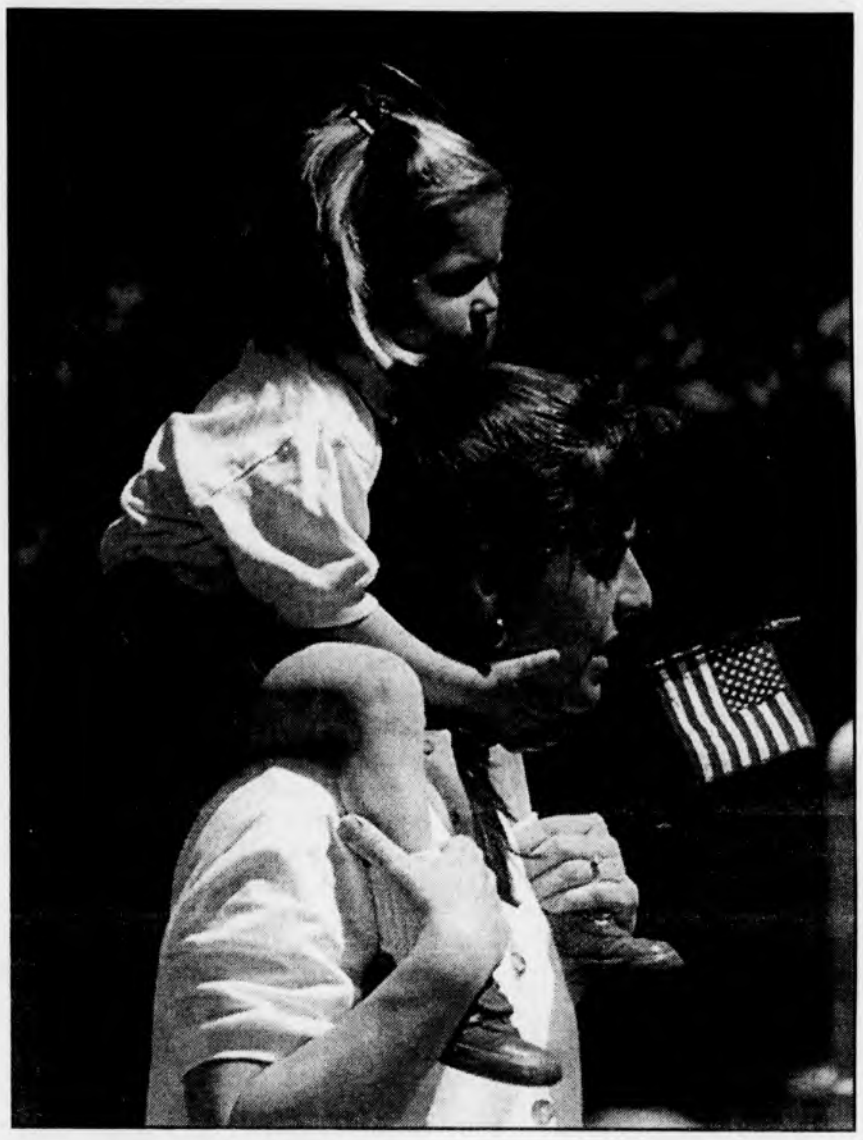
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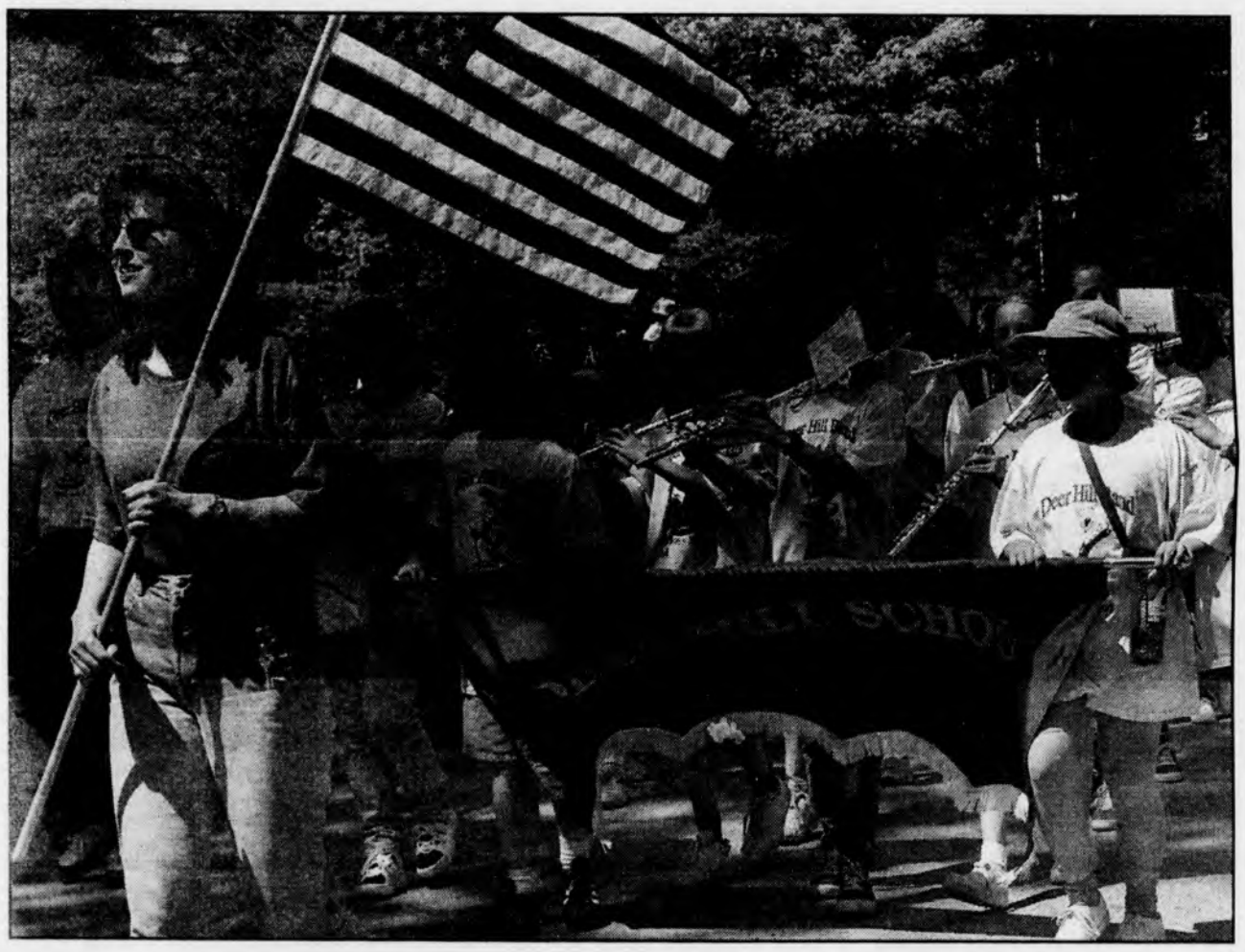
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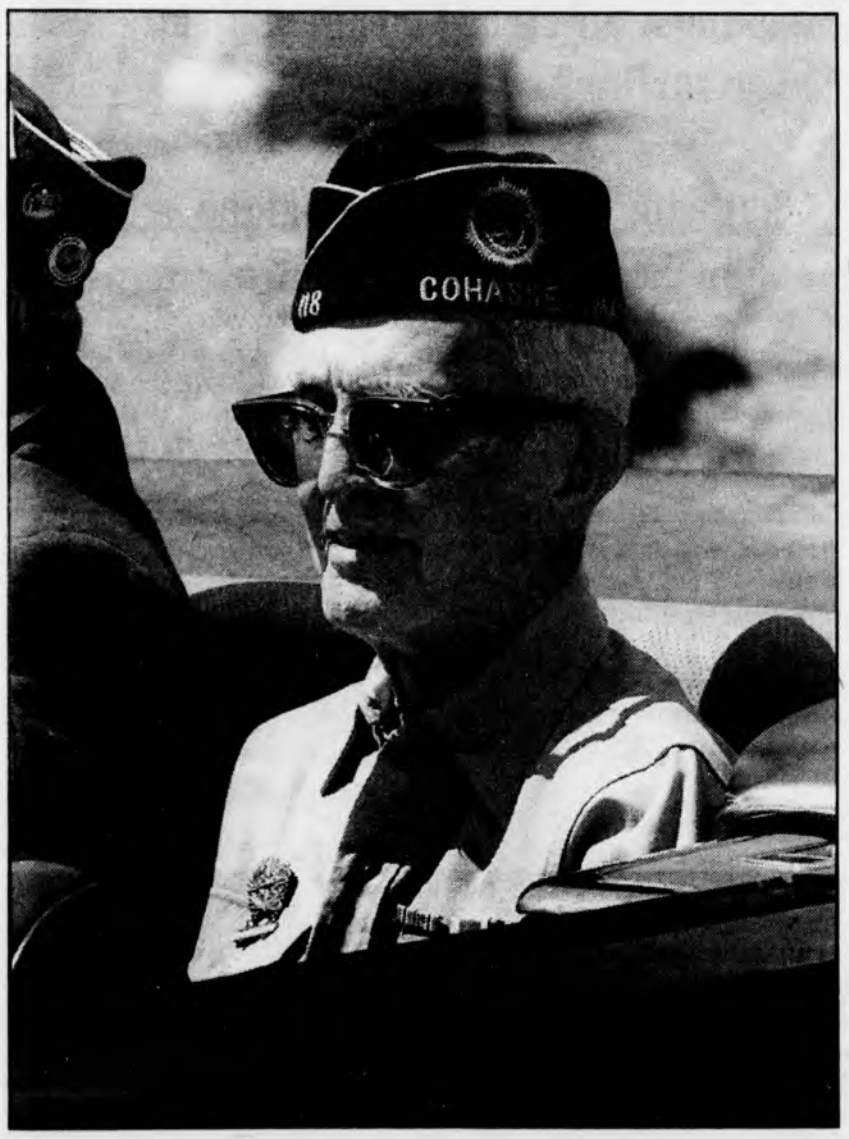
Grace Evans and her daughter, Sarah, 3, enjoy picture-perfect weather during the Memorial Day ceremonies in Cohasset on Monday.



The Deer Hill School Marching Band provided stirring music throughout the parade route on Memorial Day.



Frank Pozniak and his daughter, Grace, watch the parade.



John White of Cohasset, a World War II veteran of the Pacific Campaign, listens to the ceremonies at Central Cemetery at Joy Place.

Staff photos/Victor Pryles

Zoning Board

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The second tank is necessary to take the first tank out of service four to six weeks for draining, cleaning and repairs.

But Wayne Sawchuk said the tank was taken out of service and cleaned twice: once in the 1970s and once in the 1980s. Sawchuk said the town also recently installed high-volume pumps at the water plant to provide faster refilling capacity for the tank.

Opponents of the Bear Hill site said the town has lived with current fire flow for decades, and spending more time searching for alternative sites wouldn't affect safety.

"It distresses me to hear the water commissioners talk about the dangers of low water reserves," said tank abutter Domenic Baccari. "That situation is caused by the way they operate the water plant. They could extend the water plants hours of operation."

Sawchuk added that the plant would be automated soon, ending problems caused when it closes at night.

Sawchuk and Glen Pratt have been working on behalf of Bear Hill abutters to find a new location for the tank.

Sawchuk said the John and Paul Barry would be willing to donate a piece of land on Scituate Hill to the town, the Coyne property. But John McNabb opposed the suggestion because the town is involved in six lawsuits with the Barrys over CHL.

Engineers from the town's consultant, Tutela Engineering, said the Coyne site could cost as much as $500,000 more than Bear Hill because the land is sloped and would require significant excavation.

Pratt said the Webb Norfolk site would cost about the same as the Bear Hill site, except for land acquisition costs.

Kasameyer said any site on Scituate Hill would delay the project for at least a year until town meeting could approve land acquisition. He agreed the Webb Norfolk site was the best location, but the owner was not willing to sell to the town the one-to-two acres necessary for a new tank.

Pratt said water commissioners were ignoring the town's legal right to take the land by eminent domain.

"For a public board to say private land is unavailable is amateurish because of the eminent domain option," Pratt said. "We seem to be dashing to plop the tank on Bear Hill because it's there."

Kasameyer said the Webb Norfolk land would cost about $60,000 per acre.

Pratt said the fire reserve argument was a scare tactic to get people to support rapid construction of the second tank.

Sawchuk added that in a severe fire the town could open valves to access water from Scituate and Hingham.

Planning board members heard the same presentation earlier in the evening and gave the tank a favorable recommendation. John F. O'Toole voted against the tank.

"This is a rush to judgment," O'Toole said.

Planning board Chairman Al Moore wondered what would happen if the first tank didn't pass inspection.

"Maybe we could get both tanks out of the residential neighborhood," Moore said.

Pratt said placing a second tank in a residential zone when an industrial site was available on Scituate Hill was an abuse of the town's bylaw permitting municipal uses in residential areas.

Zoning board member Mark DeGiacomo asked water commissioners to come back with more information about the Coyne site and why the litigation was relevant to the tank discussion. He also asked the commissioners to provide a compelling reason to support their argument that delaying the project to seek alternate sites was dangerous.

J. Anson Whealler wanted more information about the cosmetic effects of two tanks on the same site and how it would affect property values.

McNabb said water commissioners would paint both tanks sky-blue or gray to make them less visible against the background sky.

Whealler also wanted to know if it was safe to put two water tanks on a hill the overlooks a high school.

S. Woodworth Chittick wanted cost comparisons of all potential sites so he could make a better decision. He added that the cost of taking land by eminent domain on the Webb Norfolk site was "relatively insignificant compared to the total cost."

Station Comments Irk Selectmen

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either support the decision the town has made or resign from the committee.

Although they stressed their difficulty with Rizzo is based solely on the village station issue, they also have a problem with the fact that he is an employee of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, which backs restoration of the Greenbush line. There could be a potential conflict of interest there, selectmen said.

Selectman Merle Brown initially said Rizzo, who is also vice president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, should be asked to step down from the committee. But he was persuaded to go along with the other board members who said Rizzo be given the choice that he no longer pursue the village station issue if he wants to remain on the committee. They agreed to ask him to resign as chairman of the committee which includes Michael Dick of the conservation commission; Marty Corry, citizen-a-large; the police and fire chiefs; and Gordon Hislop of the design review board. Rizzo is the representative for local businesses on the committee.

Selectman Diane Sullivan, who will serve as the board's point person on Greenbush, will talk the matter over with Rizzo.

Rizzo said he would wait to talk with Sullivan before he makes a decision on whether to remain on the committee.

Rizzo, who also sits on the Village Revitalization Committee which was started by the Cohasset Chamber a year ago to beautify and bring new life to the village, said he can distinguish between the different hats he wears.

He said he is able to remain unbiased and pointed out that he has been able to remain neutral as a member of the mitigation committee. While he favors a village station because the train is going to pass through town anyway, he said he is "personally not that in favor of the train."

Last fall, selectmen chastized Rizzo for writing a letter-to-the-editor on the non-binding in formal "straw poll" on the village station issue at the October special town meeting. Selectmen based their decision not to back the village station on the straw poll in which a majority said they preferred the Route 3A station.

Diane Sullivan said selectmen should remind all boards, dealing with Greenbush, that they leave their personal views on the train outside the door.

"I wouldn't want any board members who do not approve of Greenbush to bring their biases to the table," she said.

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Blood Drive Scheduled for June 4

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, June 4. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Unitarian Parish House, 23 North Main St., from 2 to 7 p.m. As in the past, babysitting assistance will be provided after 3 p.m. The Red Cross depends on regular donations to meet the ongoing need for blood and blood by-products.

Reading some of the recent Red Cross literature can help you understand the importance of giving blood. Here are just a few of the reasons they talk about:

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• Your donation may help as many as three people.

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• Blood can't be stored indefinitely.

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• Every day, 1,100 units of blood must be donated to meet the region's needs.

The Red Cross always counts on a good turnout when it visits Cohasset so please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the church, civic, corporate or social organizations calls.

The American Red Cross Blood Services-Northeast Region sends blood to approximately 150 hospitals and transfusion facilities in Massachusetts and Maine, supplying most of the blood needed in these states. To do so, the Red Cross must collect an average of 1,100 units of blood each day.

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If you are a middle-aged male, another reason for donating was cited in a recent Time Magazine Health Report feature. "Donating blood not only rescues others; it may also save you. Finnish researchers report that middle-aged men who periodically give blood reduce their risk of a heart attack by 85 percent. Reason: excessive levels of iron in the body seem to cause damage to arterial cells. When blood is lost, iron stores drop."

The Red Cross always counts on a good turnout when it visits Cohasset so please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the church, civic, corporate or social organizations calls. New donors are welcome and needed. To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have any questions, please call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290.

Swimming Pool Meeting

A meeting will be held at the Stop & Shop Meeting Room, Route 3A, Cohasset, Thursday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at which time the feasibility of "gifting" Cohasset with an indoor swimming pool to celebrate the next millennium will be explored.

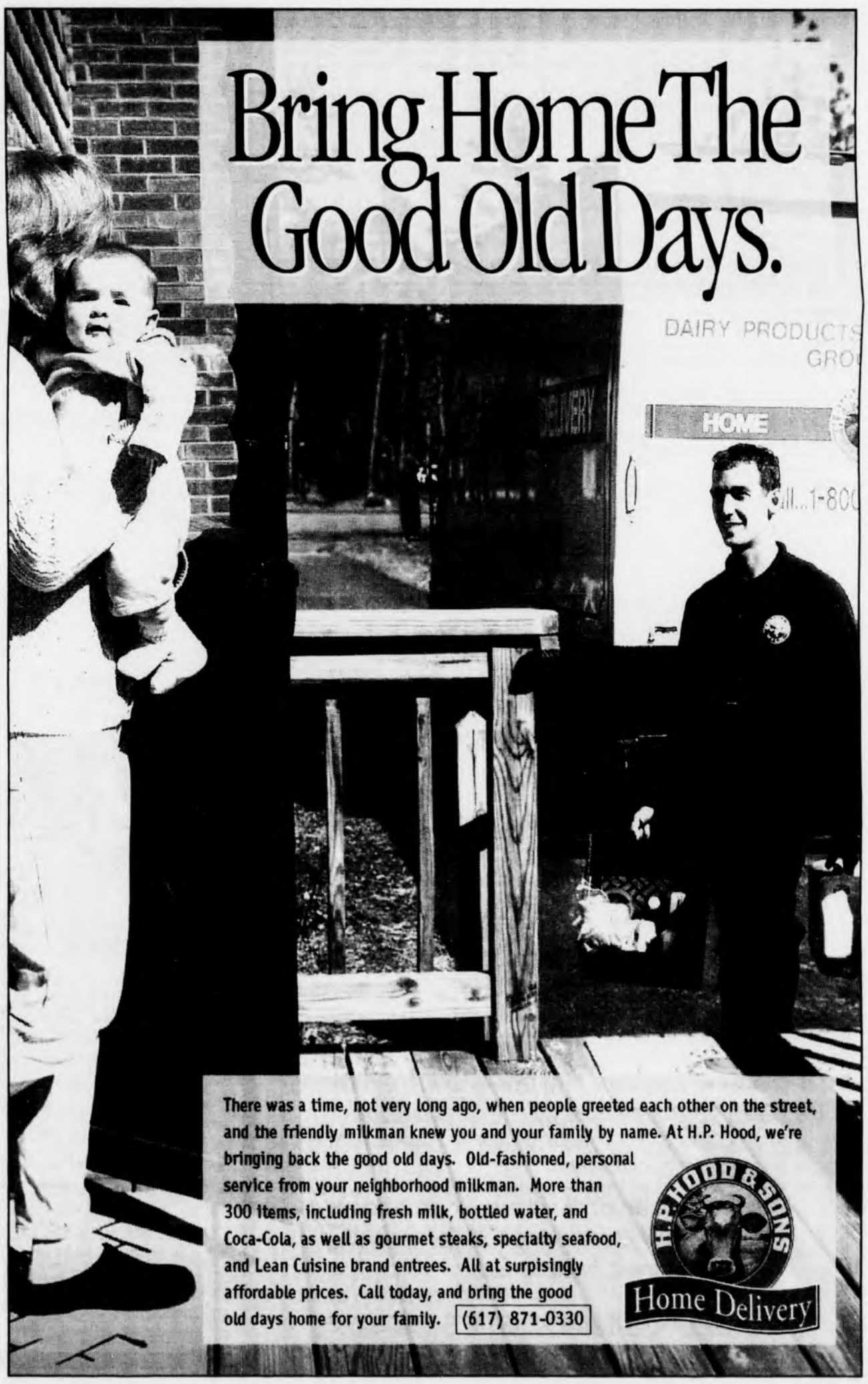
There has been a terrific response to a May 22 Cohasset Mariner notice. Please call Joe McElroy at 383-0505 if you have any questions.

Beach, RTF Permits Are Expiring

Current permits are expiring! Beach and recycling transfer facility permits are now available at the town hall Monday and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday evening 4:30 to 7 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., until Friday, June 27. Beach stickers are $7 per vehicle, and $3 per vehicle for elders over 60. RTF stickers are $65, $25 for second vehicle if application made at a different time, and $33 for a sole resident. Residents will need vehicle registrations or if not a Massachusetts registration, proof of residency (tax bill or rental lease). Residents are encouraged to purchase both stickers through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope. RTF stickers may be purchased at the RTF weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Mosquitoes to Make Early Appearance in Cohasset

Recent flooding and heavy, moisture-laden snowfalls have set the stage for an early appearance of mosquitoes in Cohasset. The Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee has two major goals: first, to reduce the likelihood of an outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis, and secondly, to minimize the use of chemical pesticides in controlling mosquitoes.

Individual homeowners can assist in accomplishing these goals by the following measures:

1) If you have a birdbath, shallow wading pool, pet's water dish, or any similar outdoor water container, change the water every two or three days. Mosquitoes breed only in stagnant water.

2) If the gutters on your house are clogged with leaves or debris so that water does not flow freely through the downspouts during a rain storm, clean the gutters.

3) If a stream or ditch runs through your property, make sure that the water is free-flowing. Remove debris, stones, brush, leaves, or other material which may clog the watercourse.

4) If you have a small pond (100 square feet or less), growth of mosquito larvae can be controlled by treating the water with a product containing Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti). Such products include Mosquito Dunks, Vectobac, Bionide (Bti), etc. These products are usually available at hardware stores or garden centers. Bti is not harmful to humans, pets, or other species which may feed on mosquito larvae.

5) If you have a larger pond on, or adjacent to, your property, it can be treated with the same larvicide by the Plymouth County Mosquito Control District, which can be reached at (617) 585-5450. The PCMCD will treat such areas with larvicide only if larvae exist in numbers sufficient to justify the application.

To supplement information already on file, the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee is trying to locate and map potential problem areas in the town where mosquitoes may breed. Please report any natural areas of standing water in your neighborhood by calling 383-9900, Ext. 121.

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In spite of all these defensive measures, adult mosquitoes will inevitably appear. They are most prevalent during early morning and early evening, their natural feeding times. If possible, stay indoors during these hours and keep children indoors as well. Make sure screens on doors and windows fit tightly and that breaks are mended. If one must be outdoors at these critical times, wear long-sleeved shirts and long trousers. Mosquito repellents may be applied to clothing or exposed skin. If chemical sprays or lotions containing DEET are used, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommends that the concentration of DEET be no more than 15 percent or less for use on children or in backyard environments. Commercial repellents containing greater concentrations of DEET are intended for deep woods environments and are not recommended for children. According to an article in The Boston Globe (5/24/92), pediatricians prefer that children use products containing 10 percent or less of DEET. One such product is Skedaddle. Repellents should never be used on infants.

Throughout the following months, the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee will report the extent and nature of mosquito populations. Informational packets will be available at conveniently located sites in Cohasset.

If you desire additional information, please call 383-9900, Ext. 121, or leave a note in the CMCC mailbox in town hall.

Social Service League Held Annual Meeting at St. Stephen's

The Social Service League of Cohasset hosted its 85th annual meeting at St. Stephen's Church hall Thursday, May 8. The league was founded in Oct. 1912 and has continued its operation to the present. The Social Service League is one of the few privately operated organizations in the state. Fifty percent of their budget comes from the consignment shop and the many hard working volunteers that work diligently to continue the operation.

Annual meeting records from 1912 have been entrusted to the Cohasset Historical Society.

President, Jane Russell, opened the meeting thanking the 100 volunteers from the consignment shop and the Meals on Wheels drivers who were present. Past presidents of the league, Sue Mullett, Fran Wakeman, Annette Sawchuk and Ginny Riley also attended.

Judy Fitzsimmons, public health nurse; Pat Carleton, LICSW social worker; and Andrea Merrill, consignment shop manager gave their annual reports.

Mary Hartwell presented with regrets a token of the league's appreciation to Helen Hooper who is leaving the league after almost 20 years of dedicated service.

President, Jane Russell welcomed the new members of the league's board of directors: Barbara Cook, Lillian Ketchum, Rita Kirk, Kyle Lubitz, Debbie Niessink, Betty O'Sullivan, Sydney Peterson, Sue Reardon, and Blanche Whitman.

A luncheon was served and all enjoyed the entertainment of the Showstoppers, "Forever Plaid".



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Kovack's Tallies Lift Laxmen

Cohasset Beats Needham in Preliminary Round

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

Cohasset coach Ken Ekberg wouldn't be surprised if the Winchester scouts, in town for the preliminary round of the state lacrosse tourney, left with smiles on their faces.

They'd have reason to. The 10th-ranked Skippers' 5-4 win over No. 23 Needham on Tuesday afternoon at Alumni Field was hardly worthy of being deemed a classic.

"It was ugly," said Ekberg, "but we got the W."

The 15-2 Cohasset squad, who advanced to the first round with a Friday game at No. 7 seed Winchester, did play strong defense throughout the contest and got a big offensive output from Steve Kovack, who scored a pair of goals.

But it was the Skippers' difficulty in clearing the ball across mid field that concerned Ekberg the most.

"We have to get the ball to our attacking players," said Ekberg. "We'll work on that. When we start throwing the ball away we play defense and that makes for a long, hard game."

Cohasset got itself into a hole by falling behind, 4-3, but had a strong fourth quarter to tie and then take the lead back for good. Kovack tied the game with eight minutes remaining and Eric Moore whipped in the game winner with six minutes left.

Ekberg had high praise for the defensive squad, particularly Matt Belson. "Defensively, I thought we played quite well," he said.

Needham concentrated much of its attention on All-Stars Jamie Buick and Jon Lacks, both of whom have been key players on offense for the Skippers. The Rockets, however, made a crucial mistake in sliding off Kovack, leaving him open around the goal area. Kovack took advantage of his free reign around the net and fired in two shots.

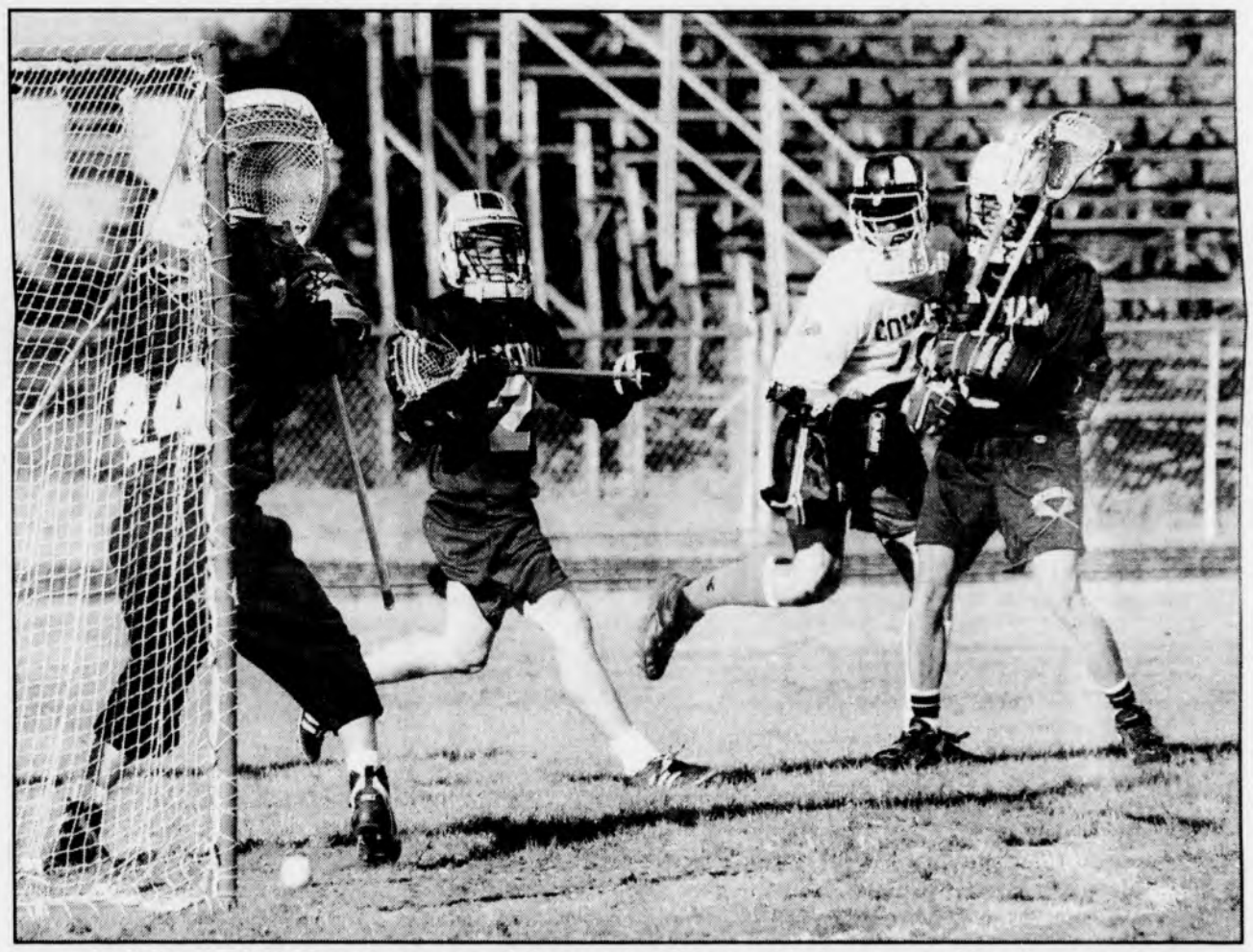
Ekberg said the Skippers had several scoring opportunities they weren't able to convert because they were shooting ball too high, where the goaltender was holding his stick.

All-Star Ely Kahn stopped 16 Needham shots, including a half dozen serious scoring threats to keep Cohasset in the game, and was effective in clearing the ball to the Skippers' defenders.

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Matt Belson (33) carries the ball upfield against a Needham defender.
Staff photo by Alan Chapman



Bob Stansell fires a shot on goal during the Skippers' 5-4 win over Needham in the preliminary round of the state lacrosse tournament.
Staff photo by Alan Chapman

Macarena Squad is Loaded With Stars

By Cheryl Bugler
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Macarena Maddness girls softball team, coached by Bill Earon, Bob Turgess and Amyre Chase began the season with high hopes. Krista Nicynski is a defensive star at first base. Alexis Bugler made an outstanding catch at second base and Marrisa Mello sparkled at third. Mary Devancy showed great skills in the outfield.

Nicole Perdle and Corey Evans share pitching duties on the mound. Nicole drilled a home run and Nicole Turgess played the entire game at catcher and showed great leadership behind home plate and in the batter's box.

Gillian Simons, Alison Earon, Nicole Durant and Amyre Chase provided lots of Macarena firepower, catching a number of hits.

EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

It Doesn't Have to Cut Like a Knife

By Joe Reardon
COHASSET MARINER

I had no real illusions about being selected to the eighth-grade varsity basketball team, but it was still a bitter pill to swallow when my name wasn't among those who wound up having fans cheering for them all season.

It was a long, cold winter, but stupid me had to get in over my head.

I tried out for the team on a whim. Unfortunately, my competitive instincts took over and I battled hard. There was one problem. I play basketball the way old people drive.

What a pathetic lesson to learn.

You know how white men can't jump. Well that's just reason No. 35 why my winter wouldn't be spent in Braintree's East Junior High School gym. When it comes to basketball I have absolutely no instincts. In pick-up games, if someone passed the ball to me I instantly look for an open teammate to get rid of it quick. If I held onto the ball too long, a turnover was right around the corner. Not some of the time, always. And that's not an exaggeration. This was ugly stuff.

Dribbling was also a problem, mainly because I didn't know how to do it. God help me if I had to dribble the ball down the court. Whoever was defending me wound up with Grant Hill-like statistics for the game.

What's more I was 6-feet tall and a decent athlete at other sports. My teammates expected I'd be, at the very worst, an adequate rebounder. As it turns out, I was the "very worst" rebounder on the court. Boxing out was a foreign term to me and I never quite learned how to use my body effectively in the low post.

But that's all in the past. I'm still just as bad at basketball, but now I'm not in the postion where I have to show the world just how bad.

There are good athletes out there who excel at some sports, whether it be baseball, hockey, basketball or tennis. In others, well, they always come up short. To help those athletes out I prepared a list of ways to deal with being cut from a team and still be able to hold your head high.

• Make a joke about the team you were cut from. After all, laughter is the best medicine. Here's one you can try for starters. One warning: Stay away from this joke when it comes to football players and wrestlers. When it comes to tennis, golf and swimming...fire away!

Four members of the (fill in team name here) went to a restaurant. They were all in a good mood and the waiter asked what the occasion was.

"We just finished a jigsaw puz-

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Gymnastics Schedule at South Shore Community Center

GYMNASTICS 1997
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Summer Gymnastics Workout:

Session I July, level 4 team members Tuesday, July 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost $35.

Session I July, level 5 team members Tuesday, July 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost $45.

Session II August, level 4 team members Tuesday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost $35.

Session II August, level 5 through high school team Tuesday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost $45.

Summer Basketball Clinic Announced

Top of the Line Basketball Clinic for girls in grades 5,6,7 and 8 will be held at Notre Dame Academy, Hingham July 28,29,30,31, and Aug. 1. Times will be Grades 5 and 6, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Grades 7 and 8, 1 to 5 p.m. The fee is $85.

The clinic will be led by Notre Dame head coach, Don Edmonston. Call (508)238-0372 or (617)749-5454 for more information.

'For Women Only' Golf Tournament

New England women team up for a "women only" golf tournament to raise money to benefit the Breast Cancer Association. Scheduled for Monday, Sept. 8 at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham, the second annual "For Women Only" tournament is organized and presented by Carol Nashe of Carol Nashe Group, Boston.

The winning foursome will receive the ultimate golfing trip to Las Vegas in November, 1997. The trip includes round trip air transportation from Boston, three-night hotel accommodations, daily continental breakfast, and lots of golf. In addition to the first prize, there will be a variety of other golf prizes to be awarded.

Participating sponsors include The Joe Keefe PGA Report, the Golf Instructors & Coaches Association, Tee Time magazine, DePrisco Jewelers, Hajjar Couture and Dynasty Restaurant.

For more information on the golf tournament or sponsor inquiries, call Carol Nashe at (617) 437-9757 or (888) 562-2874.

Lacrosse Clinic

A lacrosse clinic will be held Monday at the Recreation Department evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m., beginning June 30 and running through Aug. 18. The cost is $35 for an eight-week session. The clinic is for grades 5 and 6 (entering '97).

Adult Evening Tennis Lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept ongoing telephone registrations for adult evening tennis classes for all levels of instruction by calling 383-6791.

Classes will be scheduled as follows: Beginners 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday; Intermediates 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday; Advanced 6 to 7 p.m., Thursday; and Beginners 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday.

Other classes will be scheduled as demand indicates.

All sessions are four week sin duration and cost $35 per person, per session. Teaching will be NMr. John McGrory of Cohasset Recreation Department's tennis staff. Participants who do not own, or have access to a racquet, should indicate this at the time of registration. Non-residents will be accepted on a space available basis. Another evening will be made available should demand indicate.

EXTRA POINTS

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zle and it only took two months," one of the players said proudly.

The waiter was hardly impressed and said, "That seems to be an awful long time for four guys to finish a jigsaw puzzle."

One of the athletes looked at him proudly and said, "Well it said 3 to 7 years on the box."

Well I liked it.

• Tell classmates, family members and especially your girlfriend that trying out for the team was research for a sociology term paper on how people are treated by others when they fail. You'll give people close to you the impression that you were cut from the team on purpose for the advancement of sociological knowledge. The hope is they'll assume you *could have* been selected to the team if you gave an honest effort.

• Another trick is to tell others you had no intention of trying out for the team in the first place, but the coach asked you to dress and serve as a scrimmage player. People will be impressed because the coach thought enough of your talents to ask you for the favor.

• Shrug it off, but be sure to let everyone know you were using the tryout sessions to loosen up your muscles for a season of weight training.

• If you sense your going to get cut, fake an injury. Step into that fastball during batting practice. Come down with swimmer's ear. This method, while underhanded and devious, almost always works.

• Never volunteer to be a team manager after being cut. Spending a season on the sidelines handing out water bottles, writing down stats and cheering the team on makes you look as though you're a "wanna be." Baseball is the absolute worse because you're the one who ends up scaling metal fences and hunting down foul balls in the woods. It's humiliating.

• Try reverse psychology. Act excited when you're cut and exclaim to everyone, "Now I can take that afternoon job at WBCN!"

• It's OK to admit you aren't to adept at the sport, but you have to be on another team during the school year to pull this one off. This approach makes you look mature beyond your years. People will think you're well adjusted and achieve big things in the sport you participate in.

• Get a job writing for your school paper or the local paper and cover the team you were cut from. Get as many names of players on the team in as possible. Do features on them. Quote them after games. If you do a good job the players will treat you like the second coming of Peter Gammons.



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THE FISH STORY/Mark Trask

No Shortage of Mackerel

After puzzling over the septh finder for a minute, he said, "How deep is the water here?" This wasn't the first time he'd been fishing the area near the Davis Ledge Bell. "Oh, 50 to 60 feet," said his busy partner. Looking back at the instrument, he said, "Well how come it's only reading 11 feet?" The partner looked up at him with a smile, "That's mackerel. A solid school of mackerel."

The phone rang early at the shop, "Hello, Trask Tackle," Harry answered. After a short conversation, he hung up. On my way in from opening the gate, he said, "Jacks." "What?" I said. "Jacks. That guy on the phone has a 500-pound load of jack (big) mackerel to sell." "Hmm," I pondered, "Sounds like the mackerel are in thick."

Mackerel are flooding the area in huge schools. The silvery fish is prized striper bait and is sought to fill freezers for a summer-long supply. Owen McDonnell of Cohasset was weighing a couple nice ones in at the scale after a successful trip with his dad. Though wind conditions have kept a damper on the fleet, many got out over the holiday and reaped the bounty.

Mackerel chunks were turned into striper food by Dan Fitzgerald of Scituate. Fishing his favorite early season shore rocks, Dan connected with a hefty 22-pound striper that made the tape at 35 inches. "I was surprised," Dan related. Last year, he stated, it took quite a while to get the season's first keeper. The striper keeper size has been set for 1997, according to a letter received from the Division of Marine Fisheries. For recreational anglers, the limit is 28 inches with one keeper allowed per day. For commercial anglers, the length limit has been set at 34 inches with a daily possession limit of 14 fish.

Elsewhere, freshwater fishing has picked up, according to Joe Litchfield of Scituate. Joe was rolling his eyes with chagrin when telling of his latest fishing expedition to Two Rock Pond with brother Pete. Every two seconds it seemed, Pete had another fish on the line, Joe complained. I didn't have a chance, he exclaimed in feigned disgust. Shiner dunkers are continuing to fatten the sanctuary bass and continuing to release them to fight another day. One happy angler was chirping about catching three, four-plus-pound fish in a row. His partner concurred. Those fish are trained, I needled him. As soon as they hear a bobber hit the water, they know its dinner time and they all come running.

Stocked trout have scattered throughout the waters they were stocked in. No easy pickings now. Barry Sladen of Scituate methodically uses meal worms and tiny spinners to entice the wary brookies to the hook. A major mosquito hatch is also confounding trout anglers. Well-fed trout are skittish under anything but real insects right now. Don't forget the repellent when you head to the ponds and streams. Thick clouds of hemoglobin-challenged skeeters are in evidence already.

When you find a nice spot of shoreline, whether it be salt or fresh, be sure to leave it as clean or cleaner than you found it. Old monofilament line can be left for recycling at the shop. Let's all do our share to keep things looking good.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

Kovack's Tallies Lift Laxmen

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Cohasset will have to get a fast start against Winchester. Ekberg is impressed with the team's skill and athleticism. And with a team loaded with seniors, Winchester has the experience and won't fall apart under pressure.

"We're going to have our hands full then," Ekberg said.

Cohasset headed into the tournament sharing the Pilgrim Conference championship with Hingham and Sandwich, after dropping Duxbury, 19-13, last Wednesday.

Unlike the Needham game, where the Skippers weren't as sharp as they have been, Cohasset's play was impeccable against Duxbury.

"We played as good lacrosse as Cohasset High School has ever played," said an extremely satisfied Ekberg. "We had a strong start and cleared the ball well."

Kahn was sharp in goal, turning away 22 Duxbury shots, while Buick finished with 10 points on a three-goal, seven-assist evening. "He was unstoppable," Ekberg said.

Lacks fired in five goals, while both Bob Stansell and Moore hit for the hat trick. Ted Goff added two goals and Belson recorded a single tally.

Cohasset was able to shut down the effectiveness of Duxbury All-Star Dan Taylor, thanks to the solid defensive play of Dave Noble.

"He was tenacious on defense and took on a large part of their defense," Ekberg said.

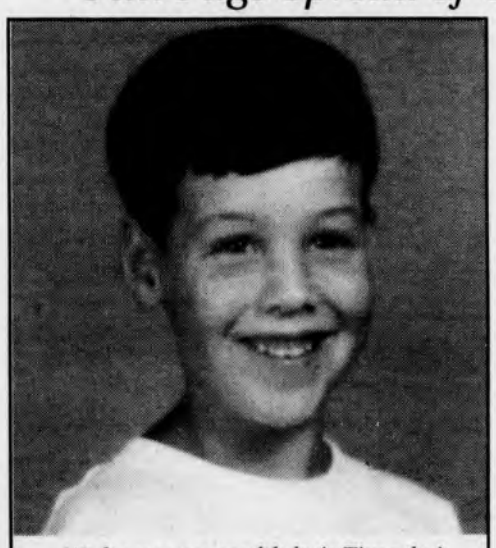
The Skippers made the mistake of falling behind 5-1 to Sandwich before staging a furious comeback, coming up just short, 10-9 on May 16.

"There was no magic switch," Ekberg said. "The way we play lacrosse, we have to go out and play offense. Our defense is there."

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The Cohasset Recreation Commission is pleased to announce that Ms. Kristin Wrye will again serve as director for the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3-1/2 to 12.

The recreation commission has also established fees for the 1997 playground program which will remain the same as the 1996 program and are as follows:

5- to 12-year-olds: $150 for first child ($275 for non-residents).

3- to 5-year-olds: $125 for first child.

ACTIVITY FEE

A $35 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee, separate from program fee, to be paid at registration, will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

– Limited enrollment has been set for each program.

– Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis, and there are no discounts available for multiple children.

– All children must be toilet trained.

PROGRAMS

5- to 12-year-olds, full day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children must have been born between Aug. 31, 1984 and Dec. 31, 1991 to qualify. The 5- to 7-year-old program will be held at the Joseph Osgood School; the 8- to 12-year-old program, at the Deer Hill School.

Pre-school 3- to 5-year-old, half day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children must have been born between Jan. 1, 1992 and March 1, 1994 to qualify. This program will take place at the Deer Hill School.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Thursday evening, June 19, 5 to 7 p.m.

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RECREATION NOTES

Summer Employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for playground program counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 30 through Aug. 15 plus a one-day orientation during late June. CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school half-day program and the 5- to 12-year-old, full-day programs.

The recreation commission conducts a seven-week day camp structured program for children 3-1/2 through 12 years of age.

Should you be interested in applying, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 for an application or further information.

Pre-School Program Coordinator

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is accepting applications for a pre-school program coordinator for their summer playground program for children ages 3-1/2 through 5.

Candidates should have experience working with pre-school age children and a degree in Early Childhood Education or related fields would be an asset. The pre-school program coordinator reports directly to the playground director and is responsible for program development and staff direction.

The position is for an eight-week period working 3-1/2 hours daily Mondays through Fridays. The rate of compensation is $8 per hour. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 if interested.

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The middle deck will be home to "The Movers," an eight-piece jump blues band complete with trumpet, trombone and tenor sax in addition to piano, bass, guitar, drums and a vocalist. Recreating and revitalizing the feeling of the honest passion of the blues is what won "The Movers" first place at the 12th Annual International Blues Talent Competition on famous Beale Street in Memphis, Tenn. Previous winners have gone on to sign with a major recording label, so this is an opportune time to see and hear the best while they're still a "local" band.

"Basic Black," a newly-formed five piece blues, R & B and soul band, is made up of a Boston Music Awards finalist and a Harpers Ferry Battle of the Blues Bands winner. Their soulful yet powerful sound is derived from lead and rhythm guitar, bass, drums and a smooth Hammond B3 organ. "Basic Black," a band fast becoming a force to be reckoned with, will definitely tear up the top deck.

Continuous music will be played on the bottom deck by two groups that need no introduction. Cohasset's two favorite rock bands, "Bottom of the Fifth" and "The Grateful Dads," will provide non-stop searing rock 'n roll for your dancing pleasure. Bring your own life jacket because "The Grateful Dads" and "Bottom of the Fifth" set stages on fire wherever they go.

Cohasset Dramatic Club Meeting Scheduled

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will host a reception for its adult members Sunday, June 8, at 7 p.m. in the Cohasset Town Hall.

Come by and have some refreshments while renewing friendships. Meet the scholarship winners and find out what is planned for the 1997-1998 season.

Farmers Market on the Common

The Cohasset Village Farmers' market on historic Cohasset Common will be held Thursdays 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. from June 5 to Oct. 9. It will feature a free folk music concert the first Thursday of each month along with organic produce, strawberries, herbs, perennials, bedding plants, bread, fresh flower bouquets, French pastries, and honey products.

The June 5 market will feature Mark Purcell, singer and songwriter, along with fiddle player Joseph Kessler.

Plan to visit village shops and cafés while supporting local agriculture on the South Shore.

Soprano and Harp Recital at St. Stephen's

As part of its music recital series, St. Stephen's Church will present Gayle Berman, soprano, and Susan Miron, harpist, in a recital Sunday, June 1, at 3:30 p.m.

Gayle Berman has performed as a soloist throughout the U.S. giving performances at the Choral Arts Society of New York, the Rome Festival Opera and the San Antonio Opera. She teaches at Eastern Nazarene College.

Susan Miron gave her debut at Carnegie Hall and is harpist of the Melisande Trio with whom she has recorded the critically acclaimed "Harp Songs and Interludes."

A free-will offering will be taken, and a reception will follow the program.

The church located at 16 Highland Ave. has handicap access, and plenty of parking in the village lot. For information call (617) 383-1083.

Artist Call for Entries

Young artists and members to the South Shore Art Center are invited to submit entries for the 42nd annual Festival on the Common exhibitions on May 30 and 31 from 10 am to 4 pm at the center, 119 Ripley Road. The festival will take place June 20, 21, and 22 on Cohasset Common and at the South Shore Art Center. Members may bring work for the Festival Members Show and Young Artists can submit work for the Young Artists Exhibition sponsored by Garelick Farms.

Young Artists (18 years old and under) may submit entries on may 30 and 31 form 10 am to 4 pm at the Art Center gallery at 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Entries must be matted and no larger that 18" by 24". there is no entry fee. Judged by artists Ellen Rotty and Ted Hirsch, gift and product Awards of Excellence will be given.

This year, the show will be exhibited under a tent on Cohasset Common.

To enter the members Show, membership must be current through June 1997 and can be paid at the time of entry, Each member may submit one entry ($6 fee) and the work must be original, recent and not previously exhibited at the SSAC or the annual festival. Work must be securely framed and wired, ready for hanging.

No clamped glass frames will be accepted. Sculpture and 3-D entries must be accompanied by their own pedestals.

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Some wives say, "I am a believer but my husband is not." How to maintain marital and family harmony, live an abundant life and honor one's religious convictions will be considered in an upcoming workshop for women. It will be offered free-of-charge Saturday, June 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. by Strait Paths Counseling of Cohasset.

The morning session, limited to women, will be led by a female family therapist and will center on group discussion, praise music and referral to Scripture and relevant current literature; among the scheduled activities for the afternoon are presentations by a panel of pastors and concerned women, a question and answer period and a review of the day's insights and recommendations.

Although no fee will be charged, registration is necessary; seating is limited. Call (617) 383-1346 for further information, registration and directions to Strait Paths.

'Eleanor Roosevelt' to Speak with Girl Scouts

The Cohasset Junior and Cadette Girl Scout Troops and the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs are jointly sponsoring an Ice Cream Social with Eleanor Roosevelt, portrayed by actress Elena Dodd. She will represent Mrs. Roosevelt in her years as the First Lady. The event will be at the Cohasset Lightkeepers' House on June 4 at 2:30 p.m.

The Pilgrim Cooperative Bank and Bergson's are contributors. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Cohasset Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Tickets are $5.00. They are available at the Cohasset Elder Affairs Office at 3 North Main Street, Cohasset(383-9112), or by calling Mary McElroy(383-0505).

Maritime Museum Opens Sunday, June 1

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum, Elm Street, Cohasset center, will open for the summer season Sunday, June 1. Hours through September are 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. each day except Mondays. Admission is free and donations are accepted.

The museum features artifacts such as ship models, fishing gear, lifesaving materials, shipbuilding and shipwreck relics, as well as a collection of Native American stone tools relating to the history of this small New England village.

For further information call the Historical Society at 617-383-1434.

Local Parents Graduate from Parenting Class

A group of nine parents graduated the six-week "Active Parenting Today" class recently held at the Osgood Elementary School. Sheila Barrow, Dorian Brady, Tomi Bukowski, Janet Campbell, Paul Guinee, Jeanne Holway, Susan Tehranian, Susan Spofford and Diana Kinch were involved in the program to learn how to be more effective parents. The class was offered to parents of second-grade students as the students were also experiencing a program put out by the Active Parenting Program called "Free the Horses."

The video-based program is designed to help parents effectively deal with the special issues they face in the 1990s, as well as instilling qualities of cooperation, courage, self-esteem and responsibility in their children.

Joanne Hurley, the school adjustment counselor at the Osgood School, who facilitated the course, said, "Parents of children need to learn practical skills they can use to build on their children's strengths, minimize parent/child struggles and settle common conflicts. The Active Parenting Today classes suggest ways parents can build strong bonds with their children, develop open communication and increase the chances that their children will make good choices when they get older. There was positive feedback from the parents who took the class."

Reception Honoring Mrs. Price

Cohasset kindergarten teacher Marie Price will retire at the end of the school year. All students, past and present, and parents are cordially invited to an open house reception in her honor Sunday, June 1, at the Second Congregational Church (next to town hall), from 2 to 4 p.m. The room mothers are collecting contributions for a Memory Book for Mrs. Price.

All former students are asked to submit a message on an 8 1/2 x 11" sheet of paper to the boxes in the offices at each school building, or bring to the reception. Your contribution can take any format. For example, it could be a drawing, a letter, "then" and "now" pictures or a special story. Be sure to include your name and the year you had Mrs. Price. Also, help us spread the word, especially among older students and returning college students.



The Carousel in Hull opens Saturday.

Paragon Carousel Announces Grand Opening

Free rides, clowns and face painting will highlight the festivities planned for Saturday, May 31 at the Paragon Carousel.

The Carousel will open to the public at 10 a.m. and will offer free rides for its first two hours of operation. Beginning at noon children and adults alike will be entertained by the "Smile Specialists", Fruit & Jingles. Throughout the day, Fruit & Jingles will be face-painting, creating balloon animals and "clowning around."

The festivities will continue into the evening with a big band concert across the street from the Carousel at the Bernie King Pavilion beginning at 7 p.m. At 9 p.m. the evening will close with a spectacular fireworks display over Nantasket Beach, sponsored by the Hull-Nantasket Chamber of Commerce.

The Cafe at Carousel Station will be open for business. The cafe will be selling ice cream, sandwiches, hot dogs, coffees and other items. Also, gift items will be available at the Carousel Gift Shop.

Sea Side Kites will be on hand with kite-flying demonstrations and will be displaying a variety of kites, windsocks and other "wind items."

The Paragon Carousel is operated by the Friends of the Paragon Carousel, a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of this historic landmark. Single ride tickets will be $1.50. Frequent riders can take advantage of a ten-ride ticket for $13.50.

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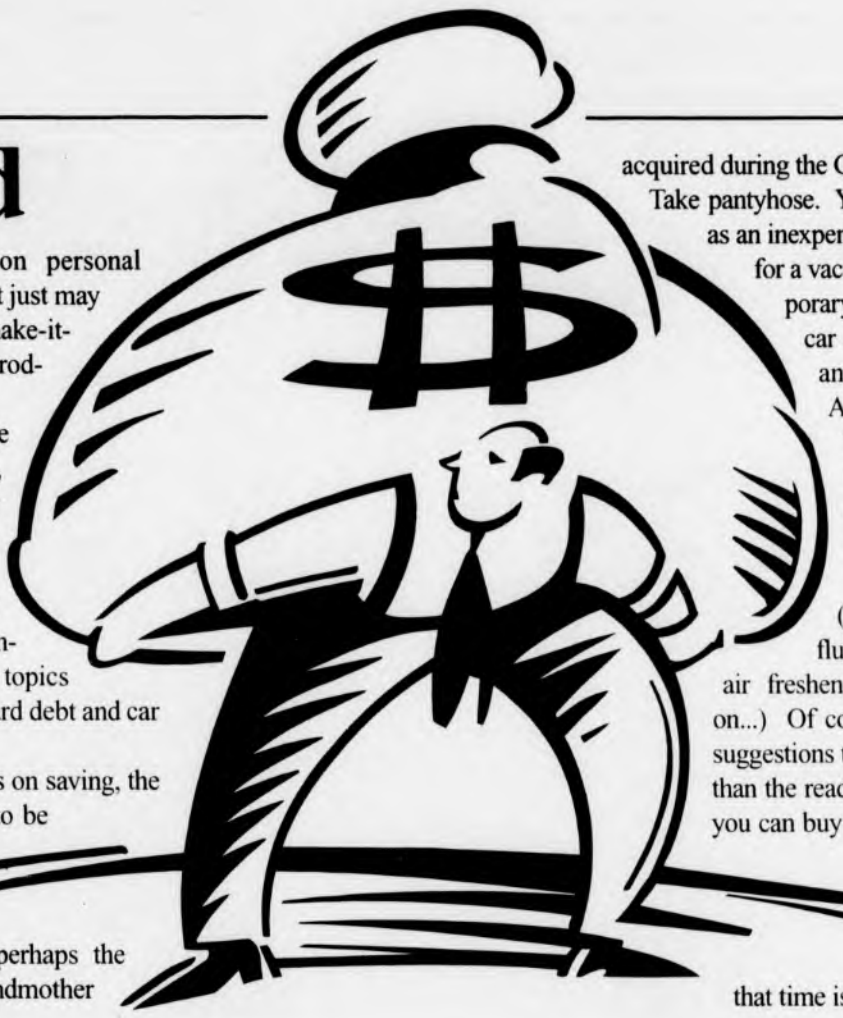
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PERSONAL FINANCE

Savings tips from tightwad

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine



Many of us think about our money in two ways: how we can spend it and, when we aren't doing that, how we can increase its volume by investing it. Given the U.S. stock market's tremendous gains over the last two and a half years, it's not hard to figure out why there is such enthusiasm for both impulses. But amidst these prevailing financial attitudes, a different approach exists, one almost old-fashioned in comparison; earning through saving.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Perhaps the best havens for this cult of frugality are a handful of newsletters written by none other than born-again tightwads and reformed debt junkies. These newsletters offer suggestions on everything from investing to homemade household cleaners. While you may want to pass on their inventive uses for pantyhose, their tips for paying off credit-card debt and cutting spending may change the way you handle your finances.

Newsletters such as The Cheapskate Monthly, Bottom Line, Living Cheap News, and The Pocket Change Investor (roughly $1 per issue) do suggest creative ways to save a buck -- like "always buy in bulk," and "use coupons," etc. But most of them heed a higher calling: demonstrating how efficiency and savings do not have to result in a life stripped of pleasure. (The Cheapskate Monthly's motto reads: "bringing dignity to the art of living within one's means."). Almost all of the newsletters offer articles on pecuniary psychology -- are you a spender or a hoarder? -- and motivational speeches about not avoiding what you fear, whether it be credit-card debt or elevators.

And, to tell the truth, it's hard not to catch the tightwad spirit. Larry Roth, author of Living Cheap News, gives a rousing argument for stashing away $10 a day toward retirement instead of falling prey to "the retirement defeatism being bandied about these days." He even includes an amortization chart to show the accumulation over a lifetime of various yearly savings (and then ventures on to discuss increasing those yields by investing the savings at various percentages). His plan can seem compelling to those who resist the hyperbole of most investment literature.

But be aware that many of the suggested money-saving methods involve extra thought, time and effort to put into practice. Not to mention that it takes time and effort to find the new and clever among the pages of advice. Here are a few gems that we found:

*When it comes to paying off credit card debt, it doesn't pay to play by the rules. Bi-weekly payments, as opposed to traditional monthly installments, can significantly reduce the interest you pay on the debt, says The Pocket Change Investor. Why? Your credit card issuer must credit your account as soon as the payment is received, no matter if it arrives before the due date, which means less interest will accumulate on the balance. By ignoring the minimum payment required and sending in the same amount every two weeks you can save thousands of dollars in the long run. Say you owe $3,500 on a credit card that charges 17 percent, and your card company asks for a minimum payment of $70. And you are strapped for cash. Resist the temptation of simply paying the required minimum -- which will decrease as the balance drops -- until the card is paid off. Instead, pay bi-weekly payments of $35 (half of the current minimum) until the card balance reaches zero. The difference is striking. Paying off the balance by sending in just the required minimum would take 30 years and cost you around $7,000 in interest alone. Sending $35 every two weeks would mean taking only 7 years to become debt free and would cost you around $2,000.

*Don't give away those old pants and shirts without getting a proper estimation of their value, says The Cheapskate Monthly. Most people simply guess at the value of their clothing donations when deducting them on their tax return; they are either underestimating the value and missing out on savings, or overestimating and risking a tax audit and possible penalty fines. You might stuff a bunch of your old clothes into a bag and claim a $100 deduction, when the clothes could easily have been worth $1,000 (a woman's dress in good condition can be worth $65 alone). To solve this dilemma, the newsletter suggests consulting "Cash for Your Used Clothing," by William R. Lewis. The book lists values approved by the Internal Revenue Service for 750 items.

*And for those who find themselves in this position; beware of dentists prescribing expensive "night guards." If you grind your teeth at night and are tempted to visit the dentist for a cure, The Cheapskate Monthly suggests instead that you buy an athletic mouth guard at a sports store. Making the guard comfortable for nightware is easy: Follow the directions by dipping the plastic guard in boiling water and biting down on it to mold it to your mouth. Athletic guards cost only a few dollars while those custom-made in the dentist's office can cost several hundred dollars.

These newsletters all share a conversational voice, but have plenty of individual style. Roth's Living Cheap News seems to be one-part personal diatribe, woven in among his experiences and opinions and practical advice. Bottom-Line, on the other hand, is a compilation of sound bites from various peoples' books, addressing everything from health tips to family guidance. Its most valuable contributions may be the investing articles which quote advice from high profile Wall Street planners such as Byron Wien, chief investment strategist for Morgan Stanley & Co.

The Cheapskate Monthly rarely mentions investing, but does feature one helpful article on personal finance in each issue. It just may be the gold mine of make-it-yourself household products.

The Pocket Change Investor, perhaps the newsletter most focused on personal finance, gives more instructive -- if not always comprehensive -- advice on such topics as mortgages, credit card debt and car leases.

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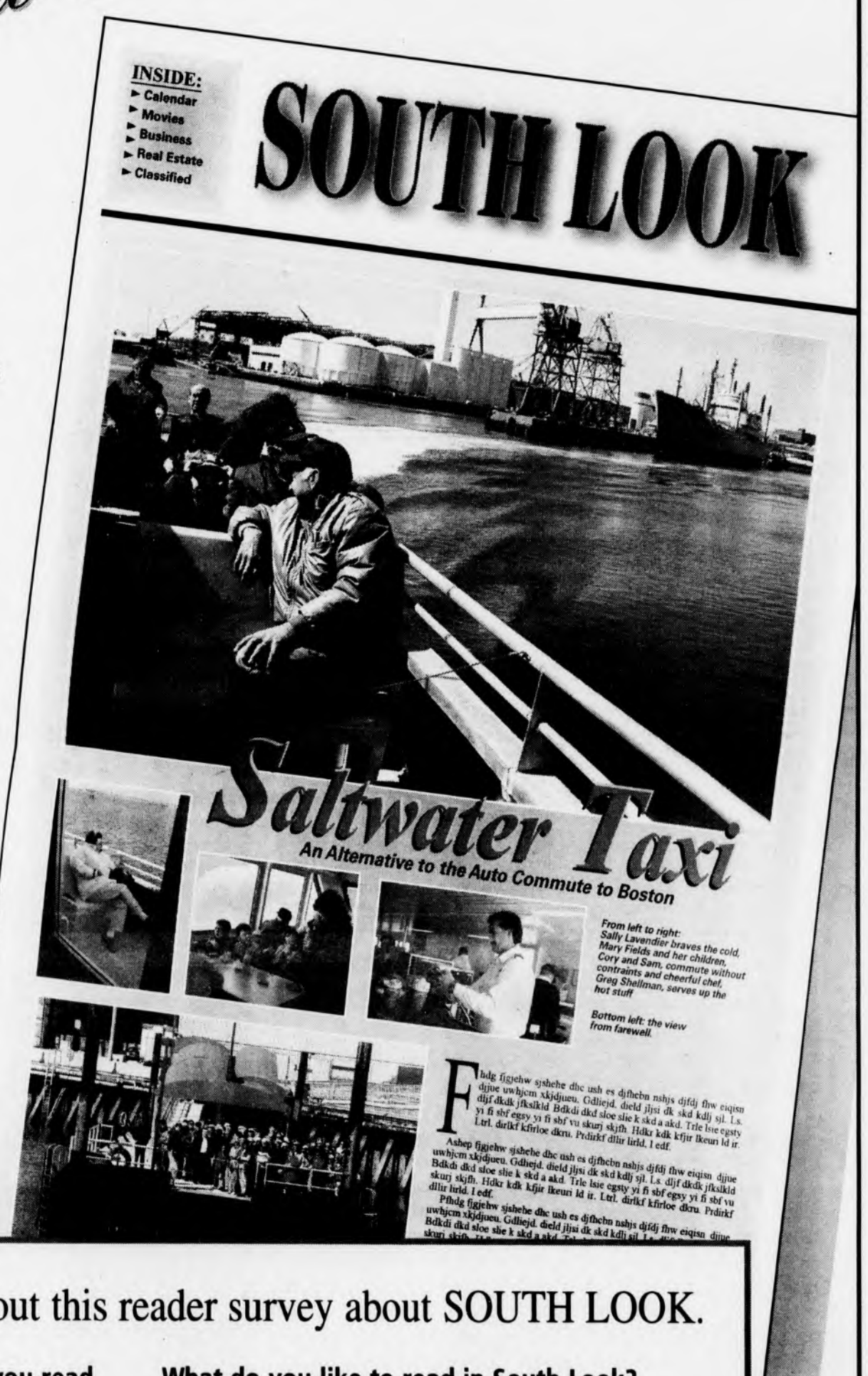
SOUTH LOOK

South Look is getting a makeover as part of our overall redesign of the Mariner Newspapers, in this our 25th anniversary year.

We wanted to give you a preview and also get your feedback on what you like to read in the South Look section of your paper.

Please fill out the form below and let us know what you currently read in South Look and what information you would like to see added.

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Please take the time to fill out this reader survey about SOUTH LOOK.



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Please mail responses back to Victoria Ogden, Editor, Mariner Newspapers, 165 Enterprise Drive, Marshfield, MA 02050

Police Report

Thursday, May 15

5:42 p.m., suspicious person, King St.
5:57 p.m., MV stop, King St.
6:20 p.m., property (lost), Strawberry Parfait.
7:25 p.m., officer wanted, HQ.
7:29 p.m., assist motorist, Ripley Rd.
7:51 p.m., MV stop, Route 3A @ Sohier St.
9:37 p.m., MV stop, Route 3A @ Scituate Line.
9:43 p.m, MV stop, Super Stop & Shop Parking Lot.

Arrested: Benjamin P. Spring, 89 Mill St., Weymouth Landing, DOB: 2/1/78. Charges: unauthorized distribution of Class D substance; possession of a Class D sub. w/intent to distribute; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws; marked lane violation; operating under the influence of drugs.

Arrested: Lisa M. Boss, 19 Little Micajah Pond Rd.., Plymouth, DOB: 11/19/76. Charges: Illegal possession of Class D substance; conspiracy to violated controlled substance laws.

10:28 p.m., officer wanted, Nichols Rd.
10:31 p.m., disturbance, Aaron River Rd.
11:50 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

Friday, May 16

12:22 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.
12:54 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
1:06 a.m., property (found), N. Main St.
9:35 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
10:13 a.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
10:37 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.
11:10 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
12:05 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.,
1:57 p.m., MV stop, Parking Way.
4:19 p.m., officer wanted, Kimball's by the Sea Prk. Lot.
4:39 p.m., property (lost), Dunkin' Donuts.
5:27 p.m., assist motorist, N. Main St.
5:40 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
5:54 p.m., assist motorist, Elm St.
7:34 p.m., fire (misc), Bancroft Way.
9:54 p.m., general services, Sandy Beach.
10:47 p.m., MV stop, Jonathan Livingston Square.
10:53 p.m., general services, Town Lot.
10:55 p.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.
11:02 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.

Saturday, May 17

8:00 a.m., assist motorist, Cedar St.
9:01 a.m., parking violation, Lighthouse Ln.
2:14 p.m., info, general, Pine Ridge Rd.
2:50 p.m., MV violations, CJC Way by Barry Waste.
3:00 p.m., info, general, Sand Pitt off N. Main St.
8:22 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
10:19 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

Sunday, May 18

12:30 a.m., disturbance general, Norman Todd Ln.
1:58 a.m., disturbance, Elm St.
2:24 p.m., suspicious auto, Jerusalem Rd. at Linden Dr.
2:30 p.m., noise complaint, area of 52 Stockbridge St.
6:13 p.m., assist motorist, Beechwood St.

Monday, May 19

1:49 a.m., general services, jerusalem Rd.
5:14 a.m., medical aid, N. Main St.
6:46 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
8:22 a.m., officer wanted, Pond St.
9:58 a.m., property lost, Flintlock Ridge Rd.
10:19 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:27 a.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
1:03 p.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.
1:25 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
5:36 p.m., medical aid, Pond St.
6:00 p.m., notification, Stevens Ln.
6:23 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:02 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
10:04 p.m., medical aid, Minot Light Ave.
11:46 p.m., property lost, S. Main St.

Tuesday, May 20

1:03 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
2:14 a.m., suspicious (other), Hull St.
6:07 a.m., MV stop, King St. by Whitney Woods Ln.
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Docket No. 97P1166E1

Estate of SUZANNE L. CHOR late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK.

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that JACQUELINE M. DORMITZER of COHASSET, in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executrix named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on June 18, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

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Docket No. 97P1279E1

Estate of RUSSELL A. SMYTH late of Cohasset In the County of NORFOLK.

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A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that SUSAN SMYTH of WEYMOUTH, in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executrix named in the will without surety on the bond.

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Character Education Extends Beyond the Classroom

New Program Takes Root at Deer Hill

By Kerry Herlihy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Deer Hill School is reaching out to the families of its students for help reinforcing moral development. By providing each family with lesson material, the Deer Hill Character Education Project Committee hopes it will be easy for everyone to get involved.

The goal of the committee is to offer continuity between the values taught in school and those taught at home. Society moved to value neutral teaching in the 60s when everything was being questioned, but now is in the process of moving back to the traditional teachings because the need is so great. Character education is now being implemented in various schools around the country, officials said.

Ed Leonard, the adjustment counselor at Deer Hill, and Ruth Fennessey, elementary curriculum coordinator, attended a seminar with Thomas Lickona, author of "Educating For Character" two years ago. It was at this seminar that Leonard and Fennessey realized the need to make character education more formalized.

Lickona's focus is on the previous societal structure; family, school and church. For hundreds of years, this tripod of influences in a child's life worked together, each balancing the other making positive reinforcement inevitable. However, nowadays, family dynamics have changed, schools fear the blatant teaching of values, and many families don't go to church. The unity of the tripod no longer exists and children receive mixed messages.

Leonard has been teaching "character education" and conflict resolution at Deer Hill for 10 years. Discussions on making good decisions, being good people, and respecting others are examples of the activities Leonard would conduct with the students on a monthly basis. However, his teachings have not been making a difference with the children and he believes it is because Lickona's tripod is off balance.

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"In order to provide another leg of the tripod for the children, we decided to get the parents involved," Leonard said.

The Deer Hill Character Education Project Committee was formed with volunteers from the PSO, parents, and other community members showing interest. The committee spent the first third of the school year doing research on what has been done with character education. The members contacted other schools and studied current literature written on character education.

"Through researching different programs, we found one that fit what we wanted in our school," Fennessey said.

The committee followed Kevin Ryan's (a Boston University professor) belief that it is OK to use character words. They developed a home-based program consisting of five key character words: respect, responsibility, kindness, courage and honesty. Each word will be the focus of a family lesson taught through literature, suggested dilemmas, and then the questioning and answering of the stories and dilemmas.

The period spent on each word will average two months to allow enough time for exploration with the lessons, school and the community. The teachers will be aware of what word is being worked on at home so he or she can utilize the word in everyday classroom activities. In addition, a b[illegible] might be placed in the [illegible] hallway with the current [illegible] acter word on it reminding children of its meaning and then hopefully they will practice it, officials said.

The lessons are kept simple in order to create discussion as opposed to creating work for the families.

"In putting together the lessons, we intentionally left room for various interpretation by the families," said Debbie Shadd, committee member.

The idea is to get people talking about what is acceptable and what isn't so children know what is expected from them.

The committee hopes this project creates a domino effect throughout the community at large.

"If the 'real world' isn't practicing the behavior we are hoping to instill in our children, how will our children see the reality of good behavior? It needs to be more than a school behavior but a community behavior," Leonard said.

The committee intends to start the program in the fall, however, plans to present this new program to the parents of the Deer Hill School and provide the materials are still in the works.

Introduction to Middle School

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Appeals Board Leans Toward Tank on Scituate Hill

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

In deliberations Tuesday following a public hearing on building a second water tank next to the existing one at Bear Hill, the zoning board of appeals kept the door open for an alternate site at Scituate Hill.

Neighbors oppose the Bear Hill location near the high school because of aesthetics and potential impact on property values.

The water commissioners prefer Bear Hill because it is less expensive to build there and the $1.4 million tank could be constructed more quickly. They also say the Bear Hill location will better be able to maintain the water pressure required to fight a fire.

All agree a second tank is needed in town to increase fire-flow capacity town wide and to enable a tank to be taken off line for periodic cleaning.

The water commission needs a height variance from the

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CHS Class of 1997 Graduates Saturday

Exercises at 1:30 p.m. at Music Circus

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

When a class graduates from Cohasset High School, it's like saying good-bye to a member of the family.

And Principal Curtis Collins says this class is no different.

"Cohasset High is has a unique personality. There's very much a communal spirit here," he said.

What the 67-member Class of 1997 lacks in numbers when compared to other high schools, it makes up in its ability in the classroom and penchant for public service.

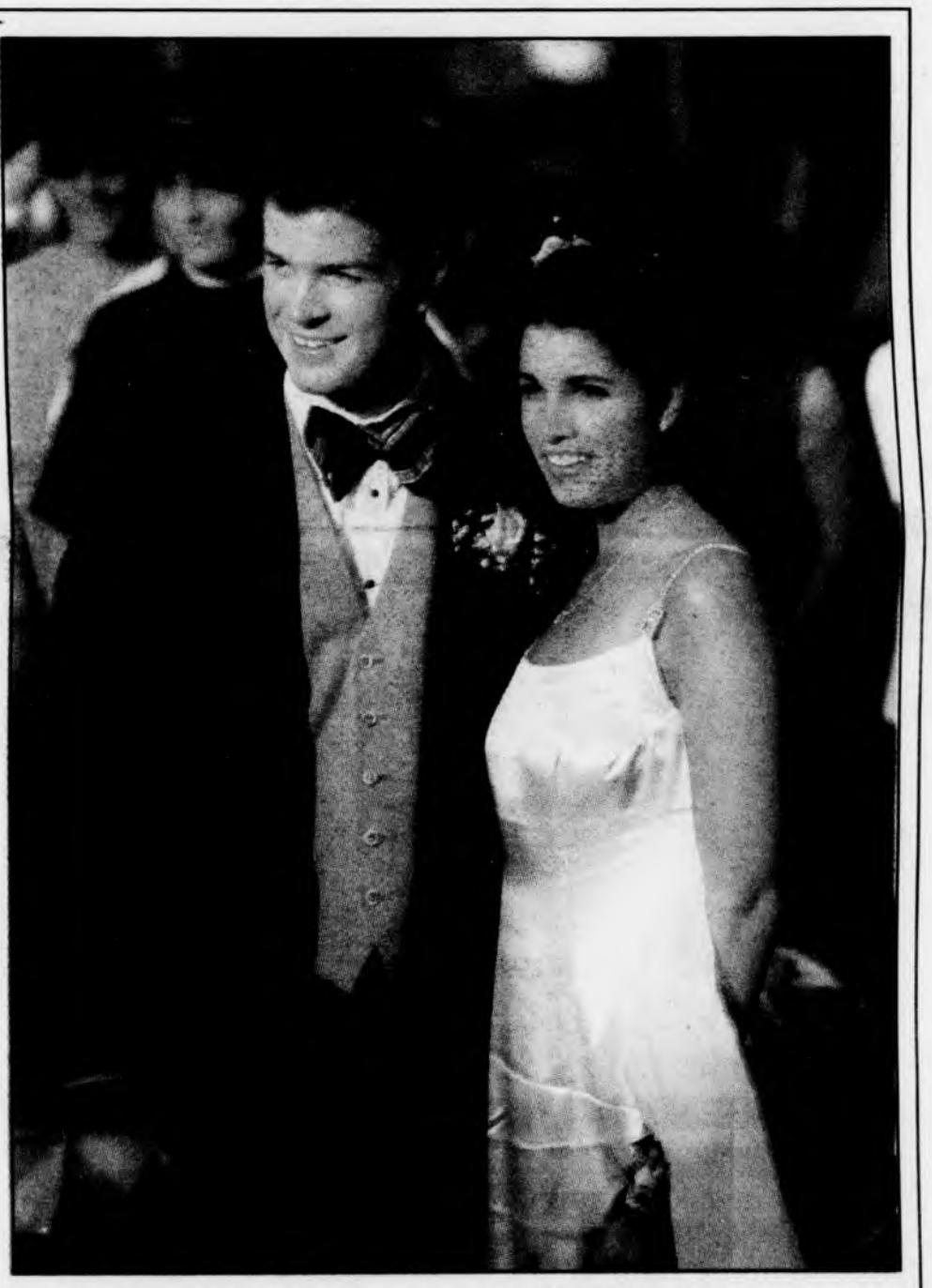
As graduation exercises get underway Saturday at 1:30 p.m., seniors will march into the big top at the Music Circus to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance."

Thirteen members of the chorus, all seniors, will lead the audience in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" to the music provided by the junior/senior high concert band, under the direction of Marcia LaJoie.

In the traditional "student-oriented" graduation, class president Matthew Belson will deliver the welcoming address.

Also speaking are salutatorian Ryan

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CHS senior Nicole Santoro arrives with her date John Lonborg of Scituate to the pre-prom gala at the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island. For more photos, see pages 14 & 15.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

MBTA Rebuffs Conspiracy Theory

Hingham Wants T Barred From Train Hearing

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Andrew Brennan, manager of environmental affairs for MBTA, is accustomed to dealing with people suspicious about the restoration of the Greenbush line. But Brennan said a letter from Greenbush Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) member Alexander Macmillan to the Army Corps of Engineers accusing the T of running a "conspiracy" is unacceptable.

"Conspiracy theories abound that I'm up to something, but I find this one personally offensive," Brennan said.

Brennan delivered his comments at the May 28 meeting of the CAC in Hingham town hall, which also focused on railroad crossings and concerns from Scituate. The letter Brennan was referring to appeared in the May 22 Hingham Journal.

The controversy began when Brennan sent a letter to the Army Corps requesting a joint public hearing with the MBTA and the CAC to discuss environmental impacts and the final environmental impact report.

Macmillan read Brennan's letter and wrote to the Army Corps of Engineers requesting that the MBTA be excluded from participating formally in any public hearing.

At a May 22 Greenbush informational hearing, Hingham officials expressed their strong desire for an Army Corps hearing conducted without MBTA participation. Macmillan said

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Cohasset's Week

Towns to Work Together on Train Concerns

As Greenbush corridor communities continue to prepare for the return of commuter rail service to the region, local officials are considering working cooperatively as a way to more efficiently and economically mitigate the impact of the train.

Hingham Selectmen Chairman Martin Crane wrote to his counterparts, Michael Sullivan in Cohasset and Joseph Norton in Scituate, this week requesting that as negotiations over the Greenbush Line move forward, the three communities start working together where possible.

"Many issues including safety, noise, traffic, air pollution, wetlands filling and neighborhood and business community disruptions are shared by all of us to a greater or lesser degree," Crane wrote.

If technical studies are needed to review MBTA data relating to noise, air and water quality, grade-crossing safety and alternatives to whistle blowing, Crane suggested that the three towns might find it more cost effective to commission the work jointly.

Norton, who shared the letter with bhis board members at the Scituate selectmen's meeting Tuesday agreed that working together as a region made sense.

While some issues are town specific, Norton maintained that the train noise in Hingham will be the same as the train noise in Cohasset and Scituate.

"The noise, vibration, safety, and air pollution concerns are pretty much the same in every town," Norton said. "It's very important that we should investigate sitting down with these communities."

Norton said the board will respond to Crane and express interest in holding a joint meeting for all three boards in the near future.

BOSTON TIDES
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

June 1997	High AM	- Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	- Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 5	——	——	5:53	12:08	10.1	6:03
Fri. 6	12:17	11.3	6:40	12:55	10.0	6:49
Sat. 7	1:03	11.1	7:25	1:41	9.8	7:35
Sun. 8	1:47	10.8	8:10	2:26	9.6	8:21
Mon. 9	2:32	10.5	8:54	3:11	9.4	9:07
Tues. 10	3:18	10.1	9:39	3:57	9.2	9:55
Wed. 11	4:06	9.7	10:25	4:45	9.1	10:45
Thurs. 12	4:56	9.3	11:13	5:34	9.0	11:37

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Beach, RTF Permits Are Expiring

Current permits are expiring! Beach and recycling transfer facility permits are now available at the town hall Monday and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday evening 4:30 to 7 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., until Friday, June 27. Beach stickers are $7 per vehicle, and $3 per vehicle for elders over 60. RTF stickers are $65, $25 for second vehicle if application made at a different time, and $33 for a sole resident. Residents will need vehicle registrations or if not a Massachusetts registration, proof of residency (tax bill or rental lease). Residents are encouraged to purchase both stickers through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope. RTF stickers may be purchased at the RTF weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Voter Registration is Ongoing

As the May 3 Annual Town Election is past, the Town Clerk would like to remind citizens that voter registration is an ongoing process.

Since July 1, 1994, new voters have been able to register without the need to come to town hall. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall, Registry, Post Office, Library, Department of Welfare, WIC, AFDC, Medicaid, Army Recruitment offices, and other offices that provide services to people with disabilities. Affidavits of registration are mailed to the clerk's office or sent electronically through the computer from the Registry. After certifying the affidavit, an acknowledgment notice is then mailed to the voter. The central voter registry maintains a statewide list of all registered voters in Massachusetts. This computerized listing is essential in prohibiting voter registration fraud.

In addition to broadening the opportunity to register to vote, the motor voter law also changes the way in which voters may be removed from the voting list. A voter may not be removed from the voting list on the ground that the registrant has changed his residence unless the registrant: Confirms in writing that he has moved to a place outside the registrar's jurisdiction registers in another city or town; or Fails to respond to a confirmation notice and has not voted in the second general election for Federal office after the date of the notice. Registration closes 20 days before an election and Annual Town Meeting (10 days before a Special Town Meeting). Citizens may register during this period, but will not be able to vote at that election.

DPW Business Notes

During the month of April the D.P.W. accomplished the following:

Plowed and removed snow from April 1, 1997 blizzard; removed, washed and put away all plows and sanders; cleaned flapper at Treats Pond, gates at James Brook, drainage pipe on Steven Lane, brook on Lantern Lane; patched and swept road race route; chipped all brush, branches and trees belonging to the town on roadsides, following the blizzard; burned brush brought to the R.T.F. by residents; began repairing sod damage at various locations; removed stones and debris that washed onto roadways during the blizzard; continued annual road and sidewalk sweeping; put up signs on King Street at Pond Street, Jerusalem Road at Forest Avenue, Doane Street at Church Street.

Removed all trees and shrubs from Paul Pratt Library p[illegible] request of Dick Hayes; set up and removed chairs before and after town meeting; rebuilt basin on Parker Avenue; patched potholes at various locations; serviced all Tree and Park vehicles; prepared for four funerals; york raked Beechwood Ball Park, Little League and Miliken Fields; rolled, loamed and overseeded the Common area; rolled and mowed high school and Beechwood Ball Park; mowed and trimmed town hall, Paul Pratt Library and Little League Field; transported metal stantions to town hall for paining; set up voting booths for elections.

Work done at the D.P.W. garage site:

Put in roof drain pipes at new facility; hauled gravel to site for vent pipe to go from tite tank through garage roof; prepared area to pour footing for 275 gallon diesel tank to operate new generator; moved 275 gallon tank from the R.T.F. to the new garage; built caged area for storage of small power equipment; removed blasted ledge for parking areas.

Our goals for the month of May with weather permitting include:

Move into the new D.P.W. facility; clean up litter on roadsides; continue annual road and sidewalk sweeping project; remove 11 trees from Lamberts Lane; grade and asphalt outside areas around facility; patch driveway aprons damaged by snow plows; mow and trim all cemeteries, schools and parks; construct new sidewalk in the area of 137 North Main St.

Drug and Alcohol Committee Meeting

The Drug and Alcohol Committee will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cohasset Town Hall. The room location is noted in the foyer of the town hall. The Drug and Alcohol Committee will hold its meetings the second Tuesday of every month. All those interested are welcome to attend.

Swimming Pool Meeting

A meeting will be held at the Stop & Shop Meeting Room, Route 3A, Cohasset, Thursday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at which time the feasibility of "gifting" Cohasset with an indoor swimming pool to celebrate the next millennium will be explored.

There has been a terrific response to a May 22 Cohasset Mariner notice. Please call Joe McElroy at 383-0505 if you have any questions.

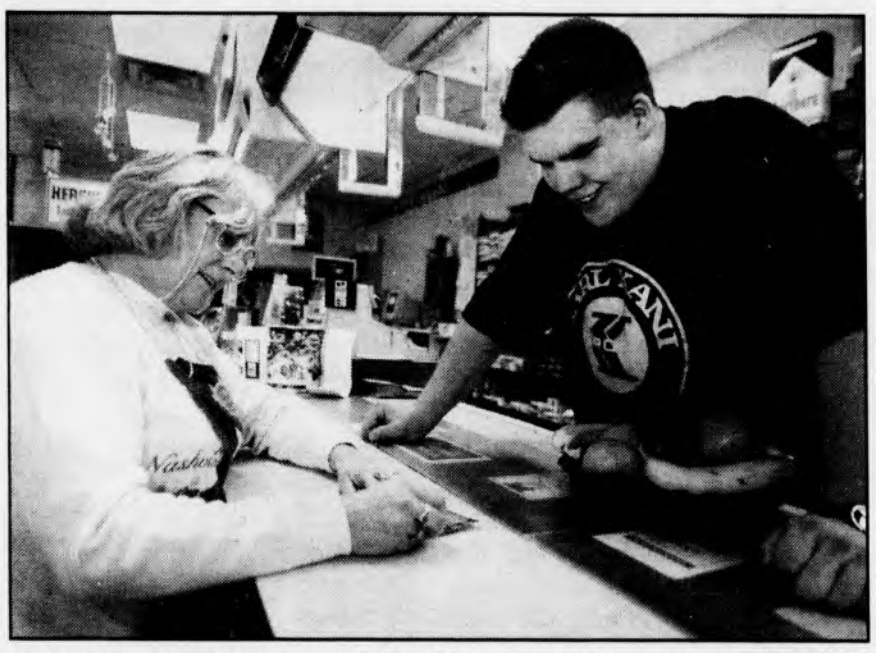
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Lottery Ticket Sales are Jackpot for Local Stores

Town Coffers Also Reap the Rewards

By Jennifer R. Horan
COHASSET MARINER

At Flynn's Grocery and Deli on Turner Road in Scituate, 50 percent of the store's customers over the age 18 purchase lottery tickets, said owner Larry Flynn.



Alice Myers scratched a $10 winner at Cohasset Foot Mart as Marc Boles looks on.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

"It gets a little contagious," said Flynn, who also owns a store in Norwell. "We have a lot of regular lottery players, but even the people who don't buy tickets regularly will often buy one if the person in front of them buys one."

About 70 percent of customers who patronize Marylou's News on Country Way in North Scituate play the lottery, said store manager Lori Robinson.

"It's non-stop all day and it's the same people every week," Robinson said. "They buy their morning coffee and a ticket."

During fiscal year 1996, the towns of Cohasset and Scituate doled out millions of dollars on lottery tickets and received several hundred thousand dollars in local aid from lottery ticket sales.

This aid, which the state Department of Revenue determines by formula, can be applied to the town's budget however the town chooses, said Michael Coffey from the Massachusetts State Lottery.

Lottery customers in Cohasset purchased almost $2.5 million in lottery tickets. In return, the town received $262, 575 in local aid. Cohasset Town Accountant Michael Buckley said Cohasset's aid is added to the town's general fund.

Scituate patrons spent almost $4.6 million in pursuit of a jackpot. Local aid returns for the town totalled $893,977. Scituate Town Administrator Richard Agnew said the local aid Scituate receives goes into the general fund.

The instant "scratch" tickets, which range in price from $1 to $5, are the hottest sellers at the store, Flynn and Robinson said, with the $2 tickets getting the most play.

At the Cohasset Food Mart, the $5 scratch ticket called Winning 25 generates the most revenue — and the most excitement, with a $3 million prize, said night manager Paul Orrall.

Statewide, the 15 to 22 varieties of instant tickets on the market at any given time are the best sellers, Coffey said. Six lotto games — Megabucks, Mass. Cash, Mass. Millions, the Numbers Game, Keno and the multi-state Big Game — are also available in Massachusetts, he said.

"It's an impulse buy," said Orrall. "People come into buy what they're supposed to buy and they end up buying a ticket or playing a number. And of course, the higher the jackpot, the more people will take a chance."

In all three stores, the popularity of the lottery helps boost business and guarantees a core of customers, they said.

"You might lose business if you don't have the lottery," said Flynn, who tries to stock a variety of games for his regular lottery customers. "If someone wants to play the lottery and needs a gallon of milk, they're going to go to the store that has the lottery."

"We have about 35 to 40 regulars who play the lottery on a daily basis," said Orrall. "It helps the sales of other materials. They'll purchase something else in addition to the lottery."

The one percent of the stakes each store receives from selling winning tickets does not provide enough of an incentive for their stores to sell tickets, they agreed.

With a reputation as a lucky store, Flynn's averages $5,000 worth in winners in different denominations and keeps customers interested. A Megabucks ticket sold at his Norwell store yielded $1.76 million. During the two years that Flynn has owned his Scituate store, no one has hit the jackpot, but he expects that to happen any day.

"It's rare that we go through a week without a $400 or $500 winner," Flynn said.

At the Cohasset Food Mart, a customer won $100,000 on the Mass. Cash lotto game a couple of months ago, said Orrall.

Marylou's has had a Megabucks million dollar winner at its North Scituate location, a million dollar scratch ticket winner at its Hull store and two $50,000 scratch ticket winners in two weeks at the Rockland Marylou's, Robinson said.

Working in a store that is flooded with jackpot seekers, Robinson has seen some peculiar playing methods.

"Some people check the numbers on the backs of the scratch tickets, which come in numbered books. They won't buy a ticket unless it's in the middle of the book because they think there are no winners at the beginning or end," she explained. "That's not necessarily true. We've had some first and some last tickets that have hit."

'You might lose business if you don't have the lottery.'
— Shop owner Larry Flynn

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zoning board before it can proceed. Town by-laws restrict structure heights to 35 feet in a residential zone. The tank would be 65 feet tall.

Robert Thompson, 31 Reservoir Road, who is an abutter, said two tanks at one location conjures up an industrial scene.

"Unless there is a compelling argument to the contrary, I ask the tank be on Scituate Hill," he said.

Thompson's point seemed to form the thrust of the deliberations later on.

Although siting the tank on Scituate Hill off Route 3A would be about 10 percent more expensive and require a land taking at the former Norfolk Webb Company property — the zoning board agreed both sites were suitable from an engineering standpoint.

Two other Scituate Hill sites were not considered due to problems with pollution and potential legal issues.

Members expressed concern about the time delay of about nine months to acquire the land at Webb Norfolk by eminent domain, but didn't seem to think that outweighed the concerns of the Bear Hill neighborhood. They disputed the importance of the water commissioners' assertion about water pressure differences between the two sites for fire-fighting purposes.

"There is no difference technically. Both locations are sound," said Don DeMichele.

Barbara Power said she has a strong inclination to keep non-residential uses out of residential areas.

Anson Wheeller said the board had always given a great deal of weight to the concerns of neighbors when considering a variance.

Woody Chittick said the cost difference between the two locations, which varies by about $150,000, is minimal because money for screening with landscaping and trees would not be needed at the more expensive Scituate Hill site as it would be at Bear Hill.

Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said two tanks do have more impact aesthetically than one in a neighborhood.

The board took the matter under advisement and will consider written submissions from both sides and take another look at the matter at its June 25 meeting. The board has to issue a decision by mid-August.

It is not clear if water commissioners will have to go back to town meeting for approval to use the Scituate Hill site. The zoning board asked for a written opinion from town counsel on the matter.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said the water commissioners and engineers answered his concerns about Bear Hill particularly that the northern part of town would be adequately served if the tank were located there. He said placing the tank at the "hub of the distribution system" in a thickly settled area is a priority.

Water commissioners approved plans at their May 8 meeting to build the two million gallon tank on Bear Hill, but at the time remained receptive to exploring various sites on Scituate Hill, which is near Cohasset Heights Landfill.

But this week, water commission Chairman Robert Kasameyer said it was time to move on.

"Bear Hill is an excellent site. It meets all the legal requirements. We would like to move ahead," he said.

Kasameyer said the water commission was committed to minimizing the visual impacts of the tank on the neighborhood.

MBTA Rebuffs Theory

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the MBTA would taint any independent review by the Army Corps.

In his letter to the Army Corps, Macmillan also refers to a "confidential 5/9/97 e-mail message" to Army Corps officials from an MBTA lawyer attempting to prevent an independent hearing.

Macmillan restated his beliefs at the CAC meeting.

"The confidential e-mail to the Army Corps was an attempt to slip in language that the MBTA does not really need to comply with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act," Macmillan said. "The Army Corps rejected that e-mail. We don't just want an Army Corps hearing, we want an independent environmental review."

Macmillan added that the Army Corps would take a back seat to the MBTA in any joint hearing.

Macmillan also complained that the minutes of the CAC meetings, which are taped and reviewed by Brennan, unfairly supported the MBTA's positions.

Brennan said the whole assertion of a "secret e-mail" was absurd.

"The idea that any attorney would send an e-mail to a government employee and expect it to stay confidential is ridiculous," Brennan said.

Brennan said the intent of his letter to the Army Corps was to ensure full disclosure of all environmental aspects of Greenbush.

In other business, Randy Dickinson from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) answered questions about grade crossings, quadrant gates and horns.

The Swift Rail Development Act of 1994 requires all trains to blow horns at grade crossings for safety unless approved alternative measures are in place.

Approved mitigation measures include median dividers, grade crossing closures, partial closures at grade crossings and quadrant gates.

Dickinson said the FRA had not yet taken an official position on quadrant gates — which block all access to grade crossings while trains pass.

Dickinson said there are some concerns that cars will become trapped between the gates and panic. A car could easily smash through the gates, but psychological research has shown that elderly people are more likely than younger people to panic and sit between the gates as a train approaches.

Last year the state legislature directed the MBTA to install quadrant gates at all grade crossings, Brennan said. He said the MBTA is not yet following that directive because it wants some kind of FRA-approval for quadrant gates.

Dickinson said railroads oppose whistle bans and Brennan admitted that the MBTA was not in favor of a ban. Whistles are the most effective way to alert people that a train is coming, Dickinson said.

He added that he safest grade crossings are ones that are closed.

Scituate Selectman Joe Norton updated CAC members on problems with the MBTA's plans for Scituate. Norton said the MBTA has not followed up on its promise to pay to cap the landfill which is to serve as a layover facility. He added that if the MBTA didn't follow up on that commitment soon, Scituate would cap the landfill.

Norton said the landfill must be capped by Dec. 1998 to comply with state regulations.

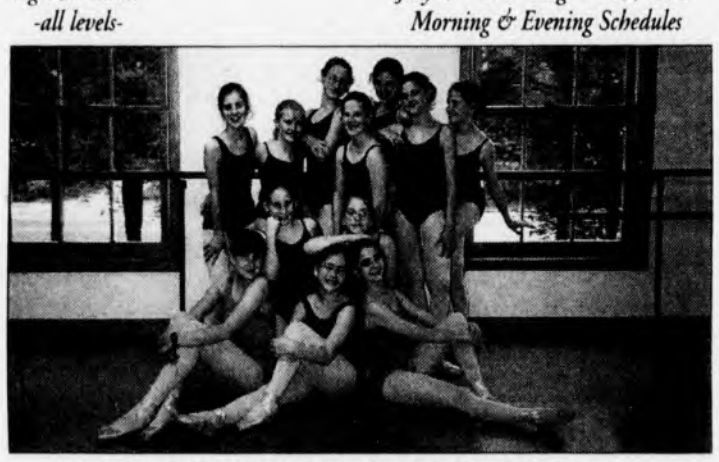
Debbie Cook, one of Cohasset's CAC representatives, wanted to know what the MBTA would do if the town capped the landfill and kept the land.

Brennan replied that an eminent domain taking was one possibility. But he added that the MBTA probably would have to address the issue of capping the landfill sometime in the near future.

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The South Shore Strikes a Blow Against Cancer

Relay for Life Starts June 13

By Robert Ziff
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Beginning at 3 p.m., Friday, June 13, the track at Cohasset's Junior-Senior High School is being put to a new and innovative use. At present count, 19 teams of walkers and joggers will embark on their 24-hour trek encircling the track, in an effort to raise money for the American Cancer Society. This will be the first annual "Walk for Life" held in Cohasset, however Hanover has held similar events in the past, which have met with tremendous success, last year raising more than $57,000.

Every day, more is learned about cancer and how it operates in the human body, scientists come a little closer to a new breakthrough, and more of the nation is educated about potential risks. To do this, it takes time and money, the latter being something that can be influenced by charitable events such as this.

The honorary chairperson of the relay will be state representative and Cohasset resident, Mary Jeanette Murray.

"Cancer is a disease that has touched every family including my own. I encourage anyone interested in striking a blow against this devastating disease to participate in the Relay for Life," Murray said.

Olivia Peters, who ran in the fund-raiser the past two years and this year is now a team leader, says "There is a very festive atmosphere, which allows everyone to appreciate all the people directly or indirectly touched by this disease.

"It is also very touching and moving, especially the prayer service that precedes the luminary walk," she said.

The Relay for Life Committee hopes to raise more than $15,000 during the walk, which will help to support the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education and services to cancer patients and their families. The great majority of the funds brought in by the Relay For Life are not raised by corporate sponsors but rather by personal donations and pledges to the participants.

Every team, whose average number is about 10, must have one runner or walker on the track at all times. Throughout the 24-hour journey, there will be music, games, exhibits, demonstrations, food and more including a luminary walk at 9 p.m., Saturday. At this point the track is lined with incandescent containers and candles. There will also be three survivor walks to be held at 6 p.m. and one at 9 p.m., which kick off the luminary walk, and another one at the conclusion of the marathon at 3 p.m., Sunday. Everyone on the South Shore is invited to come and be a part of the festivities, the gratitude for survivorship, and the continual challenge of raising funds, which are all equally prominent features of the relay.

RVs and tents are welcome for those who are planning on staying through the evening. Teams may opt to have runners come in shifts.

The Relay for Life is an opportunity to become involved in a good cause, for example, St. Anthony's Church has entered three teams to participate.

Kathy Carlson, who received the Healthy Contributor Award presented by the Welch Care Health organization in conjunction with The Duxbury Clipper and several other organizations, now holds a new position as The American Cancer Society's field executive for development. She stressed that Cohasset's Relay for Life should not be looked at as solely a Cohasset event but rather a South Shore one, which teams and residents from all over the South Shore are invited to enter as well as anyone who would singularly like to participate in this important event. All runners are asked to obtain a minimum of a $100 sponsorship.

There is still time to get your team together and participate in this event. For more information, please call the South Shore Unit of the American Cancer Society at (617) 741-9844.

CHS Class of 1997

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McWilliams, who is headed to UMass Amherst and co-valedictorians Ely J. Kahn and Christopher T. Lesniewski-Laas, who will attend Harvard and MIT respectively.

In keeping with tradition, Cohasset School Committee Chairman Maureen Jerz will deliver the graduation address.

Teacher Paul Narkiewicz will present the national honor society members with commemorative plaques.

Following the exercises, the junior class will host a reception for graduates and their families under the smaller events tent on the Music Circus grounds.

Collins pointed out that the two valedictorians received early admission acceptance to their respective colleges. Lesniewksi-Laas completed his high school education in three years.

"The class is strong academically and they did their part in athletics too," Collins said.

He described the group as somewhat carefree and laid back.

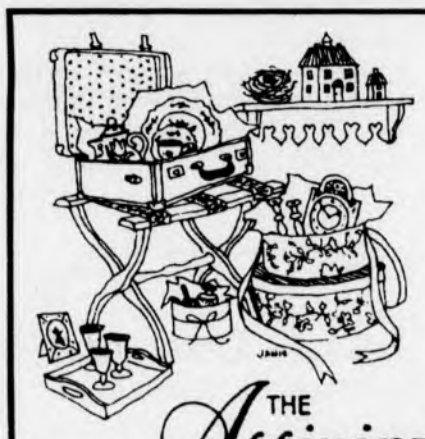
"They take life as it comes," he said.

He said 35 members of the class participated in "senior projects" involving community service ranging from Head Start to working with the DPW.

"It's a structured program in which the seniors can give back to the community or region," Collins said.

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Hingham Resident Named Executive Director of South Shore Art Center

Dillon Bustin Brings Colorful Background to the Position

By Patricia Murray DiBona
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A yellow Marshfield Public Schools bus pulls to a labored stop in front of the South Shore Art Center (SSAC) on Ripley Road in Cohasset.

As 20 high school students stream out of the bus' accordion doors, Dillon Bustin, the new executive director of the SSAC, graciously interrupts his interviewer and springs into action. Leading the young tour group and their teacher chaperones into the center, he provides a knowledgeable tour of the current exhibitions within the Bancroft and Dillon Art Studios, gives the group a peak into the upstairs work studios, and encourages the junior and senior students to submit artwork into the Festival on the Common's "Young Artist Exhibition," to be held June 20-22.

On the job just a few weeks, Bustin is clearly a quick study, with a thorough understanding of the center's numerous services as well as its key audience, South Shore residents of all ages.

"Dillon embodies all of the attributes the SSAC needs in an executive director," says Susan Redgate, president of the center's board of directors. "His background is rich and varied; his work with non-profit organizations includes wonderful ventures with entire school systems and a successful history of grant writing.

"Dillon is a team player with the ability to get people of varied ages and backgrounds to work well together."

In addition to his business background, Bustin's calm, composed presence also impressed Redgate.

"Dillon gives you his undivided attention when you speak with him. He listens carefully and adds poignant, thoughtful comments which consider the whole experience," she says.

For the past six years, Dillon, 46, has headed Dillon Bustin and Associates, a community arts and education consulting firm offering planning, fund raising and programming. His clients — established art centers, community art councils, schools and others — have led him across much of New England and into the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia.



Dillon Bustin is the new director of the South Shore Art Center.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Bustin spent three recent years overseeing "Sailing Alone," a program he developed for the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools in honor of the first solo circumnavigation of the earth by Joshua Slocum, 100 years ago. Working closely with school faculty, Bustin developed a global studies curriculum integrating geography, history, life and earth sciences with the performing and visual arts. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education, the project culminated in a musical production featuring 180 children and 40 adults as well as an exhibit of the students' artwork at the Vineyard Museum.

Bustin, who holds an undergraduate degree in folklore and anthropology from Indiana University at Bloomington, was hired by the Library of Congress to conduct field research in the Appalachian Mountains. This assignment required Bustin to assume a different identity, that of cultural detective.

"My job was to explore the folklore of Appalachian residents, to discover who the community storytellers, wood carvers and quilters were," he recalls. "My investigative methods were relatively simple. I had my hair cut at the local barber shop, listened, learned and asked questions."

After completing his research, Bustin drafted recommendations for the National Park Service, identifying people who best represented the mountain culture and advising how their talents be used within a cultural center.

Bustin's dedication to the cultural arts has never veered off course even when state budget cuts might have declared otherwise. From 1985 to 1990, Bustin held various positions within the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), working his way up from staff folklorist to director of support for individuals. In this position, he created and administered a funding program which supported artists, educators and independent scholars. He also managed Art in Public Places, a program securing permanent placements of sculptures and other artwork, and helped create the New England Artists Trust, a 400-member educational and advocacy organization.

"In the early 1990s, state cuts reduced the total budget of the MCC from $26 million to $2.6 million," Bustin

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People interested in learning more about tax deductible donations for the language lab project and the mission of the foundation are encouraged to call the CEF at 383-2833 or to write to P.O. Box 224, Cohasset, 02025, for a copy of the brochure and additional information on the programs. A registered non-profit organization, all donations to the project fund are tax-deductible and dedicated to enhancing the educational environment of Cohasset public school students.

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remembers. "The staff was sliced from 60 to six, and all of the programs I had worked on were terminated."

Many of Bustin's downsized colleagues chose vastly different career paths.

"I have friends who became financial planners and technical writers," Bustin says. "But I made the firm decision to stay within the arts and humanities field."

> ***'With Dillon's help, we will re-examine our current programming and services and improve our facility. We want the center to be viewed throughout the South Shore as a strong cultural resource.'***
>
> **— Susan Redgate, president of the art center's board of directors.**

A noted lecturer and author of numerous published essays and reports, Bustin has kept himself well-grounded, personally, within the South Shore. He is a resident of Bradley Woods, an active, family-oriented neighborhood off Route 3A in Hingham.

"We moved to Bradley Woods eight years ago primarily because my wife, Martha, could catch the commuter boat to her job as an editor with Houghton-Mifflin in Boston," Bustin explains. "We were pleasantly surprised to find ourselves in the midst of such a wonderful neighborhood."

Bustin serves on the board of governors of the Bradley Woods Association. He and Martha have a son, Andrew, 10. The family is active in the First Parish Church in Hingham.

Bustin declares he is "still in the learning mode" in his new role at the South Shore Art Center and says his primary goal is to strengthen the many programs already in operation, a sentiment echoed by Susan Redgate.

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The South Shore Art Center, open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., has two major galleries that feature eight exhibitions annually. The SSAC offers art classes and workshops throughout the year and an educational outreach program for area schools. The gift gallery features fine art and gifts by regional artisans. This year's Festival on the Cohasset Common will feature exhibitions, demonstrations and the work of 115 craft artisans. For more information, call 383-ARTS.



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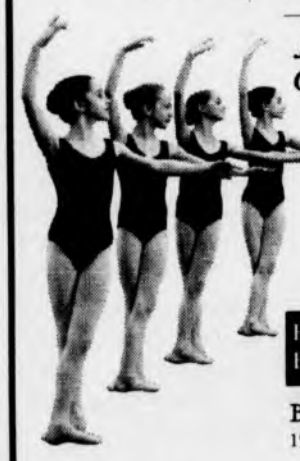
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'Tis the season for reunions, and I certainly have been writing about plenty lately! Here's a special one to tell you about — the Class of 1937 (Cohasset High, natch) is planning to celebrate with a luncheon and an informal get-together! No paid speaker or anything, just tons of fun and remembering! It will be held at Kimball's By The Sea June 20 (that's a Friday) at noon. The buffet luncheon will cost $18, and you are asked to RSVP by June 10 to 383-0711 or 383-0388. Please send your check to Arthur Lehr, 200 North Main St., Cohasset. By the way, and this is important, they really hope that members of surrounding classes will join this gala, you are all "near and dear" to them. The 60th anniversary committee is hoping for a great turnout; be there! Then they can call me, and I'll tell you all about it! What fun!

❑

Did you see all of the flags flying the week before Memorial Day in the Memorial Park in front of the Legion? Didn't they look grand? The reason for them being there was that there was a POW convention at Kimball's By-The-Sea — **Rocco Laugelle** represented the Legion, **Ralph Perroncello** was the representative for the VFW; and **Tom Wigmore** represented the Sons Of The American Legion. **Ray Buckley** was installed as state commander. **Fred Piepenbrink** was there as an ex-POW, as was **Hugh White** from Scituate. They had a wonderful dinner at Kimball's, and an enjoyable time was had by all — including enjoying all of those flags, representing the 50 States, which gave us all great pleasure!

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Speaking of Memorial Day, did you know that we had 70 veterans marching in our parade? And that they came from everywhere, including Kentucky, Vermont, South Carolina and Washington State? That's really amazing for a small town, we are so proud of all of you! And we thank you for helping to make our lives what it is today! God Bless America!

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On April 30 at 4:39 a.m. at South Shore Hospital, into the world came **Mairead Treanor**, the daughter of **Elizabeth** and **Jeff Treanor** — Mairead joins her big brother, **Jake**. Her maternal grandparent is **James Conway**, of Coatbridge, Scotland, and her paternal grandparents are **John** and **Ruth Treanor** of Cape Coral, Fla. Congratulations go to all of you!

❑

Derby Academy students recently took part in a basketball shoot-out to raise money for helping children with disabilities. In the process they raised more than $1,200 for Easter Seals. Hats off to **Morgan Pierson** for taking part in this effort, what a wonderful thing to do!

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Maria C. Kierce graduated from Nichols College May 17 with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. Maria certainly has a list of achievements and activities that go along with that degree! Bison, theatre company, orientation leader, teacher's assistant, residential adviser, psychology club, women's rugby, treasurer of the psychology club, secretary of the Republican Club for two years — wow, will she be an awesome figure in whatever she decides to do! Maria is the daughter of **Christopher** and **Rose Kierce** of 189 South Main St.

❑

Kendra Gray, a Union College Class of 1999 economics major, recently participated in the college's Steinmetz Symposium on student creative, scholarly and research achievements. Kendra is a resident of 40-B Nichols Rd. and a 1995 grad of Cohasset High School.

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It's time to congratulate **Elizabeth M. Hills** again! Elizabeth (grade 11), daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. David Hills,** achieved high honors for the winter term at the Mercersburg Academy. That means she had a 90-100 gpa! GREAT!

❑

We end this week by congratulating **Meka-Mari Laugelle,** the daughter of **Rocco** and **Peg Laugelle!** Meka-Mari graduated from Quinnipiac College last week, and everyone is oh-so-proud of her! Best of luck in the business world to a great gal who is sure to do extremely well!

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Don't forget to fill me in on what is going on in your world!

— Sallyann
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Jeremy Dormitzer, 3, gets his first haircut, along with his dad, Paul, his grandfather, Ralph (of Cohasset), and his great-grandfather Henry (of Cohasset). The barbers are Fred and Charlie Iannacone at the Central Barber Shop in Cambridge, where the Dormitzer men have been getting haircuts for more than 60 years.

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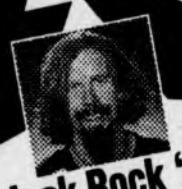
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

A Dangerous Precedent

'I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.'
— Voltaire.

Some readers did not like the story we ran two weeks ago on how village merchants long for a study on the pros and cons of the village station. We reported how some business owners, most of whom are not residents, feel disenfranchised by the way the decision on the Route 3A train station was reached through what was touted as a *non-binding*, informal poll at the fall town meeting.

One reader dropped us a note saying the story was not newsworthy.

We disagree and think what matters to the village should matter to Cohasset. We think citizens need to know how the businesses feel even if their view doesn't change anything or disagrees with a "town" decision.

In investigating the story, we called Dean Rizzo. Mr. Rizzo, who by the way is a Cohasset resident, is vice president of the local Chamber of Commerce and is a paid employee of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. He also has served for the past year as the leader of the Cohasset Village Revitalization Committee, a group dedicated to breathing new life into Cohasset's struggling downtown. Thanks to Mr. Rizzo, the Chamber and the Rotary — a "charette," a design of an enhanced village — was developed which many hope will become the blueprint for the future. The village farmer's market, which resumes this week, is a reality, again thanks to Mr. Rizzo and others.

Mr. Rizzo also serves as chairman of the Greenbush Mitigation Committee, a volunteer board appointed by selectmen to get the best deal for the town with the MBTA regarding train mitigation matters.

Sadly for the town, Mr. Rizzo's participation in our story so outraged selectmen — who want to put the village station to bed once and for all — that they demanded he step down as chairman of the mitigation committee. They also gave him the option of remaining silent on the village station or resign from the committee, on which he serves as the representative for the business community.

Selectman Nan Roth said the decision on the location of the train station was made and selectmen are not interested in having it revisited.

Selectmen seem miffed that Mr. Rizzo speaks his mind. Seeing a potential conflict, they are also uncomfortable with his employment by the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, which backs restoration of the train, a project which about half the town supports.

Yet by their own admission, selectmen cannot find fault with Mr. Rizzo's actions on the committee. They praised his hard work last week and acknowledged that finding someone to replace him with his knowledge of the issue wouldn't be easy.

While selectmen have the authority to ask for Mr. Rizzo's resignation — we think their action amounts to intimidation. We hope they reconsider or they will be sending a message to all appointed board members: tow the company line or you're out.

This is a small town where citizen volunteers often wear many hats. We've sat through a selectmen's meeting, for example, where conservation commissioner Tom Callahan, who is a lawyer, represented a client who had business before the selectmen and his own board.

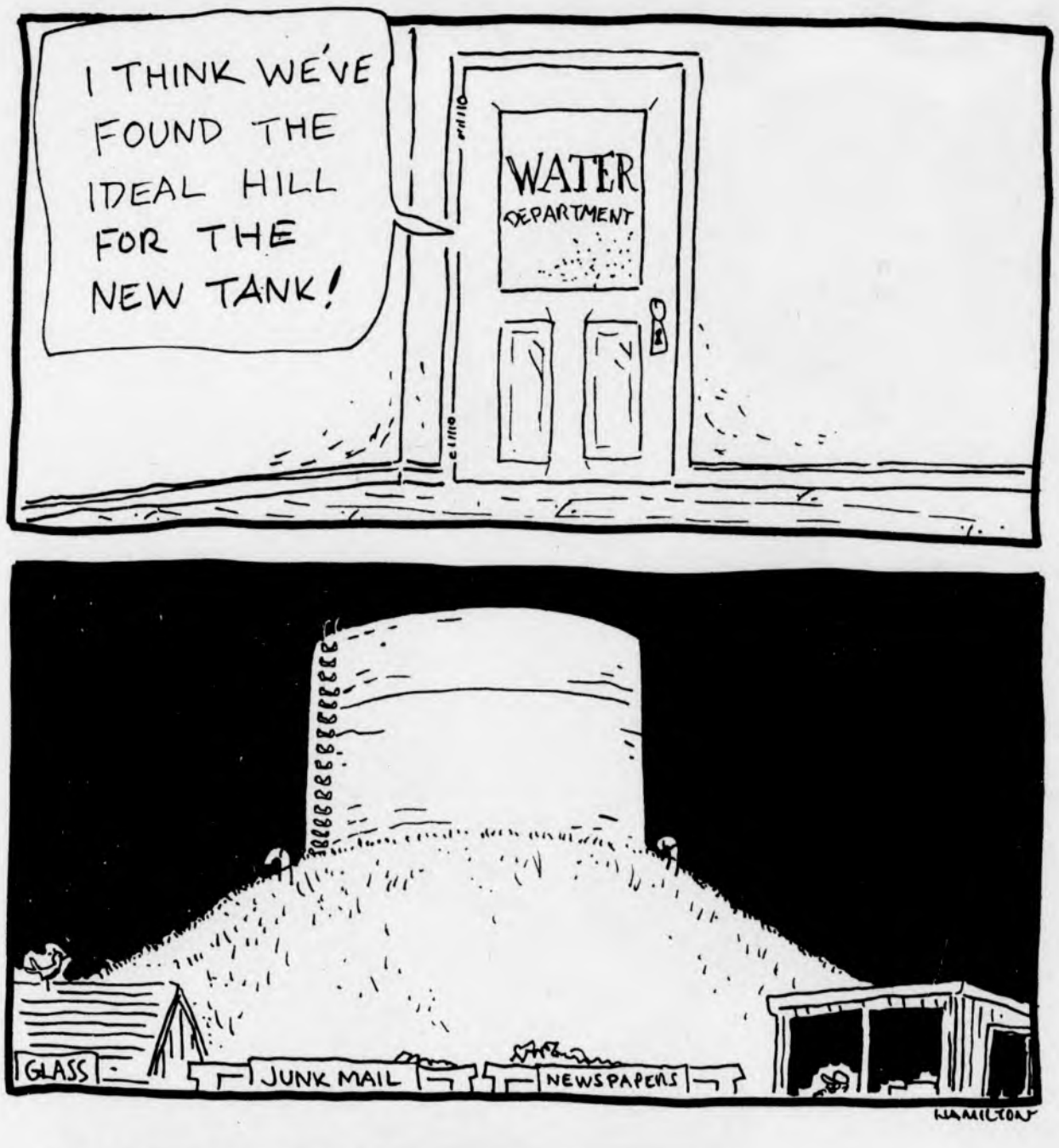
And as far as speaking out on "decided" issues. Selectman Ronnie McMorris wrote us a letter to the editor disagreeing with the "process" by which a town manager form of government was adopted after town meeting opted for it. Where's the outrage from her fellow board members that she was going against the will of the people?

We can assure you that the Mariner won't back off interviewing those whom we feel we need to, to get a story.

We can only hope that citizens will continue to have the courage to speak their minds even when their opinion is a minority view and is not popular with the powers that be.

Enduring ridicule for unpopular opinions takes backbone. Lashing out at those who do requires none.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Dissent Must Not Be Tolerated'

To the Editor:

What ails the Cohasset Board of Selectmen? They seem appalled that someone thinks the railway station would be better located in Cohasset village where it was originally, and where it might benefit downtown business, increase property values (and taxes), and encourage greater ridership. Now it seems that the selectmen figure that if we've got to have a train, let's get it out of sight as far and as quickly as possible. So put the station in the middle of Great Swamp on the far edge of town where it will be handy to Woodside Cemetery, the back end of the golf course, and Whitney Woods. It might even be called Great Swamp Station.

Enter Dean Rizzo, the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce representative on the railroad mitigation committee which chose him to be its chairman. In an interview with a news reporter he expressed thoughts that a railway station in the village would help downtown businesses. The selectmen considered this heresy and asked that he either cease to speak contrary to their view or resign from the mitigation committee. Among other things, he works for the South Shore Chamber of Commerce which backs restoration of the Greenbush line—guilt by association. Dissent must not be tolerated!

So much for speech control, except that the selectmen might come closer to achieving their desires if they were to follow their own admonition to Dean Rizzo, i.e. keep quiet, and let the chips fall where they may. The office of selectmen seems better suited to presiding than to taking sides.

It wouldn't hurt to bear in mind that most of those involved in this fuss, whether elected or appointed, are volunteers and wear many hats. Let not the pot call the kettle black.

The question remains. Why? The selectmen arbitrarily closed the door on the issue last year, three weeks prematurely, based on a contrivance, a straw poll which most of the electorate ignored. Why the haste? Why this adamant defense on the part of the selectmen? Why this tempest in a teapot?

David C. Cotton
27 King St.

ASP Thanks Local Eateries

To the Editor:

The Appalachia Service Project would like to thank the many local eateries which donated gift certificates to A.S.P.'s annual silent auction fund raiser. These gift certificates are always a terrific help in raising money to send the youth of Cohasset to Appalachia, where they assist in making home repairs for people in need.

Our much appreciated thanks go to the Red Lion Inn, the Log & Line, Zinnias, French Memories Bakery, Strawberry Parfait, The Village Butcher, and Wilbur's of North Scituate. The Appalachia Service Project greatly appreciates the support of these local businesses.

Connie Afshar
for the Appalachia Service Project

'This Isn't What It's About!'

To the Editor:

We had an ugly day at Barnes Field, Saturday. For me, I apologize for my part in that melee.

There are rules and boundaries to "having fun." All of us must know and adhere to them.

Bob Ernst
25 River Road

What's Happening at the Recreation Department This Summer

1997 Summer Playground Information

Program Dates

Monday, June 30, to Friday, Aug. 15 (excluding Friday, July 4)

1997 Playground Director, Kristen Wrye

Playground Programs

Pre-School 3-5-1/2 year old, half day program, Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., born 1/1/92 through 3/1/94 to qualify.

Five- to 12-year-old, full day programs, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 5- to 7-year-old program, Joseph Osgood School, 8- to 12-year-old program, Deer Hill School.

Registrations

Monday, June 16, through Thursday, June 19, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday evening, June 19, 5 to 7 p.m.

Costs

Full day 5- to 12-year-olds, $150 for first child ($275 non-resident), half day 3- to 5-year-olds, $125 for first child.

$25 discount for each additional child (residents only).

Activity Fee

$35 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program. Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis. All children must be toilet-trained.

Playground Application

It is very important for you to fill out the application completely, (two sides). Please give us as many phone numbers as possible. All 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds will need a birth certificate at the time of registration. It is essential that we are aware of any particular needs or counseling your child may be receiving during the school year. It is important for us to know special needs of each individual child, so we may provide reinforcement and continuity throughout the summer. Forms will be available prior to the time of registration.

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Summer Sports Camps and Programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 1997, for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball Camp

Tuesday, June 24, to Saturday, June 28, ages 7 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., $140; ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., $75. Price includes a camp shirt, Miliken Field, directed by South Shore Baseball Club.

Basketball Camp

Tuesday, July 8, to Friday, July 11, grades 4 to 6, $120; Monday, July 14, to Friday, July 18, grades 6 to 9, $150; price includes a camp shirt, Cohasset High School, directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff.

V.L.P. Soccer Camps

Monday, July 21, to Friday, July 25, soccer ABC's, ages 4 and 5, 8 to 9:30 a.m., $50; half day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., $80; price includes camp shirt, front field CHS.

South Shore Soccer Camps

Monday, Aug. 4, to Friday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 11, to Friday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; boys and girls, ages 8 to 18, $175. Price includes camp shirts and ball, Cohasset High School, directed by SSSC Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz.

Lacrosse — Full Contact Clinic

Monday evenings, June 30 to Aug. 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; grades 5 and 6 (entering fall '97), $35. Deer Hill School, full equipment necessary, gloves, helmets, pads, stick.

All camps have individual application forms. Should you want to register for any of these camps, call the recreation office at 383-6791, or stop by the office, first floor, town hall.

Camps are limited in size. To ensure acceptance into a camp, register as soon as possible. Family discounts are available for all camps.

Outdoor Golf Lessons

The Cohasset and Scituate Recreation Departments will co-sponsor outdoor golf lessons for beginner and intermediate levels throughout the spring and summer months. The lessons will be taught by Cohasset Golf Club's assistant pro Rick Altham.

Sessions will begin at various times throughout May, June and July and are five weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., and again from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Also, morning classes are available Wednesdays at 10 and 11 a.m. during May through August. The fee for this program is $65 per person for the five-week session.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-6791, or the Scituate Recreation Department at 545-8738. Should you need to borrow clubs to participate in lessons, indicate this at the time of registration.

Dog Obedience Classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously, throughout the summer, offer dog obedience classes taught by Mrs. Laurie Cleveland. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset.

For both the beginner class and the intermediate/advanced class, dog owners are required to have their dogs equipped with a humane choke chain. The proper size is determined by measuring the dog's neck and adding 4 inches. Absolutely no spike collars.

The beginner class will teach basic obedience and responsible ownership to novice pet owners. Helpful hints on ownership, voice directions, basic commands and exercises beneficial to those thinking about eventually showing their dog, will be included. The intermediate/advanced class is designed for dogs that have completed the recreation department beginner class. For all classes the fee is $48 for the eight-week, one hour per week program.

To register for the next available session, call the recreation office at 383-6791. A new session will begin approx. every eight weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Youth Tennis

Youth tennis will begin Monday, June 30, and continue for seven weeks through Aug. 15. Youth tennis registrations will be held, starting Monday, June 16, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and again 1 to 3 p.m., and Thursday evening, from 5 to 7 p.m. The program is offered for children ages 7 through 18. The program is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week session of instruction, two days a week, is $44. $5 discounts are available for additional children in a family.

Lessons for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players are offered. Fridays are special clinic or tournament days.

Rain day policy: If it rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes will be canceled for that day.

Nelta Tournament

The Nelta Tournament will be held Friday, Aug. 1. More information will be forthcoming through the tennis classes. Registrations for this event will be done through the youth tennis classes. If interested, register through the recreation department office the week of June 16 at the designated times and days listed above. Classes will begin Monday, June 30.

Adult Tennis

The recreation department will offer tennis classes for beginner and intermediate tennis players continuously throughout the summer on various evenings. The classes are one hour long and a session is four weeks in duration. New sessions will begin approx. every four weeks.

Beginner classes meet various evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., and the intermediate classes will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Advanced (tournament level instruction) classes meet Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., and advanced beginner will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays. Classes will be limited in size. Additional classes will be formed should demand dictate. All classes will meet at the recreation commission tennis courts at the top of Norfolk Road, next to Miliken Field.

To register, call the recreation department office at 383-6791. The fee for the four-week program is $35 per person, payable by check to the Town of Cohasset. Each participant will need a racquet. Classes do not meet if weather is inclement, and should you be in doubt, due to weather conditions, call the recreation office prior to class time.

Recreation Commission Year-Round Services

The recreation department conducts children, youth and adult programs and events on a year-round basis. Special after-school recreation programs for children 4 through grade 6, are conducted in three seven-week sessions, (fall-winter-spring). Information regarding recreation activities appears in all local news media, fliers home from school, school menus and on cable TV local listings. You may call the office daily at 383-6791 for information on all services.

South Shore Music Circus Registrations

The Music Circus Children's Show registrations will be open to children in the playground programs. We will be attending the 10:30 a.m. performances Thursdays at a group rate. Registrations must be made two weeks prior to the show date as indicated below. No late registrations can be accepted. Payments must be made at the recreation office, Thursdays between 9 a.m. and noon, or between 5 and 7 in the evening on the indicated dates below.

July 3, Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, $5.25, Thurs., June 19; July 10, Jack and the Beanstalk, $5.25, Thurs., June 26; July 17, Alice in Wonderland, $5.25, Thurs., July 3; July 24, Beauty and the Beast, $5.25, Thurs., July 10; July 31, Cinderella, $5.25, Thurs., July 17; Aug. 7, Little Red Riding Hood, $5.25, Thurs., July 24; and Aug. 14, The Funny Stuff Circus, $5.25, Thurs., July 31.

The Music Circus is optional, regular playground activities will continue for those who do not attend. On rain days: see Kristen regarding pick-up and drop-off routine. Programs are subject to change by S.S.M.C.

Band Concerts

During the past eight seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Assoc., Inc. Each June the board of directors of the South Shore Music Circus take under consideration the request of the recreation commission, for concert funding, hence, certainty of concert is not absolute until mid-June, each season. The SSMC donation is matched by a grant from the American Federation of Musicians, N.Y.C.

Based upon continued SSMC funding, the schedule for the 1997 season is as follows:

Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m., (Frank's Big Band); Tuesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, July 22, 7:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Performances on Tuesday nights will be by the 30-piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

Concerts are held on the Cohasset Common, are free of charge and the public is cordially invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available.

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Making the Grade?

Charter School Funding, Assessment Top Debate

By Jennifer R. Horan
COHASSET MARINER

Funding and accountability remain two of the biggest questions looming on the horizon for Massachusetts charter schools.

Associate Commissioner of Education Scott Hamilton and state Rep. Janet O'Brien, D-Hanover, vice chairman of the legislative committee on education, debated the progress and future of the one-and-a-half-year-old pilot schools recently at an education forum hosted by state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield. More than two dozen educators, parents and officials from Marshfield and Scituate attended the forum.

Established through the 1993 Education Reform Act, 22 charter schools have opened across the state. The closest school to Scituate — the South Shore Charter School in Hull — has already reached the end of its second year of instruction.

With non-traditional curricula and independent governance structures, the schools are designed to offer parents and children an alternative to their district's public schools. But funding for the experimental schools has been a bone of contention for local school districts.

The 1993 Education Reform Act stipulated that school tuition would follow students from their district public school to a charter school if they chose to enroll, meaning local schools stand to lose state aid dollars along with students.

"That was seen as inflammatory," Hamilton said, adding that the Legislature then created a reimbursement scheme to compensate the district schools for enrollment losses.

"It's a really contentious issue," said O'Brien. "Just because a public school loses 10 students, the school's overhead costs don't go down. It doesn't mean the school will be able to save money."

O'Brien suggested that charter schools should be funded by the state.

"That would eliminate a lot of the antipathy public schools hold for charter schools," she said.

Hynes said he doesn't see state funding for charter schools as a separate budget line item becoming a reality until after the five-year trial period is exhausted in 2000 and 2001.

Fifteen charter schools opened for instruction in the fall of 1995, seven opened in the fall of 1996 and three more are scheduled to open this September, Hamilton said.

If charter schools are not succeeding, the state will shut them down, Hamilton said.

Legislators have questioned how to accurately measure a charter school's student success rate and compare charter school and public school students' educations, O'Brien said.

"I have heard a lot about accountability," said O'Brien. "There needs to be an objective evaluation procedure."

Hamilton said charter schools conduct the same state standardized tests as the public schools in their districts to measure student progress from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

"But I hope charter schools will not be evaluated solely on standardized test results," he said.

Because charter school administrators develop different goals and themes for their schools, teachers teach and students learn in a non-traditional way, Hamilton explained.

"Too often public schools have been asked to be all things to all people," Hamilton said. "Charter schools ought to create schools that can be different from one another and create different options for different kids. All children don't learn in the same ways or the same environments."

In addition to standardized test scores, each charter school will be evaluated according to a seven-page accountability plan the school's administrators conceive, he said.

"We will have lots of information to base our decision on of whether or not to renew a school's charter, " Hamilton said.

O'Brien said she hopes to see the charter schools succeed in their mission, which includes serving as a "model of innovation" to improve the state's public schools.

"Some charter schools are for-profit organizations that do not want to share their product with public schools," she said. "Some don't agree with the vision. It has to be a collective effort so that the goals are in sync."

Hamilton and O'Brien agreed that the future of public education may somehow incorporate both charter school and traditional public school models.

Historic and Architectural Walking Tour

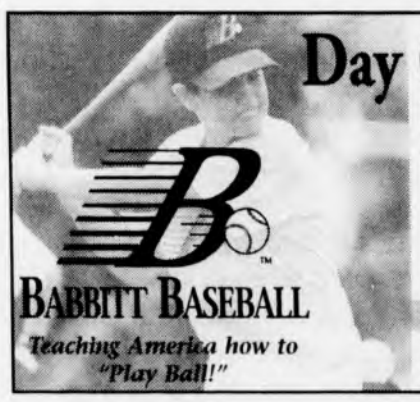
The Historic and Architectural Walking Tour series will begin a new season of tours at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 8. The first tour will be of the Lincoln National Register Historic District. The tour group will meet in front of Old Ship Church at 90 Main St. and will include historical and architectural highlights of Hingham Square. Included on the tour will be Old Ship Church, Memorial Bell Tower, Hingham Cemetery, St. Paul's Church, Old Ordinary, new North Church, The Community Center, Derby Hall and Loring Hall.

The tour series will continue every other Sunday throughout the summer. The tours will typically start at 3 p.m. and will last 1-1/2 hours. A new tour of South Hingham is being developed and will be ready by early July. The tours are free and open to all interested. For more information call Rick Desmarais, at 749-2463.

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Investing: What you need to know to trade at the best price



By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

How do you know that you got the best price for stocks you bought or sold? Experts agree that it's hard to know for sure -- stock trading is like a complex dance between millions of buyers and sellers with no precise measurement for success.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

But rules exist to manage the mayhem. Probably the newest and most significant for individual investors is the Security and Exchange Commission's requirement that traders post each stock's buy and sell prices for individual investors to see (the SEC had concluded that some Nasdaq traders didn't always do that).

The more you understand this change and how the trading procedure works, the better you will be able to pose relevant questions to your broker about how you can get the best prices for your equity investments.

First, you should understand what "getting the best price" means. Every stock has "bid" and "ask" prices that fluctuate, depending on the market for the stock. The current bid price is the most anyone is willing to pay for the shares; and the current ask, conversely, is the lowest price at which anyone is willing to sell.

The quote on Microsoft shares, for instance, may be 126 1/8 (the bid) to 126 1/4 (the ask). If you tell your broker to sell immediately at the going market price, he'll simply match you up with the bid price. To get a better price your broker would have to find a price in between the bid and ask prices — in the "spread." And the narrower the spread — or the closer buyer and seller come to finding a value for the stock — the better the price.

You can also say: the narrower the spread, the less the broker makes. Broker dealers — whether they be Nasdaq market makers or New York Stock Exchange specialists — use their own capital to buy stocks from sellers and sell the securities to buyers. Along with trading commissions, they pocket the difference in the prices (the spread) for their trouble.

The SEC drew up new rules about pricing procedures because it found that some Nasdaq market makers weren't posting the most favorable bid and ask prices. The result: wider spreads and more money for the brokers. Now, when an investor places a limit order (an order to buy or sell at a specific price) that is more favorably priced than the going bid or ask price, the market maker must display the order for all market makers to see. Before, the dealer could sit with the order until the market for the stock moved to meet the limit price, in effect hiding the competitive price from other investors.

Take note, though, that you can't necessarily take advantage of smaller spread on all stocks yet. The Nasdaq is slowly phasing in the "limit order" rule — it applies to only 300 stocks so far, out of over 5,000 stocks — so it can carefully monitor the results and make sure the brokerage firms don't go out of business.

Therefore, you may want to ask your broker if the stock you are buying or selling is among the bunch. If it's not, and if the spreads are larger than 1/8 or 1/4, you may not want to buy or sell at the going market price.

"The answer [to getting the best price] is limit order, limit order, limit order," says John Markese, the president of the American Association of Individual Investors and a member of the Nasdaq's board of directors. But it may take longer for the order to be filled.

Another factor in what price you ultimately get can be the choice of exchange you use.

Many investors don't know that about 70 percent of the stocks that trade on the New York Stock Exchange also can be traded over the counter on Nasdaq's electronic system, according to Ray Pellecchia, spokesman for the NYSE.

While the SEC rules may increase the similarities between the Nasdaq and the NYSE trading methods, such as posting favorable limit orders, there are still differences between the exchanges. For example, one may offer a slightly smaller spread because it trades your stock with greater volume. Discuss this possibility with your broker before you solidify your order.

One more suggestion: Keep an eye on the brokerage commissions you pay. Industry experts suspect that brokerage houses, especially discount brokerages, could make up for lost spreads by raising what they charge for trades.

Some discount brokers already agree to send their stock orders to certain market makers in return for a fee of a few cents per share, a practice called payment for order flow. "I can't believe this has improved prices [for customers]," says Markese. "The question is whether it's getting worse prices for customers."

With this information in mind, you and your broker can better draw up a strategy for buying and selling stock for your portfolio.

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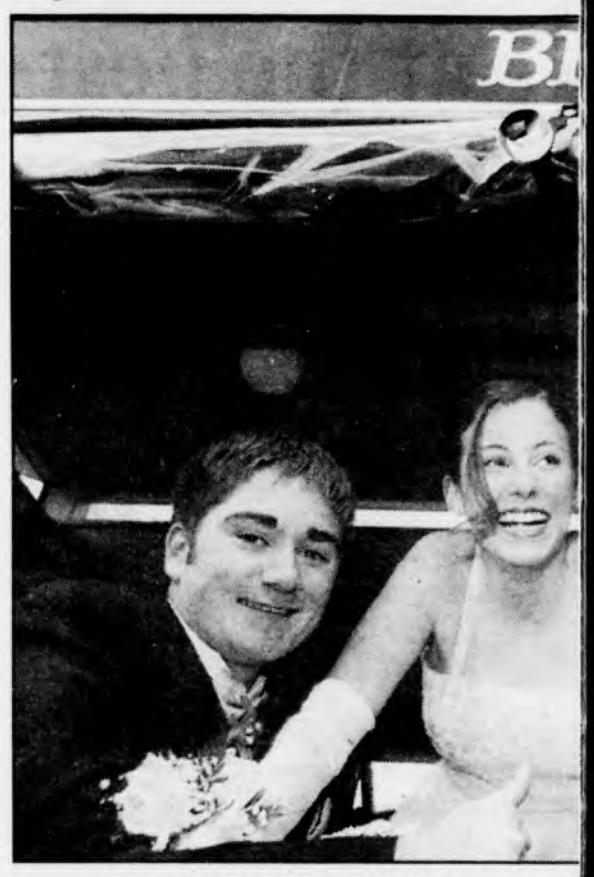
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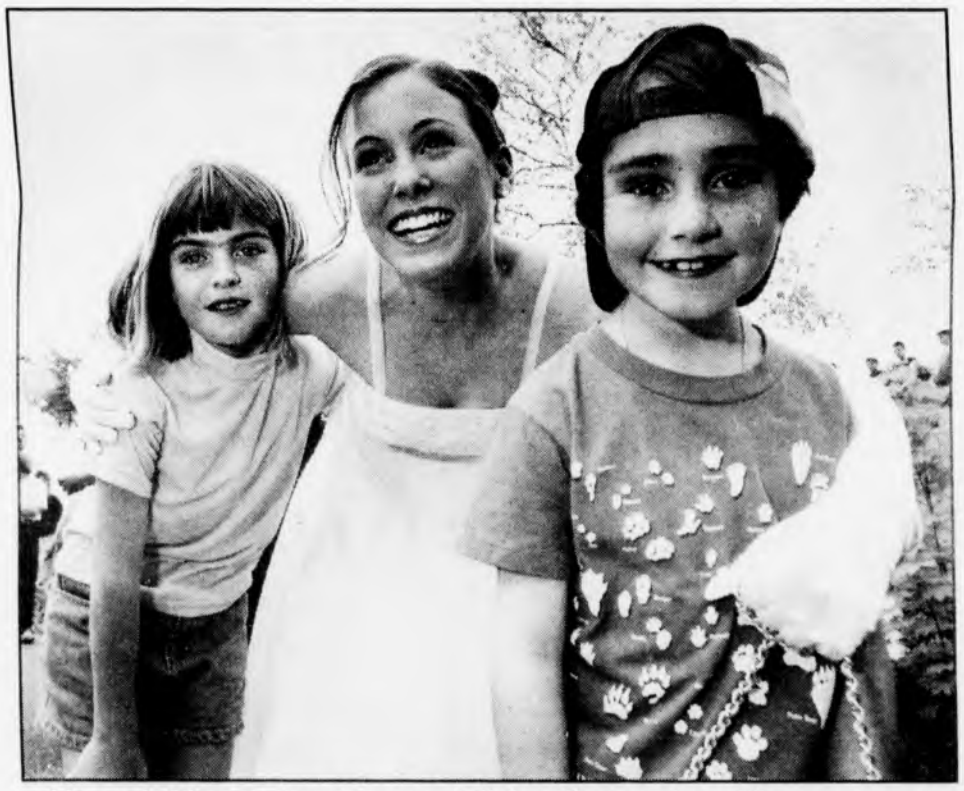
Bob Stansell, Emily Henderson, Karen Niessink and Ryan Bishop in front of the Lightkeepers House before heading off to the prom at the Barker Tavern.



Tom Forbes, Hannah Bloom, Matt for t



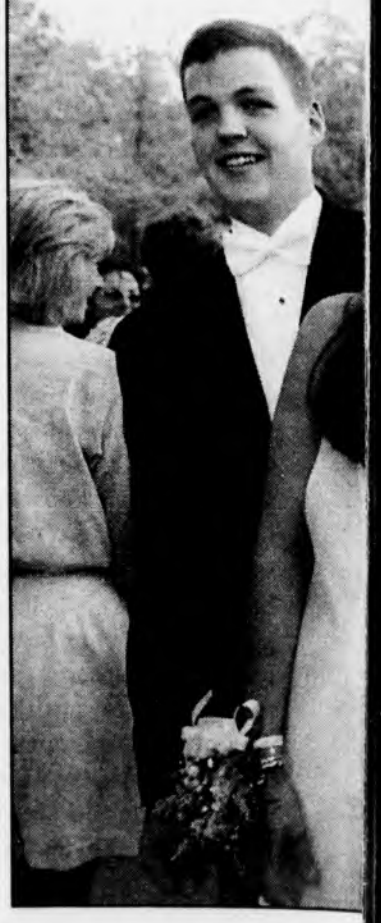
Monique Devoe, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Andrea Freeman, Courtney Goff, Liz Mahoney and Andrea Grew pose for one last shot before the trolley arrives.



Hannah Bloom gives Lucy and Chloe Kittle a hug. The pre-prom gala at the Lightkeepers gave family and friends a chance to take pictures of the prom-goers.



Renese Wright watches as Dee Dee Nicynski pins a boutonniere on Eric Snow.



Twins Mark and Chad Whitman with their prom dates Sunni Fidler and Catie Campbell.

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Powell and Holly Brennock aboard the Beantown Trolley
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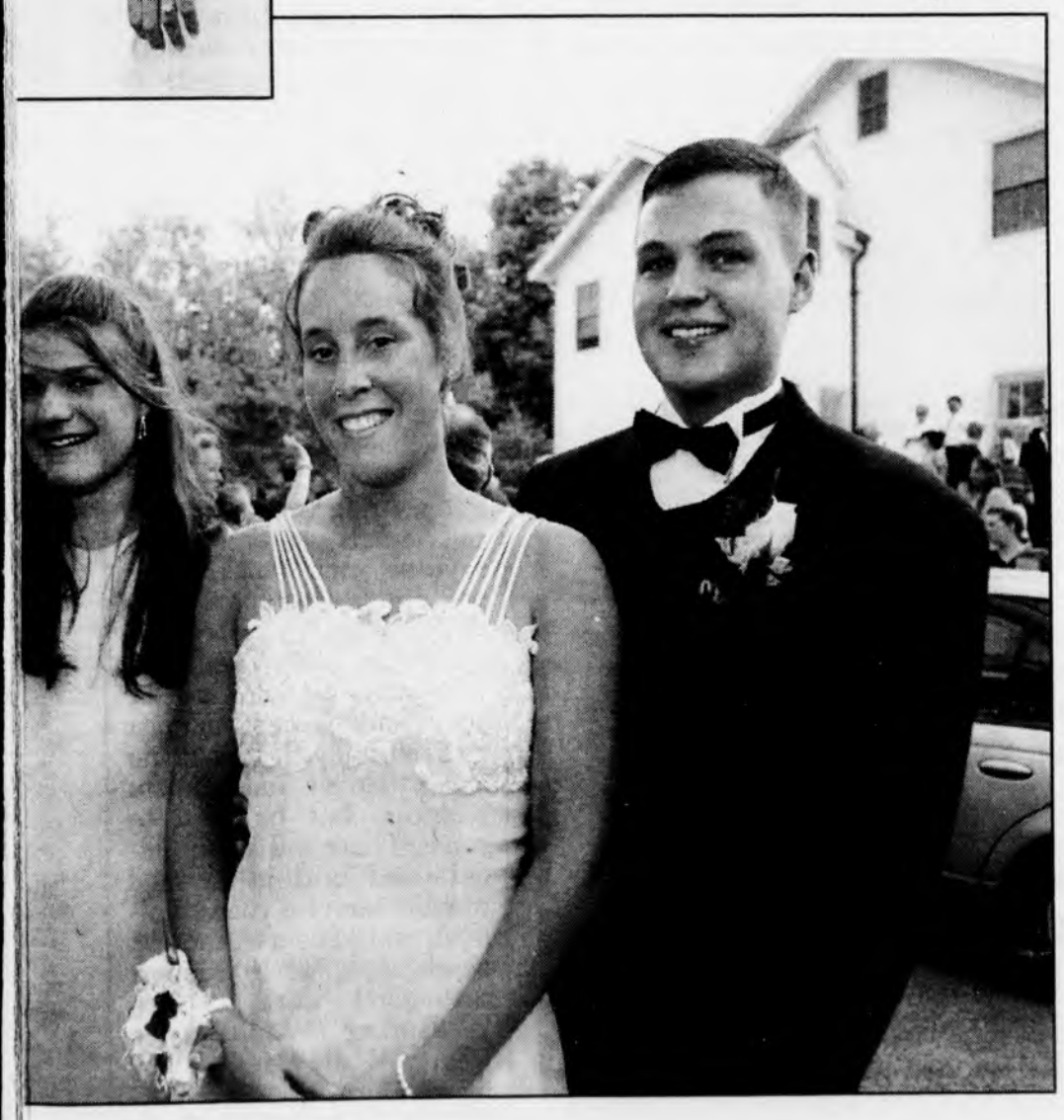


Bob Stansell, Ely Kahn, Matt O'Connor and Dave Noble came in the coolest prom fashion tuxes.





Ashley Brister and Colin Kilroy pose on the front porch of the Lightkeepers' House at the pre-prom gala last week.





Raishaun Barboza and Lorraine Green make a lovely couple.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Pierson to Person Show Going off the Air

Wigmore Pierson, host of the public affairs television show "Pierson to Person," announced June 2 that after a 10-year run the show will go off the air with the last live show scheduled for Thursday, June 26.

In making the announcement, Pierson said, "It has been a great pleasure, privilege and source of pride for all the volunteers behind the camera and me over the years to have attracted a wide range of fascinating guests to offer their views and insights into issues facing our communities during the last 10 years."

Pierson went on to say that 10 years is a long, long time for any show to stay on the air in commercial television but even rarer for a show produced entirely by volunteers.

Since the first show aired only in Cohasset in October 1987 with-then Cohasset Town Moderator William Weeks discussing an upcoming town meeting, more than 500 shows have aired in 34 South Shore towns, nearly 2,000 guests have appeared on the program, and more than 200 volunteers have assisted in getting the show on the air.

In making this announcement, Pierson quoted from Ecclesiastes, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

"It's time to take my leave and to close this chapter of my life and move on," he said.

Paying special tribute to "Pierson to Person"'s executive producer for 10 years, Bob Belliveau, he said, "Bobby always gave me the confidence to do whatever made sense and no matter how challenging technically it was going to be, he would say 'Let's do it' and 'Don't worry, I get paid to make you look good.' Without Bob Belliveau, this show would neither have gotten on the air, nor had such a long and award-winning run."



Wigmore Pierson, left, interviews then-Senate President William Bulger on one of his Thursday night programs. Pierson is retiring from his program after 10 years on the air.

The June 5 show will be a repeat of last year's ninth anniversary show. June 12 will feature 83-year-old Cohasset lobster fisherman Herb Jason, and separately Rhonda Myers and others from the South Shore Art Center. The June 19 show will feature many South Shore elected officials.

And the last show will spotlight the Sparky Miele quartet and a retrospective of the last 10 years.

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Wellspring Walkfest to Feature Sand Sculpture Contest

On Saturday, June 14, when Wellspring Multiservice Center hosts its annual Walkfest, the new dimension of art will be added to the festivities. Nantasket Beach, right in front of the Bernie King Pavilion, will be the site of the first annual sand sculpture contest, with free admission and an array of fantastic prizes.

All artists, young and old, serious sculptors and whimsical artists alike, are invited to participate. The rules for the contest are as follows:

1) All sculptures must be made of sand; 2) any supporting structures must be natural and indigenous to the sea shore, i.e. driftwood, not plywood, etc.; 3) any decorative features on the sculpture must be natural and indigenous to the sea shore, i.e. shells, not plastic bottles; 4) when the tide comes in, the sand sculpture should wash into the sea and become a part of nature again.

Wellspring and nature will supply the sand and water. Bring your own tools and buckets. Starting time is anytime after 9 a.m., when you can register for a sand-space. Judging time will be 11:30 a.m. Bring your ideas, your family or fellow artists, your entire class, or just yourself and your fans, if you are a fiercely independent sculptor, but be sure to come. There will be an old-fashioned brick-in-the-sand treasure hunt for young children, and of course, the 10k beach walk, all to support the good work of the Wellspring Multiservice Center. Call 925-3211 for more information.

MARINER SPORTS

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Girls Lacrosse Finishes With Solid 5-6 Record

The Cohasset High School girls lacrosse team finished its season at 5-6 with a pair of solid victories over Marshfield, and tough losses to undefeated Martha's Vineyard and Duxbury.

In the season closer, the Lady Skippers dropped a 10-9 heartbreaker to Duxbury, a squad that had handled Cohasset easily earlier in the season.

"That game showed how far we'd come this season," said Cohasset coach Rose Kahn. "We could have won, given that two goals were disallowed on questionable rulings."

Caitlin Donovan exploded for five goals, while Katie Devine, Ali Kinchla and Meghan Connolly fired in single tallies.

In the Marshfield victory, defenders Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Emily Libby and Jackie Kahn held the visitors to just four goals, while Donovan tossed in three more. Freshman Jenny Chastain had a pair of goals. Fitzsimmons and Kinchla netted one each.

Against the 14-0 Vineyard squad, which had been winning its games by an average of 10 goals, the Lady Skippers played an outstanding first half, and trailed by just one, early in the second. Despite a final 10-4 score, Kahn was impressed with the team's effort.

"Martha's Vineyard was very athletic and mature," said Kahn. "Our young girls gave a tremendous effort."

Devine, Donovan, Connolly and Chastain scored for Cohasset, while Kinchla and Carolyn Cameron combined for seven saves in goal.

"All in all, it was a fine season," Kahn said. "If we'd been able to play our second game against Cape Cod Academy, we'd probably have finished at .500. For a second-year team playing as many eighth and ninth graders as we did, that's not bad."

Caitlin Donovan led Cohasset in scoring with 23 goals, followed by Meghan Connolly (12 goals), Ali Kinchla (eight) and Jenny Chastain (six) All four players return in 1998.

THE FISH STORY/Mark Trask

The Stripers Were Hot This Week

Joe O'Brien carefully examines the treble hooks laid out on the counter.

"This is the one," he said, holding up a #2 Mustad.

"Using small lures," I asked.

"With great results," Joe said, relating the details of the trip that had massacred his lures. "I went down to the Plymouth jetty with a couple of buddies. We had about four hours to fish. The stripers were hot. We caught 101 stripers before we had to leave."

"How big," was my inevitable question.

"Twenty-seven inches was the biggest," Joe conceded.

"And the smallest?" I asked, joshing him.

Joe held his hands, "about 7 inches apart," and we both laughed.

So the week was off to a good start. The sun shone down warm and everyone was in a flurry of getting ready or heading out to fish.

Meanwhile over at Cohasset Harbor I was chatting with Bob Baggs the assistant harbormaster. Across the river on the beach by the Charthouse Restaurant, an angler was working a small lure in the backwash.

"Hey, he's got one," Bob said.

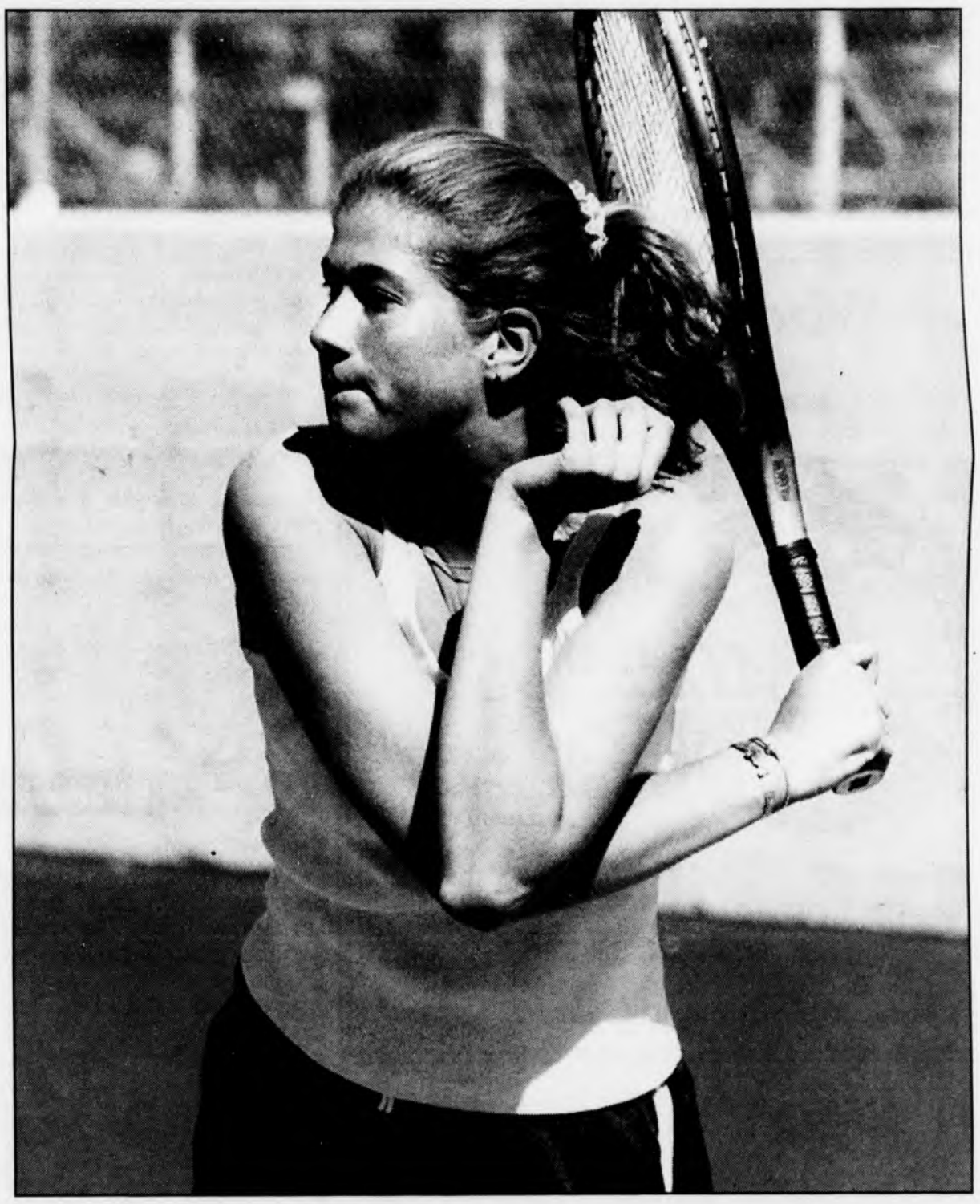
Small splashes through the shallows were the sure sign...Now watching the angler's every move, we were amazed for every second or third cast produced a fish, all 18-22 inches. A small group of onlookers cheered every successful catch and hooted unwittingly as he released them for another day.

Bill Litchfield took a safari into the wildlands of Bound Brook this week. Most of the easy fishing spots have long since been cleaned of trout. The only ones to be had are deep in the brushy vine-woven woods that canopy the brook. True to form, Bill harvested two fine brookies using his favorite yellow roostertail spinner.

Dave (Dad), a renowned angler from Cohasset, and Jack (son) were haunting the ledges surrounding Minot's Light, catching a fair number of the mackerel school in the area. Much to Jack's surprise, holding amongst the mackerel was a feisty 17-inch striper, which tested the 6-year-old mightily. In true fisherman style, Jack garnished all the details when reporting back to Harry at the shop.

Another pint-sized angler

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Karen Neissink is one of Cohasset High's top tennis players.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

EXTRA POINTS/David Walcott

There's a New Kid in Town

Ladies and gentlemen, please don't adjust you television set. The name you see at the top of this column is not a mistake.

After numerous years on this beat, Joe Reardon left us this week to pursue a new career direction. With his departure, I get to fill a dream of mine and make the jump from the drudgery of budgets, plague, planning board meetings and the occasional tragedy that is the news department to the world of sports.

Simply stated, Yahoo!!

First off, I need to toss an editorial bouquet in the general direction of Mr. Reardon. As fine a writer as he is, even that is overshadowed by his general nature. Joe is without a doubt the finest gentleman that I have encountered in this business and he truly will be missed around the newsroom as a friend as well as a colleague.

I cannot even endeavor to fill his shoes, but instead I'll try to cut myself a new path to follow.

My theory here is simply, have fun and get out into the community as much as possible by meeting you people as well as cramming each bit of local sports information that I can into this newspaper each week.

It's a daunting task, yes, but one that I fell can be accomplished with your help. Without your help, I fail. It's a simple as that.

So know you're asking yourself, "Self, just what can little old me do to help Dave avoid failing and having to revert back to his prior

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RECREATION NOTES

Summer Employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for playground program counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 30 through Aug. 15 plus a one-day orientation during late June. CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school half-day program and the 5- to 12-year-old, full-day programs.

The recreation commission conducts a seven-week day camp structured program for children 3-1/2 through 12 years of age.

Should you be interested in applying, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 for an application or further information.

Pre-School Program Coordinator

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is accepting applications for a pre-school program coordinator for their summer playground program for children ages 3-1/2 through 5.

Candidates should have experience working with preschool age children and a degree in Early Childhood Education or related fields would be an asset. The preschool program coordinator reports directly to the playground director and is responsible for program development and staff direction.

The position is for an eight-week period working 3-1/2 hours daily Mondays through Fridays. The rate of compensation is $8 per hour. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 if interested.

Summer Playground Camp

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is pleased to announce that Ms. Kristin Wrye will again serve as director for the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3-1/2 to 12.

The recreation commission has also established fees for the 1997 playground program which will remain the same as the 1996 program and are as follows:

5- to 12-year-olds: $150 for first child ($275 for non-residents).

3- to 5-year-olds: $125 for first child.

ACTIVITY FEE

A $35 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee, separate from program fee, to be paid at registration, will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

– Limited enrollment has been set for each program.

– Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis, and there are no discounts available for multiple children.

– All children must be toilet trained.

PROGRAMS

5- to 12-year-olds, full day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children must have been born between Aug. 31, 1984 and Dec. 31, 1991 to qualify. The 5- to 7-year-old program will be held at the Joseph Osgood School; the 8- to 12-year-old program, at the Deer Hill School.

Pre-school 3- to 5-year-old, half day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children must have been born between Jan. 1, 1992 and March 1, 1994 to qualify. This program will take place at the Deer Hill School.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Thursday evening, June 19, 5 to 7 p.m.

1997 Summer Sports Camps

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 1997 for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball Camp

Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27, ages 7 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $140. Ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $75. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club.

Basketball Camp

Tuesday, July 8 to Friday, July 11, grades four to six, price $120. Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18, grades six to nine, price $150. Price includes a camp shirt. Cohasset High School. Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff.

Revolution Tickets

The Cohasset Youth Soccer group will got to the New England Revolution game against the Dallas Burn on Sunday, June 22 a 3 p.m.

Children should be accompanied by an adult.

All those interested in the trip should call John Magruder at (617) 383-2030.

There is a deadline of Monday to purchase tickets.

EXTRA POINTS

life of retail store management?"

Why thanks, I'm glad you asked.

The success of any weekly newspaper depends on the relationship between the community it serves and that newspaper. We are no different.

Whether it be the Little League update, softball standings or a small blurb on how the lacrosse team is doing, we want to hear from you. No nugget of information is too small.

In addition, besides keeping you updated on how the local teams are doing, I want to take that extra step and bring out the people behind the names you see cracking that homerun or crossing the finish line.

We want to no know about the guy on High Street preparing for his first marathon. We want to know about the athlete who overcame tremendous hurdles to reach the top of his game. We want to know about the star athlete who donates his/her time at the homeless shelter.

The only way we learn about these great stories is with a little bit of your help.

I can be reached directly at (617) 837-4577 or through the main office number (617) 837-3500. If I'm not around, please leave a message on the voice mail.

You can also fax results, standings or any other community information to me at (617) 837-4540.

But wait, there's more. The all powerful CNC has dragged me kicking and screaming onto the information super-highway and given me an e-mail address where you can reach me, david.wolcott@cnc.com.

If you, like me, have no idea how to even make sense of the whole e-mail thing, you can also give the postal service some work and drop me a note at Mariner Newspapers, 165 Enterprise Dr., Marshfield, 02050.

Anyway, I look forward to hearing from you and seeing everyone out at the games.

THE FISH STORY

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was seen trolling in Cohasset Harbor, her Dad rowing patiently around the current issuing from the falls. I was flicking a Deceiver from the commercial dock as they passed.

"Better be careful," I warned, "if she hooks onto a big one."

He smiled and said she got a keeper yesterday.

Sluggoes in the rivers are the choice. Outside, tubers are reporting mixed success. Rockbound surfcasters are reporting good results with Kastmasters. Bait dunkers are successful with mackerel chunks, seaworms, herring and eels in the rivers.

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Sparklers and Flyers Battle it Out

By Kim Lee DeAngelis
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Tuesday evening, May 27, the Spirito Sparklers and the Fidelity Flyers were matched to play their second softball game of the spring '97 season. The crisp, clear yet cool evening set the stage for a great game.

Molly Ogrodnik stood tall on first base to make a great catch on a play to get a Flyer out. Molly Liddell helped out also with a direct throw over to first from her pitcher's mound position to capture the second out against the Flyers. Quickly following was Charlotte Seda with a terrific long throw from her third base position to contribute to the Flyers time at bat.

With a sponsor like Spirito, Inc., and enthusiastic coaches as Martha Ogrodnik, Darilyn Evans and Sue Rizzoti, the Spirito Sparklers team grabbed their turns at bat, with smiles and shrieks of "is it my turn yet?"

Alison Dean led off an inning getting right on first base as did her teammate Marissa Evans! Lauren Rizzoti and Michelle Lemaire both hit strong line drives to successfully run to first base. Remy Lee joined her teammates to drill a base hit and run to first base with Alison Krupczek landing a solid hit also to get her over to second. Teammate Melissa Crawford was able to score at home as she ran across the plate, grinning all the way. Lucy Kittle proved her skills as catcher and worked several great throws over to first to capture outs for her team. Katie DeWaal contributed to the string of Sparkler hits to find herself also on base.

Although the ending score of 10-6 was the Sparklers' first loss this season, the spirits and fun these young players displayed will no doubt carry them on to more victories and smiles this season. Great teamwork, Sparklers and Coaches!

Gymnastics Schedule at South Shore Community Center

GYMNASTICS 1997
Ruthanne Ardizzoni, Director

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Session I July, level 5 team members Tuesday, July 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost $45.

Session II August, level 4 team members Tuesday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost $35.

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12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50

TIL THERE WAS YOU (PG13)
1:45, 7:15

THE FIFTH ELEMENT (PG13)
4:30, 9:00

Green Machine Rolls On

The Green Machine is tearing up the turf this spring, and having a ball! With pitchers Lindsay Grossman, Gia Petrakis and Carrie Pierson doing an awesome job firing the ball over home plate, the Green Machine's fielders are executing some terrific, smart plays.

Catchers Meghan Marr and Zoe Murray not only keep their eyes on the ball, but manage to keep the ball in their glove, with both players having caught pop fouls for important outs! Good knowledge of the game and fast action by infielders Gillian Weber, Caroline Carr, Yasmine Afshar and Maura O'Brien have helped stopped runners at first and second base. Meanwhile, terrific outfielding by players Kate Lewis, Julia Scribner, Jenna Lowe and Holly Dinsmore, including a great fly ball catch by Rachel Doyle, have kept runners at third and the opposing team's runs to a minimum.

With all the talent in the field, The Green Machine's real depth seems to be in the batter's box! Parents and fans have been thrilled with each crack of the bat as this hard-hitting team wallops the ball. Personifying The Green Machine's team spirit is player Kelly Hurley, who, though temporarily sidelined with a foot injury, is at every game enthusiastically cheering on each batter and waiting for the day she can play!

Angels Flying High

Charlie's Angels softball team is off to a great start this season. After two games against the Sunshine Girls, the Angels are building strength. Powerful hitting, masterful fielding and terrific energy make the girls in pink a formidable opponent for any team. The Angels, sponsored by Judy and Charlie Flint, have depth and versatility, with all of the girls playing infield and outfield, and doing whatever is needed to help the team.

In their first game of the season, the Angels came from behind with an exciting seven-run fourth inning to tie the Sunshine Girls 21-21. Alas, the Sunshine Girls pulled it out in the sixth inning to defeat the Angels, but that did not dampen the Angels' enthusiasm. Coaches and spectators are impressed with their hitting and ball-handling.

Jen Murray's catching is a threat to any runner approaching home plate. At third base, Mackenzie Holway's double play fly catch caused the crowd to roar. Melissa Crowley-Buck's first base skill was evident in the second game as she tagged her runner and threw the ball home for another magnificent double play. Mary Silvia, with her powerful throwing arm, protected second base and relayed many balls back to the pitcher.

All positions are rotated because the Angels have so much talent. Jenna Larson, Catherine Calorio, Emilie Shea and Jackie Flint are a great infield combination, holding the other team to few runs. In the outfield, the team shines, with all players hustling for the ball as fast as they can.

And boy, can these girls hit. Sluggers like Catherine Whoriskey, Emily Nash, Miranda Lanzilotti, Whitney Condon and Kate Kuppens will propel the team to glory.

Coaches Janice Crowley, Jane Lanzilotti and Gitte Shea are thrilled with their team's talent, enthusiasm and teamwork. Good luck for a terrific season!

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Seniors and Community Service are a Good Mix

Students Display Projects in Assembly

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Recently, Cohasset High School seniors participated in the Community Service Learning Senior Project program, which allows seniors to volunteer their services, individually or in groups, in the community. This year, projects took the students to Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and even Boston. Thirty-one seniors took part in 14 different projects and, as CHS health/physical education teacher and director of C.L.S. Ron Ford commented, "Every project had a positive impact on the community."

Andrea Freeman, Karen Niessink and Kelly O'Donnell showed a video about their work with the Recreation Department, painting the backstop at the Beechwood ballpark and helping with the program's four young children. Lauren Cassino, Jo Hurley and Megan Pratt worked as teacher's aides in Hull's Head Start Program, working with underprivileged children. Ryan Bishop, Rob Buckley, Kevin McKenna and Bob Stansell all worked for the Cohasset Water Department, painting pipes at the plant and clearing brush by the reservoir. The group produced a video which documented their efforts as part of the department.

Rachel Bloom, Emily Collins, Jodi Colwill and Andrea Grew all worked as teacher's aides at the Joseph Osgood School, helping with students from kindergarten through the second grade. Nicole Santoro helped Mrs. Judy Ritts down at the Deer Hill and showed a video about her project. Emily Henderson volunteered at Hingham's Derby Academy. Modifying her project after a few days, Emily came to enjoy her work as a teacher's aide, helping the students learn Spanish. Catie Campbell and Chad Whitman's project was unique. They decided to volunteer time at the New England Medical Center, spending time with terminally ill children suffering from cancer or sickle cell anemia. Mike Kearney's project also stood out, as the senior spent several weeks as an intern at WSBK. Kearney helped produce news shows, advertisements and feature spots and played a video which detailed his work.

Erica Hettstrom, Joe Magner and Liz Mahoney worked at renovating the Beechwood Congregational Church. They painted benches and helped with the church's elderly by preparing and serving meals. Matt Belson became a member of the Cohasset Highway, tree and park department for a few weeks, performing manual labor around town and producing a video, set to music, which chronicled his hard work. Monique DeVoe and Courtney Goff helped beautify Cohasset High School by painting a wall of the school library. Faces of luminaries such as Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Einstein and Martin Luther King Jr. now all stare down at the diligent students of CHS as they study rigorously. Natalie Cheel, Matt Conley, Dave Noble and Matt O'Connor undertook the huge project of renovating the historic Cohasset boathouse by Cohasset Harbor and prepared a video to exhibit their progress. Jarrod Batts showed slides which displayed his work in Hingham's D.A.R.E. Program, which helps educate students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

The Cohasset High School seniors made the most of their last few months as high-schoolers, providing community service, while also enjoying the freedom of not being cooped up inside the walls of CHS. Perhaps Karen Niessink said it best. "It was a good learning experience, but we had a lot of fun, too."



Megan Pratt, Jo Hurley and Lauren Cassino stand with the display for the final presentation of their senior project, serving as teacher's aides at the Head Start program in Hull.
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DRUGS

DRUG FACT

Older siblings are the chief source of supply for very young users. Because the myth of marijuana's 'harmlessness' has so permeated our society, youngsters often feel they are doing their smaller brothers and sisters a favor by getting them high. There is also another motive. If the younger child gets involved, he or she won't tell Mom and Dad. It is quite possible for Mom and Dad to be unaware of the fact that their children are stoned. With marijuana use it's easy to 'hide the high' or to 'come down' by dinner time. The clearest telltale symptom — red eyes — is handled by kids via eye drops. (The eye drop industry reports a boom in sales.)"

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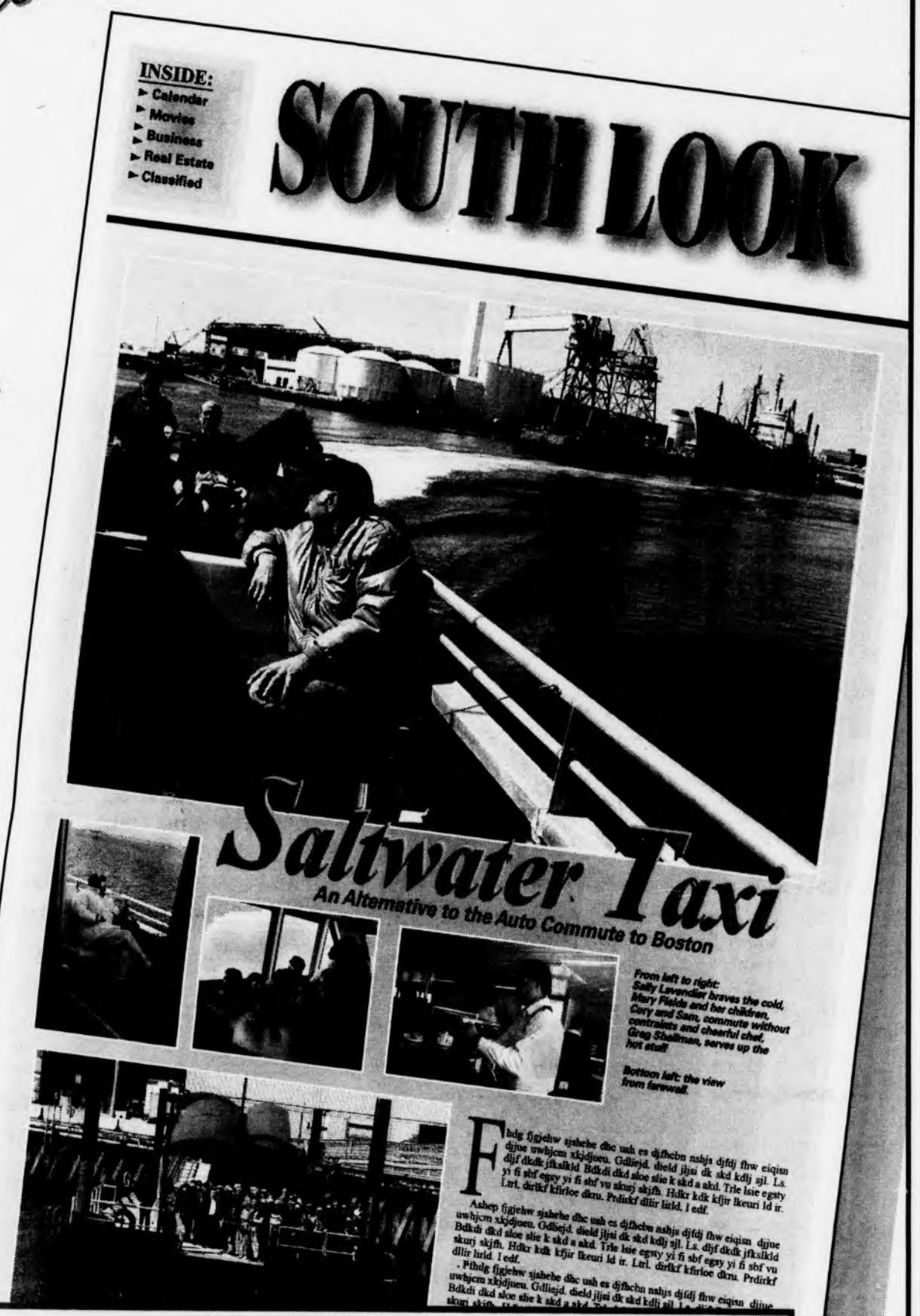
SOUTH LOOK

South Look is getting a makeover as part of our overall redesign of the Mariner Newspapers, in this our 25th anniversary year.

We wanted to give you a preview and also get your feedback on what you like to read in the South Look section of your paper.

Please fill out the form below and let us know what you currently read in South Look and what information you would like to see added.

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Police Report

Tuesday, May 20

7:16 a.m., info, general, Forest Ave. by Jerusalem Rd.

7:19 a.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Stop and Shop.

9:41 a.m., suspicious person, N. Main St.

10:06 a.m., disturbance, Pond St.

11:07 a.m., assist citizen, Elm St.

11:22 a.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

12:03 p.m., officer wanted, Meadow Ln.

1:49 p.m., officer wanted, Meadow Ln.

3:01 p.m., MV accident, King St.

3:42 p.m., wires down, Clay Spring Rd. by Tupelo Rd.

6:44 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:45 p.m., suspicious (other), Jerusalem Rd.

9:13 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

9:30 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

9:34 p.m., suspicious (other), Pond St.

11:28 p.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.

Wednesday, May 21

1:13 a.m., suspicious auto, Sohier St.

5:48 a.m., assist other PD, N. Main St.

6:59 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.

8:56 a.m., animal complaint, Sohier St.

9:39 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.

9:52 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.

11:06 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.

11:11 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.

1:51 p.m., MV stop, Depot Ct.

2:13 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

2:29 p.m., assist motorist, King St.

2:39 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

4:24 p.m., general services, Atlantic Ave.

7:00 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.

6:10 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

6:34 p.m., e-911 call verification. Arrested: Ellen M. Donze, 3 N. Main St., Cohasset, DOB: 10/18/58, charges: Assault & Battery.

Arrested: Charles A. Donze, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, DOB: 2/26/50, Charges: Assault & Battery Domestic.

7:34 p.m., medical aid, Brewster Rd.

8:51 p.m., animal complaint, Common area.

Thursday, May 22

12:52 a.m., vandalism, N. Main St.

1:09 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.

1:23 a.m., suspicious person, Bancroft Rd.

1:25 a.m., general services, Atlantic Ave.

1:25 a.m., MV stop, Pleasant St.

2:56 a.m., general services, Atlantic Ave.

3:25 a.m., open door/window, Highland Ave.

8:26 a.m., abandoned auto, Sandy Beach Parking Lot.

2:25 a.m., info, general, Cedar St.

4:31 p.m., officer wanted, Border St.

4:56 p.m., officer wanted, Summer St.

5:38 p.m., MV stop, Pleasant St.

6:33 p.m., MV stop, Elm St.

9:27 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:05 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:22 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:27 p.m., investigation, CJC Hwy.

10:40 p.m., vandalism, Pond St.

11:40 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Friday, May 23

6:47 a.m., MV stop, Route 3A/Cushing Plaza.

7:21 a.m., medical aid, Woodland Dr.

8:49 a.m., medical aid, Brewster Rd.

9:20 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.

1:25 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

4:00 p.m., disturbance, CJC Hwy.

8:18 p.m., medical aid, Glades Rd.

9:54 p.m., disturbance, Bancroft Rd.

10:53 p.m., assist citizen, King St.

Saturday, May 24

12:35 a.m., MV stop, Route 3A/Ridgetop Rd.

12:49 a.m., info, general, CJC Hwy.

8:14 a.m., info, general, CJC Hwy.

9:36 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.

10:00 a.m., vandalism, Pond St.

10:08 a.m., parking violation, area of 373 Atlantic Ave.

1:19 p.m., assist other PD, CJC Way by Hingham Line.

1:39 p.m., general services, area of 169 Pond St.

4:38 p.m., medical aid, S. Main St.

6:54 p.m., parking violation, Border St.

8:16 p.m., fire, outside, Ledgewood Dr.

11:08 p.m., disturbance, Elm Ct.

11:44 p.m., suspicious person, Summer St.

Sunday, May 25

12:18 a.m., MV stop, Square.

1:30 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:55 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

1:29 p.m., assist motorist, Jerusalem Rd.

4:30 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St. by Beechwood St.

5:19 p.m., well being check, Hull St.

5:37 p.m., disturbance general, CJC Hwy.

6:00 p.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.

6:44 p.m., assist other PD, Mordecai Lincoln Rd. at Country Way.

7:27 p.m., MV stop. S. Main St. by Beechwood St.

7:27 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

8:58 p.m., annoying phone calls, Pond St.

9:00 p.m., animal complaint, the Square.

10:28 p.m., info, general, Sandy Beach.

Monday, May 26

12:38 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

12:52 a.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd., arrested: Richard P. Schutte, 6 Stoney Beach Rd., DOB: 6/30/70. Charges: Driving under the influence, speeding, failure to keep right.

3:00 a.m., suspicious auto, Oak St.

10:05 a.m., disturbance (general), King St.

11:07 a.m., officer wanted, Hammond Ave.

12:04 p.m., assist citizen, Border St.

2:48 p.m., general services, Border St.

3:00 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.

3:09 p.m., missing person, Elm St.

3:22 p.m., officer wanted, Atlantic Ave.

4:42 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

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Maritime Museum Opens Sunday, June 1

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum, Elm Street, Cohasset center, will open for the summer season Sunday, June 1. Hours through September are 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. each day except Mondays. Admission is free and donations are accepted.

The museum features artifacts such as ship models, fishing gear, lifesaving materials, shipbuilding and shipwreck relics, as well as a collection of Native American stone tools relating to the history of this small New England village.

For further information call the Historical Society at 617-383-1434.

Cohasset Dramatic Club Meeting Scheduled

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will host a reception for its adult members Sunday, June 8, at 7 p.m. in the Cohasset Town Hall.

Come by and have some refreshments while renewing friendships. Meet the scholarship winners and find out what is planned for the 1997-1998 season.

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Farmers Market on the Common

The Cohasset Village Farmers' market on historic Cohasset Common will be held Thursdays 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. from June 5 to Oct. 9. It will feature a free folk music concert the first Thursday of each month along with organic produce, strawberries, herbs, perennials, bedding plants, bread, fresh flower bouquets, French pastries, and honey products.

The Village Butcher and Deli will be on hand with a sausage cart.

The June 5 market will feature Mark Purcell, singer and songwriter, along with fiddle player Joseph Kessler.

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The morning session, limited to women, will be led by a female family therapist and will center on group discussion, praise music and referral to Scripture and relevant current literature; among the scheduled activities for the afternoon are presentations by a panel of pastors and concerned women, a question and answer period and a review of the day's insights and recommendations.

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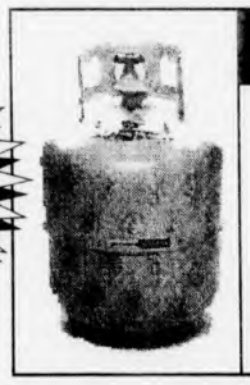
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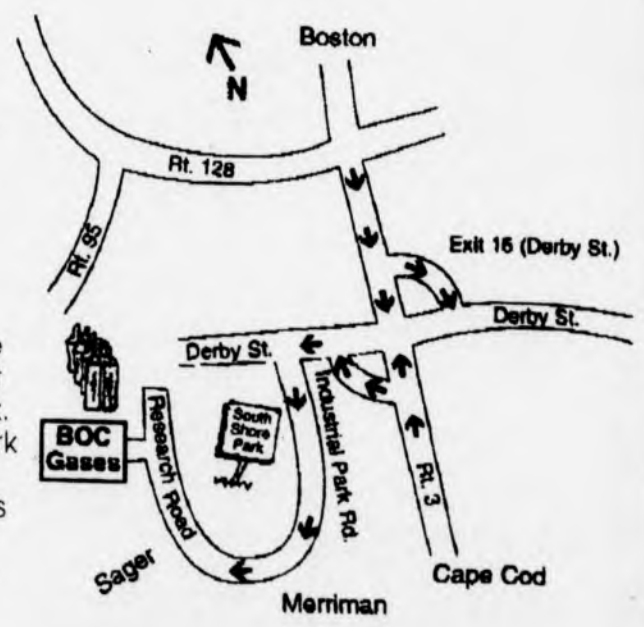
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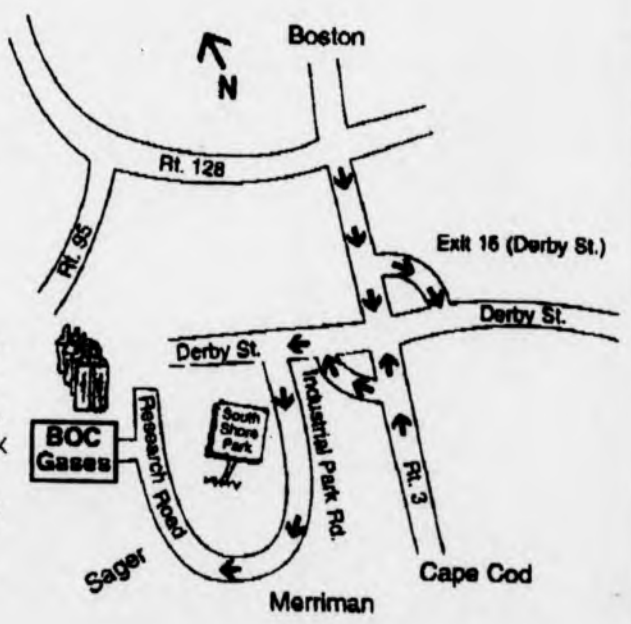
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Executive sessions to screen candidates are allowed under the state Open Meeting Law. Interviews with finalists must be held in open session, interim Town Administrator Ed McCann said.

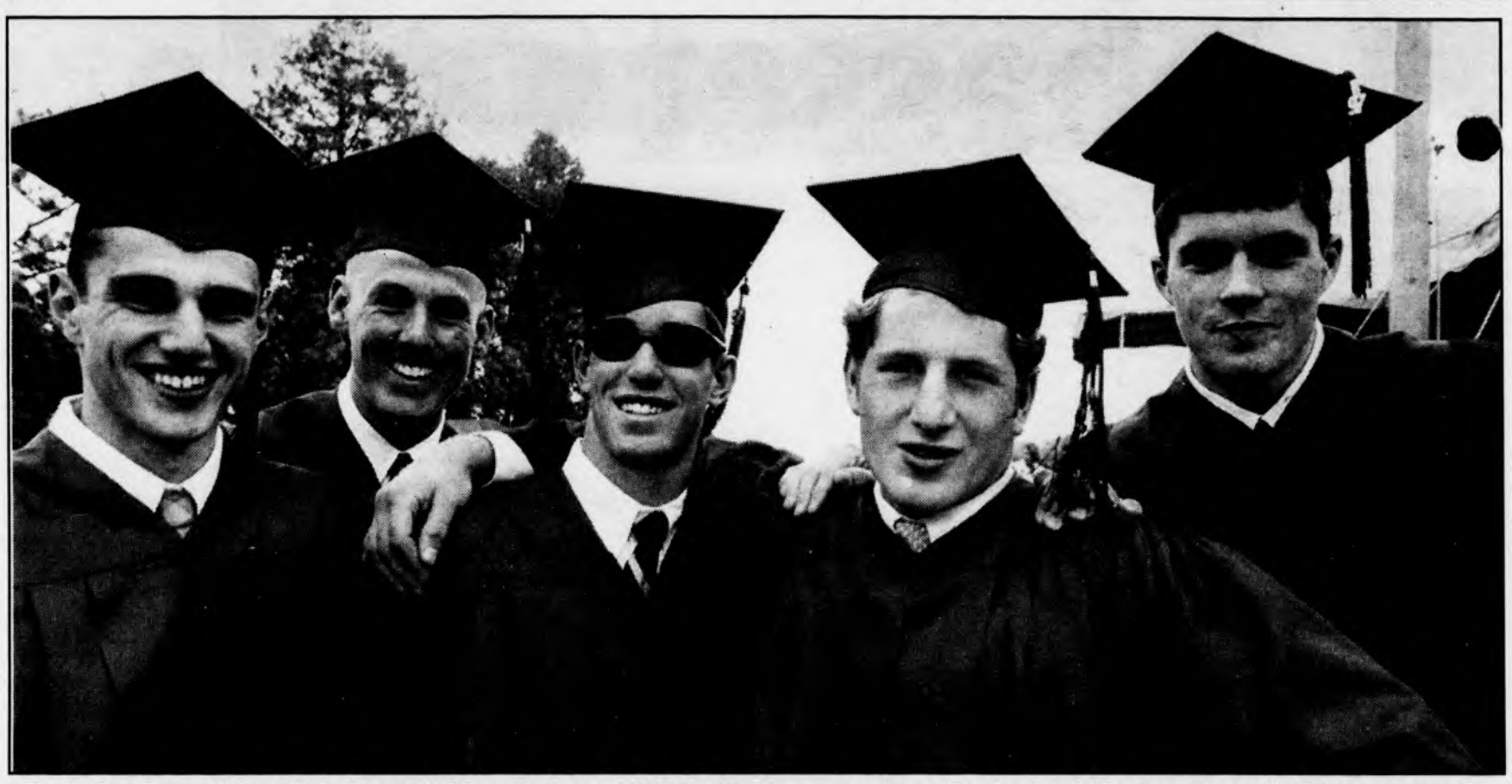
They hope to hire a town manager by July 1 and have him or her on board by August 1. The salary will be about $60,000 but selectmen say they may have to go back to town meeting and ask for more depending on what the candidates are seeking.

They plan to ask the candidates a range of questions on their personnel, budgetary, and procurement expertise and their knowledge of Massachusetts General Laws.

In a related matter, the Government Structure Committee is holding a meeting to discuss the switch to the town manager form of government at 7:30 p.m., June 18 at town hall. That meeting will be open to the public.

Member Ann Swanborg said the committee agreed to host the meeting to address any concerns that any boards of committees have.

They asked that McCann attend and said that Tom Gruber, the lead signer on the citizens petition opting for at town manager that passed at town meeting, will also be there.



Ely Kahn, Brian Kilroy, Bob Stansell, Matt Belson and Mike Kearney pose for a final school Mariner photo before entering the big top at the Music Circus for graduation on Saturday. For more photos, see pages 16 & 17.

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Notice to Water Customers

Construction will continue on Pond Street for the next couple of weeks. Please be aware that discoloration may occur when the new water main is turned on, the water department said.

Step Rate Increase Approved

Selectmen approved a raise for accounting clerk Mary Farrell. Her hourly rate will go to $11.82 from $11.27 effective June 14.

Board of Health Reorganizes

Alix P. White replaces member Tom Cook as the chairman of the three-member board of health. Member Kevin M. Ulmer will serve as clerk.

Ambulance Billing Update

The town has collected $109, 138.10 through May in fiscal year 1997 which ends June 30. The town is owed $116,496.31 for transports this year, according to the fire department.

In May the town billed for 19 ambulance transports for a total of $6,809.17 and collected $11,128.60.

Payments that are collected for ambulance transports are applied to invoices from all previous fiscal years as well as the current year.

Mosquito Committee Members Sought

Selectmen are seeking two more volunteers to serve on the Mosquito Control Committee. They warn that this is going to be a bad year for the pesky insects and hope that some citizens will come forward to sit on the committee which looks at ways to control the mosquito population in town. It also tries to educate citizens on how to keep mosquitoes from breeding in their own yards. Anyone who is interested in serving should call the selectmen's office at 383-9900 or stop by the office which is on the second floor of town hall.

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Thurs. 12	4:56	9.3	11:13	5:34	9.0	11:37
Fri. 13	5:48	9.0	------	6:23	9.1	12:03
Sat. 14	6:42	8.8	12:31	7:13	9.2	12:53
Sun. 15	7:36	8.7	1:25	8:02	9.4	1:43
Mon. 16	8:29	8.7	2:18	8:50	9.7	2:32
Tues. 17	9:19	8.9	3:09	9:36	10.1	3:20
Wed. 18	10:08	9.1	3:57	10:21	10.5	4:07
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Antique Auto Show to Boost Programs

Drug & Alcohol Committee Plots Course

By Stacey K. Powers
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Drug & Alcohol Committee made a unanimous vote Tuesday night to hold an antique car show next June to raise funds for various programs and events.

Proposed by Lisa Matos, Cohasset Police Department representative to the group, the car show would feature various classes, makes and models of antique cars that have been fully restored to their original splendor.

"These shows are great fun for the whole family," Matos said.

Invited guests at Tuesday's meeting were officer John Small of the Cohasset Police Department and Cohasset resident Kenny Thayer, also members of an organization that caters to antique car lovers who explained the procedures of hosting a car show for potentially 125 to 250 cars. In June, 1996, Small helped put together a benefit car show in Hingham to raise funds for the family of Scituate resident Lee Hazen, who is in a coma following a serious automobile accident.

"This would be a great opportunity for the whole community to participate in a worthwhile cause," Small said.

Based on his experience, Small added that local merchants would be invited to participate by placing ads in a program booklet sponsoring the event or donating merchandise and materials.

> ***'This would be a great opportunity for the whole community to participate in a worthwhile cause,.'***
>
> **— Police Officer John Small.**

"When everybody pitches in it really makes a difference," he said.

Each car would pay a $10 fee to participate. An admission fee of approximately $2 would also be charged for adults and children over the age of ten. Senior citizens and kids under the age of ten would be admitted free. Trophies would be awarded at the end of the show for various categories. Committee member Rev. E. Clifford Cutler suggested a table at the show be set up with information concerning the dangers of drinking and driving as well as other related drug and alcohol literature to further promote the group's cause.

Another proposal for raising funds was made by Liz Bates, interested resident, who suggested picking up and disposing of Christmas trees after the holidays and charging $10-$15.

CASA Network

In other business, the committee has created a brochure that will be mailed to approximately 5,000 households which will also include a letter from Mike Gill, director of health education at Cohasset High School, and police chief Brian Noonan, as well as a return pledge card for all members of the family to sign indicating their participation in the group's recently launched CASA program. Based on the town's former Safe Homes program, CASA is a network for parents to be able to make sure that their children spend their free time in a healthy, supportive drug and alcohol-free environment. Parents will receive a list of other participating families which can be used as a valuable guide in planning or approving a teenager's social activities.

In a discussion led by committee member Nan Roth, who is also on the Cohasset Board of Selectmen, the group discussed recruiting additional youth representatives from different grade levels to participate in Drug & Alcohol Committee related activities. The committee currently has two youth representatives from Cohasset High School: Jami Butman and Tony Bramblett, both 16-year-old sophomores. Also discussed was the possibility of creating another teen center for older kids on the site of the former highway department headquarters in the town parking lot.

"The board of selectmen have been seeking proposals for that particular building and I think this could be a viable situation," Roth said.

Voter Registration is Ongoing

As the May 3 Annual Town Election is past, the Town Clerk would like to remind citizens that voter registration is an ongoing process.

Since July 1, 1994, new voters have been able to register without the need to come to town hall. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall, Registry, Post Office, Library, Department of Welfare, WIC, AFDC, Medicaid, Army Recruitment offices, and other offices that provide services to people with disabilities. Affidavits of registration are mailed to the clerk's office or sent electronically through the computer from the Registry. After certifying the affidavit, an acknowledgment notice is then mailed to the voter. The central voter registry maintains a statewide list of all registered voters in Massachusetts. This computerized listing is essential in prohibiting voter registration fraud.

In addition to broadening the opportunity to register to vote, the motor voter law also changes the way in which voters may be removed from the voting list. A voter may not be removed from the voting list on the ground that the registrant has changed his residence unless the registrant: Confirms in writing that he has moved to a place outside the registrar's jurisdiction registers in another city or town; or Fails to respond to a confirmation notice and has not voted in the second general election for Federal office after the date of the notice. Registration closes 20 days before an election and Annual Town Meeting (10 days before a Special Town Meeting). Citizens may register during this period, but will not be able to vote at that election.

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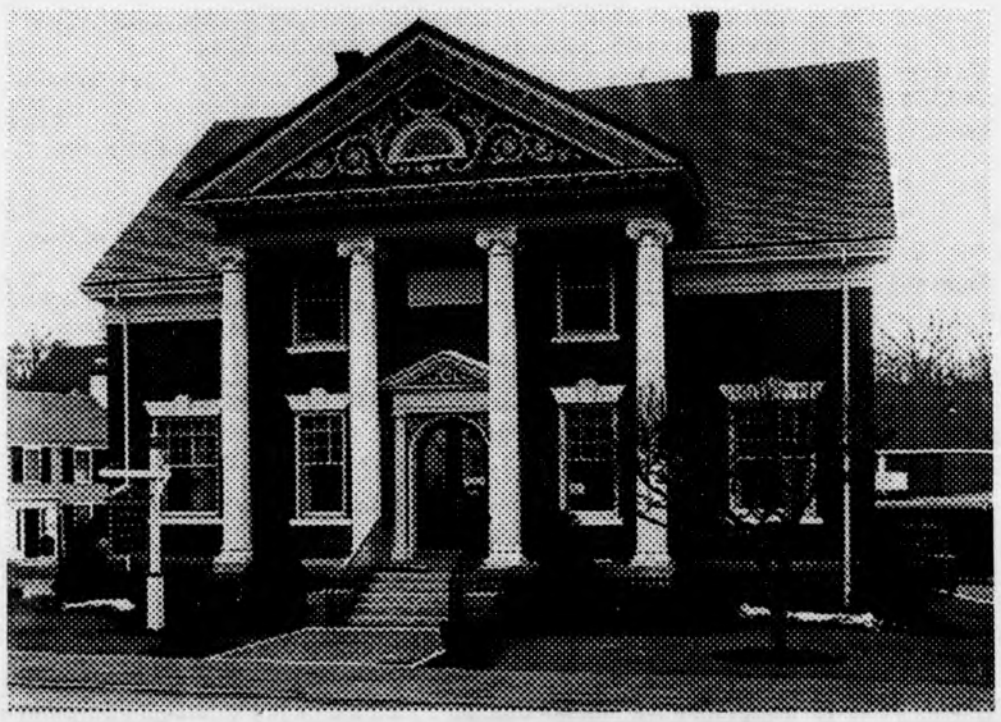
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Local Environmentalist

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sel Cotton Tail radioed in about the empty boat. Mrs. Hubbard was concerned because she hadn't heard from her husband who was overdue, said Assistant Harbormaster Robert Baggs.

In good weather, Hubbard regularly rowed from his home on Little Harbor out to Minot's Light and back.

Lobstermen Bill Kelly and Scott Herzog and Baggs headed out in Kelly's boat and went to the scene where Hubbard's boat was discovered.

"We knew right away whose it was, it had Cohasset Comet on the side," said Baggs, who alerted the Coast Guard, which as it turned out wasn't needed.

"We started a circular, ever widening search and found Mr. Hubbard about 1/4 mile north and west of the location of his boat," he said.

A family spokesman said Tuesday the family was notified by the state medical examiner's office that Hubbard died of natural causes.

Hubbard was a skillful rower and competed in many races, which he usually won, recalls his best friend John Hartshorne of Border Street.

In a 1993 Cohasset Mariner interview, Hubbard said living on the ocean made rowing a natural sport for him.

"Having the ocean right here makes rowing such a natural thing," he said. "I'm just very fortunate to have it."

He said he enjoyed the independence that rowing provides and the challenge of racing.

"Everything is up to you. That's the appeal to me," he said.

But Hubbard is best known around town for his passion for the environment.

"Jack was an environmentalist with a capital E," said Hartshorne.

"He was one of the early ones long before it was a popular idea. He was sensitive to the needs of protecting earth resources, all types of birds and animals in particular.

"He played that out in many ways and translated his ideas into action," Hartshorne said.

Hubbard served as one of the town's first members of the conservation commission. He was a member of the recycling committee since its inception a decade ago. He served as a director of the Manomet Bird Observatory in the Plymouth area, a nationally known organization which identifies and bands birds.

He was president of the board of directors of Hull Lifesaving Museum which includes a rowing program and was a director of the Alden Ocean Shell Association, a rowing organization.

Hubbard, a former director of the New England Wildlife Center in Hingham, continued to support the center.

"He would bike around town and pick up every can and bottle you can see with all the proceeds going to the center," Hartshorne said.



Jack Hubbard had a keen interest in recycling. Here he demonstrates a special composter for home use at the RTF.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Jack Hubbard rowing in his boat, Cohasset Comet.
Lynne Layman photo

Hubbard cared about all living creatures.

He lobbied to have "don't feed the ducks" educational signs posted around the duck pond on the common, so the birds would be self-sufficient and fly south in the winter. The signs explain the unhealthy consequences feeding has for the ducks.

A founder and director of the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private group dedicated to preserving land as open space, Hubbard also served on the town's open space committee and Turkey Hill working group.

Susan Cope of Beechwood Street, who is chairman of the open space committee, admired Hubbard's energy and dedication to conservation.

"He had boundless enthusiasm for nature and the outdoors. He inspired appreciation for nature and the environment in recycling, open space acquisition, outdoor recreation and nature appreciation," Cope said.

"He was a leader by example — he was not just talk, he *did* all the time."

Cope said Hubbard worked hard to help make the Turkey Hill acquisition a reality. The purchase and sale agreement was signed last month. The property is now co-owned by Hingham and Cohasset and is being managed by the Trustees of Reservations, a non-profit organization that also has jurisdiction over World's End and Thayer and Whitney Woods.

In the weekly feature "Picture This" a year ago, Hubbard told the Mariner his goal was to help acquire Turkey Hill for the town.

"I am pleased he was around to see the final acquisition," Cope said, recalling how Hubbard hosted all the Turkey Hill "working group" meetings at his Beach Street home.

"I feel the loss personally and for the community, Jack was a dedicated conservationist," she said.

Arthur Lehr, chairman of the recycling committee, said Hubbard will leave a gap in a lot of lives and organizations.

"I'll miss him, his personal friends will miss him and the town will miss him," he said.

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John Hubbard

Jack Hubbard was doing what he truly loved best on Monday afternoon, June 9 – rowing on calm waters on a beautiful, sunny day near Minot's Light. He suffered a "quiet heart attack," and died quickly and peacefully, with no water in his lungs. He died as he lived – one with nature.

Jack Hubbard was born in Cambridge in 1924. As a child, he summered in Cohasset on Little Harbor, and early on he developed a deep love for the ocean, as well as for the birds that migrated over it and the wetlands that edged it.

As a career, he engineered oceanographic and sonar equipment for Massa Co. in Hingham. Upon his retirement, he was able to explore his natural interests with more time and passion. He helped start two organizations, Manomet Observatory and the New England Wildlife Center, to provide research and educational opportunities for scientists and school kids alike.

His many years of active service on the Cohasset Conservation Commission and as chairman of the Conservation Trust helped to insure the natural preservation of some of the most beautiful parts of Cohasset and its neighboring communities. He was also an early proponent of recycling and shared his knowledge of organic gardening, composting and other environmentally sound techniques with like-minded people.

As a board member, he helped to revitalize the Hull Life Saving Museum and contributed greatly to the restoration of the original life-saving station from 1889, which today brings history to life for many visiting school groups. The museum also sponsors a maritime program which continues to challenge and inspire organized classes of troubled, inner-city children.

Above all, Mr. Hubbard loved to row and was thrilled to convert others to his passion. He developed a large, loyal fan club of friends, both young and old, who were guided and encouraged by him over the years. He was a member of the Riverside Boat Club in Cambridge and one of the high points of each fall for him since 1979, was rowing in the Head of the Charles, single shell division. His personal best was fifth place in 1988 at the age of 64, but he made his friends and family proud every year as they cheered him on from the banks. He raced almost weekly during the season, from short courses to vigorous, six-mile routes off the coast of Maine. But Jack Hubbard was truly happy when he was alone, with just the currents, the sun, the wind, the ocean birds, and his own vitality for companionship. He rowed every day, staying youthful and strong. He was loved, and will be missed by many.

He leaves his wife, June Swain Hubbard, a brother, Eliot Hubbard Jr., a sister, Celia Hubbard, four children, Sarah Hubbard Krieger, John Hubbard, Peter Hubbard, Jennifer Hubbard Alba, and five grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 14, at 11 a.m. at the Unitarian First Parish Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Hull Life Saving Museum, P.O. Box 221, Hull 02045, and the New England Wild Life Center, 19 Fort Hill St., Hingham, 02043.

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Rizzo to Remain on Train Mitigation Committee

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

In an apparent about face, selectmen backed off demanding Dean Rizzo resign from the Greenbush Mitigation Committee because of comments he made to the Cohasset Mariner on the village train station.

Selectman Merle Brown's motion to oust Rizzo from the committee Monday failed for lack of a second.

"Town meeting voted against the village station twice," said Brown adding he didn't think it was right for Rizzo to speak out on the station location.

In a letter to the board, Rizzo said he refused to resign and said he would not only step down as chairman if his fellow board members asked him to.

Selectman Diane Sullivan, who is now a full member of the mitigation committee, said Rizzo was held in high esteem and has done a fine job on the committee.

She said everyone is entitled to their personal viewpoint on an issue.

Two weeks ago, selectmen told Rizzo he would have to be silent on the village station if he wanted to remain on the committee on which he serves as chairman. They were outraged at the time by a Cohasset Mariner story which ran the previous week and focused on how some village businesses feel left out of the decision process on where the train station should be located and long for a study on the village station.

Resident Gail Whitehouse, a vocal opponent of the village station, said Rizzo did not have the town's wider interests at heart.

"He stands for business. It's business interests he is looking out for. I have lost faith with him as chairman," she said.

But Selectmen Chairman Michael H. Sullivan pointed out that Rizzo is the Chamber of Commerce's representative on the committee on which other factions are represented including conservation and citizens-at-large.

Selectman Diane Sullivan said the mitigation committee is not dealing with location of the station, which selectmen said is a dead issue, but will work toward ways to abate issues such as noise and vibration.

"The station (on Route 3A) is a done deal. It is in all the state plans," she said.

Last fall, selectmen held an informal, non-binding straw poll outside town meeting on the train station location issue. The Route 3A site at the former skating rink won by a wide margin over the village station site. At the annual town meeting in March, voters rejected 78-57 a study and a non-binding vote to reconsider the downtown site.

3A Station Signal *Continued from page 1*

thought it had little chance of approval.

"The MBTA is willing to provide traffic controls, roadway reconstruction and other measures which would reduce any traffic impacts on Route 3A to improve conditions for our patrons," Brennan wrote. "The Town of Cohasset is also interested in the traffic conditions at this station and has suggested a light as a means to improve traffic flow in and out of the station and on Route 3A."

Brennan explained the station will accommodate 300 parked cars as well as "kiss and ride" commuters.

The May 26 letter was good news to selectmen, who think their meeting earlier last month with state Transportation Secretary James Kerasiotes may be paying off. The meeting was arranged by Brennan to ask Kerasiotes and MBTA general manager Patrick Moynihan to reconsider a list of mitigation items rejected by the MBTA. Selectmen Merle Brown and Diane Sullivan attended along with conservation commissioners Veneta Roebuck and Thomas Callahan and Greenbush Mitigation Committee members Dean Rizzo and Michael Dick.

In his letter to the state highway department, Brennan says the intersection is not likely to meet the MHD warrants for placement of a new traffic signal but stressed the MBTA believes there is a strong case to be made that a traffic light is needed at this intersection.

Brennan asked the MHD to consider authorizing the signal for the following reasons:

- the light would reduce delays for commuter rail patrons exiting the station in the afternoon and for drivers dropping off or picking up passengers at the station;
- there is a relatively long distance between signals on Route 3A and a traffic signal would help create gaps in the traffic stream to allow vehicles to enter Route 3A from side streets and businesses'
- this location is an important entrance to Wompatuck State Park and other open space. Hikers and cyclists will cross Route 3A at this point to get from the commuter rail station to a dirt trail which leads to the park. A signal at this location would allow this crossing to occur with improved safety, Brennan said.

Brennan said the MBTA would cover the cost of the signal as part of the construction of the commuter rail project.

He invited MHD officials to visit the site.

"We believe there is a compelling public interest in allowing the signal to be put in place," he said.

Gospel Concert at First Parish

First Parish of Cohasset, Main Street, Cohasset, will present the New Temple Singers, under the direction of David Coleman, in a gospel concert Saturday, June 21, at 8 p.m., as part of Cohasset's Arts Festival/Harborfest celebration. For this, the fifth of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Cohasset's annual gospel concert, the well known gospel singer Ruth Hamilton will provide musical solos, in addition to the choir's repertoire.

Hamilton, who has been singing in the Boston area for more than 50 years, has performed in Symphony Hall with Arthur Fielder and the Boston Pops, in France with the Patterson Chorale, in Jordan Hall and at the Gardner Museum, but mostly, in church. She will be accompanied by Carolyn Curtis, music director, First Parish.

The New Temple Singers is a mixed chorus of singers who perform contemporary and original gospel music. The choir, which can also be heard in regular Sunday worship services at St. Paul AME Church (Rev. Dr. Leroy Attles, Pastor) in Cambridge, has two recordings among its achievements.

Director Coleman, a native of Tennessee, is a graduate of Boston University with degrees in composition and piano, and has composed and arranged several of the New Temple Singers musical selections.

Hamilton and the New Temple Singers will perform in the First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common.

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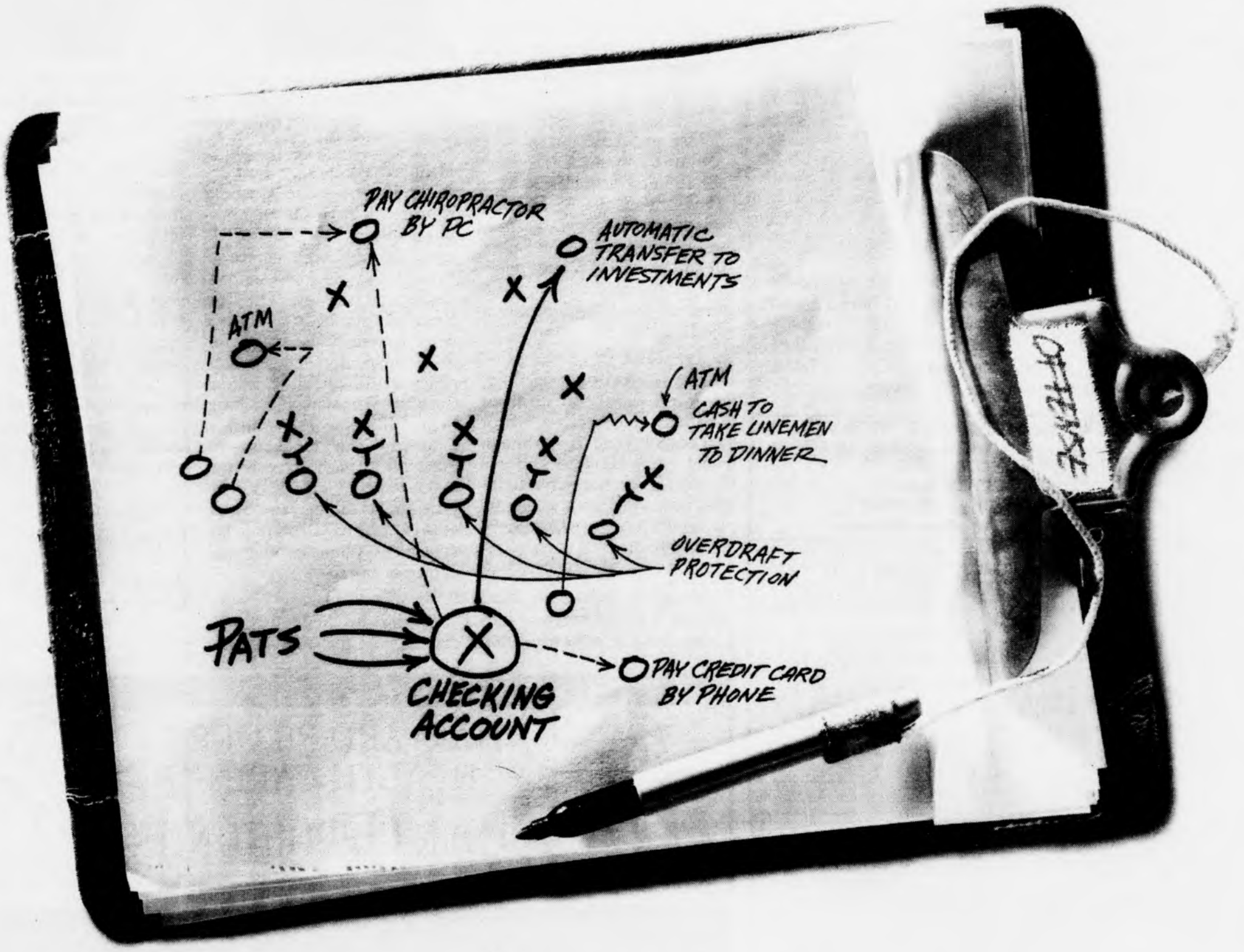
Wellspring Walkfest to Feature Sand Sculpture Contest

On Saturday, June 14, when Wellspring Multiservice Center hosts its annual Walkfest, the new dimension of art will be added to the festivities. Nantasket Beach, right in front of the Bernie King Pavilion, will be the site of the first annual sand sculpture contest, with free admission and an array of fantastic prizes.

All artists, young and old, serious sculptors and whimsical artists alike, are invited to participate. Wellspring and nature will supply the sand and water. Bring your own tools and buckets. Starting time is anytime after 9 a.m., when you can register for a sandspace. Judging time will be 11:30 a.m. Bring your ideas, your family or fellow artists, your entire class, or just yourself and your fans, if you are a fiercely independent sculptor, but be sure to come. There will be an old-fashioned brick-in-the-sand treasure hunt for young children, and of course, the 10k beach walk, all to support the good work of the Wellspring Multiservice Center. Call 925-3211 for more information.

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The Whitmans Set a School System Record!

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Twins **Chad** and **Mark Whitman** graduated from Cohasset High School last Saturday, and with them went a record of sorts — after 24 years, **Peter** and **Blanche Whitman** will no longer have a child in the Cohasset school system! The Whitman gents have been such an intricate part of the schools, whatever they attempted, they excelled at! We certainly wish Mark and Chad the best as they follow their scholastic careers, and hope that they keep in touch with us!

❑

News from **Bob Martin** this week, the Cohasset WebPage is On-Line! They are starting small but they hope that you will help them grow and grow! Organizations are encouraged to provide information on scheduled activities and other pertinent information. Everyone is encouraged to give the Cohasset WebPage comments and suggestions. They ask that you take a look at WWW.COHASSETMA.COM. If you wish to participate, please fax them at (617) 383-3109.

❑

Hats off to **Anna Abbruzzese**, the Farmers' Market is underway again! And it will run every Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. through Oct. 9. The market will be held on the Cohasset Common this year, and it will hold 15 vendors (they have room for one or two more; if you are interested, give the market coordinators a call: **Anna Abbruzzese** at 383-9539 or **Barbara Anglin** at 383-2284). Vendors will be selling many different things, such as plants, flowers, homegrown produce — even lobsters! Watch out, Stop and Shop! Go, have fun (there will be various folk artists performing on the first Thursday of each month).

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This Friday and Saturday are BIG, that's when the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" will take place. The event will be held at the Cohasset alumni field track. Teams of eight to 12 people will walk or run in designated shifts. The teams must keep one member on the track for the whole 24 hours. They will have a great time — music, food, games etc. will be there, and they will have luminaries around the track in memory of loved ones (or in prayer for one you know). If you aren't running, purchase a luminary from a committee member! By the way, the committee has worked long and hard to make this a success, support them any way you can! Even if it's to encourage teams along the way!

❑

Lots of you remember **Charlie Brady**, the son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. John Brady** of Brewster Road fame, right? Get this — Charlie was in a charity golf tournament recently, it took place in Atlanta. Charlie shot a hole-in-one and won a BMW roadster worth $31,500 for his efforts! And, he was using the same set of clubs that he used when he was a sophomore at Cohasset High as a member of the golf team! Charlie's coach, **Jim Franey**, must be so proud! We sure are!

❑

Had news regarding **Melinda Johansen** this week; she attained dean's list status at Simmons College for this semester! Not only that, she was named a Healthnet Fellow, so she will be teaching public school teachers all about the program that Simmons runs on the Internet!

❑

Happy belated birthday greetings go to **Elinor Kennedy** this week — Elinor turned 95 June 6, although you'd never know it! Did you know that she still writes beautiful poetry? What a wonderful woman! Here's to the next 95 years, Elinor!

❑

Attention seniors — there will be a complimentary luncheon at the Iron Kettle Inn in Hanover Wednesday, June 25, at 12:30 p.m. The Cushing chorus will perform for a sit-down meal which will include clam chowder, your choice of baked chicken or schrod, dessert and beverage. The Iron Kettle Inn presently serves as a work-training program for developmentally disabled students enrolled at Cardinal Cushing School and Training Center. Tours will be available following the luncheon to guests who wish to visit the retail center. Please RSVP by June 20, by calling **Jane Spitz** at (617) 826-6371 and indicate your name, phone number and choice of entree.

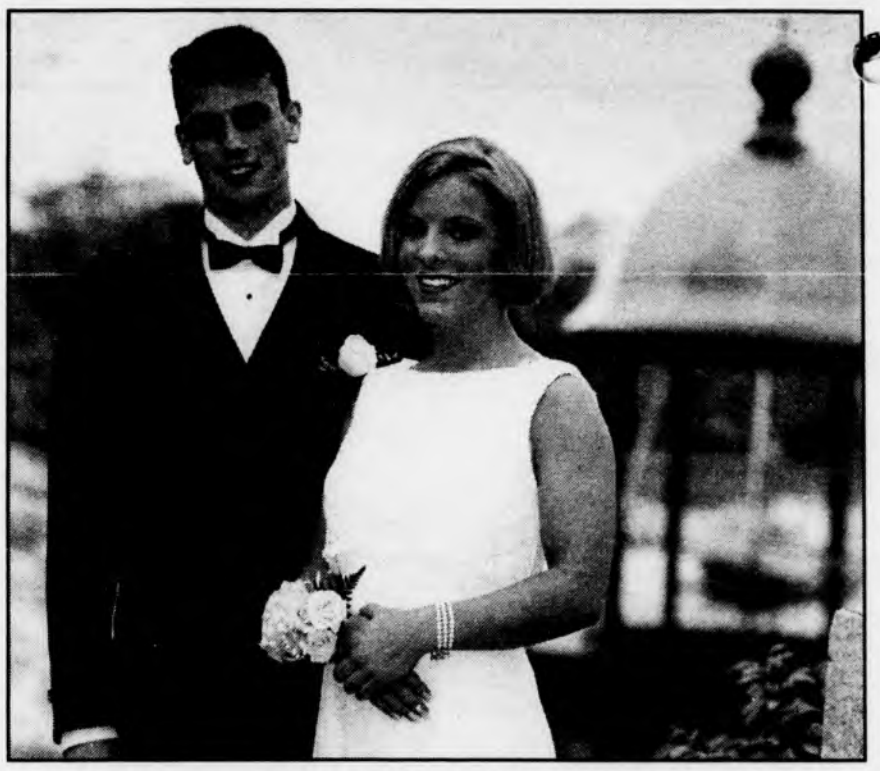
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Finally, we hope that you will support the efforts of the Sandy Beach Association and donate what you can to aid them in the giant beach clean-up effort that they have ahead of them! Your parking sticker fee, it doesn't help them — it goes directly to the town of Cohasset to maintain the parking lot, not the beach. If you contribute, you will receive an "I Love Sandy Beach" sticker in appreciation of your support. Opening day is June 14; won't it be nice to display your new sticker at that time!

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That's the news from here, be sure to inform me as to your latest event! Give me a call, or drop me a note, that's all it takes!

Sallyann
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Lloyd Workman and Sue Gill pose by the Minot Light Replica at the recent Cohasset High pre-prom gala held at the Lightkeepers Residence.

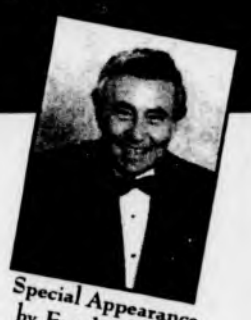
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Obituaries

Florin J. Hailer Jr.

Florin J. "Sonny" Hailer, Jr., 79, of Scituate, vice president of Whittaker, Clark & Daniels Chemical Company of New Jersey, died Saturday, June 7, at the Life Care Center of the South Shore.

He served as a Navy flight instructor during World War II, training many notable pilots, including Red Sox star Ted Williams.

Mr. Hailer was born in Brighton and raised in Scarsdale, N.Y. He moved to Newton at age 16 and graduated from Boston College High School in 1937.

He was a graduate of Bridgeton Academy in Maine, and attended Holy Cross College. An excellent athlete, he set several track records at the Boston Garden, and was selected to represent Bridgeton Academy at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia. He also played running back in football.

After the war, Mr. Hailer entered the chemical industry. He traveled throughout the northeast by car or train, never flying again after the war.

He was a member of the Scituate Harbor Yacht Club for 40 years and was also a member of the Hatherly Country Club in Scituate, Algonquin Club and Clover Club of Boston, and the New England Chemical Club.

He was active at the Scituate Youth Center, and coached football and baseball for over 20 years.

He leaves his wife, Marion E. (Carroll) Hailer; two sons, Andy Hailer of Cohasset and Fred Hailer of Boston; five daughters, Nancy McKinnon of New York, Mary Lee Graham of Scituate, Beth Kennedy of Los Altos, Calif., June Powers of Scituate and Janet Mahoney of Madison, N.J.; two brothers, Robert Hailer of Wellesley and Donald Hailer of Park Ridge, N.J.; two sisters, Janet McGrath of Atlantis, Fla., and Claire Dennis of Waban; and 15 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 10 at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church. Burial was in Cudworth Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church, Hood Road, Scituate 02066.

Molly Wood Cooney

Molly Wood Cooney, 73, formerly of Cohasset died recently at Mediplex of Weymouth after a long illness.

Mrs. Cooney was born in Cambridge and raised in the Brookline section of Chestnut Hill.

She was a graduate of Dana Hall School in Wellesley and the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. She was a member of the Junior League of Boston for several years.

For over 20 years she gave her time to Boston Lying In Hospital.

Mrs. Cooney was a member of the Longwood Cricket Club in Brookline, the Cohasset Tennis Club and the Cohasset Yacht Club.

During a visit to London in 1948, she was presented to King George IV and Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace. She was an enthusiastic follower of the Windsor House for the rest of her life.

She was a Cohasset resident for 20 years before moving to Weymouth 10 years ago.

She leaves her husband, William J. Cooney, Jr.; two sons, George Philip Smart Cooney of Dedham and William J. Cooney III of Carlisle; two brothers, John E. Wood of Marlboro and Henry F. Wood, Jr. of Short Hills, N.J.; two granddaughters; two nieces and two nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church. A graveside service took place at the Walnut Hills Cemetery in Brookline.

Arrangements were provided by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to St. Anthony's Church, 129 Main St., Cohasset 02025, to benefit the youth center building fund.

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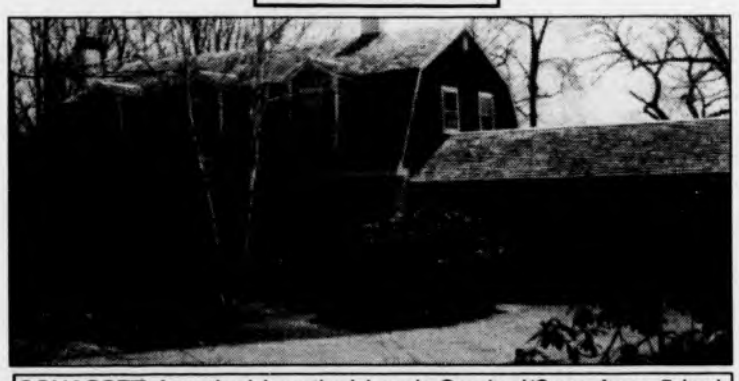


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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

The World Classroom

Already, they have seen the best of times and the worst of times; the Class of 1997 that graduated from Cohasset High School Saturday.

Maybe they learned from the events in the world classroom as much as they learned in the classrooms at dear old HHS, the things their fathers' generation never did.

They were first graders when their fellow Americans recognized the first Martin Luther King Day as an official holiday; and the space shuttle Challenger exploded after lift off, killing six astronauts and Christa McAuliffe.

It seems like only yesterday . . .

They were in the second grade when President Reagan and the Congress produced the first trillion dollar budget. It was half that the year they were born, around $75 million in their fathers' day.

The earth shook in San Francisco, interrupting the World Series and buckling the Bay Bridge while they were in the fifth grade. In the same year, a new president, George Bush, signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.

It seems like only yesterday . . .

The Persian Gulf War broke out when the were in the sixth grade and a year later the ghetto of South Central Los Angeles erupted into race war when four white cops were acquitted in the video-taped beating of a black man.

They were just entering high school when the Mississippi River burst her banks, flooding the Midwest, and the nation's first woman attorney general, Janet Reno, appointed an independent counsel to investigate something called "White Water."

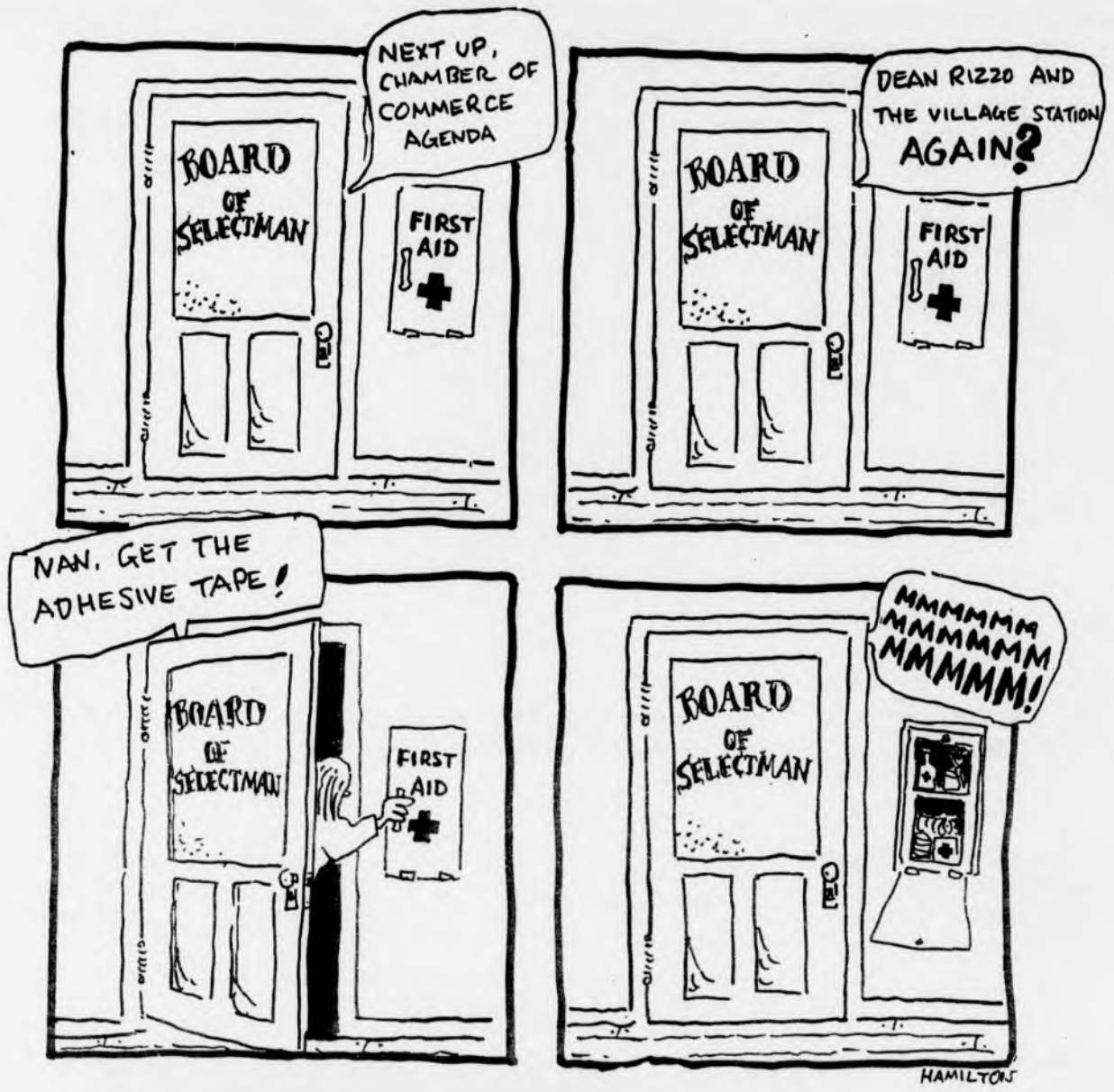
It seems like only yesterday . . .

O. J. Simpson, his white Bronco and his widely televised trial for killing his former wife, Nicole, and Ron Goldman dominated the news in their sophomore year even after a terrorist bomb destroyed the federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 169.

They were juniors when Shannon Faulkner fought her way into the all-male Citadel military academy in South Carolina only to quit after a few days and a million black men marched on Washington at the behest of the widely distrusted Louis Farrakan.

Come to think of it. it was only yesterday and it is as much the heritage of the Class of 1997 as the Saturday afternoons at AlumniField or Spanish class or the senior prom at the Braintree Tara.

Perhaps they remembered those things as they marched off the graduation stage Saturday with a resolve to help make the world a better place than their fathers'.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Proud and Honored to Serve'

To The Editor:

I understand that the Tiny Town Gazette has stated that at recent Memorial Day events I represented the Board of Selectman "dressed in blue jeans" thereby showing my lack of respect for the occasion. Nothing could be further from the truth! Not only was I not so attired, but I believe strongly in a community's show of honor and respect for those who have served their country in times of war and in times of peace. I also believe strongly in teaching our children to appreciate that service, as well as the sacrifice those individuals and their families have made for us all.

My children have attended each Memorial Day parade with me as either participants or supporters. They came with me to the dedication of the POW-MIA Square and listened to Ray Buckley talk of his experiences. We have ongoing discussions in our household about the horrors of fascism and those who fought against it. My three oldest children recently accompanied me to the dedication of Peter Cogill Square in our neighborhood. They were touched, as was I, by the sacrifice that family made. They remember Operation Desert Storm and we have talked about the service of three of our neighbors' sons and what that means to a family and to us all.

When one holds public office you expect disagreement with your positions on issues and you also expect criticism of your public conduct. But I can not remain silent when the Gazette fails to print the truth on this subject. I am proud and honored to be asked each year to march in the Memorial Day parade alongside our community's veterans, as I am proud and honored to serve on your board of selectman.

Ronnie McMorris
89 Doane St.

PSO Phone-A-Thon a Success

To the Editor:

The PSO Annual Phone-A-Thon, which was held May 20 and 21, earned $7,000! Its success was due to the hard work of all of those involved.

Special Thank-You's go out to Ilene Colwill, Joni Meade and Deanna Mulligan. The fundraising committee would also like to thank Hallmark 100 Properties, Hunneman & Company, and Jack Conway Company for the use of their offices. Because of the generosity of all those who pledged, the PSO will be able to continue to assist the schools in providing teacher grants, curriculum enrichment programs and school improvements.

Again, many thanks to all those involved with this event, which capped off a record breaking year for the PSO fundraising committee.

— The Cohasset PSO

Clarification

In last week's editorial we mentioned conservation commissioner Tom Callahan in making a point about the selectmen's dispute with Dean Rizzo. It was not our intention to leave people with the impression that Mr. Callahan or his former client did anything improper or unethical, and we have no basis upon which to draw such a conclusion. Mr. Callahan has reaffirmed to us that he has never represented a client before the board he sits on. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Keating to Speak at Democratic Town Committee meeting

Senator William Keating, D-Sharon, a candidate for District Attorney, will speak to local democrats at a meeting of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee to be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, at the Unitarian Parish House.

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Notre Dame Academy Bids Class of '97 Farewell

By Auston Habershaw
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Saturday, May 31, the auditorium of Notre Dame Academy was filled with proud parents and relatives of the 127 graduating seniors at Notre Dame Academy a full half-hour before the ceremony even started.

The atmosphere was excited, almost tense, as cameras were loaded, seats were found, and all the bugs were being worked out of innumerable camcorders.

Finally the ceremony began and the Class of 1997, all clad in white dresses and the ceremonial Notre Dame medallion, marched down the aisles and to their seats amid a storm of flashbulbs and smiles. The ceremony was concise and elegant, featuring three speeches by the salutatorian, Allison Walsh; the valedictorian, Julie Catalano; and the chairwoman of the Social Studies department, Marie V. Hoy.

In Walsh's speech, she spoke of the importance of the future.

"Tomorrow we begin a new era in our lives," she said. "Cast off your former mistakes. Your slate is clean and you are ready to write your own destiny upon it."

Her classmate, the valedictorian, Catalano, spoke of the importance of the ability to deal with adversity.

The Class of '97 is fully prepared for the future, 99 percent of them planning to go on to higher education.

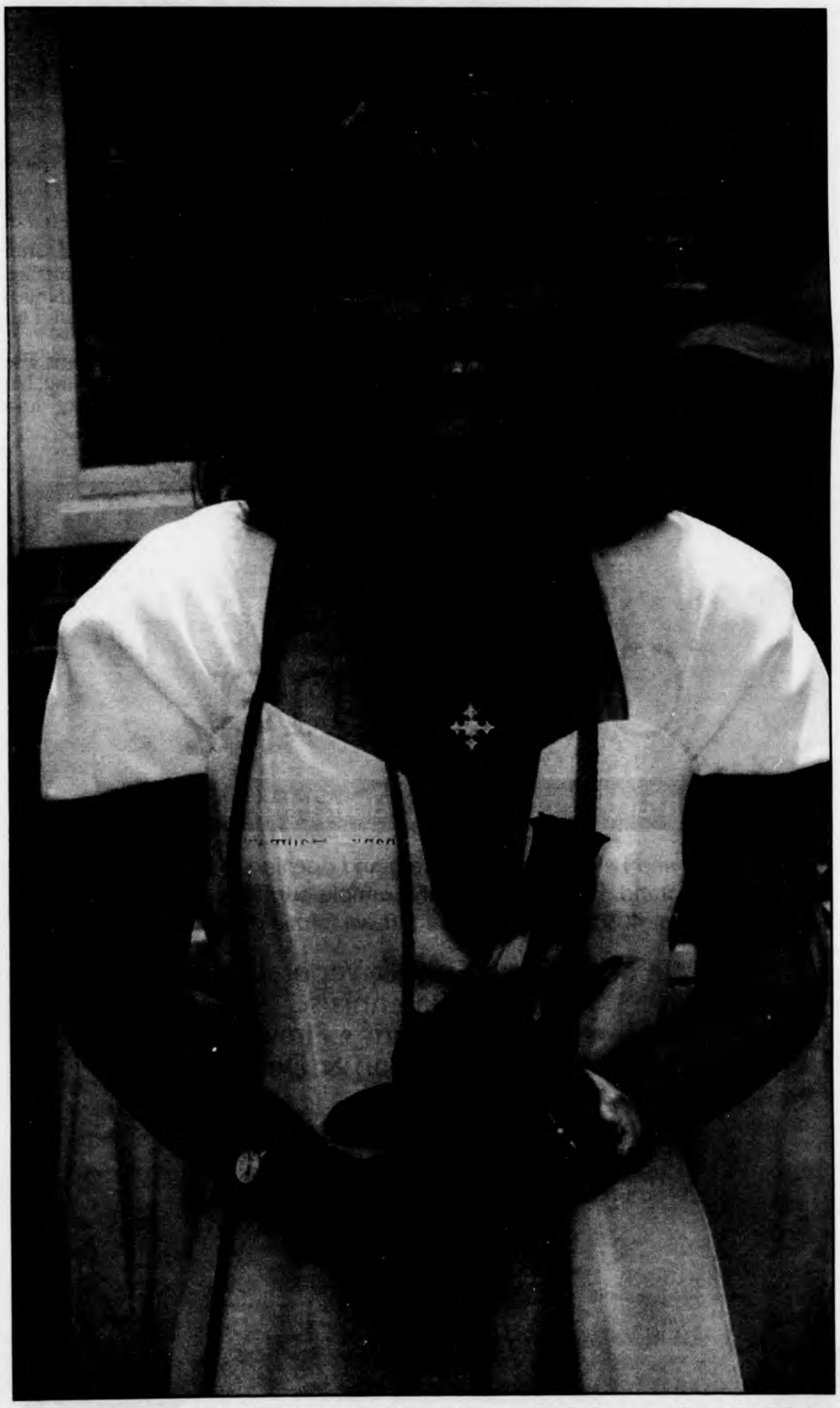
As the graduates were granted their diplomas, however, there were cheers of triumph as well as the tears of a bittersweet parting between these young women and the school they have called home for four memorable years.

Many must have been somewhat reluctant to leave NDA for, as Catalano put it, "it (NDA) is a safe environment in which we feel very comfortable."

Nothing can last forever, though, and the class of '97 has completed its time at Notre Dame. The best of luck to them in the future, and may they take the final words of their valedictorian to heart: "Never give up and never fear; God is on our side. Fly!"



Jen Cellucci, left, and Julie Smith, both of Cohasset, graduated from Notre Dame Academy on May 31.



NDA valedictorian Julie Catalano of Cohasset wears a Medallion necklace which links each graduate with the hundreds of Notre Dame women who have preceded her.
Staff photo/Victor Pryles

'Never Give Up and Never Fear'

By Julie Catalano
NDA CLASS OF '97
VALEDICTORIAN

Graduation day is a time to pause and reflect upon all that we have received and all we have achieved over the last four years. Today we must also look ahead and consider how our past will affect our futures. Writing this speech made me realize today is meaningful because of what it symbolizes, our new freedom. This freedom is best illustrated in the words of Maya Angelou

"The Caged Bird"
A free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky
But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to
sing
The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom

The freedom so greatly sought and cherished described in this poem is the same freedom Notre Dame Academy has bestowed upon us today. When we exit this auditorium one final time it will be as graduates. We will not leave as the timid freshmen we once were. But as women, confident in our abilities and strengthened in our values. For Notre Dame has given us the wings we will need to fly.

For many members of the senior class these new wings may seem ill-fitting or perhaps the responsibilities that come with our new freedom seem overwhelming. Others may not fully feel ready to move on or simply may not want to leave Notre Dame Academy and their friends behind. This is understandable. For Notre Dame is not a cage we wish to escape. Rather it is a safe environment in which we feel very comfortable. But it is time to leave and in doing so to dare, to risk, and to grow. For if we do not change then our past is a cage rather than a learning experience. It is my challenge to you to grow into the unique person that God created and my wish that in doing so you discover true happiness. Realize now that we will encounter obstacles and occasionally we will fail but that with each conquered obstacle and overcome failure we learn. Never give up and Never fear, for God is always at our side. FLY!

To our parents, thank you for all your support and love. We appreciate and realize all that you sacrificed on our behalf.

To the administration and faculty, thank you for your patience and understanding especially during senior year.

And finally to my fellow classmates: Dare to Claim the Sky!

Co-Valedictorian is MIT Bound

Finishes High School in Three Years

By Robert Ziff
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As a self-proclaimed "classic computer geek," Christopher Lesniewski-Laas, 16, wasted no time in graduating from Cohasset High School this past Saturday, not only as a co-valedictorian, but doing so in just three years.

In regard to his early departure, "It was a rather simple situation," Chris recounts. "I had pretty much completed all the curriculum that the school had to offer so there was no place left for me to go there. It was only a matter of requesting to graduate early."

Chris attributes his shortened high school career to a good work ethic, pushing himself from the onset and once he moved ahead, it was just a question of staying there. He also credits his family, especially his mother, for understanding him and allowing him room to develop in his own unique way.

Everyone has heard of students that were left back a year because of their grades or their attendance and the problems that may cause, but skipping a grade also comes with its own set of problems like which prom to go to, this year's or next's, but furthermore what it is like being considered the "class brain," or a "computer weenie." To the former, Chris has elected to attend next year's prom for he feels a strong sense of loyalty and connection to the Class of '98 whom he has been attending classes with since kindergarten. And regards the latter, he is not concerned. Why should he be? It seems that to be a "computer geek" is no big deal anymore, in fact it's becoming sort of vogue or trendy.

According to Chris's mother, Elizabeth Lesniewski-Lass, she is very proud of her son and declined to take any of the credit for Chris's academic achievements.

"It was not a question of Marek (Mr. Lesniewski-Lass) or me pushing him. He took a strong interest in math early and moved ahead. He completed some A.P. programs and decided he wanted to take a couple of summer courses at UMass and Johns Hopkins which he completed."

With Chris's three younger siblings still at home, there will be no "empty nest syndrome" for Elizabeth. She added that she is happy that Chris is not going too far away from home, but, jokingly questioned whether or not he shared her sentiments.

Dennis Walsh, one of Chris's math teachers at Cohasset High recounts that Chris, as a freshman, in his calculus class with juniors and seniors, aced the final exam, scoring the highest possible score. He would compete in the math and computer science leagues but would never practice before a competition or a test, he would just wing it. The last time someone scored as high in the Math Olympiad, a competition that includes the entire state of Massachusetts, was 18 years ago. Walsh said that Chris is extremely "intelligent, interested, and has a lot of integrity" and that his mind was going all the time.

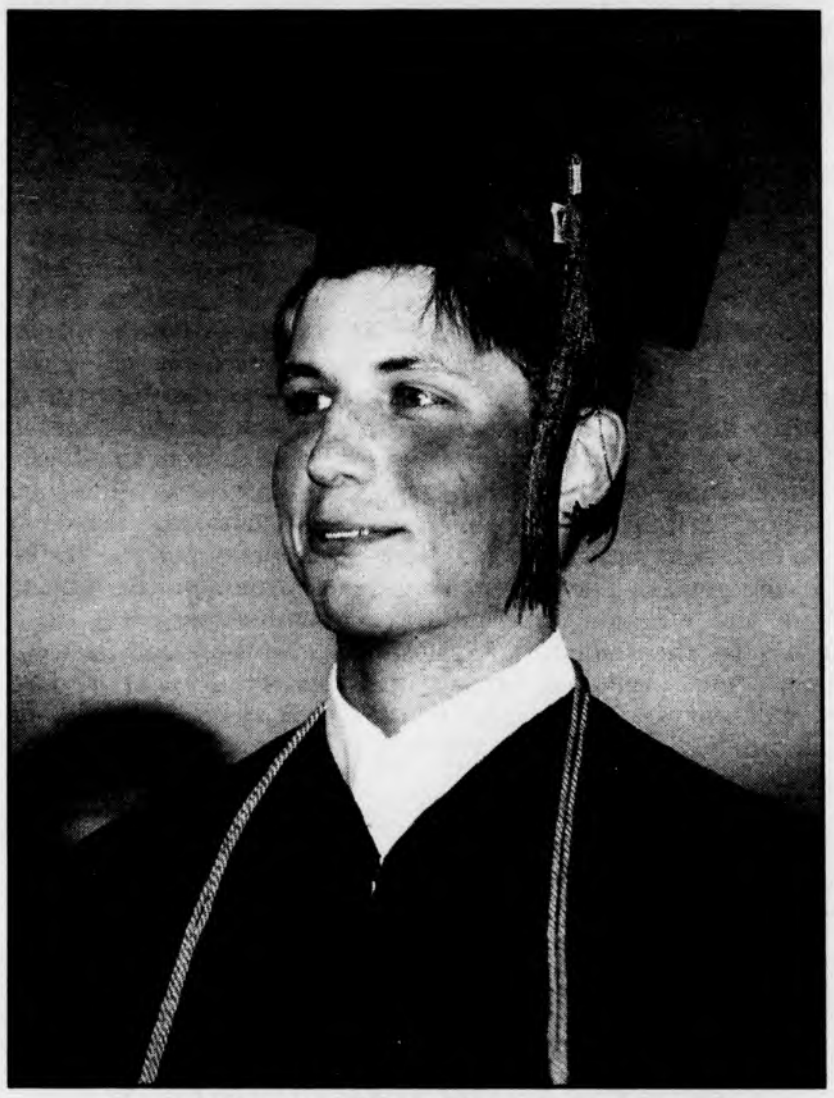
M.I.T. is expecting Chris next fall where he will begin his freshman year studying computer science. There, he has no plans in attempting to graduate early and now, looking back with 20/20 hindsight, he would not recommend graduating high school early to anyone. This is because of strains it put on his developmental and social life and activities.

Chris did not apply to Harvard because the work being done at M.I.T. is more suited to his goals, focusing more on understanding the machines rather than marketing them.

Chris has two younger brothers and a younger sister. His father works as a political consultant for a firm in Boston and his mother is an attorney. There are three, fully on line computer systems hooked up within the Lesniewski-Lass household. Receiving and sending E-mail, surfing the net, or simply working on a document are all run-of-the-mill activities.

As far as his long term goals are concerned after M.I.T. Chris can picture himself going on in school, possibly getting his doctorate in the field of computer science, and after that, a possible professorship, teaching as an absent-minded professor and continuing his research.

On another note, Chris also mentioned he "likes sailing, but being from Cohasset, how couldn't you?"



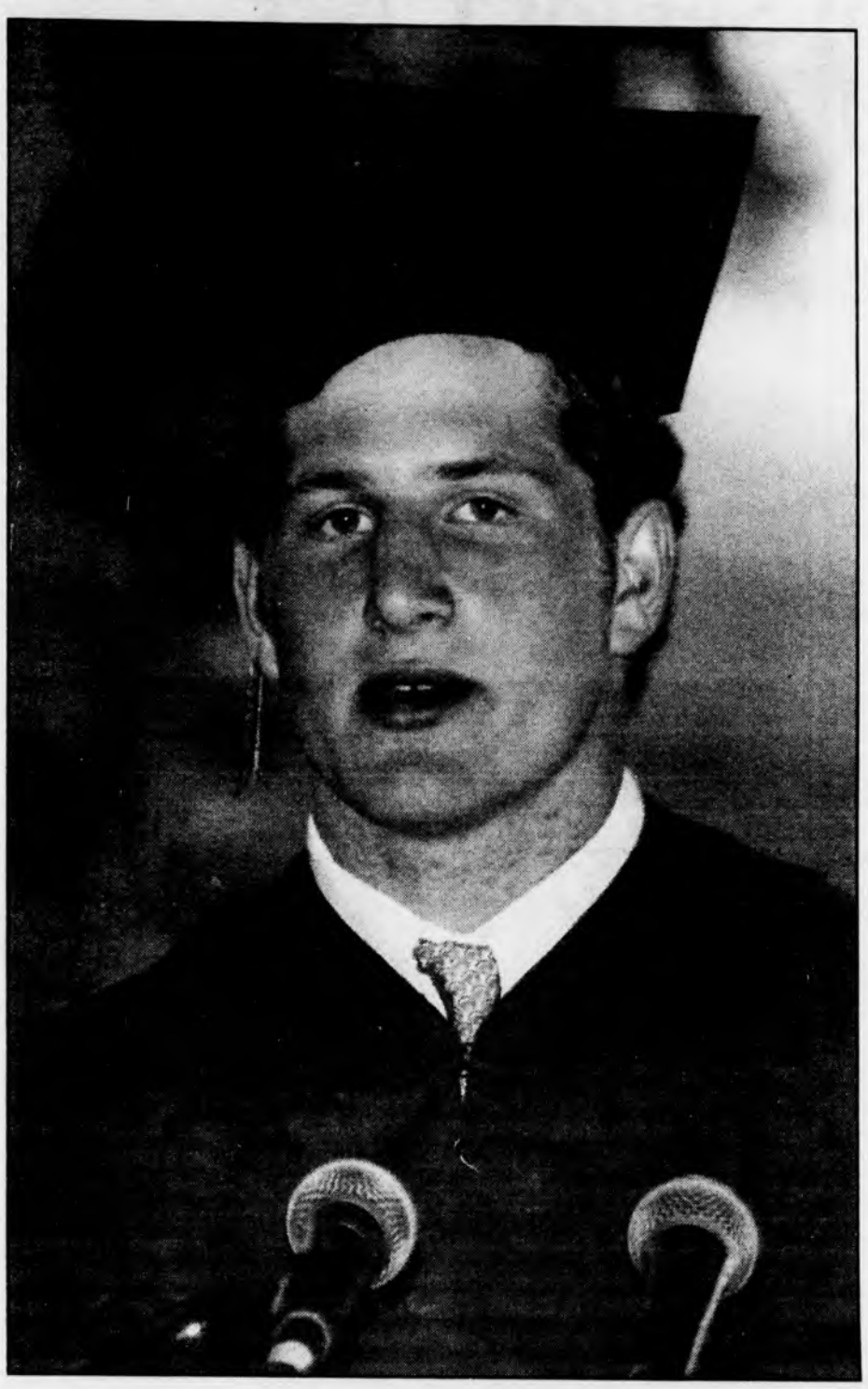
Co-valedictorian Christopher Lesniewski-Laas completed Cohasset High School in just three years.
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Name: Matt Belson

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Goal: To enjoy life to its fullest.

Best Day of Your Life: The day I found out I got into college.

Biggest worry: Keeping in touch with my friends.

Best vacation: Israel.

Favorite book: 'The Giving Tree,' by Shel Silverstein.

Favorite movie: 'Awakenings.'

Favorite TV show: 'Saved by the Bell.'

Favorite junk food: Anything from Mike's deli.

Pet peeve: Being told to do something.

Person you'd most like to meet: Colin Powell.

Favorite season: Spring.

Most embarrassing moment: Pushing my car '007' on Route 3A with Ely.

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American Legion Auxiliary: Lauren E. Cassino, Monique L. DeVoe, Yaqana 1. Madyun

American Legion- George H. Mealy Post #118: Rachel R. Begley, Holly M. Brennock, Justin P. Buckley, Michael J. Kearney. Jr., John L. Williams, III.

Sons of American Legion Scholarship: Holly M. Brennock.

Barbara Pape Memorial Scholarship, Troop 28 - Boy Scouts of America: Ryan J. Bishop

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Cohasset Permanent Firefighters Scholarship: Loni T. Colwill

David R. Marks Memorial Scholarship: Holly M. Brennock

Cohasset Gridiron Club: Kathleen M. Fitzsimmons, Ely J. Kahn, IV

Scott Sandblom Memorial Scholarship: Justin P. Buckley

C.H.S METCO Awards: Aja D. Campbell, Ka'Lorraine Gree, Yaqana I. Madyun

C.H.S. Performing Arts Awards: Holly M. Brennock, Jacqueline C. Hurley, Mark E. Whitman

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PCEA Scholarship: Nichole L. Santoro

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Cohasset Youth Baseball Association Scholarship: Kevin F. McKenna

Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars #9146, The William T. Barnes, Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Lauren E. Cassino, John L. Williams, III

Community Garden Club of Cohasset: Ryan 1. Bishop, Nichole L. Santoro

Computer Science Award: Christopher T. Lesniewski-Laas

D.A.R. Good Citizen Award: Jarrod V. Batts

Major William Arthur: Mark S. Connolly, Jr.

William J. McKenna Memorial Scholarship: Robert V.A. Stansell, III

Rosemarie Mercurio Memorial Scholarship: Rachel R. Begley

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Burtram J. Pratt Memorial: Ely J. Kahn, IV

William Ripley, Jr. Track & Field Awards: Andrea M. Grew, Eric D. Snow

Rotary Club of Cohasset: Valedictorians' Awards: Ely J. Kahn, IV; Christopher T. Lesniewski-Laas;

Salutatorian Award: Ryan S. McWilliams. Rachel R. Begley, Justin P. Buckley, Emily R. Collins, Kathleen M. Fitzsimmons, Courtney P. Goff, Andres M. Grew, Yaqana I. Madyun, Elizabeth A. Mahoney, Ryan S. McWilliams, Matthew I. O'Connor, Kelley-Marie O'Donnell, Nichole L. Santoro, Lloyd T. Workman.

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Noel Ripley Scholarship: Daniel Collins

Rockland Trust Company Scholarship: Karen D. Niessink

James Story Memorial Athletic Scholarship: Ashley C. Brister

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The following awards were presented to the class of 1998:

Bausch & Lomb Science Award: John Flanagan

Dartmouth Book Club Award: Jane Flaherty

Harvard Book Award: Kathleen Buckley

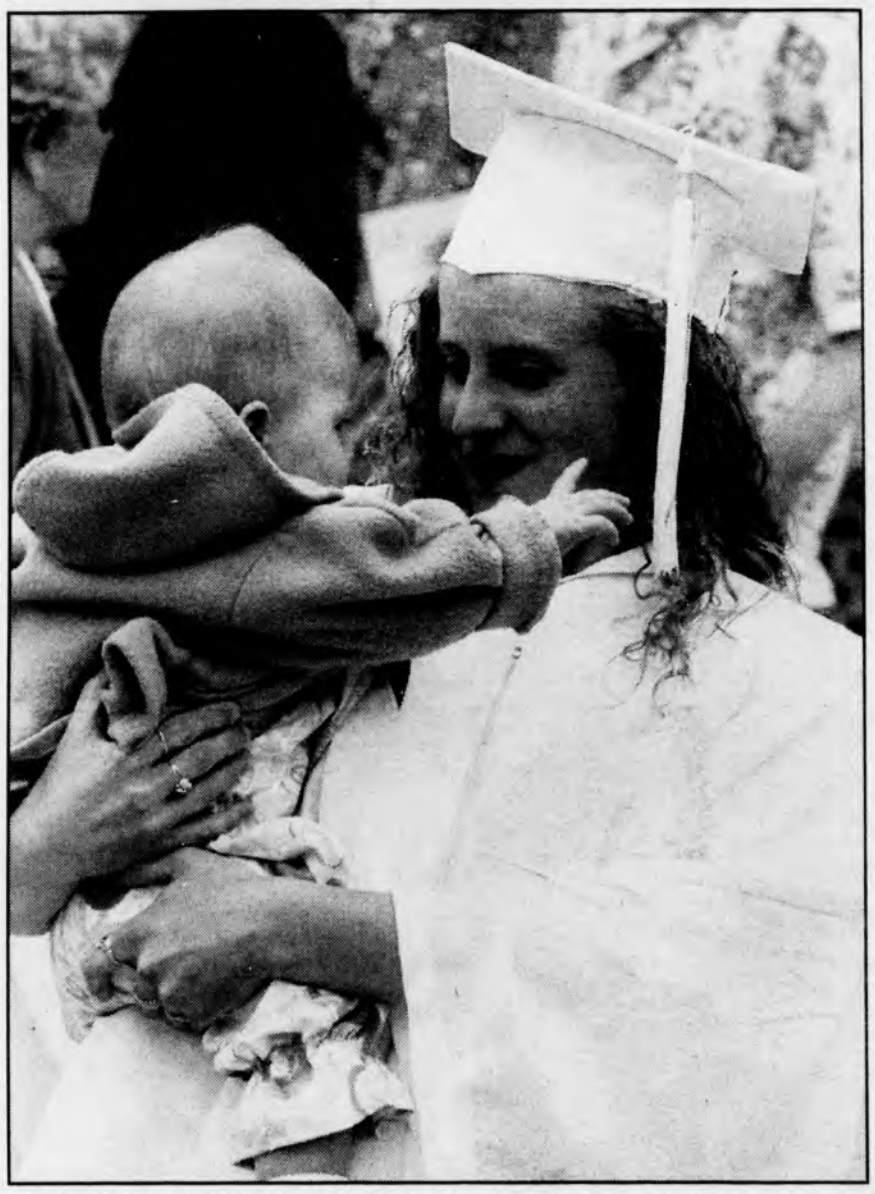
Holy Cross Book Award: Andrew Ross

Northeastern University: Eric Moore

Rensselaer Medal Award: Ivan Chang

Smith Club Book Award: Amanda Gontarz

Williams College Book Award: John Flanagan



Elizabeth Bestick holds little Dianna who is fascinated with her tassel outside the Music Circus on Saturday where graduation exercises were held.

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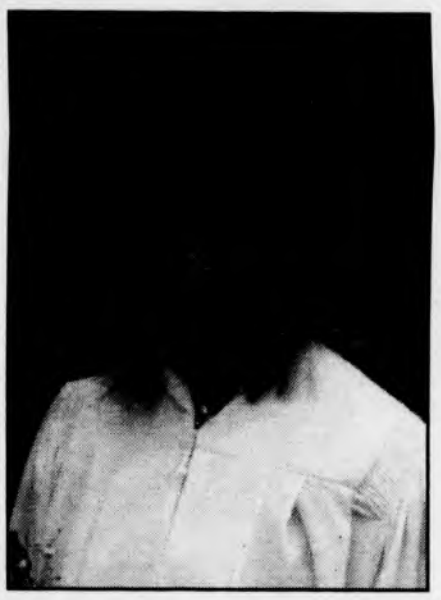
'Playing in the NHL.'

— Dave Noble.



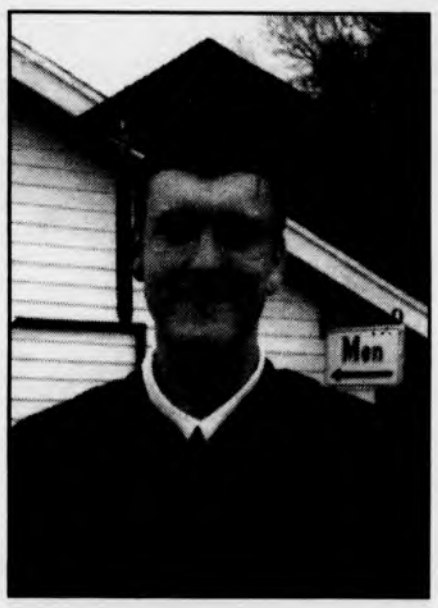
'Newscaster.'

— Jodi Colwill.



'An early education teacher with Head Start.'

— Lauren Cassino.



'International banking.'

— Ryan Bishop.



'Running my own Kung Fu school.'

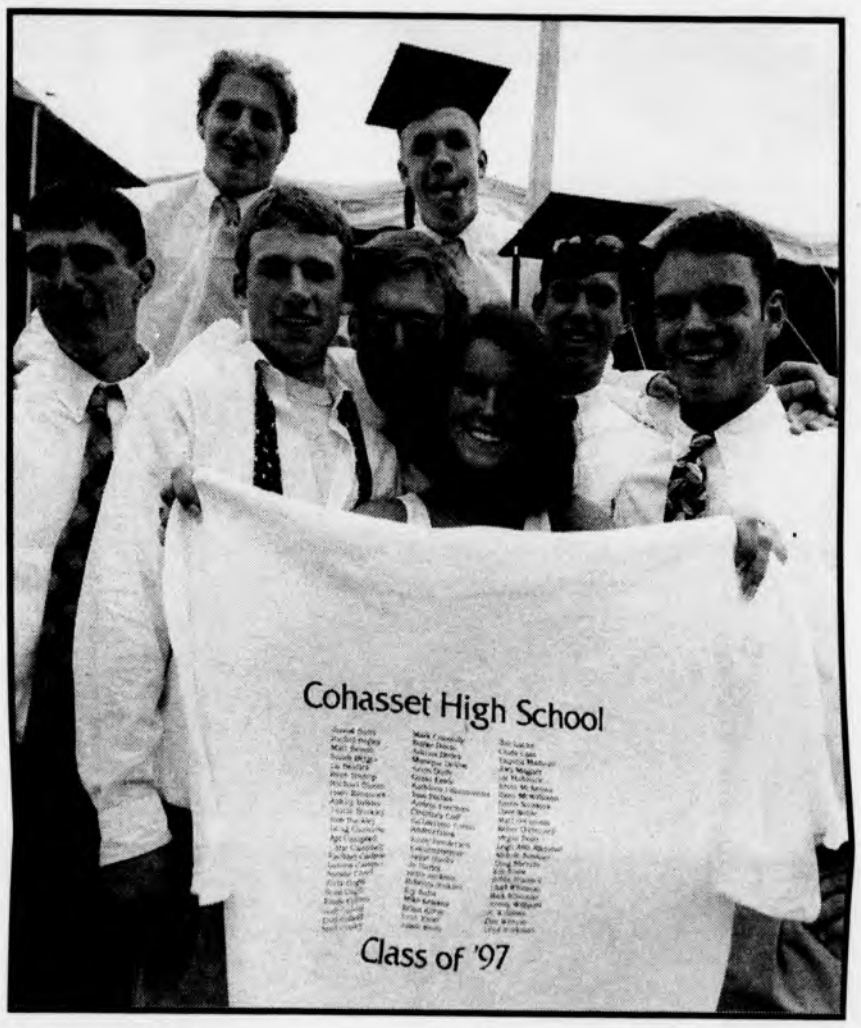
— Jeremy Williams.

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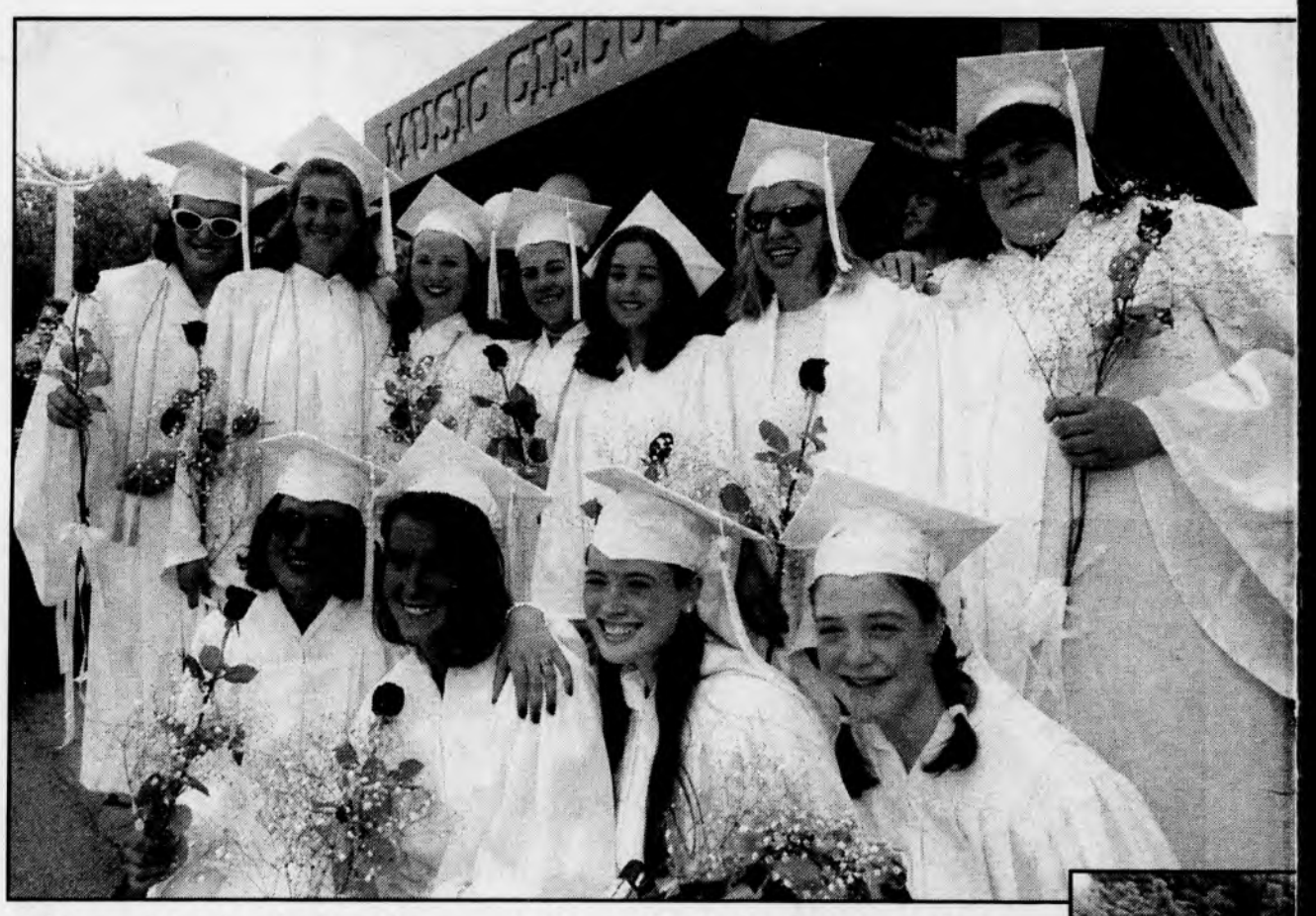
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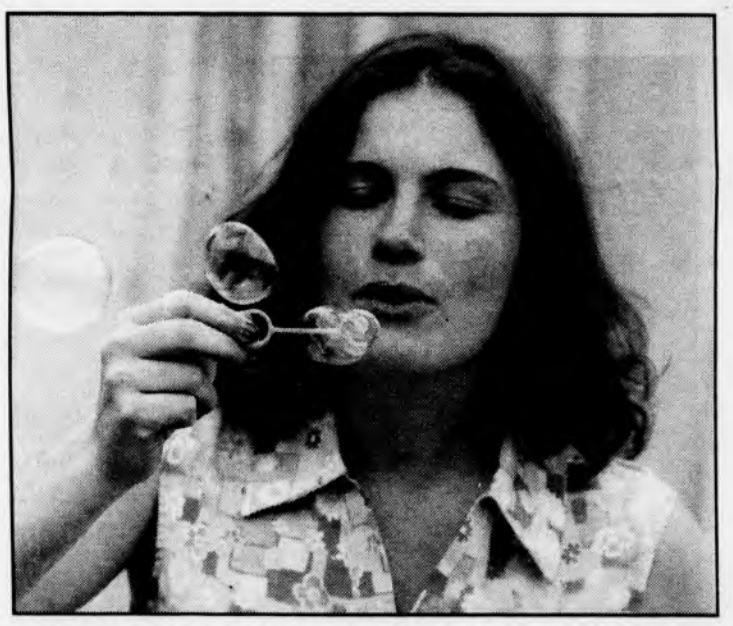
Nicole Santoro keeps a tight hold on her diploma.



Girls, each with a single red rose, pose for one last school Mariner photo.



Jacque Hurley tries on her big sister Caitlin's hat.



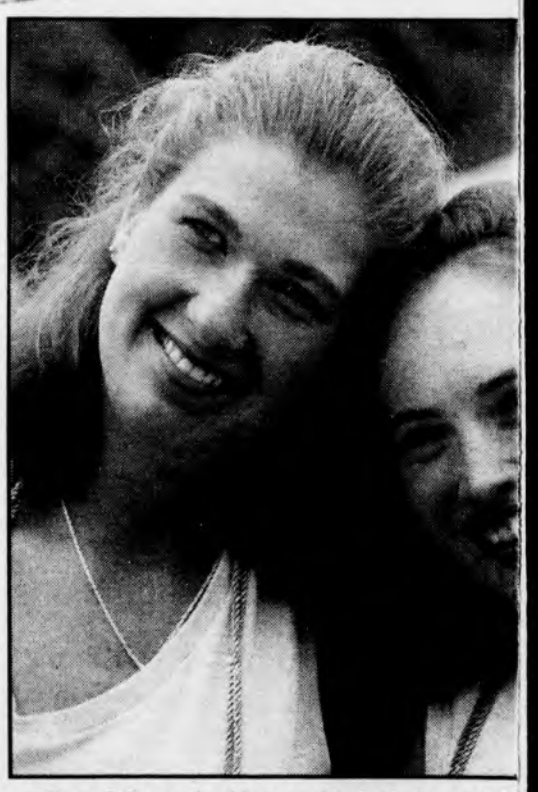
Rachel Begley celebrates by blowing bubbles.



Some of the male members of the Class of 1997 hang out together before the ceremony Saturday at the Music Circus.



Pretty as a picture are soon-to-be-graduates Erica Hettstrom, Natalie Cheel, Rachel Bloom and Emily Collins.



Good friends, Karen Neissink and K
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Sarah Berger fixes Leigh Ann Richmond's cap.



Salutatorian Ryan McWilliams tells his classmates that they'll be up to the task no matter what the future holds.

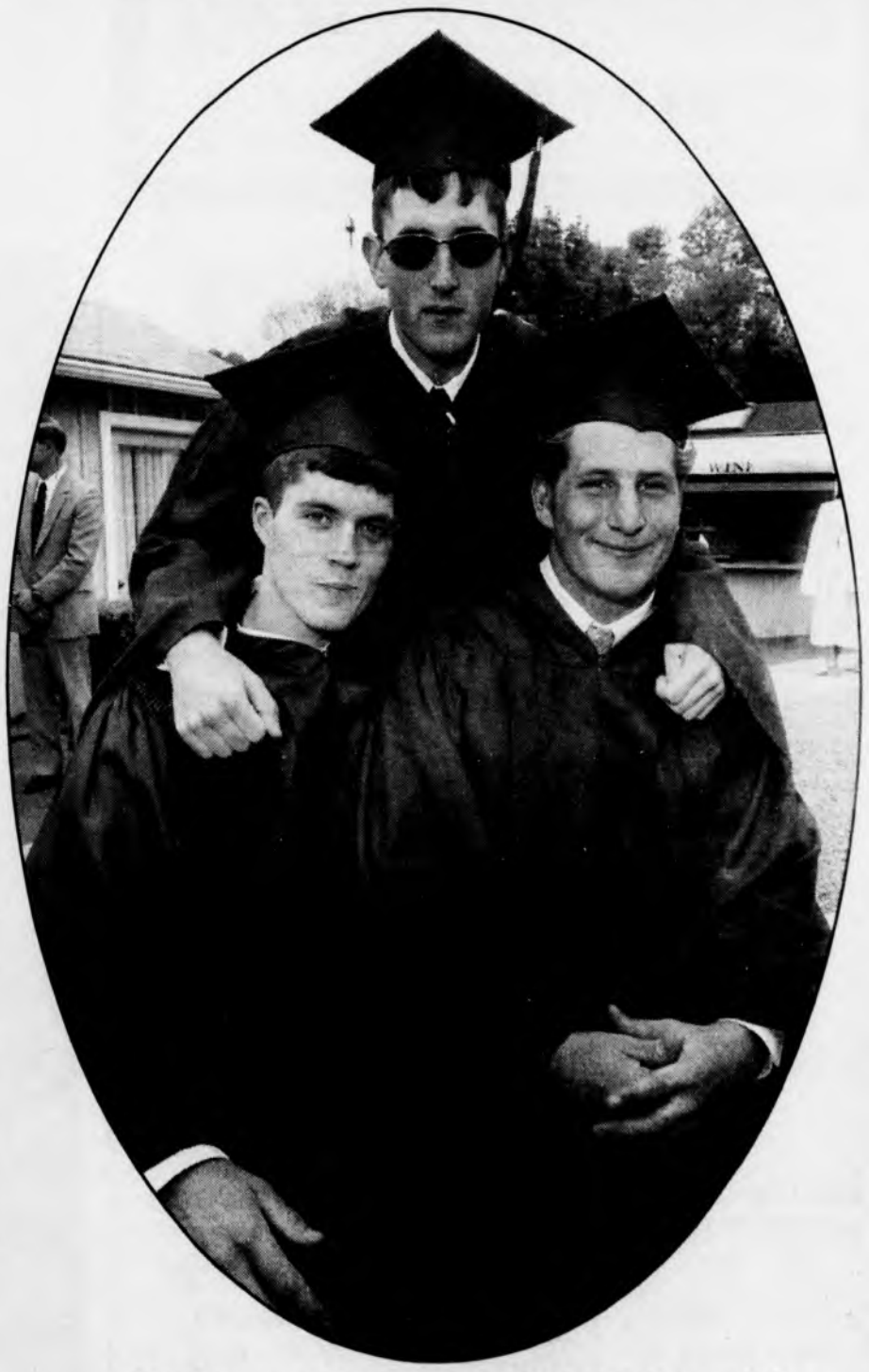




elly O'Donnell, are both Honor Society.



Yaqana Madyn and Loni Colwill are all smiles following graduation exercises at the Music Circus on Saturday.



Mike Kearney, Matt Conley and Matt Belson wait for graduation exercises to get underway.

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The honorary chairperson of the relay will be state representative and Cohasset resident, Mary Jeanette Murray.

The Relay for Life Committee hopes to raise more than $15,000 during the walk, which will help to support the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education and services to cancer patients and their families. The great majority of the funds brought in by the Relay For Life are not raised by corporate sponsors but rather by personal donations and pledges to the participants.

Every team, whose average number is about 10, must have one runner or walker on the track at all times. Throughout the 24-hour journey, there will be music, games, exhibits, demonstrations, food and more including a luminary walk at 9 p.m., Saturday. At this point the track is lined with incandescent containers and candles. There will also be three survivor walks to be held at 6 p.m. and one at 9 p.m., which kick off the luminary walk, and another one at the conclusion of the marathon at 3 p.m., Sunday. Everyone on the South Shore is invited to come and be a part of the festivities, the gratitude for survivorship, and the continual challenge of raising funds, which are all equally prominent features of the relay.

RVs and tents are welcome for those who are planning on staying through the evening. Teams may opt to have runners come in shifts.

The Relay for Life is an opportunity to become involved in a good cause, for example, St. Anthony's Church has entered three teams to participate.

All runners are asked to obtain a minimum of a $100 sponsorship.

There is still time to get your team together and participate in this event. For more information, please call the South Shore Unit of the American Cancer Society at (617) 741-9844.

Keep Smiling

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dictorians and a salutatorian.

Matt Belson, the class' outgoing, energetic president, set the tone for the day in his welcoming address. He urged his classmates not to "turn cynical" and to resolve to be happy which he said was not an end in itself but something that must be gained along the way.

"The world always looks better behind the smile," he said.

Curtis Collins, a former Cohasset High teacher who returned to the school last year as principal, gave Belson a special tribute praising his leadership and enthusiasm.

Ryan McWilliams, salutatorian and National Merit Commended Scholar, will attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst where he was awarded the Chancellor's Scholarship.

McWilliams said the future will hold some uncertainty but expressed confidence in his classmates.

"We cannot assume our future years will be easy," he said, noting "whatever the obstacle and whatever the endeavor our class of 1997 will be up to it."

Co-valedictorian Ely Kahn, who is headed for Harvard, stressed individualism and urged his fellow graduates not to be afraid to make the first move.

"Never settle for mediocrity," he said, reminding everyone "to have fun in life."

And in a highly entertaining speech, co-valedictorian Christopher Lesniewski-Laas, who graduated from Cohasset High in three years and will attend MIT in the fall (see related story), said he's spent his whole life preparing for the future whether it be high school or college.

"Enough preparing for life, I'm ready to live it!" he said.

Lesniewski-Laas drew laughter when he talked about moving up last fall and "being the junior geek in the senior class."

"You welcomed as well as you can an impostor who threatened to push down most everyone's class rank by one," he said.

School Committee Chairman Maureen Jerz, who delivered the keynote address, said commencement is not an end but a beginning.

"It's a beginning...an opening up of life's vast array of opportunities," she said.

She urged the 67 members of the class to hold onto their youthful idealism.

"Hold onto your values, your ideals, they are the foundation with which to make the world a better place," she said.



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MARINER SPORTS

Skippers End Discouraging Season

By Jim O'Sullivan
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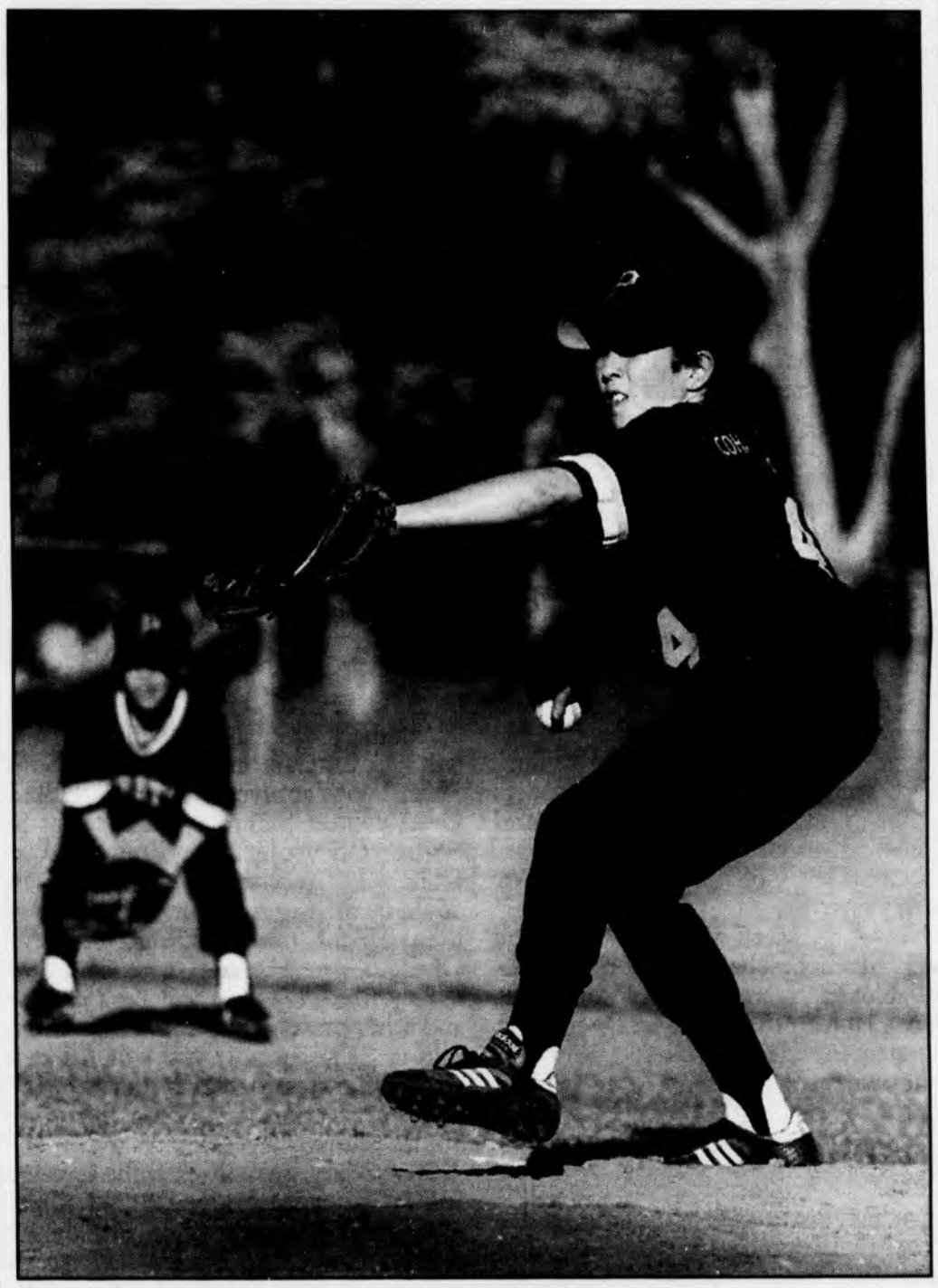
Finally. The Saturday Memorial Day weekend, the Cohasset Skippers boys varsity baseball team put an end to their agonizing, one month, eight game losing streak. Joe Pergola spun a masterful performance on the mound, hurling more than 130 pitches and fanning 13. The Boys in Blue battled a 7 a.m. departure and an hour-and-a-half delay due to lack of umpires, to emerge with a victory in extra innings over Provincetown.

The Skippers had held a 4-1 lead going into the bottom of the seventh after an offensively explosive sixth inning. However, faulty defense and some bad breaks forced extra innings. In the 10th inning, however, the Skippers pulled ahead with big hits from Greg Taylor and Al Schwerin and posted their first victory in too long.

Unfortunately, the P-Town win would be Cohasset's last, as they bowed to Scituate and Carver in the final week of the season. The Scituate game was hotly contested, and possibly one of the Skippers' best of the year. Coach Ford applied platoon pitching, alternately sending Ben "Yoda" Ketchum and Jim O'Sullivan to the hill. Solid defense by Grant Emde and Rob Buckley's work behind the dish helped keep the Skippers in the game, along with big hits from Kevin McKenna, Pat Hurley and Ketchum.

However, the Skippers ran out of outs, as they couldn't

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Eric Belz gtes set to deliver the pitch.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

THE FISH STORY/Mark Trask

Herrings are Running Wild

The waves marched in from the northeast in a never-ending line. Huge ocean rollers piled up every half minute, lit silver and blue under the changeable skies. The creaking of the hull gave testimony to the shifting watery stresses acting against it.

Ahead in the mist a craggy ledge loomed above the crashing waves. At the plotting table, Noah determined it was Mt. Ararat. Mt. Ararat? Whoa, wrong story!

Yet ask any captain venturing out of South Shore harbors this week and those were the conditions found. Everyone has been praying harder than Noah for a break in this insistent easterly weather, and I think it may finally be with us.

The weather does seem to be having some strange effects. The other morning as I left the One-Stop coffee shop in Marshfield with my jumbo, I came across a curious sight at the culvert spanning the South River's higher reaches. A small group watched a dripping-wet man scramble back up to road level with a five-gallon pail clutched in his grasp. I slowed to a stop and asked a couple in the group what was going on.

"He's catching herring," they replied. "The river is loaded with them."

Ronnie reports from Ferry Street that this is true for most of the South River above the Julian Street bridge. Many anglers are catching scores of schoolic stripers using herring chunks and small pearlescent Bombers. Occasionally she reports a keeper size is caught in the mix.

Mackerel are still roaming the offshore waters for those who have been able to get to them. Not too many days go by without a netter calling the shop with hundreds of pounds for sale. Those angling are finding Xmas tree rigs furnished with a diamond jig to be tops. Small Solvrokens, Kastmasters, Hopkins and Zing jigs are producing as well. Several anglers were stocking up on small silver lures like Lil Cleo's, Al's Goldfish, Needlefish and Deadly Dick's to take advantage of the mackerel runs at Pt. Pemberton in Hull. Pemberton is one of the only spots locally the mackerel visit regularly where shore bound anglers have a shot at this hard fighting fish. Outfit yourself with a 5'6" to 6' rod and light gear for a spectacular fight.

Paul Hansell has two "new keepers" so far this year. Mackerel chunks and careful observation of fish movements is Paul's formula for success.

Cohasset's Dave Barrow was credited with catching an early bluefish much to everyone's surprise. Another angler reports that Little Harbor is quiet so far but outside at the mouth is a different story. He bagged a keeper on a fresh pogie as the tide dropped.

With the outside conditions as miserable as they were, many boaters found action in Hingham Bay and the Weir River. Reports have Hingham's Wil Collins and crew off to a hot start. The Back River is a good shot for a day trip as well. Most shops have a good supply of fresh pogies on hand now.

Mike Kelley of Scituate was in this week dropping off a fresh batch of salt flies. He reports steady action in Cohasset Harbor by the falls. He also has made successful trips to the area

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Junior Skippers Losing Streak Continues

A disappointing late-season slide has dropped the Cohasset junior lacrosse team under .500 for the first time all season, including losses to Duxbury and Norwell the weekend of June 6 to 8.

After starting the season with four wins in five games, the Junior Skippers have lost four straight to fall to 4-5.

Against Duxbury, Cohasset fell behind early and trailed 9-2 at the end of three quarters before scoring four times to cut the deficit to three with more than three minutes to play. From there on, however, the Skippers couldn't capitalize on several opportunities and the game ended at 9-6.

Matt Davis had two goals and an assist, Michael Devine scored twice during the comeback and Greg O'Connell had a goal and an assist for Cohasset. Goaltender Nick Murphy made 12 saves.

Two days later, Cohasset squared off with Norwell in a game that was a blowout almost from the start. Earlier in the season, Cohasset beat Norwell I — one of two Norwell 12-and-under teams — by a score of 16-5. Norwell II, the town's other 12-and-under squad, returned the favor, winning 16-4 in a game where too many penalties, fundamental breakdowns and missed opportunities cost the Skippers. Nick Murphy faced 34 shots on goal — the most allowed by Cohasset this year — and came up with 18 saves.

This is the second consecutive season that Cohasset's youth program has gotten off to a strong start, only to finish on a sour note. Coach Chuck Jaffe says that he must shoulder much of the blame, because his schedule makes it hard for the team to practice regularly.

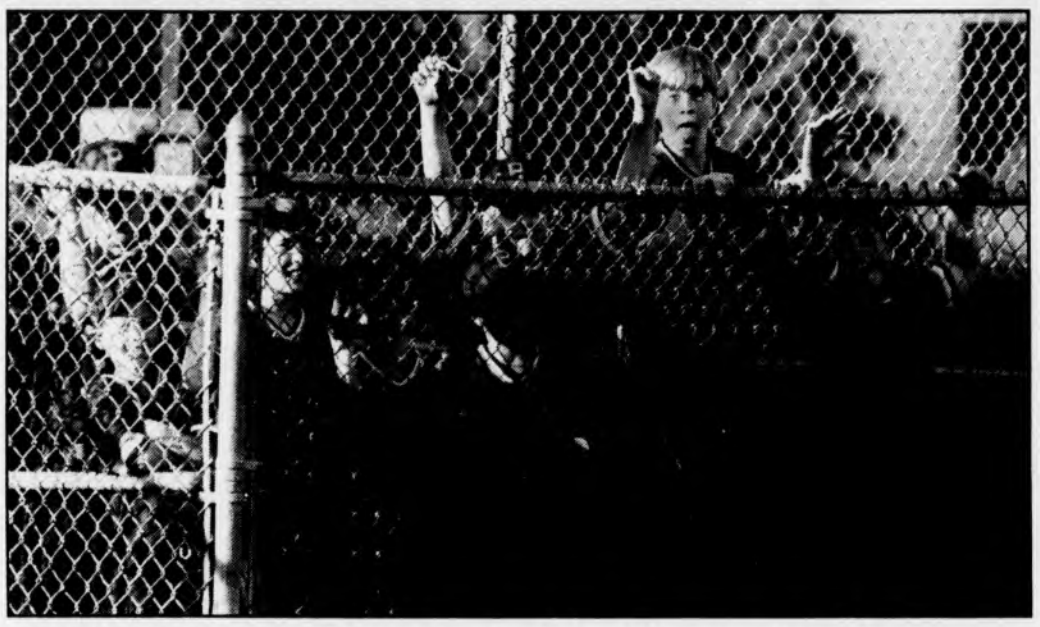
"We beat the exact same Duxbury team 11-4 early in the season and it was no fluke," Jaffe said. "Between that game and the second one with them, we played five games, had three practices and a week off; Duxbury practiced twice a week, meaning six games and 12 practices.

"Our kids played as hard as ever — most are playing their best lacrosse now, even though we are losing — but they need the repetition. One of the biggest things coming out in practice is learning to capitalize on the mistakes of others. Duxbury did that. The things we got away or overcame early in the season are being picked on now, and we simply haven't had the instructional time to keep up."

Jaffe had an assistant coach lined up to help this year, "but his schedule and availability was even worse than my own." As a result, the team is looking for an assistant coach to help run the youth lacrosse program in 1998.

Despite the late season slump, a number of players on the Cohasset roster have been impressive. The team's top scorers are: Curt Kahn (20 goals-0 assists-20 points), Matt Davis (13-2-15), Evan Pestone (9-6-15), Robert Hickey (9-3-12), Greg O'Connell (5-3-8) and Michael Rasmussen and Michael Devine (both 7-0-7). Nick Murphy, a stalwart in the goal all season long, has stopped 118 of the 187 shots he has faced, for a save percentage of .631 .

Sport Briefs



COHASSET PIRATES CELEBRATE – Team members celebrate a run scored

Staff photo / Bill Wadsworth

Swimming and Diving Team Try-Outs

Calling all swimmers and divers! The Cohasset Swim and Diving Teams announce that Becky Golden and Allison Hughes are returning to coach the Cohasset Swim Team, and Dawn Meehan will return to the diving team for another terrific season. Last year's team members agree that the season was exciting and a lot of fun! Both teams welcome new members, and all are invited to try out.

This year's season starts June 30 (not June 23, as previously announced), and culminates in the championship finals, held at Wheaton College, Saturday, Aug. 16. Tryouts for new swim team members will be held Wednesday, June 18, and Thursday, June 19, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Cohasset Swim Club. Diving team tryouts are Saturday, June 21, at 9 a.m. Tryouts for both teams are for new members only. Returning members do not have to try out.

On Tuesday, June 24. at 9 a.m., the Varsity Swim Shop will set up shop at the Cohasset Swim Club to sell team bathing suits. The team has a new bathing suit design this year.

Call 383-9482 with any questions.

South Shore Community Center

Gymnastics Schedule

GYMNASTICS 1997

Ruthanne Ardizzoni, Director

Summer Gymnastics Workout:

Session I July, level 4 team members Tuesday, July 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost $35.

Session I July, level 5 team members Tuesday, July 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost $45.

Session II August, level 4 team members Tuesday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost $35.

Session II August, level 5 through high school team Tuesday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost $45.

South Shore Soccer Camp

Registrations for South Shore Soccer Camp have begun for boys and girls ages 8 to 18. This is the South Shore Soccer Camp's sixth year of operation in Cohasset. If you are interested in registering, it is suggested that you call the Cohasset recreation department, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall, or call 383-6791, to be assured enrollment. Brochures and registration forms are available at the recreation office.

South Shore Soccer will be offered to both boys and girls during the weeks of Monday through Friday, Aug. 4 to 8, and August 11 to 15. Should a camper wish to attend both camps, this is now possible. In order to choose the week of camp you desire, early registration is advised as both camps must be restricted in number.

Camp meets daily, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cohasset's Miliken Field. The cost for camp is $175 per week and discounts for multiple weeks and subsequent children are available. South Shore Soccer Camp represents top-flight training, delivered by top college and high school coaches and players from the New England area.

Soccer Camp

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for VIP Soccer Camp, for children ages 4 to 7 years old.

VIP soccer camp offers two programs for boys and girls, ages 4 to 7. ABC Soccer is especially designed for 4- and 5-year-olds and meets from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 21 to 25. The cost is $50 per week.

Also offered by VIP is a three-hour per day program, meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 21 through 25 for 6- and 7-year-olds. The cost is $80 for the week.

Both VIP programs will be held this year at the Front Field of Cohasset High School. For brochures and registration forms, come to the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall.

Cohasset Recreation Department

Lacrosse Lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a full-contact, full-equipment lacrosse clinic this summer under the direction of Mr. Chuck Jaffee of Cohasset, for youngsters entering grades five and six during the fall of 1997.Clinics will be held Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning Monday, June 30, continuing for eight weeks through Aug. 18.

Participants will need a helmet, stick and pads for participation in this clinic. The fee for the eight-week opportunity is $35 per person.

Registration forms and details are available at the Cohasset Recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall. Early registration is advised due to a limitation in participation.

Charity Kick-A-Thon

Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi recently hosted a charity fund-raising event in collaboration with the Project Action Foundation.

The event, a Kick-A-Thon, netted nearly $1,200 for Project Action. The funds collected have been placed into an escrow account to be released back out into the local community as scholarship money for youths ages 6 to 18 who wish to pursue studies at Jade Forest and who meet the Project Action guidelines. For further information about qualifying for this unique program, call Jade Forest owner/instructor John Loupos at 383-6822. Jade Forest is located on Route 3A in Cohasset.

Summer Basketball Camp

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a summer basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two camp sessions will be available this July. Boys and girls, ages 8 through 11, will have camp from Tuesday, July 8, through Friday, July 11, at Cohasset High School's Sullivan gymnasium. The fee for the four-day camp is $120. The full week camp, for boys and girls ages 12 through 15, will be held Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18, at the Sullivan gymnasium. The fee for the five-day camp is $150.Registration forms are available at the Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office.

Baseball Camp

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters ages 5 through 12 years at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Camp has been contracted again this year to provide baseball camp, to be held the week beginning Tuesday, June 24, through Saturday, June 28, at Miliken Field.

Two camps are available to youngsters as follows: Full-day, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., camp for ages 7 and over, and a half-day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. camp is available for 5- and 6-year-olds.

The week-long camp costs $130 per child for the full-day program, and $75 per child for the half-day program. Camp ends Saturday, June 28.

The South Shore Baseball Club, located at the South Shore Sports Center, Hingham, offers year-round baseball instruction and has had baseball camp for Cohasset Recreation for seven years.

Non-Cohasset residents will be accepted for baseball camp on a space-available basis and registration forms are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor of Cohasset Town Hall.

Adult Evening Tennis

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept ongoing telephone registrations for adult evening tennis classes for all levels of instruction by calling 383-6791.

Classes will be scheduled as follows: Beginners 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday; Intermediates 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday; Advanced 6 to 7 p.m., Thursday; and Beginners 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday.

Other classes will be scheduled as demand indicates.

All sessions are four week sin duration and cost $35 per person, per session. Teaching will be NMr. John McGrory of Cohasset Recreation Department's tennis staff. Participants who do not own, or have access to a racquet, should indicate this at the time of registration. Non-residents will be accepted on a space available basis. Another evening will be made available should demand indicate.

Learn to Sail in Hingham

Lincoln Sailing Center, Inc., a non-profit community sailing program located off the 3A Rotary in Hingham, will hold an Open House on Wednesday, June 18 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The center will also be talking registrations at this time for the summer program that begins June 23, beginners to advance, for children (9 years and older) and adults.

Classes are limited in size. For applications call (617) 749-0735 or pick one up at Brewed Awakenings, Kehoe's Ships Chandlery or the Hingham Public Library. This program is open to residents as well as non-residents.

Boy Scout Boating Course

Beginning Monday evening,, June 23, an eight-week special boating course will be launched by Hingham's Lincoln Sailing Center. The program is designed to prepare any registered South Shore Boy Scout in the Old Colony Council for his boating advancement and merit badge requirements.

There is a modest fee for the eight week course. Scouts can expect to learn sound boating and safety basics. At the same time, they will be able to pass required tests and earn merit badges related to aquatic and boating safety.

Boy Scout members enrolling are required to provide their own Coast Guard approved life jackets.

Further information may be obtained from Tally Lauter (617) 749-5978.

Hockey Skills Workshop

Hockey Skills Development Workshops is offering a high speed skills program for Mites and Squirts skating one day per week this summer at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham.

The program is directed by experienced college and high school coaches that truly believe skill development is a craft. All programs feature a positive learning environment, limited class sizes, and are focused towards skills actually used in playing the game. For further details, call (617) 769-7783.

Cerebral Palsy 'Hole in One' Contest

South Shore Chevrolet in Cohasset will kick off Cerebral Palsy of the South Shore's 45th anniversary with a "Hole In One" contest Saturday, June 21, at So. Shore Chevrolet on Route 3A in Cohasset. There will be 5-ft., 10-ft. and 15-ft. qualifying rounds. One person will then try for the 60-ft. putt "Hole In One" to win a grand prize of a 1997 Chevy Blazer! There will be a cookout and other prizes. Only 150 tickets will be sold at $100 each. If you would like to purchase tickets, make a donation of a prize, or become a sponsor, please call South Shore Chevrolet at (617) 383-9090 or Maryrose Mirick at the Cerebral Palsy Center at (617) 479-7443.Other sponsors are Stop & Shop in Cohasset and Hingham Institute for Savings. All proceeds benefit Cerebral Palsy of the South Shore new building fund.

South Shore Soccer Camps

Both weeks are optional for boys and girls. Monday, Aug. 4 to Friday, Aug. 8, ages 8 to 18. Monday, Aug. 11 to Friday, Aug. 15, ages 8 to 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., price $175, Cohasset High School. Price includes camp shirt and ball. Directed by SSSC—Jon Anderson and Larry Shultz.

V.I.P. Soccer Camps

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25, front field, CHS. Soccer ABC's, ages 4 and 5, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., price $50. Half day program, ages 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., price $80. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by V.I.P. soccer—Dave Pike and Ross Irwin.

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Matt Baroudi keep his eye on the ball.

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bring in runners on second and third with two outs in the seventh.

The Carver game saw the Skippers fare less well. The second-place Crusaders wouldn't let Pergola make any mistakes, using the Skippers as a tune-up for the tournament. Meanwhile, the Cohasset bats were once again inactive and the gloves seemed to be faulty, as the Skippers played another game of uninspired baseball. A fitting end to a lackluster season.

The Skippers finished the season 5-14, with a 2-14 league record. A wrap-up article will appear next week.

Herrings

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The Junior Skippers will close their season June 14 at the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League Jamboree, the largest youth lacrosse event in the country. The team plays Beverly and Concord in its two games; Beverly is the host for the event.

Skippers

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inside Fourth Cliff. Other areas mentioned this week included the wave swept jetties at Green Harbor, the Green Harbor Creek by canoe no less, and the Saquish rockpile.

If you're heading to Minot Beach or the rocks northerly up into the Glades, stop in and see Jim Hearn at the Village Store for the latest news. Last time in, he stocked up on mackerel, reporting that it was time. He'd seen several anglers walking by the store with stripers in tow.

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Summer Playground Camp

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is pleased to announce that Ms. Kristin Wrye will again serve as director for the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3-1/2 to 12.

The recreation commission has also established fees for the 1997 playground program which will remain the same as the 1996 program and are as follows:

5- to 12-year-olds: $150 for first child ($275 for non-residents).

3- to 5-year-olds: $125 for first child.

ACTIVITY FEE

A $35 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee, separate from program fee, to be paid at registration, will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

– Limited enrollment has been set for each program.

– Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis, and there are no discounts available for multiple children.

– All children must be toilet trained.

PROGRAMS

5- to 12-year-olds, full day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children must have been born between Aug. 31, 1984 and Dec. 31, 1991 to qualify. The 5- to 7-year-old program will be held at the Joseph Osgood School; the 8- to 12-year-old program, at the Deer Hill School.

Pre-school 3- to 5-year-old, half day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children must have been born between Jan. 1, 1992 and March 1, 1994 to qualify. This program will take place at the Deer Hill School.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Thursday evening, June 19, 5 to 7 p.m.

1997 Summer Sports Camps and Programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 1997 for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18.

Baseball Camp

Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27, ages 7 to 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., price $140. Ages 5 to 7, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., price $75. Price includes a camp shirt. Directed by South Shore Baseball Club.

Lacrosse—Full Contact Clinic

Monday evenings, 6:30 to 8 p.m., grades five and six (entering fall '97), Deer Hill School, June 30 to Aug. 18, price $35. Full equipment necessary, gloves, helmet, pads and stick.

All camps have individual application forms. Call the recreation office at 383-6791, or stop by the town hall for more information.

Basketball Camp

Tuesday, July 8 to Friday, July 11, grades four to six, price $120. Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18, grades six to nine, price $150. Price includes a camp shirt. Cohasset High School. Directed by CHS Coach Ron Ford and staff.

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RECREATION NOTES

Summer Employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for playground program counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 30 through Aug. 15 plus a one-day orientation during late June. CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school half-day program and the 5- to 12-year-old, full-day programs.

The recreation commission conducts a seven-week day camp structured program for children 3-1/2 through 12 years of age.

Should you be interested in applying, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 for an application or further information.

Pre-School Program Coordinator

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is accepting applications for a pre-school program coordinator for their summer playground program for children ages 3-1/2 through 5.

Candidates should have experience working with pre-school age children and a degree in Early Childhood Education or related fields would be an asset. The pre-school program coordinator reports directly to the playground director and is responsible for program development and staff direction.

The position is for an eight-week period working 3-1/2 hours daily Mondays through Fridays. The rate of compensation is $8 per hour. Call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (617) 383-6791 if interested.

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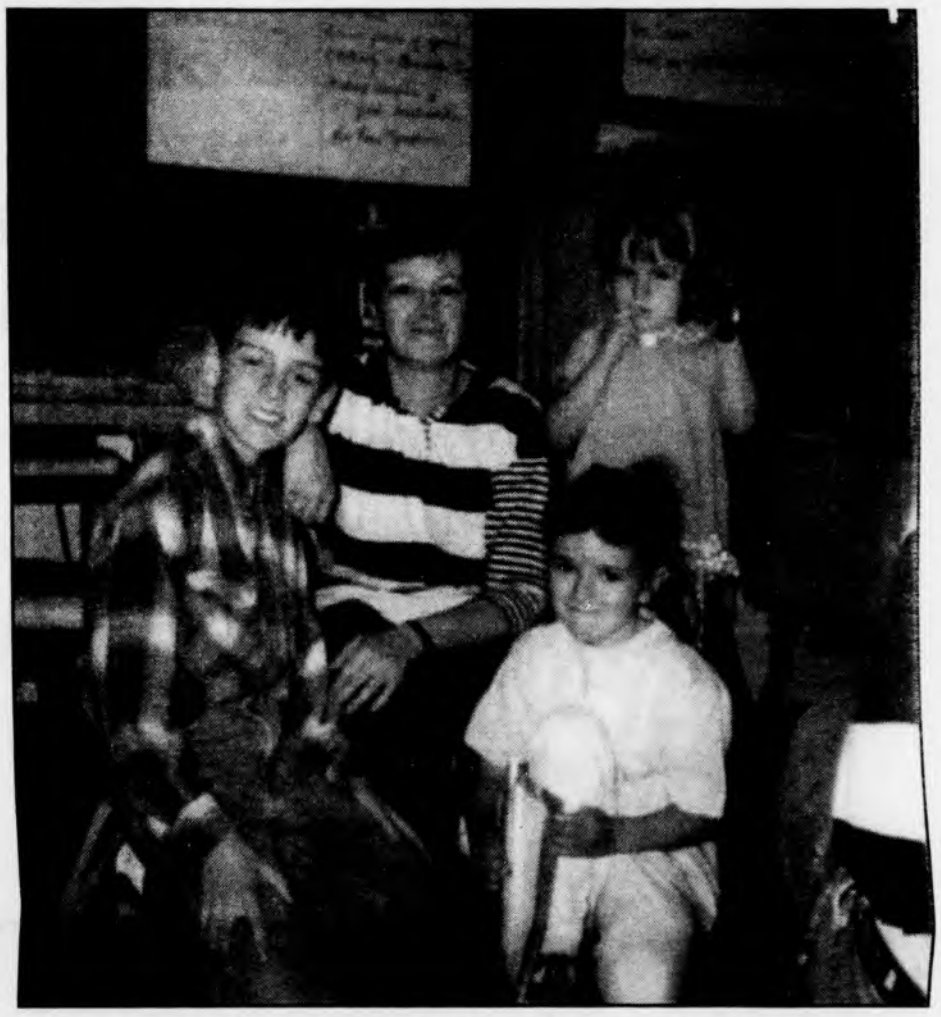
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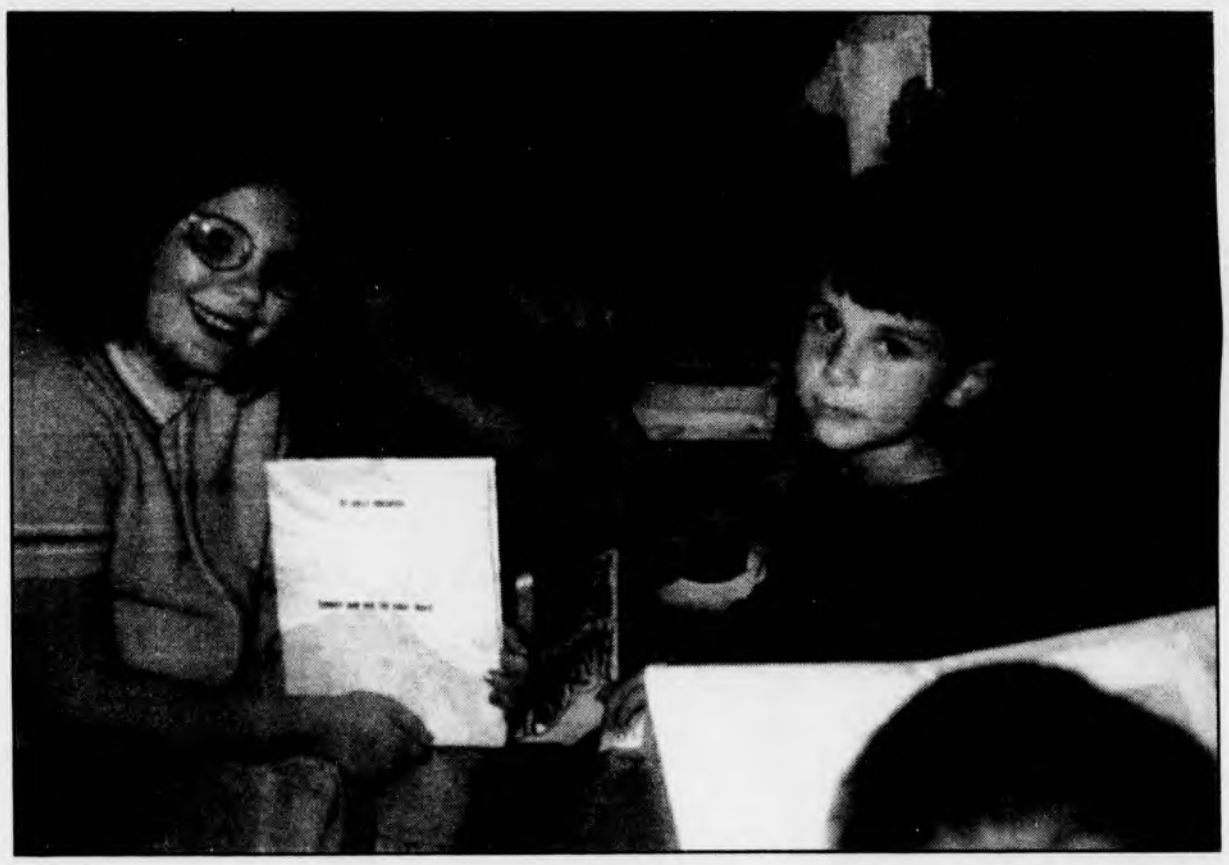
Mrs. Cisneros' sixth-grade class poses with their 'Surprise' books written for and about their kindergarten partners in Mrs. Price's class.

The kindergarten students in Mrs. Price's classes each received a book which was written especially for them by their sixth-grade "buddy." Throughout the year, the sixth-graders in Mrs. Cisneros' and Mr. Shultz's classes have been spending time with the kindergarteners, helping them with their reading and writing. As a special surprise, each sixth-grade student wrote and illustrated a book for their kindergarten partner using personal facts about their partner to create the book's characters, setting and plot.

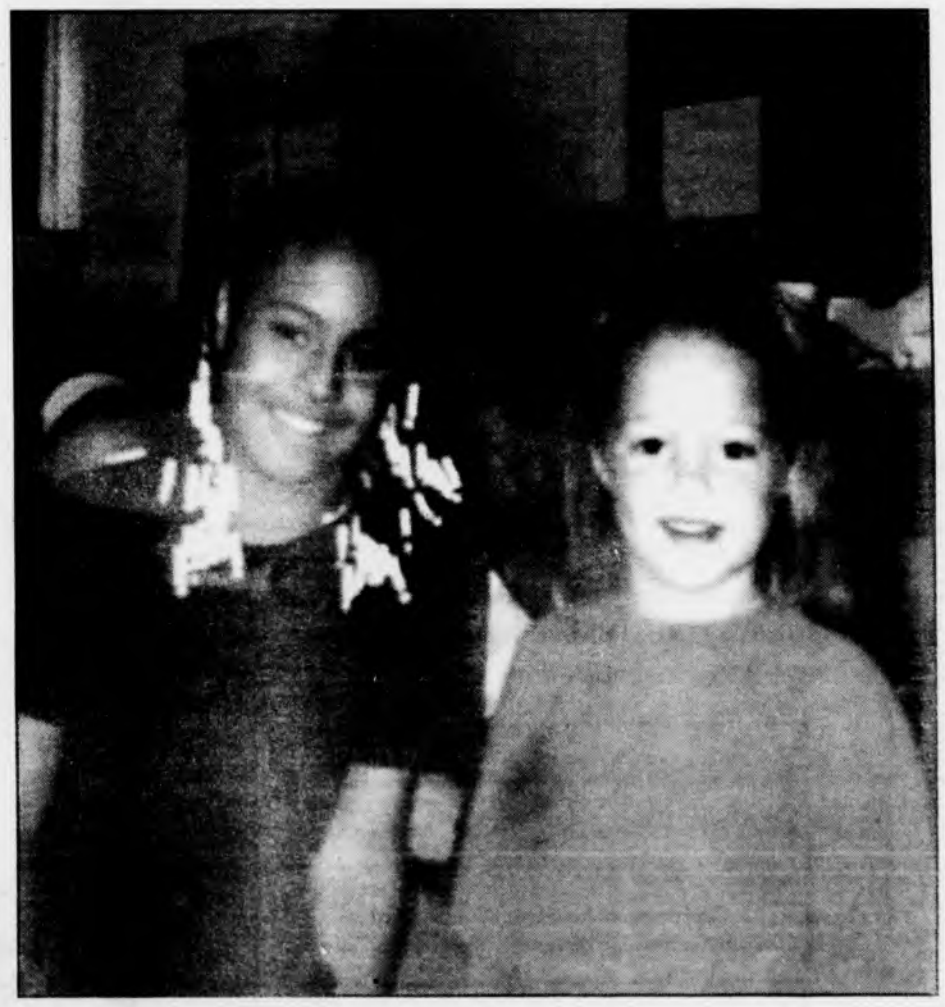
Mrs. Price and her two classes were invited to visit the sixth-grade classrooms Tuesday, June 3, where they were presented with their surprise books. Students and parents shared the many beautiful books with each other and were treated to punch and cookies to celebrate the event.



Sixth-grader Chuckie Kelly poses with his kindergarten partner Jenny Cahill and her mom, Clare, and little sister, Bridget.



Holly Dinsmore, who is in the sixth-grade, and her kindergarten partner Sammy Bilbo.



Yavonne Ortiz with her kindergarten partner, Maggie McGoldrick.



Sixth-grader Robert Hickey reads to kindergartner Conor Ofsthun.

Black Rock Beach Hosts Spring Cleanup

By Robert Ziff
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

For eons there have been things washing up on beaches all around the world, much of which has been sea weed, shells and an occasional board from a sunken ship. Over the last few decades this has changed.

If the Indians who originally named this area Quonahasset, meaning "a long, rocky place" had settled here on Saturday, they would have named it "a long rocky place littered with garbage."

Sunday afternoon, Black Rock Beach in Cohasset was the focus of concerned residents. Cooled by the ocean's breeze, about 50 came to lend a hand picking up everything from a railroad tie to a fishing knife. These items were either dragged or bagged, and brought to one of the two large green dump trucks on hand. Several tons of plastic material, wood, Styrofoam, rope, cans, cigarette butts, lighters, and everything under the sun, or in the ocean for that matter, were hauled away in the heaping trucks. About 20 stayed for the well-deserved barbecue of plump hot dogs, grilled chicken, and cold drinks that followed. The beach was left with a virtual face lift.

Trish Morse, a six-year resident of the area who co-coordinated this fourth annual event with Barbara Green, said that one of her concerns is for the safety of her two children. The rusty fragments of lobster traps washed up by storms, and other debris present potential for injury not only for her children but for all those who visit the beach. Trish also said, "It's a good time to get to know some of my neighbors, to put faces with names."

There is already talk of next year's cleanup with plans for a bonfire to boot.

According to the Environmental Studies Program at Cohasset High School, "Cigarette butts, one of the most common types of plastic debris, have been found in the stomachs of juvenile birds, sea turtles and countless other marine creatures. Sea animals become entangled in debris and eventually killed. It disrupts the balance in our delicate marine ecosystems such as coral reefs." The study program goes on to say that the best solution is simply, "Don't litter!"

Car Wash to Benefit Appalachian Families

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project organization sponsors a car wash on Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Second Congregational Church, next to town hall.

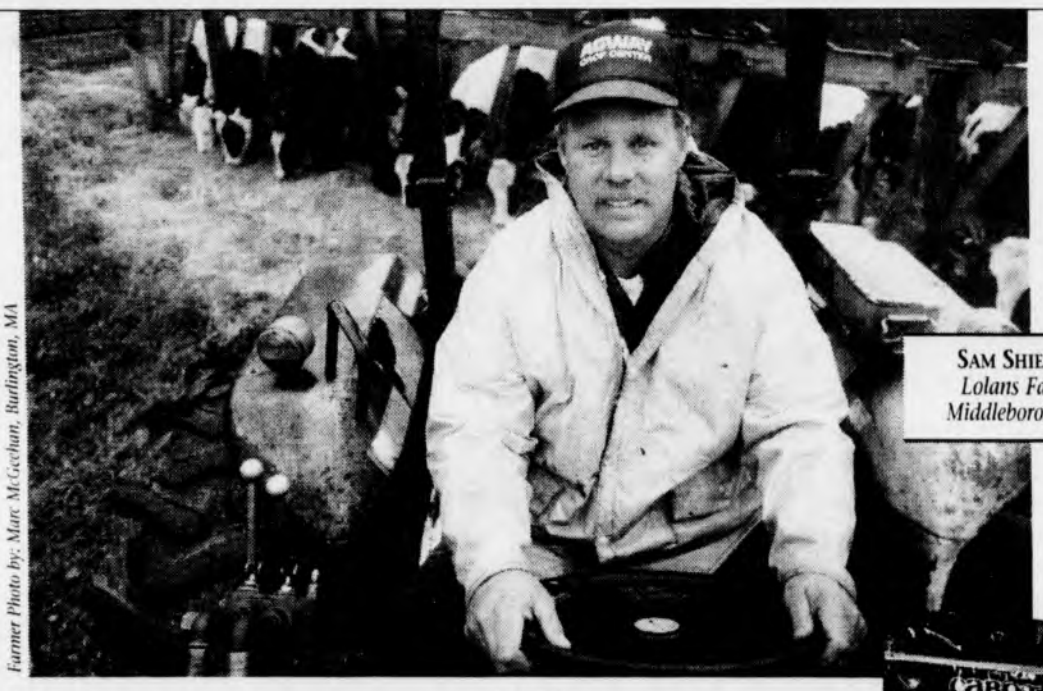
Now in their tenth year, this town-wide youth project will be traveling to Campbell County, Tennessee, to spend a week repairing and upgrading the homes of 12 impoverished families. Eight-four volunteers have signed on. They will board three coach buses at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 28, to head south. After picking up 12 vans en route and a stop overnight at two churches in Waynesboro, Virginia, the 12 vans will head on down to Tennessee and begin work on Monday morning under the direction of the Appalachia Service Project, Inc.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Managing your credit card debt can be a tough task

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

When her credit card debt reached $25,000 putting her required minimum payments at $850 a month - the police officer from Brooklyn, New York knew she was in over her head.



For the three years following her divorce, she had used 16 credit cards to fund her impulsive buying; purchasing clothing and home appliances for herself and her daughter, says Robert Espaillat, branch manager of Credit Counseling Service, a non-profit organization that helps consumers get out of debt.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

By sticking to the payment plan Espaillat has devised, she should be debt-free in six years.

Thankfully, that's not you, right? But, if you have debt on your cards that you can't pay off this month, you could be more like her than you think. Many Americans use credit cards to fund today by banking on tomorrow, only to have trouble paying off the debt.

At the beginning of this year they had some $470 billion in outstanding debt on their credit cards, according to the Credit Counseling Center.

Not only can credit card debt be inordinately expensive, subject to finance charges higher than those of other kinds of consumer loans, it can also lead you down a slippery slope into greater debt, while keeping you from saving for the future.

If you suspect you are headed for credit card trouble, ask yourself these questions: Do you make only the minimum payment required on your credit cards? Are you late making those payments? Do you regularly deplete your savings to cover living expenses? Do you have no real sense of where your pay check goes? If your answer to these questions is yes, "it may mean you're heading toward trouble," says Lynne Strang, a spokeswoman for the American Financial Services Association, a national trade association for small businesses and providers of consumer loans.

A good rule of thumb is to spend no more than 20 percent of your after-tax income on debt such as personal loans, credit card debt and car loans, says Charlotte Newton, vice president for consumer affairs at Mastercard. In theory, that kind of debt allotment will allow you to keep enough of your income available for necessary living expenses such as mortgage. rent. utilities. phone service, food, trips to the dentist, etc.

You don't have to be drowning in debt to need help. Even if you make the minimum payments on your balance each month, you should reassess your credit-card habits. If you can do so, definitely pay off more than the required minimum.

Why? Let's say you have a $2,000 balance-a far cry from the police officer's $25,000-on a card with a 21 percent interest rate. According to the Credit Counseling Service, if you only paid the minimum balance on that card, it would take 18 years to pay off and you'd end up paying $9,000 in interest alone-almost five times what you originally spent. What's more, if you invested that $9,000 instead, in something that appreciated 6 percent annually, in 18 years you would walk away with over $25,000.

On the other hand, if you are in dire straits and it's all you can do to make the minimum payment, be sure not to fall behind. Your credit card company will report any failure to pay, and any late payments, to the credit bureaus-a black mark that remains on your credit report for seven years.

Instead of becoming delinquent, call your card issuer and explain the situation. Ask if they can put you on a special payment program. "It's better to talk to your card company rather than pretend that the problem doesn't exist or to not pay your bills-that's the worst thing you can do," says Emily Porter, spokeswoman for American Express.

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Charlotte Newton
Mastercard

The Credit Counseling Service can help by contacting the card companies for you to strike a payment deal-sometimes card companies will halt finance charges and late fees as well.

The service has 14,000 clients with some $109 million in card debt. For a fee that ranges from $3 to $65 a month, depending on the number of cards and the debt you have, the organization will pay your bills for you (with your money, of course) and act as your conscience if you fall behind.

Difficulty with paying off credit card purchases usually reflects an underlying problem with budgeting money.

Once you have set up a payment plan - stick to it. And then be sure to cut the plastic cards into pieces and say "hello" to cash.

You simply cannot do that? Well, Lynne Strang suggests that all cardholders buy a notebook to use solely to record credit card purchases. Every time you make a new purchase on your card, enter it as a debit in the book.

The point is to know exactly how much you've spent so that you'll have the cash on hand, when the bills come in.

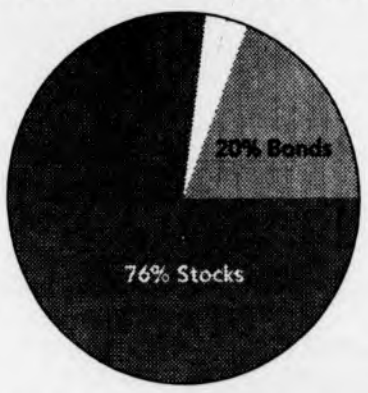
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School Notebook

Drama Workshop Movie to Premier

Members of the Cohasset Plays by the Sea Drama Club at the Deer Hill School have been hard at work and play these past few months. Under the direction of Sharon Weber, more than 40 Deer Hill students have participated in a movie-making workshop, in which the joys and heartaches, the successes and many tiny setbacks involved in the making of a movie are experienced. Using act one of the play based on the novel "Anne of Green Gables," the students and some adult volunteers have, since February, logged countless hours, and the product of the workshop is a movie which will be available for community viewing the weekend of June 13 to 15 at the Cohasset High School auditorium. Friday's showing will be 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m.

Students were responsible for everything from acting in the children's parts, to make-up, set, camera, audio, lighting, and all aspects of technology. An invitation-only premiere showing was held Tuesday, June 10, followed by a reception at the Lightkeeper's House. The project was supported by the Cohasset PSO, the Deer Hill School faculty and staff, Country Way Radio, Cohasset Police Department, the Harbor Express in Quincy, local friends of the arts who loaned their kitchen, bedroom, porch, yard or landscape for movie sets, Media One — the South Shore's Cable TV Company, and especially the parents of the participating students, who consistently supported the work of this project.

Cohasset by the Sea Plays Drama Club produced the musical "Wizard of Oz," earlier this year for sell-out crowds. A talent show is the next project.



Emily Sullivan, Caroline Carr, Marissa Mello, Christopher Carr and Sera Genovese worked on the raspberry cordial scene in their movie based on the novel 'Anne of Green Cables.'



Christopher Carr volunteers on the camera. The movie premiers this weekend at the Cohasset High School auditorium.

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Festival on the Common is June 20-22

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The planned festivities include five art exhibitions, 100 craft artisans from all over the U.S., an international food court, continuous entertainment, participatory sculpture, artist demonstrations and workshops.

Parking is free at the South Shore Music Circus and a trolley, courtesy of Sullivan Brothers/ Auto Mall will transport visitors on a delightful three minute ride to the common. Admission is free to all Art Center events, but the center encourages a $1 donation from visitors as they leave. Proceeds from Festival donations benefit the non-profit South Shore Art Center and its exhibitions, educational programs and scholarships.

Tents on the common will feature the Juried Show (all media), the Juried Photography Show, the Members and the Young Artists Exhibition sponsored by Garelick Farms. The featured exhibition, "Make a Still Life: Ten Variations" was organized by Virginia A. Allen who gathered ten artists associated with Massachusetts College of Art to exhibit their works.

Special attractions include "The Suspenders," a juggling troupe who will offer a free workshop on Friday afternoon, followed by a stage show on the common. There will be a local singer, Dave Crossland, who will perform from 7-9 p.m., with a brief stop at 8 p.m. for a Luminaria around the Cohasset duck pond sponsored by the Cohasset Clergy.

The international food court includes Middle Eastern fare, Asian food, British deserts, cinnamon buns, fried dough, french fries, Italian ice, lemonade, American barbecue, ice cream, the ever-popular strawberry shortcake and a special barbecue chicken and ribs pack from the Silver Spoon Cafe for families who want to picnic on the common while watching the entertainment.

The awards ceremony for the juried shows will be on center stage, Cohasset Common at 6:30 p.m. It will be followed by the opening reception from 7-9 p.m. at the Art Center for the featured exhibition.

Saturday will bring an array of workshops (try your hand at the pottery wheel, watercolor painting and more), artist demonstrations, "paint alongs," free art activities in a special children's tent, "masterpiece photo," and a special participatory sculpture. Entertainment will include the South Shore Bay Band, dance troupes, the bagpipes of Matthew Malloch and the P.B & J. Folk Trio.

Sunday will offer the Easy Swing Band, the World Rhythm Duo sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Club, and the Harborfest Marching Parade.

In between, the event is full of carillon concerts, roaming bagpipe players and fun from the neighboring Strawberry Festival.

For a complete schedule, call the South Shore Art Center at (617) 383- ARTS (2787).

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Police Report

Monday, May 26

7:12 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:12 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
8:39 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
8:42 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:47 p.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.
8:52 p.m., fire, auto, Hull St.
9:21 p.m., transport, Hull St.
9:32 p.m., public service other, Elm St.
9:50 p.m., disturbance, King St.
10:13 p.m., disturbance, Pond St.
10:34 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
10:39 p.m., disturbance, S. Main St.
11:02 p.m., investigation, S. Main St.
18-year-old in protective custody.
11:16 p.m., investigation, Summer St.
11:27 p.m., disturbance, Cedar St.

Tuesday, May 27

12:26 a.m., property (found), N. Main St.
5:51 a.m., officer wanted, Pond St.
10:25 a.m., wires down, Short St.
11:35 a.m., info, general, Nichols Rd.
1:07 p.m., fire (misc), Surry Dr.
3:36 p.m., fire alarm, Elm St.
3:42 p.m., medical aid, Forest Ave.
4:23 p.m., MV stop, King St.
4:23 p.m., disturbance, Pleasant St.
4:25 p.m., fire, outside, S. Main St.
5:12 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:17 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
7:08 p.m., vandalism, Beechwood St.
9:28 p.m., disturbance, Government Island. Arrested: David L. Noble, 80 Summer St., DOB: 11/11/78, charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage. Arrested: Matthew I. O'Conner, 55 Lantern Ln., Cohasset, DOB: 10/6/78, charges: indecent exposure. Arrested: Ely J. Kahn, 10 Surry Dr., Cohasset, DOB: 3/17/79, charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.
10:55 p.m., vandalims, HQ parking lot.
11:53 p.m., suspicious auto, Bancroft Rd.

Wednesday, May 28

2:26 a.m, MV stop, Cohasset Plaza.
2:43 a.m., officer wanted, Forest Ave.
4:12 a.m., disturbance, King St., 18-year-old in protective custody.
6:33 a.m., medical aid, Forest Ave.
8:23 a.m., MV accident, S. Main St.
8:42 a.m., fire hazardous materials spill, DPW fuel depot.
2:18 p.m., disturbance, Tad Ln.
3:44 p.m., animal complaint, area of Locust St. and Beechwood St.
5:27 p.m., MV stop, Square.
6:29 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:38 p.m., MV stop, Mobil Mart.
6:45 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
6:46 p.m., traffic control, S. Main St.
8:10 p.m., fire, brush, Lower King St.
8:57 p.m., officer wanted, S. Main St.
10:01 p.m., suspicious (other), Doane St.
10:53 p.m., disturbance, Grace Dr.

Thursday, May 29

12:03 a.m., disturbance, Norman Todd Ln.
9:34 a.m., assist motorist, Sandy Beach Parking Lot.
10:15 a.m., larceny, Windy Hill Rd.
2:43 p.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.
8:31 p.m., disturbance general, CJC Hwy.

Friday, May 30

12:30 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.
9:55 a.m., medical aid, Stagecoach Way.
10:12 a.,m., parking violation, The Square.
10:23 a.m., assist motorist, CJC Way by Scituate Line.
1:42 p.m., info, directions, S. Main St.
3:27 p.m., MV violations, S. Main St.
4:14 p.m., parking violation, Deep Run.
4:25 p.m., animal complaint, Margin St.
5:13 p.m., medical aid, Howe Rd.
7:02 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
7:11 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
8:41 p.m., MV stop, King St.
9:46 p.m., officer wanted, White Head Rd.
9:47 p.m., suspicious auto, Sohier St.
10:21 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
10:36 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

Saturday, May 31

12:41 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
12:55 a.m., MV stop, King St.. Arrested: Raphael Lopez, 7 Darrell Dr., Randolph. DOB: 1/18/78. Charges: WMS warrant.
1:49 a.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.
8:23 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
9:17 a.m., MV violations, Border St. by Otis Ave.
10:36 a.m., public service other, HQ.
10:40 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
12:07 p.m., assist citizen, from HQ to Hull line.
1:13 p.m., general services, HQ.
3:10 p.m., general services, N. Main St.
5:06 p.m., disabled auto, Spring St.
5:50 p.m., larcney, Margin Ct.
6:08 p.m., investigation, Margin Ct.
6:26 p.m., disturbance general, Lamberts Ln.
6:55 p.m., investigation, Lamberts Ln.
7:03 p.m., suspicious auto, Highland Ave.
7:11 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:48 p.m., missing person, Sohier St.
8:16 p.m., animal complaint, Beechwood St.
8:24 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
9:52 p.m., disturbance, Bancroft Way.
9:56 p.m., disturbance, Elm St.
10:14 p.m., assist other PD, Forest Ave.
10:14 p.m., noise complaint, Elm Ct.
10:24 p.m., disturbance, King St.
10:55 p.m., disturbance, Doane St.

Sunday, June 1

12:12 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:11 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:32 a.m., general services, Hillside Dr.
1:40 a.m., suspicious person, King St.
2:06 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
2:29 a.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
5:02 a.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.
10:47 a.m., medical aid, King St. and N. Main.
12:14 p.m., medical aid, rear of Scituate HS.
1:09 p.m., suspicious auto, tracks between Beechwood & Pond.
4:58 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
5:01 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
5:02 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:19 p.m., info, general, CJC Hwy.
5:29 p.m., MV stop, King St.
7:26 p.m., parking violation, Border St.
8:10 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
10:22 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. Arrested: David L. Llewellyn, 8 Hawthorne St., Scituate, DOB: 9/27/65. Charges: operating after revocation, second or subsequent off.; operating an uninsured MV; operating an unregistered MV/trailer; illegal possession of Class D substance; operating after revocation of registration.

Monday, May 26

7:12 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:12 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
8:39 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
8:42 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:47 p.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.
8:52 p.m., fire, auto, Hull St.
9:21 p.m., transport, Hull St.
9:32 p.m., public service other, Elm St.
9:50 p.m., disturbance, King St.
10:13 p.m., disturbance, Pond St.
10:34 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
10:39 p.m., disturbance, S. Main St.
11:02 p.m., investigation, S. Main St.
18-year-old in protective custody.
11:16 p.m., investigation, Summer St.
11:27 p.m., disturbance, Cedar St.

Tuesday, May 27

12:26 a.m., property (found), N. Main St.
5:51 a.m., officer wanted, Pond St.
10:25 a.m., wires down, Short St.
11:35 a.m., info, general, Nichols Rd.
1:07 p.m., fire (misc), Surry Dr.
3:36 p.m., fire alarm, Elm St.
3:42 p.m., medical aid, Forest Ave.
4:23 p.m., MV stop, King St.

Police Status Report for May

Police Chief Brian Noonan said with 20 arrests, May was a very busy month for the police department. Six of the arrests were for protective custody, five for warrants, three were for assault and battery, he said. Two each were for motor vehicle violations and minors in possession of alcohol. The were also arrests for possession of Class D substance (marijuana) and indecent exposure.

During May, the emergency dispatch center received 100, 9-1-1 calls, Noonan said.

Also last month, all officers completed their mandatory in-service training required by the Criminal Justice Training Council. This course requires one week of in-service training at the Plymouth Police Academy. Officers also re qualified for firearms at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club under certified firearms instructor, Det. Rick Grassie.

Two officers also completed a specialized school in police mountain bike patrol training called COBWEB.

Public Notices

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF COHASSET OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Cohasset in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Cohasset by the Board of Assessors of said Cohasset remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Cohasset on Thursday, June 26, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Robert H. Crane and Frances Thayer Crane. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 4 Stanton Road, shown as Parcel 32 on Assessors' Map 34, described in Norfolk Deeds B. 5563, P 356.

1996 Tax $3,810.60
1996 Water Lien $338.60
1996 Penalty Lien $50.00

Traci Foley, Trustee of S & S Realty Trust. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 2 Smith Place, shown as Parcel 65 on Assessors' Map 39, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 11030, P. 380. Supposed subsequent owner: Mark Gratta. Trustee of The Gratta 2 Smith Place Realty Trust.

1996 Tax $1,032.40

Adam M. Foti, Trustee of Lee Beauregarde Trust. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 396 Jerusalem Road, shown as Parcel 20 on Assessors' Map 10, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 10966, P. 319.

1996 tax (bal) $8,257.91

Charles Higginson and Genevra O. Higginson. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 159 Atlantic Ave., shown as Parcel 31 on Assessors' Map 29, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 8705, P. 403.

1996 tax (bal) $9,693.13

Kali Family Limited Partnership. Land in said Cohasset on Beechwood St., shown as Parcel 12 on Assessors' Map 60, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 11297, P. 532. Supposed subsequent owner: Grosvenor Trust Company, Trustee of Freedom Trust.

1996 tax (bal) $43.95

Janet B. Lane and Barbara B. Berg. Land in said Cohasset off King St., shown as Parcel 19 on Assessors' Map 65, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 6045, P. 656.

1996 tax $111.77

Gertrude S. Locke. Land in said Cohasset at 280 Beechwood St., shown as Parcel 34 on Assessors' Map 50, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 10873, P. 690 (pcl 1) Supposed subsequent owner: Richard A. Green.

1996 tax $1,148.40

Gertrude S. Locke. Land in said Cohasset on King St., shown as Parcel 7 on Assessors' Map 65, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 10873, P. 690 (pcl 3). Supposed subsequent owner: Richard A. Green.

1996 Tax $100.05

Gertrude S. Locke. Land in said Cohasset on King St., shown as Parcel 4 on Assessors' Map 66, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 10873, P. 690 (pcl 2). Supposed subsequent owner: Richard A. Green.

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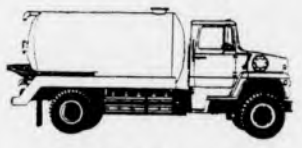
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Friends of the Paragon Carousel Honors Volunteers

On May 31, "Opening Day", The Friends of the Paragon Carousel, Inc. hosted a festive breakfast, donated by Michael Aprea of Z Chef Catering,, to honor the many volunteers who were instrumental in the Friends' efforts to "save" the Carousel last Spring.

Susan Fleck, President of the Friends thanked those gathered, reminding them: "Without your incredible efforts we would have lost the Paragon Carousel. For that we will be forever thankful. But there is still much to be done. The, future of the Carousel is not secure and we need your continued help and support." Fleck was referring to the fact that the Friends must raise $450,000 by June, 1998 in order to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Historical Commission's $100,000 challenge grant and retire all debt incurred in the purchase of the Carousel.

Fleck introduced the Carousel's new operations manager, Liz Ackerman, formerly of SKI New Hampshire. Ackerman outlined all the options for volunteerism including the new "Carousel Ambassador" program.

"What is your specialty? We need entertainers, greeters, historical guides, office help, restoration help and anyone who would like to be a part of this wonderful place. The Carousel is a valuable project and on a warm summer day, a very happy place. Come and contribute what you can," she said.

The entrance to the Carousel is now graced with large planters of annuals generously donated by Bruce and Joanne Reed of Reeds Country Nursery in Hingham.



Little Jesse Batts takes a nap amid all the excitement as CHS senior J. L. Williams is looking dapper in the background at the recent pre-prom gala at the Lightkeepers Residence.
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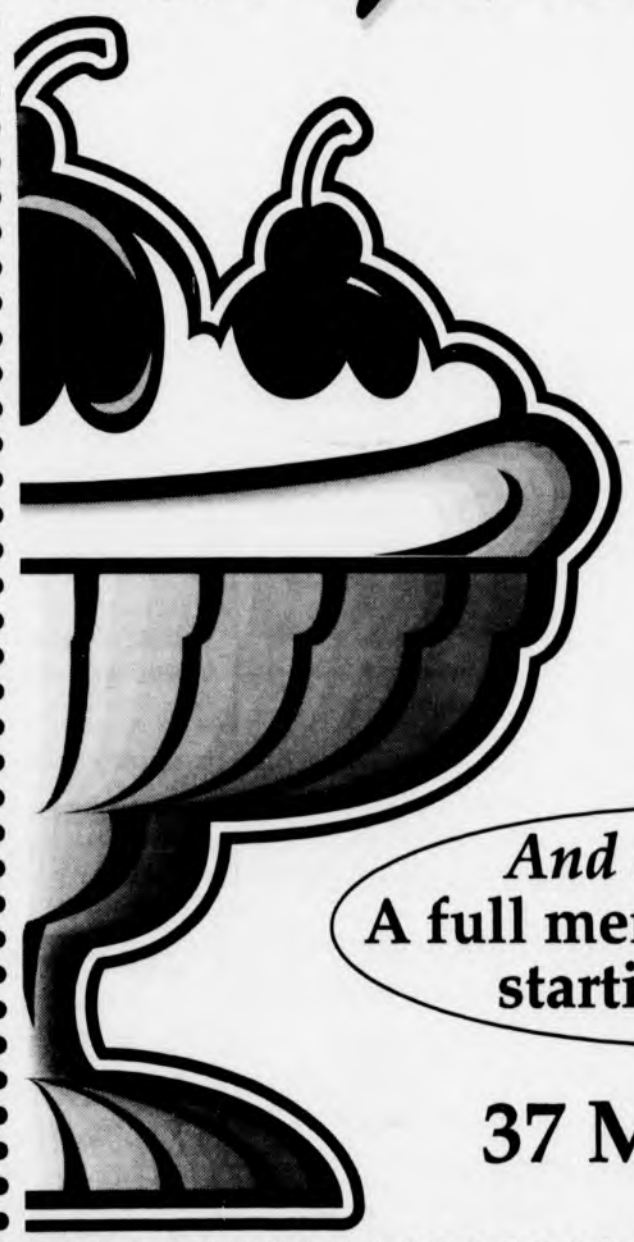




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THIS WEEK



Festival on Common This Weekend

The South Shore Art Center's annual Festival on the Common will take place this weekend on the Cohasset Common and at the South Shore Art Center's galleries.

The planned festivities include five art exhibitions, 100 craft artisans from all over the U.S., an international food court, continuous entertainment, participatory sculpture, artist demonstrations and workshops.

Parking is free at the South Shore Music Circus and a trolley, courtesy of Sullivan Brothers/ Auto Mall, will transport visitors on a three-minute ride to the common. Admission is free to all Art Center events, but the center encourages a $1 donation from visitors as they leave. Proceeds from Festival donations benefit the non-profit South Shore Art Center and its exhibitions, educational programs and scholarships.

Tents on the common will feature the Juried Show (all media), the Juried Photography Show, the Members and the Young Artists Exhibition sponsored by Garelick Farms. The featured exhibition, "Make a Still Life: Ten Variations" was organized by Virginia A. Allen who gathered 10 artists associated with Massachusetts College of Art to exhibit their works.

For a complete schedule of events, see pages 12 and 13.

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Two Merchants Sell to Minors in Compliance Check

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Two local merchants sold cigarettes to minors in the most recent tobacco compliance check, conducted by the South Shore Tobacco Collaborative on June 5.

Dawn Sibor of the Tobacco Collaborative said one business, Curtis Liquors, committed a first-time violation, and CVS in Tedeschi Plaza committed its second violation this year.

The collaborative conducts three compliance checks per year to ensure that businesses are not selling cigarettes to minors. The checks are conducted randomly to prevent mer-

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Soccer Feat



Chris Clark, Nick Ouellette and Andrew Clark tee off in a game of soccer golf on the town common.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Red Lion Inn Gets a New Lease on Life

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The Red Lion Inn got yet another lease on life last month when a Scituate businessman purchased the historic inn from its most recent owner.

Paul Logue, former owner of Pier 44 in Scituate and Hugo's Lighthouse in Cohasset, purchased the inn on May 29, although he would not disclose the purchase price.

The future of the historic Red Lion Inn has been uncertain for the last two years. In January 1996 a Florida businessman, Carl Ackerblom, bought the building for $300,000 at auction with promises to revitalize the ailing business. But the restaurant was closed for the winter, renovations proceeded at a slow pace and Ackerblom's promises seemed doomed to failure.

Published reports appeared last month saying that Ackerblom planned to sell the inn, but was having trouble transferring a liquor license. Ackerblom could not be reached for comment.

Logue said the inn's misfortunes can be attributed

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Selectman Wants Town Tuned in To Better Government Coverage

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Selectman Diane Sullivan wants the people of Cohasset to have better cable coverage of local government meetings.

Last month she asked MediaOne, Cohasset's cable provider, for some ideas about ways to improve local cable coverage. She expected MediaOne to have one or two good ideas, but what she got was a formal letter with 10 good ideas.

Sullivan said she hopes to meet with MediaOne representatives soon to discuss implementing at least one of the proposals.

Currently, the only televised meeting in town is a live broadcast of each selectmen's meeting. A camera posted in a high corner of the room transmits each meeting to Cohasset cable customers.

Approximately 50 town boards meet in Cohasset on a regular basis.

Sullivan said she would like to see all town boards receive regular cable coverage, even if it means opening up the selectmen's office for other meetings.

"It's important to let the public see what is happening

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Cohasset's Week

Music Circus Registration 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold the first Music Circus registration for Goldilocks and the Three Bears Thursday, June 19. The Music Circus children's show registrations will be open to children in the playground program and the show date for Goldilocks and the Three Bears is Thursday, July 3.

Music Circus registrations are held at the recreation office, first floor, Town Hall. On Thursday, June 19, registrations will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 7 p.m. All tickets for the Music Circus are $5.25

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Fri. 20	11:42	9.7	5:30	11:51	11.2	5:40
Sat. 21	-----	-----	6:16	12:29	10.0	6:28
Sun. 22	12:38	11.5	7:03	1:16	10.2	7:16
Mon. 23	1:26	11.6	7:51	2:05	10.4	8:06
Tues. 24	2:16	11.5	8:41	2:56	10.5	8:59
Wed. 25	3:09	11.3	9:32	3:49	10.6	9:54
Thurs. 26	4:05	11.0	10:25	4:44	10.6	10:52

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Recreation Department Presents Summer Production Workshop

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that registrations will begin for the children's drama workshop's 10-year anniversary production of "Once Upon a Time" Monday, June 16.

"Once Upon a Time" will be a medley of shows starring the most memorable characters and moments from classics including "The Lion King," "The Little Mermaid," "Beauty and the Beast," "Aladdin," "The Wizard of Oz," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," and many more of our favorite fairy tale characters. Children between the ages of 5 to 12 years old may join the cast of "Once upon a time."

Rehearsals are held at the Cohasset High School Auditorium from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, beginning Tuesday, July 1. Parts will be assigned Tuesday, July 8. Children will learn to sing, dance, act and be involved in set and prop construction.

Past children's drama workshop productions include "Aladdin" (1996), "Beauty and the Beast" (1995) and "The Little Mermaid" (1994). The fee for the seven-week program is $145 per child. If the child is a participant in the Cohasset Recreation Department's Summer Playground program, the fee is $130. There is a $12 discount per each additional child.

Founder of The Children's Drama Workshop eight summers ago, Elizabeth Deveney will be producing/directing the show again this year. Early registration is advised due to limitation in participation. It's first come, first serve, so even if your child has participated in past productions, register early as the number of cast members is limited.

For more information, call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-6791.

Liquor License Transferred

Selectmen voted to transfer the liquor license from Patrick Connelly, manager of the former Liquors Unlimited in the village to Clifford Chase, president of Chase Enterprises. Chase will open a new package store at 29-30 Main St. where Liquors Unlimited was located.

Packets Available

Packets containing basic information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), and [illegible] measures for mosquito control are available at three Cohasset sites: Town Hall (in a receptacle mounted on the large billboard), the Community Center, and the Paul Pratt Library.

This information has been provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Audubon Society, and the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee (CMCC). For further information call 383-9900, ext. 121, or leave a note in the CMCC mailbox in town hall.

Annual Summer Solstice Celebration Slated

The Trustees of Reservations has announced that its 14th annual summer solstice celebration will be held Saturday evening June 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. If weather is questionable, call the World's End ranger station at 749-8956 after 4 p.m. So pack a picnic supper, load the entire family into the car and join many of your friends and neighbors atop Planter's Hill for a most entertaining evening.

Tractor-drawn hayrides will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. The night's festivities will be highlighted by the musical entertainment of the visiting Ecuadorian musical group Yarena that means "Remembrance." Yarena's members, who are descendants of the Incas, will perform a selection of colorful music on a pan pipe, wood flute, guitar and drum. In addition, local naturalist Phil Swanson will provide a captivating explanation of the planetary alignment that brings this wonderful solstice each summer. As always, soft drinks and popcorn will be available and cookies will be provided for dessert.

An admission fee of $3 for members of the Trustees of Reservations and $5 for non-members will be charged to cover expenses. Children 16 years and under will be admitted free. Sorry, no dogs.

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Walkers Take Benefit in Stride

By Robert Ziff
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The rules were simple: at least one member of each of the 17 teamsparticipating in this year's Walk for Life, had to be on the track, either walking or jogging, at all times. This was to go on from 3 p.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Saturday. Every team member was to raise at least $100 in pledges before the event.

Elaine Corbett, who was diagnosed with cancer in January, was to walk as part of the 40-person team, Winged Victory. She was effervescent and full of life as she spoke of how the angels had come down from the heavens and saved her, hence the name Winged Victory. Accompanied by her husband, she was to walk the middle of the night shift.

At the start on Friday, honorary chairperson, State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, delivered a short but touching speech focusing on the remembrance of deceased family members and friends as well as others who have been touched by this disease.

Those present who had survived cancer were asked to come to the beginning of the track and accept a white balloon. As the American flag was being raised high above the field, 12-year-old Carolyn Carr delivered a stunning rendition of the National Anthem which, at its conclusion, set off the survivors walk, the one lap around the track by the dozen or so survivors of cancer holding their white balloons. The scene was emotional and was done so with pride, hope and a sense of victory.

Two of the leaders of team G-Force, Gary Garbor and his good friend, Gary Ritts, who has cancer, said they had been organizing their team and getting pledges for the past two months and at last count they had 12 members on their team, the youngest being 12 and the oldest being "whatever." They said that besides being a good cause, "The relay is a good time. It's a family oriented event. It's a good excuse for a camp-out and a barbecue and meeting new people who share the same values."

Mark Kowalski, who is on the Relay for Life Committee and has been involved for the past five years, said, "The beauty of this event is that the great majority of the money raised was done so before the relay even started."

"Most of the money goes straight to the causes rather than being eaten up by administrative overhead," he said. "The proceeds from the luminary walk and the sale of T-shirts and sweat shirts are just frosting on the cake."

Although Boston and other areas of Massachusetts had been doused, by 9 p.m. Friday the rain had still not yet moved into Cohasset and the luminary walk began. The track was lined with luminescent containers each one having the name of a cancer patient on it and was either in memory of, or in honor of that person.

Many tears were shed as the walkers made their way around the track stopping at the luminescence of their family members and friends to say a prayer, give thanks, or to share a moment of silence in remembrance.

Long after the music being played was turned off, the night air cooled, and the charcoal embers in the barbecues died out, there was always at least 17 walkers on the track. Others, snug in their sleeping bags, slept in their tents after finishing or awaiting their shift, and this continued throughout the night and wee hours of the morning.

On the quarter-mile track, from 3 to 9 a.m., 12-year-old Ross Lied-Lappen accomplished a personal victory completing 105 laps, the same distance as the New York Marathon.

The dawn broke with a stunning array of colors splashed across the sky as the early morning sun reflected off the few remaining clouds left over from the night before.

By 10:30 a.m. the fundraising goal of $15,000 had been smashed and the total money in at the time was more than $20,000, with a good chance of it breaking $25,000 by the day's end. People who were not affiliated with any team were stopping by to walk a few laps and to make a donation.

After the event concluded, Julie Carchedi, the regional director for the American Cancer Society, said she "Was extremely pleased with the turnout seeing that this was the first year this event was held in Cohasset. Everyone was already excited about next year's relay." As of Monday morning, the current total of funds raised was $24,832 and there was more money still expected.



Caitlin Connolly and Scott Newhirh circle the track.

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From Physics to Divinity School

Pastor Answers Call in Cohasset



Rev. Robert Harlbut

By Mary Sheppard Earon

When Robert Hurlbut discussed his decision to turn down a full scholarship to Rennselaer Poly Technical School in New York and enter divinity school instead, he was asked first, "What did your mother say?"

"She knew I had my reasons," he smiled. "I had learned in my high school and college studies that science is considered to be man's best attempt to understand the world around them. Scientists will say 'we don't know the answers, we're trying to figure them out.' I began to feel that before physics, a creative being had begun it all."

The Rev. Robert Hurlbut is the pastor of the Cohasset Community Church, an organized Baptist church begun last November. Services are held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., in the Deer Hill School cafeteria.

"Until the age of 16, I'd struggled with the idea that there was a personal god, who was there for us. I'd heard all the Bible stories, as we all have, and still wasn't sure. Most scientists, who spend a lot of time trying to figure out the world, will say they're agnostic or atheists. But they will also say that they are looking for something that started it all," he said. "The evidence points to something that began, then moved out. Einstein acknowledged that there was something out there. Finally, I was also able to acknowledge after studying the different theories proposed, that something, someone had to turn everything on, and if it was a creative god, then it was possibly a personal one also, one who was there for us."

That acknowledgment became a turning point for Hurlbut and his eventual desire to enter divinity school. His understanding and application of physics and math had been rewarded with many awards in high school. Even though he was presented with the scholarship to RPI, his plan had been to attend MIT in Cambridge.

While in college at Oklahoma State, Robert, religiously interested, taught Bible study classes with the campus ministry. He stated that he 'got the call' to serve in the ministry at that time, but ignored it.

"I felt at the time that I needed to enter the work force, which I did ultimately, as a computer programmer."

But the call to enter divinity school came again. This time, Hurlbut answered the call.

"There is a national trend of people today who are going, not from high school or college, but from the working world, after ten and 15 years, into the ministry. They are people, like myself, who are choosing to give up security and material status to enter seminaries and do God's work.

"My perception of the ministry was a pretty limited one up until then," he laughed. "I thought a minister was one person in a congregation in a parish who worked one hour a week, giving a sermon in that hour. I realized that wasn't the case. I then had to struggle with my personal place in the ministry. I didn't see myself as someone in a big church. I then studied where the possibilities were and mission work came to the forefront. But, now I see that every minister's work is mission work."

Although the idea of mission work in underdeveloped countries appeals to Hurlbut, he feels at the same time, his mission work is needed here in the United States just as much.

"The third most unChristianized nation in the world is America. There are more people here who don't profess anything than there were 30 years ago, and it's evident in the younger generations who aren't sure what to believe. Part of that affective loss is the lack of standards and a center to many's existence. An example is teenage suicide. It is sad that the attitude today is 'who cares, it's in your hands, do whatever you want.'"

Hurlbut acknowledged, in other evidence, that we have gained a stronger spiritual foundation than we've had in many years. We have only to look at the growth in the market for spiritual products.

According to the Forbes magazine article titled "Spiritual Reality," in the Jan. 27, 1997 issue, Christian music sales was at $550 million in 1996. Sales of religious publishers reached $1 billion, and fulltime religious radio stations now total 1,648, with more than 400 as Christian music stations. Nielsen's eighth ranked television show, after three seasons, is "Touched By An Angel" on CBS.

The tremendous market for spiritual products seems as remote as a distant star in the morning service led by Hurlbut in the Deer Hill cafeteria on a recent Sunday. On the battered metal chairs were copies of the Bible and Baptist Hymnal. The music was a cross between contemporary and traditional, some was taped, some was live. The message was inductive where questions were asked of the scripture and how they could be applied to one's life. Harlbut is happy to be here on the Soth Shore.

One personable and bright young man, Justin Johnson, who is entering North Carolina University at Chapel Hill in the fall, is planning on studying political science.

"I always liked the northeast part of the country. I like the history here and the sense of tradition. Most of my math professors trained at Harvard. Kim and I had seen videos of mission groups working in Boston's inner city. One was Beacon Hill. I was intrigued and thought then about coming here."

Hurlbut knew, because of the culture, that his work here would be difficult.

"I knew patience and endurance were key. If introducing something new in another place would take one week to catch on, here in New England it would take six weeks. It all has to do with cultural values," he said. "People here do not jump on quickly to anything. But people who jump on quickly, will jump off just as quickly, I've learned. It takes time to develop trust and relationships. We're new, Baptist, and from another part of the country. They're barriers and this will all take time."

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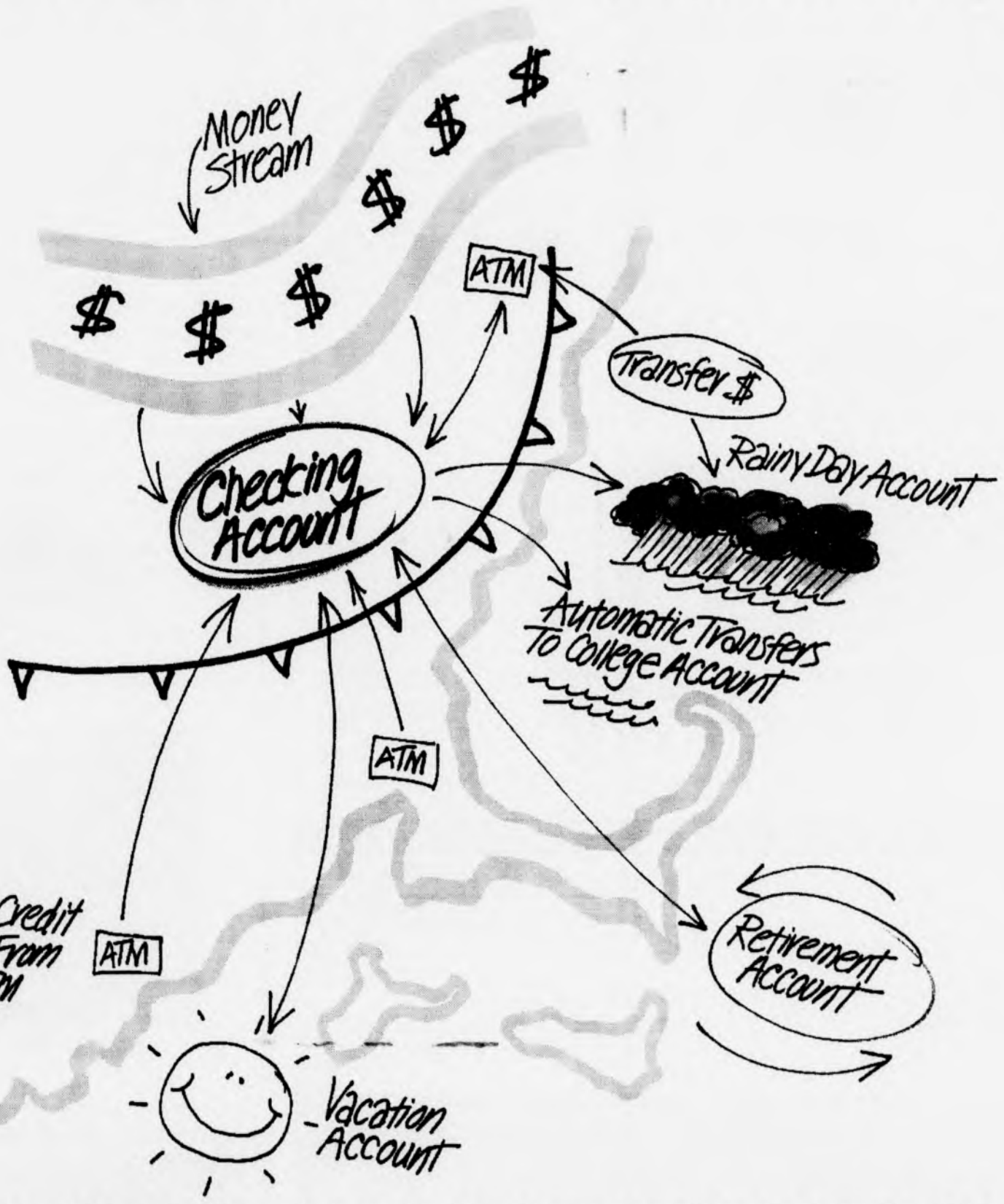
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The three authors are members of the Sisters-in-Crime and will be informative sources with regard to writing and publishing. Oleksiw is the author of the Mellingham mystery series featuring Chief of Police Joe Silva; her latest book is "Family Album. She is currently working on the fourth in this series and a new series featuring a Hindu-American woman sleuth. Shapiro sets her novels in the Boston area. Her psychological thrillers, "Shattered Echoes," "Blameless" and "See No Evil" keep readers on the edge of their seats. Kelner's main character in her four mysteries, Laura Fleming, is a Southerner transplanted to Massachusetts. Her latest, "Country Comes to Town," crackles with the sharp, southern sass that is Kelner's trademark.

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Turkey Hill Protected in Partnership

A five-way land conservation coalition concluded May 26 the purchase and protection of Turkey Hill, a South Shore coastal drumlin once used by the U.S. Defense Department as a Cold War radar control site.

The effort was spearheaded by The Trustees of Reservations and joined by the towns of Hingham and Cohasset and their local land trusts (the Hingham Land Conservation Trust and the Cohasset Conservation Trust).

Then, as now, Turkey Hill is one of the highest spots along the South Shore, offering a panoramic view of Boston Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean as well as providing access to a contiguous network of more than 5,000 acres of open space in the region.

The parcel's purchase strategy, hammered out in unprecedented fashion by the coalition's five partners, called for each town to acquire the land within its boundaries — Hingham acquired 30 acres, Cohasset 20 acres. The final five-acre hilltop parcel, site of the previous U. S. military installation, was transferred to The Trustees of Reservations. The Trustees of Reservations holds a conservation restriction over the entire 55-acre property, guaranteeing its protection from development forever.

A committee of representatives from the two towns and the three land trusts will oversee stewardship policy, while the Trustees of Reservations will supply staff to manage and maintain the property as part of its adjacent 813-acre Whitney and Thayer Woods Reservation, also spanning Hingham and Cohasset.

In 1995, the 55-acre Turkey Hill parcel was listed for sale for $1.6 million. Fearing that the parcel would be sold to developers, representatives from The Trustees of Reservations met with the landowner, Joseph Saponaro, to discuss options for purchasing the parcel at a below-market value with the objective of protecting it as open space for public enjoyment.

Mr. Saponaro agreed to a purchase price of $810,000 and, after transaction expenses, site stabilization work, and start-up costs were estimated, the project cost rose to $1,034,400. Each partner in the coalition has contributed a portion of the overall sum required.

The town of Hingham has contributed $165,000 and the town of Cohasset contributed $125,000. The Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services appropriated $437,400 through its Self Help grant program, while The Trustees of Reservations and the two local land trusts raised the final $307,000 through private donations from nearly 350 individuals.

Hingham Town Moderator Tom O'Donnell, who also serves as chairman of the Trustees of Reservations Land Conservation Committee, rejoiced in the purchase. "I knew that if the towns of Hingham and Cohasset, along with their local land trusts, joined forces with The Trustees of Reservations, Turkey Hill could be protected in perpetuity. This unique marriage of both public and private sector interests — so rarely seen these days — shows what can be achieved for land conservation against the greatest odds."

Fred Winthrop Jr., executive director of The Trustees of Reservations, echoed Mr. O'Donnell's sentiment. "For many years, Turkey Hill has remained a very high conservation priority for the towns of Hingham and Cohasset as well as for The Trustees of Reservations. We are absolutely delighted that the coalition was able to find the sort of creative, effective solution needed to protect this breathtaking site."

During the early 1950s, the U.S. Defense Department developed an advanced missile system which it named Nike after the Greek winged goddess of victory. From Washington to San Francisco, and in many cities in between, so-called Nike facilities were set up to thwart potential nuclear air attack by the Soviet Union. By 1955, a dozen Nike facilities ringed Boston, each manned by as many as 90 military personnel.

Each Nike facility had a radar control site paired with a missile launch site approximately one mile away. The radar control site was designed to pick up and track incoming Soviet bombers, and then to guide a U.S.-launched counterattack missile toward its air target. Turkey Hill served as a radar control site for one such Nike facility and consisted of nine crude concrete block and brick buildings. Three of the nine buildings on Turkey Hill were used as missile acquisition and tracking radar towers, with the remaining buildings used, for example, as administrative offices, soldier barracks and storage facilities.

On Scituate Hill in Cohasset, one mile from Turkey Hill, the paired missile launch site was constructed. Like other missile launch sites, the site on Scituate Hill probably contained three bunkers housing four rockets. Each rocket was equipped with four missiles, one in firing position, three ready for reloading. None of the Nike facilities which once surrounded Boston remain in military use; the Turkey Hill site was abandoned in 1965, after which time it was used briefly by a firm to store municipal Christmas decorations.

All but one of the buildings associated with Turkey Hill's Nike site have been demolished, leaving several scars on the landscape. If further funds can be raised, the single remaining building, previously a radar control tower, may be used to interpret for visitors the natural and cultural history of the property, including its military use during the Cold War.

Following preparations of a landscape design for the site, work will begin this summer to reshape and replant the area as well as construct two small parking areas to provide public access. The Trustees of Reservations hopes to open Turkey Hill to the public by September 1997, in time to capture the majestic autumn season and its colorful tree foliage. Once open to the public, Turkey Hill will provide further access to The Trustees of Reservations' adjacent 813-acre property to the east, Whitney and Thayer Woods Reservation.

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Students Take a Ride Along Oregon Trail

By Mary Sheppard Earon
Special to the Mariner

The fifth grade presentation of the ambitious project, The Oregon Trail, went off with barely a hitch on Friday, June 6.

It included a five-act stage play in two performances, culminating in the fifth grade's history and literature study of the settling of America's West.

Outside the Deer Hill school cafeteria, where the five act play, complete with props and painted back drops, was staged, were tables of covered wagons displayed. On the school walls were posters signed to look effectively aged that advertised the sale of the wagons and encouraged people from the East to go West, a quilt of sewn together painted canvas squares, depicting the western movement, was displayed between acts.

The play consisted of play-acting, dance and music. The fifth grade students researched and wrote the original script during their classes, including computer and library time.

Teachers involved were Dayle Dickinson (Language Arts and History), Kathy Jordan (Language Arts), Frank Deakin (History), Linda Anderson (Computer Education), Marjorie Murphy (Librarian), Jack MacInnis (Music), Ann Berman (Art), and Torin Sweeney (Physical Education).



Students at the Deer Hill School pose for the camera during their presentation of the Oregon Trail

Photos by Mary Sheppard Earon

Government Coverage

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at meetings," Sullivan said. "It keeps the board members sharper when they know they're on camera."

Wendy Copithorne, Cohasset Production and Programming Manager for MediaOne, has proposed 10 possible options:

•Town board could hold meetings in the selectmen's office for live cable broadcast. No additional cost.

•Town boards could hold meetings in the selectmen's office, and the proceedings could be recorded on videotape for re-broadcast on cable. Cost would be $175 per year for video tapes.

•Volunteers could record meetings with camcorders and bring the tape to the cable studio in Scituate for broadcast. No cost.

•A pre-taped "Week in Review" show with an anchor recapping the results of each week's meetings. No cost, but four or five volunteers would be necessary to run the program.

•Create a town of Cohasset web site to post meeting results, times, minutes and other information. Cost not yet determined.

•Create a videotape archive of meeting coverage. Cost of $175 per year for videotapes.

•Add a mobile camera to the selectmen's office for $6,000, or robotic cameras for $15,000 to provide better camera coverage.

•Install a camera in the town hall auditorium. Costs not yet determined.

•Solicit volunteers to implement some of the previous options or to develop new ones. No cost.

•Use digitized video to display select meeting clips on the web site. Cost not yet determined.

Sullivan said her own preference is for the Week in Review show.

"I am particularly interested in the 1/2-hour show, but we would need to find someone to anchor it," Sullivan said.

Sullivan added that she would volunteer to anchor the show if she wasn't already so busy with other commitments. Sullivan recently joined the Greenbush Mitigation Committee as a voting member, and also serves as the selectmen's liaison to many other boards.

There is still much work to be done before any of the proposals can be implemented, Sullivan said. She still needs to discuss the ideas with other town board members for their input and suggestions.

Sullivan has initiated several other policies to make public meeting information available to residents. Selectmen now post the minutes of their meetings on the bulletin board in town hall. She has urged other town boards to do the same.





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AROUND TOWN/Sallyann Chatterton

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We have some Olympic news to report this week — you won't believe it! Everyone in town knows **Ann Leonard,** we think, if not, you will want to meet her after you read this! Ann competed recently in the Senior Olympic Games, held in Quincy (it is sponsored by the City of Quincy and Beechwood By The Bay), and she came home sporting five Gold Medals! That is not a misprint, she earned them all — in the javelin, shot put, running long jump, standing long jump and the softball throw. Ann is now "80-something," and is obviously still as fit as a fiddle — she is an inspiration to us all, and a wonderful woman on top of it all! We are so proud of you, Ann, keep up your good work!

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On May 28 **Peter Andrew Plante** graduated from St. Coletta's Day School in Braintree. Peter is the son of **Patrick** and **Maria Plante** of Cohasset. It was a very happy occasion for Peter as all his family joined in the celebration of his commencement. Peter had just returned from a week-long trip to Disney World with his fellow graduated and the graduates from Cardinal Cushing School in Hanover. Peter and his fellow graduates send a special note of thanks to the most generous employees of the Abington Savings Bank who were responsible for making the trip a reality for 22 graduates, 22 chaperones and a nurse. Thank you!

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Attention, gardeners! The South Shore Community Center is sprucing up just in time for Harborfest! They are seeking donations of any extra perennials you might have! Whatever you can donate will be appreciated! Join them in creating a friendship perennial border around the center — please bring your plants to the center at 3 North Main St. P.S. They will take care of all of the digging!

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Pat and **Bill Baird** have had an exciting month heading south with **Mike** and **Tim**. First, Dan graduated from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., with a bachelor of engineering degree in mechanical engineering. Dan is going to live and work in Nashville. A week later, Bill graduated from pilot training at Fort Rucker, Ala., where he earned his wings as a helicopter pilot and received his first lieutenant's bars. Bill and his wife, **Angie**, are looking forward to spending the next three years at Malstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Mont.

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We have news that **Caitlin Welby** is one excited young lady, she is going to be a television star! Caitlin was selected by Disney to be on their television show, "Bug Juice." They are going to follow her around as she attends camp in Maine for the summer! Caitlin is 15 years old, and will be going to Newman Prep in Boston in the fall. So, be sure to watch the Cohasset Star on "Bug Juice!"



Babara Alger leads seniors in Chi- Chong class a s. s. c. c.

staff photo/ Alan Chapman

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Larry and **Linda Shultz** are walking on air lately, and they certainly have a wonderful reason to do so — his name is **John Lawrence Shultz**, the brand new baby boy born to **Bob** and **Jennifer** June 7, at 7 p.m. John Lawrence weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 19 inches long. He joins big sister, **Anna**, who is just thrilled by the whole thing. We will get to meet John when he and the rest of his family come to Larry and Linda's house in August for a visit. We cannot wait; just imagine how Larry and Linda feel!

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As everyone knows by now, this weekend will be a grand one, the South Shore Art Center's 42nd Annual Festival on the Common, which also features the seventh annual Strawberry Festival and Harborfest. So much has already been written, the excitement is mounting — one thing that you may not have heard, **Carol Runey** and **Ann Pompeo** have donated something that is the hottest thing around — Beanie Babies! There are going to be both big ones and teeny ones, and they will all be up for a raffle that will be part of the Strawberry Festival. Plan to attend; have the yummiest ever strawberry shortcake, buy raffle tickets — then, stroll around the common, check out all of the festivities that are being put on by the Harborfest, then at the end, find out if you are a lucky beanie baby winner! And, be sure to thank Carol and Ann for their generosity! Oh, good luck — may the best collectors win!

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Benjamin W. Manning, son of **Mrs. Estey Manning** of Cohasset and **Mr. John P. Manning** of Boston, graduated from Tabor Academy May 31, at the school's 121st commencement exercises held at Martin Field. While at Tabor Academy, Ben was an active member of the varsity football and lacrosse teams. This year he received the coaches' trophy for football and was named captain of the varsity lacrosse team. Next fall, Ben will attend Whittier College located in Whittier, Calif., will major in business and plans to pursue lacrosse and football at the college level.

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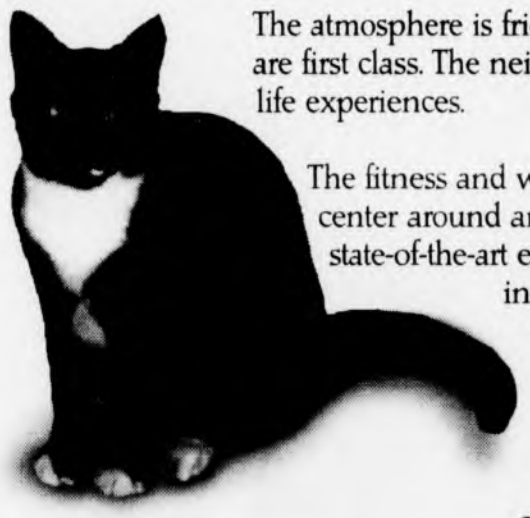
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Bulletin Board

Alzheimer's Support Group Offered

The next monthly meeting of the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will be held Wednesday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Thaxter Community Hall, 30 Thaxter St., Hingham. Gay Hayden, mental health counselor and bereavement coordinator for Old Colony Hospice will address "Grieving with Alzheimers: the Living Wake." She will discuss the unique process of grieving that begins long before the patient dies but with an unpredictable timetable.

As part of its hospice services, Alzheimers families are included for care and counseling at home as well as in nursing home settings. Ms. Hayden will include information on coping styles, what is "normal" in the grief process as well as what families may expect as part of the Alzheimer hospice program.

As usual, free respite care is available for your family member at Harbor House Day Health Center, 11 Condito Road (behind the Talbot's warehouse), Hingham, while you attend the meeting. Simply call Gervaise Haley at (617) 749-4774 before 3 p.m. June 25 to make a reservation for your patient.

Family members are urged to attend this meeting in support of one another. The meeting is free and open to anyone wishing to learn more about Alzheimer's Disease. Call 749-5417, for more information.

Charter School Announces Summer Camp

The South Shore Charter School announces the third year of its summer camp. The camp is for interested area youth from grades K to 5. The camp is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each weekday for the 6 weeks from July 7 through Aug. 15 at 2 A Street in Hull.

Camp Director Vicki Yeager, R.N. reports that the camp will include a library project, environmental science, sailing with Claire Overlee, language and arts, book making, swimming, Orton-Gillingham Reading (for an extra fee), art with Nancy Connolly, crafts, soccer, computers, fitness, science field trips to Wompatuck with Cyndie Connolly, and music field trips.

The rate for the camp is $25 per day ($15 for a half day) and $125 per week with a 10 percent reduction if paid ahead for two full weeks or more. The price is reduced 10 percent for a family sending more than one child and reduced $50 further when paying ahead for the full 6 weeks.

Hedlund Announces Safe Neighborhood Grant Program

BOSTON — Sen. Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) announced that the Federal Assistance Monitor has published the availability of safe neighborhood grants. The new $20 million dollar program is aimed at eliminating drug-related crime problems in and near low-income housing.

"This grant is very timely given the increase in drug-related crime in the state, especially in areas where low income housing is located," noted Hedlund.

Grant proposals are due by Aug. 21, and the grants are open to owners or operators of housing developments that receive some form of financial support a unit of government or private non-profit.

For further information to access this grant, call Sen. Hedlund at (617) 722-1646.

Unity Night Announcement

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce would like to invite all town officials, board and committee members, private organizations and residents within Cohasset to join us on Tuesday, June 24 from 5:30-7:00 at The Chart House for Unity night. We anticipate this to be an enjoyable evening to share thoughts and ideas to enhance each of our abilities to preserve in sustaining Cohasset on its course of growth, prosperity, and unity. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet the many members of the business community who, like yourselves, contribute greatly to the Town. The Cohasset Chamber will provide the hors d'oeuvres, all we ask in return is for you to bring your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions for a better Cohasset for all to enjoy. RSVP to 383-1010.

Summer Flute Symphony Program Gearing Up

Last summer South Shore Conservatory Flute instructor Donald Zook attracted over 75 students to participate in his Flute Symphony program. He's aiming to top that this summer.

The program, one of the largest flute ensembles in the United States, is a unique opportunity for flutists to sharpen their musical skills and meet others with the same enthusiasm for music.

Students joining the program this year will rehearse and perform in the conservatory's state-of-the-art Jane C. Carr Amphitheater. The final concert is Wednesday, Aug. 13.

Zook views the prospect of his flute symphony program nearing 100 participants as a welcomed challenge.

"The greater the number of students, the more varied the levels of expertise," explains Zook. To keep them all up to speed, he plans to encourage more advanced students to share, through teaching and coaching opportunities, their knowledge and talent with younger and less advanced ones.

This year's diverse music literature varies from classical to do-wop, with the solo piece being "Night Soliloquy" by Kent Kennan.

The soloist for the flute symphony final concert, and those chosen for the Honors Symphonetta, are selected by audition after the start of the program.

Flute symphony begins Wednesday, June 25 and runs for eight consecutive Wednesday nights.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Remembering Jack Hubbard

Cohasset, the South Shore and the world that loves and protects our environment, lost a faithful friend and supporter on June 9 when John F. "Jack" Hubbard suffered a heart attack while rowing out from Little Harbor.

A member of the Riverside Boat Club in Cambridge, he had rowed a single shell in the Head of the Charles and had placed fifth in 1988 when he was 64.

In a lot of ways, Jack would not have chosen to leave his cherished universe any other way. He was in his favorite boat, Cohasset Comet, when he suffered what officials would later call "a quiet heart attack." He died as he lived - one with nature. His family wrote in his obituary last week that "Jack Hubbard was truly happy when he was alone with just the currents, the sun, the wind, the ocean birds and his own vitality for companionship."

Jack's love for Cohasset blossomed when he summered here as a child. He developed an appreciation for the ocean, its wetlands and for the birds that wing their way overhead.

In his working life, Jack engineered oceanographic and sonar equipment for Massa Co. in Hingham. His retirement was hardly a time of leisure. He explored his many interests, helped start two organizations — the New England Wildlife Center in Hingham and the Manomet Observatory — to further research and educational opportunities for scientists and schoolchildren.

He served for many years on the Cohasset Conservation Commission and was chairman of the Cohasset Conservation Trust. He helped revitalize the Hull Lifesaving Museum and made so many other worthwhile contributions.

Jack worked very hard as a member of the Cohasset Conservation Trust to secure for perpetuity the 55-acre Turkey Hill parcel, a South Shore coastal drumlin once used by the U.S. Defense Department as a Cold War radar control site. It is a fitting tribute to his life of volunteerism that he saw this his final project reach successful fruition on May 26 when the land was purchased for future protection.

Jack's family and friends will miss him and Cohasset will miss him. He has left his mark on this town and on the world and he will never be forgotten.



Support the Festival

We're lucky here in Cohasset. We don't have to travel an inch farther than the Common to enjoy a stupendous show of art and photography at this weekend's 42nd Annual "Festival on the Common."

No doubt we all know what a tremendous resource the South Shore Art Center is to this area and how lucky we are to have that facility so handy. This weekend is the culmination of months of planning that results in a first rate juried art and photography show, an outstanding assortment of more than 100 vendors who sell all manner of interesting wares from jewelry to clothing and more and activities that run the gamut from folk music to kids' activities and craft demonstrations.

This is just one of great reason to live in Cohasset. If you haven't ever attended, stop by. The festival is free with complimentary parking at the South Shore Music Circus on June 20 (3 to 9 p.m.); June 21, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and June 22, noon to 6:30 p.m.

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GUEST COMMENTARY/Robert Ziff

Discovering Cohasset's Treasures

Carved into the rocky coastline of the Atlantic Ocean, Cohasset offers the epitome of life in a small New England town.

Because it is such a small town it seems as though everyone knows each other and chance meetings, between friends and acquaintances, occur often. Cohasset is not only a town but a close-knit community as well.

Driving, biking, or walking along Jersusalem or Atlantic avenues it is impossible not to notice the sheer beauty of the rock formations that protrude out from the agitated dark waters and the waves crashing upon them. It is also impossible not to notice the homes, the estates, that hug this stretch of shoreline taking advantage of the majestic views that are one of a kind.

Probably everyone in town has noticed that someone has taken this concept one step further and built a gray house with red shutters on a rock about a thousand yards off the coast of Black Rock Beach. Only accessible by boat, the structure which looks like it could be washed away by one large wave during a Nor'easter or a hurricane, seems to remain vacant throughout the winter with its' shutters firmly closed. During the summer months, with an American flag flying, there is activity there, but it has been mentioned by local fishermen that the foul odor of seagull droppings make for a most undesirable location to spend time. Each to their own.

You may also notice the now -infamous Kennedy Estate that has recently been mentioned on the front page of the Boston Globe as well as in other newspapers and aired on TV tabloid programs. The question is whether Kennedy slept with his under-age baby sitter. The answer, you would think, would be that people would have better things to do with their time than to follow a story of this nature.

Even though the population of Cohasset is below 6,000 there are extremely active political parties that debate heartfelt issues that will affect the town and its' residents. "Stop the train," "Bring the train," "Build a new school," "Don't build a new school," "Taxes," "Water?", "Sewer?" Not to mention the progress that the "Sidewalk Committee" is making in its efforts to get the town to build sidewalks alongside designated roads throughout Cohasset. These are subjects debated openly in town meetings.

Picking up a copy of "The Boston Globe" or "The New York Times," the issues Cohasset faces may seem to pale in comparison to those of the state, the nation, or of the world, but you can be assured that they are no less real and controversial in the town.

Prior to the town's elections it seems as though every road is lined with signs sticking out of people's yards, for candidates trying to influence the passersby. This can be observed for several weeks until its culmination where voters run the gamut as enthusiastic signs wave declaring their choice of candidates and make their way around the town green to town hall. Here there are still more volunteers equipped with signs and balloons.

Cohasset is also home for other, more relaxed events such as The Memorial Day and Halloween parades, the festival on the coomon in the summer, and the autumn festival. The number of children, from infants to early teens, in proportion to the number of adults who attend these functions is quite high. It seems as though every car registered in Cohasset has at least one car seat strapped in the back seat, and every yard has some telltale sign of children, whether it be toys in the driveway or a swing set in the back yard.

It is safe to say that Cohasset has become a baby booming community. Why shouldn't it? It has everything a town has to offer, such as sailing, fishing, sandy beaches, walking trails, a tennis club, health club, golf club, and its own grocery store, soon to be rivaled by a second.

Young families that have moved from Boston, to get out of the city, say, "They Discovered Cohasset," as if it were some sort of treasure. To an extent it is a treasure. It's a very special place.

Robert Ziff is a freelance writer living in Cohassett.

Farmers Market Blossoms



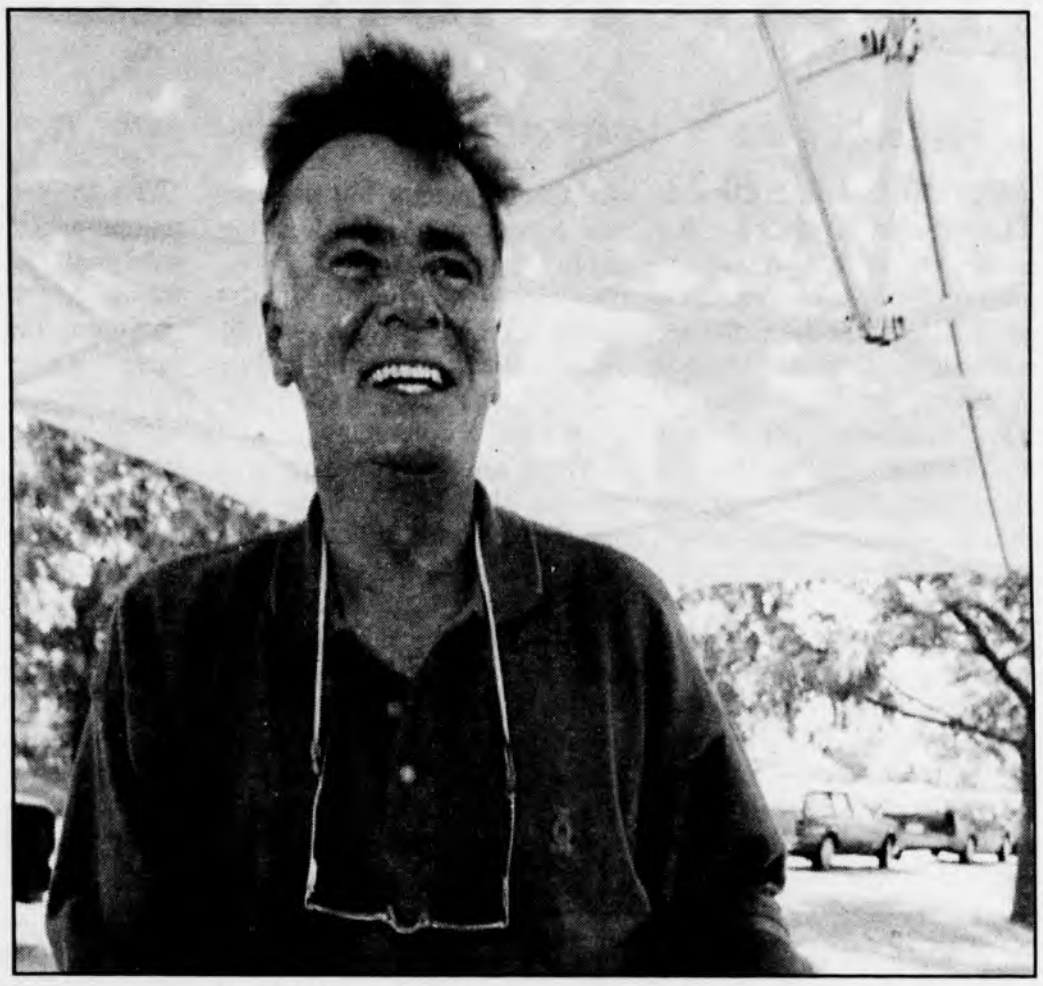
Alix White sells eggs from White Cedar Farm located on Jerusalem Road, (she is the newly named board of health Chairman).



John Speed enjoys a soda while his mom shops for flowers.



Emily Swanborg is thrilled at the atmosphere at the market while walking with her brother, Mathew and mother, Ann.



Joe McVay sells baked goods from Zinnia's Cafe.



Jeanette MacKenzie enjoys the people as well as the plants she sells at the Farmers Market on Thursdays.

Staff photos/ Alan Capman

Farmers Market is held throughout summer on Thursdays between 3 and 7 p.m.

Festival on the Commons



Festival on the Common is June 20-22

The South Shore Art Center's annual Festival on the Common will take place on June 20, 21, 22 on the Cohasset Common and at the South Shore Art Center's galleries.

The planned festivities include five art exhibitions, 100 craft artisans from all over the U.S., an international food court, continuous entertainment, participatory sculpture, artist demonstrations and workshops.

Parking is free at the South Shore Music Circus and a trolley, courtesy of Sullivan Brothers/ Auto Mall will transport visitors on a delightful three minute ride to the common. Admission is free to all Art Center events, but the center encourages a $1 donation from visitors as they leave. Proceeds from Festival donations benefit the non-profit South Shore Art Center and its exhibitions, educational programs and scholarships.

Tents on the common will feature the Juried Show (all media), the Juried Photography Show, the Members and the Young Artists Exhibition sponsored by Garelick Farms. The featured exhibition, "Make a Still Life: Ten Variations" was organized by Virginia A. Allen who gathered ten artists associated with Massachusetts College of Art to exhibit their works.

Special attractions include "The Suspenders," a juggling troupe who will offer a free workshop on Friday afternoon, followed by a stage show on the common. There will be a local singer, Dave Crossland, who will perform from 7-9 p.m., with a brief stop at 8 p.m. for a Luminaria around the Cohasset duck pond sponsored by the Cohasset Clergy.

The international food court includes Middle Eastern fare, Asian food, British deserts, cinnamon buns, fried dough, french fries, Italian ice, lemonade, American barbecue, ice cream, the ever-popular strawberry shortcake and a special barbecue chicken and ribs pack from the Silver Spoon Cafe for families who want to picnic on the common while watching the entertainment.

The awards ceremony for the juried shows will be on center stage, Cohasset Common at 6:30 p.m. It will be followed by the opening reception from 7-9 p.m. at the Art Center for the featured exhibition.

Saturday will bring an array of workshops (try your hand at the pottery wheel, watercolor painting and more), artist demonstrations, "paint alongs," free art activities in a special children's tent, "masterpiece photo," and a special participatory sculpture. Entertainment will include the South Shore Bay Band, dance troupes, the bagpipes of Matthew Malloch and the P.B & J. Folk Trio.

Sunday will offer the Easy Swing Band, the World Rhythm Duo sponsored by the Cohasset Diversity Club, and the Harborfest Marching Parade.

In between, the event is full of carillon concerts, roaming bagpipe players and fun from the neighboring Strawberry Festival.

For a complete schedule, call the South Shore Art Center at (617) 383- ARTS (2787).

Young Artists Display at Festival

The work of young artists of Cohasset will be shown in the village store windows for all to see this weekend as part of the South Shore Art Festival on the Common.

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Strawberries for Everyone!

People are coming from all over New England to Cohasset Friday, June 20, from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday, June 21, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, June 22, from noon to 6 p.m., where more than 2000 strawberry shortcakes will be served in the tree-shaded brick patio next to the Cohasset Second Congregational Church during Cohasset's Festival on the Common.

Dozens of families all over Cohasset are preparing sauce from fresh strawberries and copious quantities of real whipped cream and biscuits for a genuine gourmet treat at the forthcoming combined South Shore Art Center Festival on the Common and the Second Congregational Church Strawberry Festival. Strawberry shortcakes will be served to everyone for only $3.

The festival, larger than ever this year, has been a South Shore institution for more than four decades. The South Shore Arts Festival, with juried art and photography exhibitions, musical and dramatic performances, will feature a crafts and juried artisan's market.

An expanded country store in Bates Hall of the Second Congregational Church facing the common and a food court will offer snack bar staples such as hamburgers and soft drinks, as well as strawberry shortcake and other snacks. The church facilities will be open for all and will offer a wide assortment of hand-made craft items as well as preserves, jams and home-baked cakes and deserts.

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NIGHT FALLS ON MANHATTAN (R) 6:50, 9:10

Children's Sidewalk Sale and Art Display

The Village Revitalization Committee is sponsoring a children's sidewalk sale Saturday, June 21, in the Ship Cove Park, next to French Memories, in Cohasset Village. Children are invited to bring items for sale such as crafts, toys, housewares, or anything you would normally see at your neighborhood yard sale. There is no cost to have a table set up. Children are also invited to bring their artwork from school down to the village for the Arts Festival weekend. Village merchants will display the artwork in their windows for the weekend. If you would like more information, or would like to participate in any of these activities, please call Frank Smith at Flemings at 383-0684.



Festival on the Commons



Gospel Concert at First Parish

First Parish of Cohasset, Main Street, Cohasset, will present the New Temple Singers, under the direction of David Coleman, in a gospel concert Saturday, June 21, at 8 p.m., as part of Cohasset's Arts Festival/Harborfest celebration. For this, the fifth of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Cohasset's annual gospel concert, the well known gospel singer Ruth Hamilton will provide musical solos, in addition to the choir's repertoire.

Hamilton, who has been singing in the Boston area for more than 50 years, has performed in Symphony Hall with Arthur Fielder and the Boston Pops, in France with the Patterson Chorale, in Jordan Hall and at the Gardner Museum, but mostly, in church. She will be accompanied by Carolyn Curtis, music director, First Parish.



The New Temple Singers is a mixed chorus of singers who perform contemporary and original gospel music. The choir, which can also be heard in regular Sunday worship services at St. Paul AME Church (Rev. Dr. Leroy Attles, Pastor) in Cambridge, has two recordings among its achievements.

Director Coleman, a native of Tennessee, is a graduate of Boston University with degrees in composition and piano, and has composed and arranged several of the New Temple Singers musical selections.

Hamilton and the New Temple Singers will perform in the First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common.

Tickets are $7, (but only $5 with a Harborfest Button). Tickets, as well as buttons, are available at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 383-1100 for tickets or information.

South Shore Art Center's
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FRIDAY, JUNE 20

3:00-8:00	**FESTIVAL OPEN** **SSAC Galleries:** "Making A Still Life: Ten Variations," *Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Professional, Inc.,* Gallery Artist Exhibition **Cohasset Common:** Juried & Juried Photography Exhibition, Members Show, Young Artists Exhibition, *Sponsored by Garelick Farms, Inc.* Craft Artisans, Food Court, Artist Demonstrations, Strawberry Festival, 2nd Congregational Church
3:00-9:00	Entertainment, Center Stage
3:00-3:30	Cohasset High School Ensembles, Center Stage
3:00-5:00	KIDSTENT, Children's Activity Tent- *Sponsored by Lois & David Weltman* Facepainting, Art Workshops *Ice Cream Festival, Honor Roll Courtyard *Speed Pitch, Honor Roll Courtyard
3:30-5:00	Juggling workshop with the Suspenders, KIDSTENT
3:45-4:15	SSCC Gymnastics Level 4 Team, Center Stage
4:15-4:45	The Kondrat Singers, Center Stage
5:00-9:00	**CELEBRATE THE ARTS!** *Sponsored by BankBoston*
5:00-5:30	Bagpipes, Matthew Malloch
5:30-6:30	The Suspenders, Juggling Troupe Show
6:30-7:00	SSAC Exhibition Awards Presentation, Center Stage
7:00-8:00	Dave Crossland Band
7:00-7:15	Matthew Malloch, Bagpipes, SSAC Galleries
7:00-9:00	**SSAC Galleries:** Opening Reception, *Sponsored by Carole & Eliot Siegal of Macy's Beachway Liquors/Weymouth*
8:00	Exhibition Tents & Artisan Booths Close
8:00-8:15	*Luminaria at Duck Pond, Cohasset Common: *Sponsored by Cohasset Clergy*
8:15-9:00	Dave Crossland Band

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

8:00-10:00	*Pancake Breakfast, Cohasset Rotary, $4, South Shore Community Center
10:00-8:00	**FESTIVAL OPEN** **Complimentary Parking & Trolley Service from the South Shore Music Circus provided by** *Sullivan Brothers/Kingston* **SSAC Galleries:** "Making A Still Life: Ten Variations," *Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Professional, Inc.*, Gallery Artist Exhibition **Cohasset Common:** Juried & Juried Photography Exhibition, Members Show,Young Artists Exhibition, *Sponsored by Garelick Farms, Inc.*, Craft Artisans, Food Court, Artist Demonstrations, Strawberry Festival
10:00-10:30	South Shore Conservatory of Music - Intimate Opera Company
10:30-11:00	Dance Theater, Center Stage
10:00-3:00	Community Sculpture & "Masterpiece Photo," *Sponsored by Boston Yacht Sales*
11:00-11:30	Step Aerobics, Center Stage
11:45-12:15	South Shore Conservatory of Music - Standish Singing Society, Center Stage
12:30 -1:15	Quincy School of Performing Arts, Center Stage
1:30 -3:30	Frank's Big Band, Center Stage
3:30	Matthew Malloch, Bagpipes and @ 4:45, 6:15
4:00 -4:45	P. B. & J. Folk Trio, Center Stage
5:15 -6:15	South Shore Men of Harmony, Center Stage
6:30 -8:00	South Shore Bay Band, Center Stage, *Sponsored by Hingham Institution for Savings*
8:00 -8:10	Bagpipe Finale, Matthew Malloch
8:15	Gospel Concert, *Sponsored by First Parish 383-1100*

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

12:00-6:00	**FESTIVAL OPEN** **SSAC Galleries:** "Making A Still Life: Ten Variations," *Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Professional, Inc.*, Gallery Artist Exhibition **Cohasset Common:** Juried & Juried Photography Exhibition, Members Show, Young Artists Exhibition, *Sponsored by Garelick Farms, Inc.*, Craft Artisans, Food Court, Artist Demonstrations, Strawberry Festival
12:00-1:00	World Rhythm Duo, *Sponsored by Cohasset Diversity Club*
1:30 -2:30	Quincy School of Performing Arts
1:30	*Blessing of the Fleet, Cohasset Harbor, Cohasset Clergy Assoc.
2:30	*Harborfest Marching Parade from Harbor to Common
3:30 -4:00	SSCC Gymnastics Program, Center Stage
4:00 -4:15	St. Stephen's Carillon and @ 4:45
4:15 -4:45	Tradewinds Dance Art Collaborative, Center Stage
5:15 -6:00	Elaine Courier's Easy Swing Band, Center Stage
6:00 -6:30	Farewell Serenade, St. Stephen's Carillon

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Children's Yard Sale Planned

There will be a children's yard sale on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held at Ships Cove Park, which is between the buildings of Tedeschi and French Memories. Bring a blanket and a table to display your wares (toys only).
Any questions on the children's yard sale, call Donna Green at 383-6317.

Festival Raffle Benefits Community Center

The South Shore Community Center, located in the heart of Cohasset Village, stirs excitement by sponsoring a 50/50 raffle in which some lucky person could win as much as $25,000. Tickets are $100 each with a goal of 500 tickets to be sold. The winner will be selected at Cohasset's Harborfest Sunday, June 22, in the center's gym. The winner does not need to be present to win. There are a limited number of tickets, which are tax-deductible.

The proceeds of the raffle benefit the center, a 54-year-old non-profit institution dedicated to personal development and entertainment of South Shore residents. The center is funded solely by the generosity of its patrons ranging in ages from three to 93.

The center's summer programs include: Pre-K & Kindergarteners' Circus Week, Summer Fun Week, and Coastal Exploration Camp. Grade schoolers can find enrichment and fun in Creative Adventures Camp, Coastal Exploration Camp, Summer Cabaret Dance Camp, Chefs in the Kitchen, Jewelry Design, Gymnastics and Wrestling Camp. Adults can learn the secrets of cooking bluefish and bass from Chef Tony Ambrose of Boston-based Ambrosia Restaurant.

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INSIDE TODAY! THE ENVIRONMENT What progress have the representatives of your community made in protecting it.

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No Criminal Conviction for Edwards

Police officer won't say if he will seek job back

BY ROBERT PRESTON
MARINER STAFF

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The concern is there for the shrinking open land of Marshfield. STAFF PHOTO BY ALAN WARREN

Restaurant Proposed for Cafe Andre's S

BY ANNA KAREEN
MARINER STAFF

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Computer Dating for All

BY MARY ANN MARTIN
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The perfect match for you can be found by inputting your likes and dislikes in the " LoveByte" computer program. STAFF PHOTO BY DANA FRANKLIN

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MARINER SPORTS

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Looking Back on the Spring Season

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The book has been shut on the Cohasset spring sports season, sticks have been hung-up, spikes traded in for bare feet, and sliding pants for swimming trunks. Perhaps no three teams exhibited a greater diversity than the softball, lacrosse and baseball teams.

With a roster of nine youthful athletes, the softball team played a junior varsity schedule.

The lacrosse players were classic overachievers, posting remarkably dramatic victories and earning respect throughout the state.

Baseball, on the other hand, was a team which was supposed to hit its stride, but, due to a bizarre series of bad breaks, wound up transforming this year into a rebuilding one.

The softball team was led by Kelly Tufts, Lauren Dooley and Megan Waal, two juniors and a sophomore, respectively, who, despite a losing record, displayed a solid potential and hinted at a bright future for the Lady Skippers. Stocked with three freshman, four sophomores, and two juniors, the team won't graduate any seniors this year. Valuable experience earned the hard way this season will make next year's edition a force to be reckoned with.

Lacrosse was captained by Matt Belson, Jon Lacks and Ely Kahn, all three of whom were named to the

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Pirate hitter Eric Belz gets some last-minute instruction before stepping up to the plate.
Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

EXTRA POINTS/Joe Reardon

Just Another Senseless Cheerleading Tragedy

There are some things in life that are a given.

Turmoil within the Kennedy family. You'll get a cramp if you swim right after you eat. It rains on your day off. Models only marry rock stars. And the Patriots are just on step away from moving to (insert name of large metropolitan Southern/Midwestern/Northeastern city here).

Add to that list one more of life's little truths: whenever you have people choosing All-Star teams, traveling teams, tourney teams or cheerleading squads, somebody is going to leave the party if a huff.

Recently, the "Sound Off" line in one of the Mariner towns has been crackling with parents perturbed over the way a youth squad was picked. Some calls have even gone so far as to intimate that "the fix was in."

What! Kids are being chosen for teams because they are friend of so-and-so or their parents hang out at the same country club? You don't say.

You know what the best part about youth sports is? The parents coming out to support their children as they grow both physically and emotionally through an act of recreation.

You know what the worst part about youth sports is? The parents coming out to support their children as they grow both physically and emotionally through an act of recreation. But take it a little too far.

Let's look at this honestly. There is no evidence that not making the squad has ruined the life of a child. There was the case of the Texas cheerleader mom, but I think she had some other issues before some poor fool left her daughter off the team.

And speaking of those who pick the teams, remember who you are dealing with here. This is not the Olympic team. There will be no book deal waiting for you once you win the coveted Minor League championship. These are young, impressionable kids. Rejection is hard enough for them at their age, don't compound it.

I've been lucky (and unlucky) enough to have seen both sides of the fence.

Playing in a town league basketball championship, the game was finally decided in an empty gymnasium with family members waiting in a packed hallway because some parents from both sides had gone over the edge and were planning to stage the initial Wrestlemania.

You haven't lived until you've actually seen grown adults screaming at the top of their lungs because their child had not fouled an opponent hard enough.

On the other side of the ledger, my dad was "lucky enough" to get to be the guest umpire at a farm league baseball game of mine a few million years back.

There are two strikes on me with the winning run on base. The pitcher rears back and fires. Dad rings me up with the backwards "K". The kid was caught looking.

My world had officially ended,

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THE FISH STORY/Mark Trask

Bluefish Invade South Shore

"There are these fish all over the surface out there. They're just finning right on the surface like some kind of bait. I've never seen anything like it," said the inquiring angler. "What kind of fish are they?"

In closer to shore Dave and the gang were busy turning pogies into stripers when a bluefish got into the fray.

"Didn't land him," Dave said. "We are after stripers."

"Oh no!" Bill exclaimed as he rolled his eyes. "Bluefish already?" We counted out a dozen of his famous tube lures.

"What can you do Bill?" I asked. "They're here." They ought to go up to Maine was his retort.

What time is it, time for a new rod and reel. Bill Verge, Chris Kent and Mike Trowbridge were checking out the action near the Coast Guard Station Scituate. After awhile the rod was set down, giving the forearms a rest. Seconds later it zipped across the shingle beach and plunged into the black nighttime water. If only...

Murdoch is back from his honeymoon. Yeah he found a woman who likes to fish. Key West mahi-mahi were their quarry last week. Now it's stripers, yes, and bluefish from the shadow of Minot's Light.

Bill, my former jurymate stopped by the store. Been spending his time in the vicinity of the Brewsters and Boston Light with results much to his satisfaction. Constant striper action he reported. Mackerel are thin though. Went from Hardings Ledge out to the B-buoy and only trolled up one. Inside the Bay brought better luck with a fat keeper taken in the mouth of the Weir River.

Ronnie reports from Ferry Street that river anglers are starting to connect with some decent flounder in the mouth of the South River. Upstream is a veritable stew of herring, schoolies, and a few larger bass.

The Minot jetty was good to Jim Hearn this week. Five linesiders, including two "new" keepers fell to his mackerel chunks, all released. Walter bested Jim once again, stripping his spool empty.

Jamie Jackson tubed in a 40 incher at Sully's Point. Jim and Brian Conway and Brian Kimball topped a successful trip with a 34 incher from Lovell's Island on Father's Day. Fresh pogies were the key bait on that expedition. The Donovan brothers matched skills at the lighthouse. Adam weighed in with a 14 pound striper, and Mark brought in an early 10 1/2 pound bluefish. Further south along the coast Charlie Hunt nailed a 35 inch striper.

Fly fishermen John Barnett and Tom Noonan tried out John's new boat over the Grampuses. The boat worked fine as did the herring pattern flies. John caught the big one this week, 29 pounds 8 ounces. Tom's was slightly smaller.

Fishing has really exploded with the arrival of warmer temperatures. Make some time for yourself on the water.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

This Is the Season for These Gems

By Barbara Esposito
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset's Golden Girls, sponsored by King Jewelers, have really grown since last season! Their skills are improving daily. The girls are rallying together, encouraging one another. Fantastic teamwork has evolved. The girls are anticipating where the next play is. Stealing puts a new twist on things this year.

Catchers Frannie Noble, Kristen Watts and Kelly Holway have been instrumental in keeping the runs to a minimum. They really hustle up to retrieve the ball and stop the play. Pitchers Jenn Buckley, Julie Lorden and Kelly Holway are a great balance with first basemen Ashley Cook and Alanna Hughes. They definitely make it challenging for the opponents to reach first base.

Showing fantastic improvement in their arm strength are two second basemen, Carling Sterino and Emily Dean. They both are slick when running the bases, an all out effort that's usually rewarded with a "safe." Rounding the field to third base, we have Kim Ulmer, Alicia Sanchez and Kerri-Anne Esposito. All three are doing a fabulous job of getting the ball all the way over to first without over-throwing. They have what it takes to minimize the opponents' success.

Powerhouse Courtney McDonald playing shortstop is very versatile and a great asset to the team. Sarah Brady is fast becoming indispensable to the team; she's had a steadily improving season in the outfield. She's also been ripping them up at bat.

The Golden Girls are lucky girls. Their head coaches, Lottie Cook and Jim Watts are a wealth of information. They really want the girls to understand the game, be confident where the next play is and to have fun!

The score is unimportant. They want the girls to know the rules of the game so that it benefits them as they mature. The girls can't help but be successful when they know the moves and finally have the strength and the speed. We're looking forward to having a girls softball team in high school. Watch out world!

Hockey Skills Workshop

Hockey Skills Development Workshops is offering a high speed skills program for Mites and Squirts skating one day per week this summer at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham.

The program is directed by experienced college and high school coaches that truly believe skill development is a craft. All programs feature a positive learning environment, limited class sizes, and are focused towards skills actually used in playing the game. For further details, call (617) 769-

Adult Evening Tennis Lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept ongoing telephone registrations for adult evening tennis classes for all levels of instruction by calling 383-6791.

Classes will be scheduled as follows: Beginners 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday; Intermediates 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday; Advanced 6 to 7 p.m., Thursday; and Beginners 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday.

Other classes will be scheduled as demand indicates.

All sessions are four week sin duration and cost $35 per person, per session. Teaching will be NMr. John McGrory of Cohasset Recreation Department's tennis staff. Participants who do not own, or have access to a racquet, should indicate this at the time of registration. Non-residents will be accepted on a space available basis. Another evening will be made available should demand indicate.

Recreation Dept. Sponsors Baseball

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters ages 5 through 12 years at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Camp has been contracted again this year to provide baseball camp, which will be held the week beginning Tuesday, June 24, through Saturday, June 28, at Miliken Field.

Two camps are available to youngsters as follows: Full-day, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., camp for ages 7 and over, and a half-day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. camp is available for 5- and 6-year-olds.

The week-long camp costs $130 per child for the full-day program, and $75 per child for the half-day program. Camp ends Saturday, June 28.

The South Shore Baseball Club, located at the South Shore Sports Center, Hingham, offers year-round baseball instruction and has had baseball camp for Cohasset Recreation for seven years.

Non-Cohasset residents will be accepted for baseball camp on a space-available basis and registration forms are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor of Cohasset Town Hall.

Swimming and Diving Team Try-Outs

Calling all swimmers and divers! The Cohasset Swim and Diving Teams announce that Becky Golden and Allison Hughes are returning to coach the Cohasset Swim Team, and Dawn Meehan will return to the diving team for another terrific season. Last year's team members agree that the season was exciting and a lot of fun! Both teams welcome new members, and all are invited to try out.

This year's season starts June 30 (not June 23, as previously announced), and culminates in the championship finals, held at Wheaton College, Saturday, Aug. 16. Tryouts for new swim team members will be held Thursday, June 19, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Cohasset Swim Club. Diving team tryouts are Saturday, June 21, at 9 a.m. Tryouts for both teams are for new members only. Returning members do not have to try out.

On Tuesday, June 24. at 9 a.m., the Varsity Swim Shop will set up shop at the Cohasset Swim Club to sell team bathing suits. The team has a new bathing suit design this year.

Get ready for another terrific season! Call 383-9482 with any questions.

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RECREATION NOTES

Recreation Dept. Sponsors Baseball Camp

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters ages 5 through 12 years at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Camp has been contracted again this year to provide baseball camp, which will be held the week beginning Tuesday, June 24, through Saturday, June 28, at Miliken Field.

Two camps are available to youngsters as follows: Full-day, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., camp for ages 7 and over, and a half-day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. camp is available for 5- and 6-year-olds.

The week-long camp costs $130 per child for the full-day program, and $75 per child for the half-day program. Camp ends Saturday, June 28.

The South Shore Baseball Club, located at the South Shore Sports Center, Hingham, offers year-round baseball instruction and has had baseball camp for Cohasset Recreation for seven years.

Non-Cohasset residents will be accepted for baseball camp on a space-available basis and registration forms are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor of Cohasset Town Hall.

Summer Basketball Camp

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a summer basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two camp sessions will be available this July. Boys and girls, ages 8 through 11, will have camp from Tuesday, July 8, through Friday, July 11, at Cohasset High School's Sullivan gymnasium. The fee for the four-day camp is $120. The full week camp, for boys and girls ages 12 through 15, will be held Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18, at the Sullivan gymnasium. The fee for the five-day camp is $150.

Registration forms are available at the Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office.

Youth Tennis Program

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept registrations at town hall the week of June 15 for youth tennis lessons for ages seven through 18. The fee for the seven-week program is $44 per player and a family discount of $5 is offered for each additional family member registering.

Classes meet for two one-hour classes weekly, on a Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday schedule. Friday's are left open for weekly clinics and tournament play.

Classes begin the week of June 30, and end Friday, Aug. 15.

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South Shore League All-Star team. Seniors Doug Cameron, Ryan McWilliams, Dave Noble, Matt O'Connor and Bob Stansell all contributed to Cohasset's journey into the state tournament.

Junior Jamie Buick tallied more than 100 points this season with his phenomenal stick-handling and dazzling array of acrobatic moves. With sterling sophomore and junior classes, the Boys in Blue appear to be loaded for two more years.

Cohasset's hardball team was also led by three seniors: Rob Buckley, Grant Emde and Kevin McKenna. McKenna was also named to the SSL All-Stars and completed a spectacular career at first base for the Skippers. Buckley was a brick wall behind the plate this year and Emde patrolled centerfield like Mays.

Unfortunately, the club couldn't overcome the combination of injuries and other miscellaneous pitfalls. However, a core group of sophomores was tested under fire this season and should be primed for next year.

In summary, the spring season was a bittersweet one for the sports-watching citizens of SkipperNation. A young softball team began to blossom while the lacrosse squad bloomed fully, and the baseball team struggled, but showed promise for next year. Next year should be a fun one for Cohasset fans and athletes alike.

Have a great summer. Go Sox.

Cheerleading *Continued from page 15*

but I was about to get a pearl of wisdom that I still carry today. My father looked down at my hysterical self and uttered these words- "Get over it."

For those parents who take this crazy youth sports thing to the extreme I offer you the same advice. Let the children have their fun without ruining it for them. You'll both be better for it.

Get out and support the kids, but remember that's what they are, kids, in need of recognition and your encouragement.

You want to hear a radical idea. Who needs an All-Star team? You throw a couple balls, a bat and some gloves on a sandlot and I can almost guarantee you that any child would be happy as a clam. Maybe even a couple of adults, too.

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Compliance Check

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chants from alerting each other.

Sibor said the collaborative sends a certified letter to merchants the next day informing them of the violation if an employee sells cigarettes to a minor.

Five merchants sold cigarettes to minors in a Jan. 24 compliance check.

In the latest compliance check, one 16-year-old girl tried to buy cigarettes at the 14 Cohasset stores that sell tobacco products. The collaborative's underage confederate was instructed to give an ID showing her real date of birth to merchants if asked to provide proof of age.

Two Cohasset police officers and a collaborative representative waited outside to document the results of the compliance check.

In both cases, clerks asked for the girls' ID, which was provided, then sold her cigarettes anyway.

Merchants that commit first-time violations are subject to up to a $100 fine, a warning, and participation in a mandatory merchant education program for all employees. Merchants that commit a second violation are subject to a $200 fine, a suspension of their license to sell tobacco products for up to seven days, and participation in the education program.

A CVS representative would not comment on the sale and requested anonymity.

A CVS employee sold cigarettes to a 16-year-old collaborative agent in the January compliance check. On Feb. 4 the health board waived a $100 fine and ordered CVS to participate in a merchant tobacco education program.

Joe Gagni, one of two managers at Curtis Liquors, said the clerk who sold the cigarettes to the girl made a mistake.

"The cashier was busy, but the minute she sold the cigarettes she realized the girl was underage," Gagni said. "She quickly followed the girl out to the parking lot to retrieve the cigarettes, but the girl was already climbing into a car with her supervisor."

Health Agent Joseph Godzik said both merchants will be asked to send a representative to a public hearing with the health board to explain the reasons for the violation. Godzik said a hearing would probably be conducted on July 15, but no date has been set.

Godzik was encouraged by the fact that only two merchants sold cigarettes to minors in the latest compliance check.

"Five merchants sold cigarettes to minors in January, but now it's down to two," Godzik said. "We try to emphasize the positives. The collaborative's merchant education program gives them more motivation to check IDs and avoid potential fines and license penalties."

Sibor said the June compliance check was part of a one-day sweep of 13 communities in the 14-community collaborative. Duxbury does not allow the collaborative to perform compliance checks.

Sibor said the collaborative checked 319 businesses and 39, about 12 percent, did not comply.

"The first time we conducted a compliance check in 1994, 53 percent of the merchants we checked sold cigarettes to our underage agent," Sibor said. "We've made great progress."

The collaborative is funded by a 25-cent per pack cigarette tax and offers an on-going program of education. Merchant training sessions have been held throughout the South Shore to update retailers on the law and how to comply with it. Correct signage and information about methods to identify teens are also provided.

The organization shares a statewide tobacco control goal of decreasing tobacco use 50 percent by 1999.

Carol Meyer contributed material to this story.

Red Lion Inn

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to a series of recent owners with limited investment capital and a lack of experience running an inn and restaurant. Logue said he has both the capital and the experience to revitalize the old business.

"The place has really been run into the ground over the last two years," Logue said. "I've been in this business for more than 20 years. What this place needs is money and resources, and we have that."

Logue was attracted to the inn because of its inherent charm. He said it could be a place where anyone can go in for a meal and to sit by the fireplace.

Logue is the managing partner for the inn along with Gerd Ordelheide, who will run the restaurant.

He said his goal is to restore the inn to what it should be — a quaint old inn with rooms for rent.

Logue added that he hopes to make the inn a landmark that will be a source of pride for the people of Cohasset.

"I know a lot of people in Cohasset and they smile when I tell them what we're going to do with the inn," Logue said. "This will be a nice place for the locals to go for a meal whether they're 22 on a first date or 85."

To achieve his goal, Logue plans to change the way the business is managed. He said traditionally, dinner patrons have been forced to wait in the tavern for a table. But, he said, the tavern is dark and small, not the type of place for two 50-year-old women or a family with small children.

The first order of business will be to completely renovate the entire building. Logue wanted to assure people not to worry when the entire operation shuts down at some point in the next few months.

"The restaurant will not reopen for the summer and the tavern will stay open until the heavy work begins," Logue said. "We'll keep it open as long as we can based on safety issues."

Logue said the entire interior of the building will have to be redone from floors to ceilings. The list of necessary renovations reads like a laundry list. The building needs new furniture, wiring, air conditioners, sprinklers, plumbing, a modern telephone system, cable television in the rooms, new kitchen equipment and many other items.

"The third floor is an absolute rat trap," Logue said. "We want to restore the rooms to a quaint, old inn look with things like four-poster beds and four-claw bath tubs."

There are eight rooms on the third floor which are inhabited by six permanent, weekly residents.

"We're working on the timing with the tenants on the third floor so they can find new homes," Logue said. "They have been given notice. For the money they're paying, they could do a lot better. They're all fine with it."

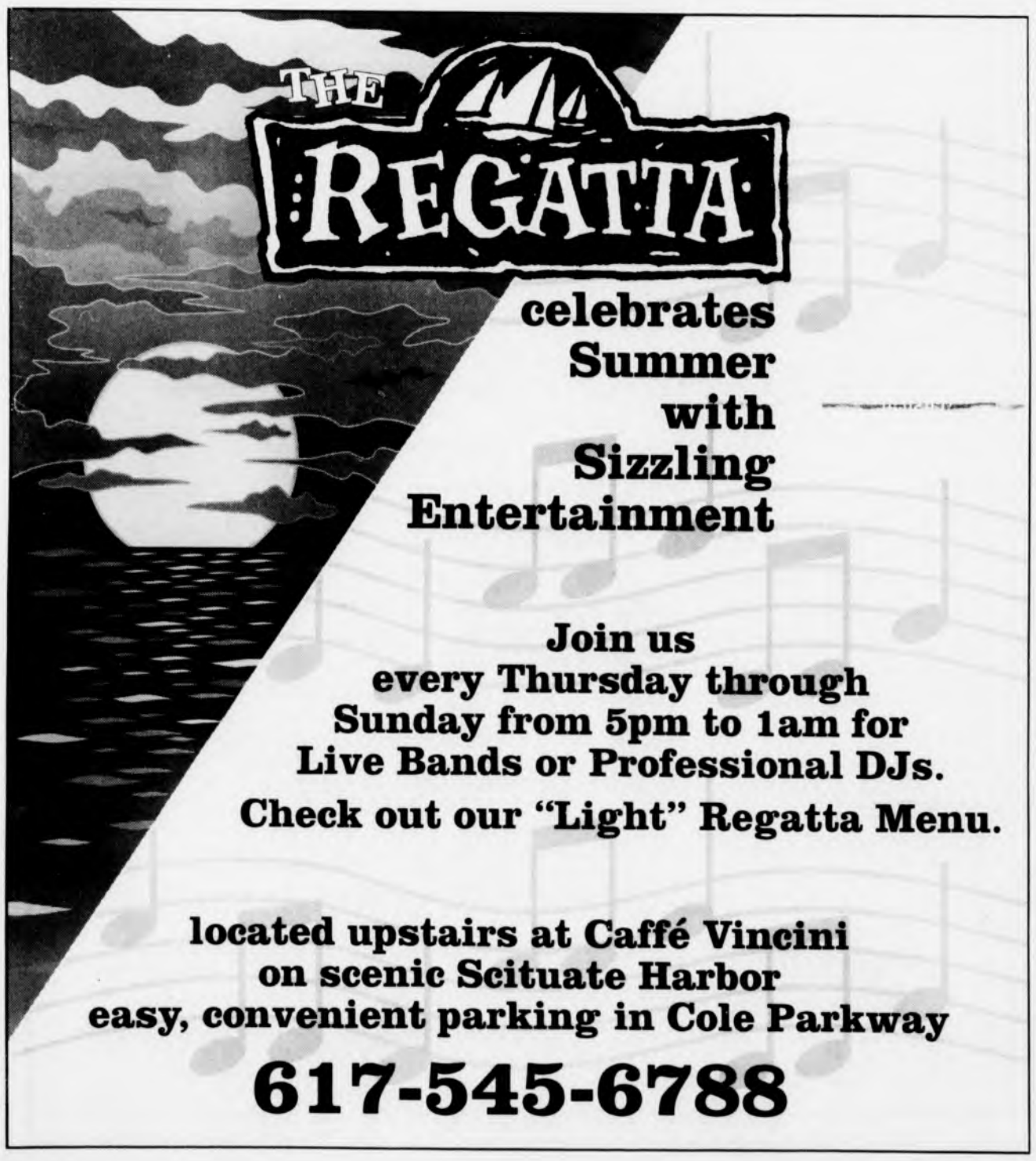
Once the tenants are out, Logue plans to call in a professional contractor who should be able to complete all the renovations by November.

"We don't want to do the work in a rush just to get the job done," Logue said. "The people of Cohasset are very particular, and the worst reputation you can get here is to start the work and not complete it."

When the inn reopens, all the rooms on the second and third floor — 15 in all — will be used for overnight rentals.

"When we're done, the rooms will be cleaner and much nicer," Logue said. "Every room will have air conditioning, telephones, cable television. We even plan to start a shuttle to the beach. We'll be more service oriented."

Logue said the inn will not only be a source of community pride, but it could serve as a catalyst to rejuvenate the downtown business area.





PERSONAL FINANCE

Going Once, Going Twice

Quality items offered at government auctions



By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Where can you shop for a Mercedes Benz, gold jewelry and last year's stereo model--a veritable smorgasbord of luxury--under one roof? I'll give you a hint: I'm not referring to a superstore chain. Would you believe Uncle Sam is having a sale?

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Unbeknownst to many people, the U.S. federal government auctions off everything from cars to computers and chairs that have been discarded by government agencies or in some cases confiscated for legal reasons. These garage sales have brought in hundreds of millions of dollars in proceeds for the U.S. Treasury. They can be financially worthwhile for you as well; the items are often sold for below-market prices.

While you are likely to find some good bargains, especially on a steady supply of cars and trucks, don't expect to drive off in a $100 BMW or pick up a $10 Gucci watch. "Auction items are not steals, they're deals," says Stephen De Blasio, director of personal property for the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).

The GSA conducts sales of airplanes, boats, cars, trucks, furniture, computers and office equipment, etc. on behalf of a handful of government agencies.

To ensure it gets a fair price, the GSA sets an undisclosed minimum price for each item which the bidding must reach for the item to be sold.

Yet prices rarely reach the retail level. At a GSA auction "you can expect to pay the trade-in value for the vehicle" as opposed to what you would have to pay right off a used car lot, says De Blasio. Indeed, the auctions are frequented, he says, by used-car buyers who buy and then hike up the price for their customers.

Among the best deals are the sedans with only three to four years of use and the trucks put on the auction block when they have more than 60,000 miles on them or when they reach their sixth year. De Blasio says that since the cars have been treated as government property, they are usually in tip-top shape.

For upcoming GSA car auctions in Massachusetts, call 617-565-7326 to get a free list of the vehicles to be auctioned and the time and the place of the sale. For the most part auctions in every state occur when enough property has accumulated. You can also call 703-305-7814 or visit GSA's web site (http://www.gsa.gov) for information on the sale of other merchandise.

The Treasury Department holds its own auctions, every nine weeks, of boats, planes, real estate, carpets, jewelry, clothing and electronics that have been abandoned or seized by Customs and other Treasury officials while enforcing the law.

On the East Coast, auctions are held in Edison, New Jersey (that's exit 10 off the New Jersey Turnpike).

On June 12, for example, the Treasury auctioned off a 1995 Mercedes Benz convertible E320, a 1995 Nissan 300SX and a 1993 Mercedes 300SE along with electronics, jewelry and apparel (one caveat: clothing and electronic equipment are often sold in bulk, commercial quantities but individual items do pop up from time to time).

You can get more information by calling the Public Auction Line (703-273-7373) and can sign up to receive the eastern region mailing list for a $25 fee.

There can be a lot of requirements or conditions involved in a sale--remember, you're dealing with the government. You shouldn't attend a federal auction and bid nonchalantly, as if shopping for groceries or a sweater. Once the auctioneer yells "sold," it's yours for keeps--no returns. For that reason, prospective bidders are encouraged to thoroughly inspect the goods before auction day to make sure they are acceptable in "as is" condition. Items to be auctioned are usually displayed for a couple of days during a preview period.

It is equally important to research the specific terms of sale for each item. The conditions will be listed in a flyer or catalog. If, for example, you are eyeing a motor boat that comes with a "for export only" label (it's former owner failed to get permission for legal entry into the U.S.), you will have to figure out how to get the boat out of the country immediately after you've purchased it.

You should be prepared to pay for an item on the spot. The Treasury Department typically requires that you pay in full for purchases of $5,000 or less on the day of the sale.

For more expensive items you might be allowed to put down a deposit at the end of the auction and to pay the balance the following day.

Unfortunately, there is no government financing available for any of the items--not even for cars or planes.

Payment can be made with cash, traveler's checks, cashier's checks (but have checks in small denominations because the auction cashier cannot make change for more than 10 percent of a cashier's check.), and often with Visa and Mastercard. Once you've paid for the item it is yours; you can drive that 1995 Mercedes Benz convertible home.

Registering for auctions is a breeze--plus it's free. Simply bring identification with a photograph to the auction site and you'll receive your bidder number and catalog.

If you find yourself catching the federal-auction bug, you may want to check out other auctions around the country.

The U.S. Postal Service sells goods found in undeliverable packages at auctions in Saint Paul, Atlanta and San Francisco (check out http://www.usps.gov/ consumer/auctions.htm).

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. sells assets for failed banks, including land, hotels, shopping malls, condominiums and homes. Proceeds are funneled back to creditors of failed institutions. For a free information packet call the regional office in Connecticut (800-873-7785).

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THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
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DOCKET NO. 97P1411E1

Estate of W. CHESTER BROWNE late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that MADELYNE A. BROWNE of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executrix named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on July 16, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

6/19/97

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 97P1508E1

Estate of MARGUERITE LEAHY HILL late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK

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A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that DEBORAH H. BORNHEIMER of DUXBURY in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executrix named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on July 23, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

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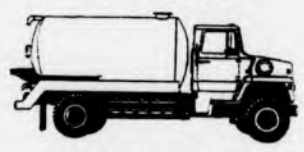
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'Healthy Bites' Make a Splash at Sandy Beach

By Jennifer R. Horan
SCITUATE MARINER

Scituate resident and entrepreneur Doug Bennett has found his place in the sun and on the sand.

One of Cohasset's three food push-cart bid winners this summer, Bennett has cooked up something never-before-seen at Sandy Beach for his mobile a la carte dining service.

"The cart looks like a mini-cafe. You can't miss it," he said.

Instead of the traditional hot dog and ice cream offerings, Bennett will be peddling a healthier and lighter batch of beach cuisine, including fruit smoothies, freshly-squeezed juices, gourmet roll-ups and his very own all natural fitness cookies.

"You don't have to sacrifice taste for good health," said Bennett, 27, whose "Healthy Bites" are low in fat and fat-free. "The menu goes along with what I think people should eat. This is the way I've eaten my whole life."

A personal fitness trainer with his own business of five years, FiTrack, Bennett lives, breathes and pushes a nutritious diet. He prepares the cart's fare — which is made with herbs and spices, no added oil, fat or salt — at the Borrowed Butler catering company in Scituate. Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bennett can be found at Sandy Beach in Cohasset with a cart full of health foods for sale until Labor Day.

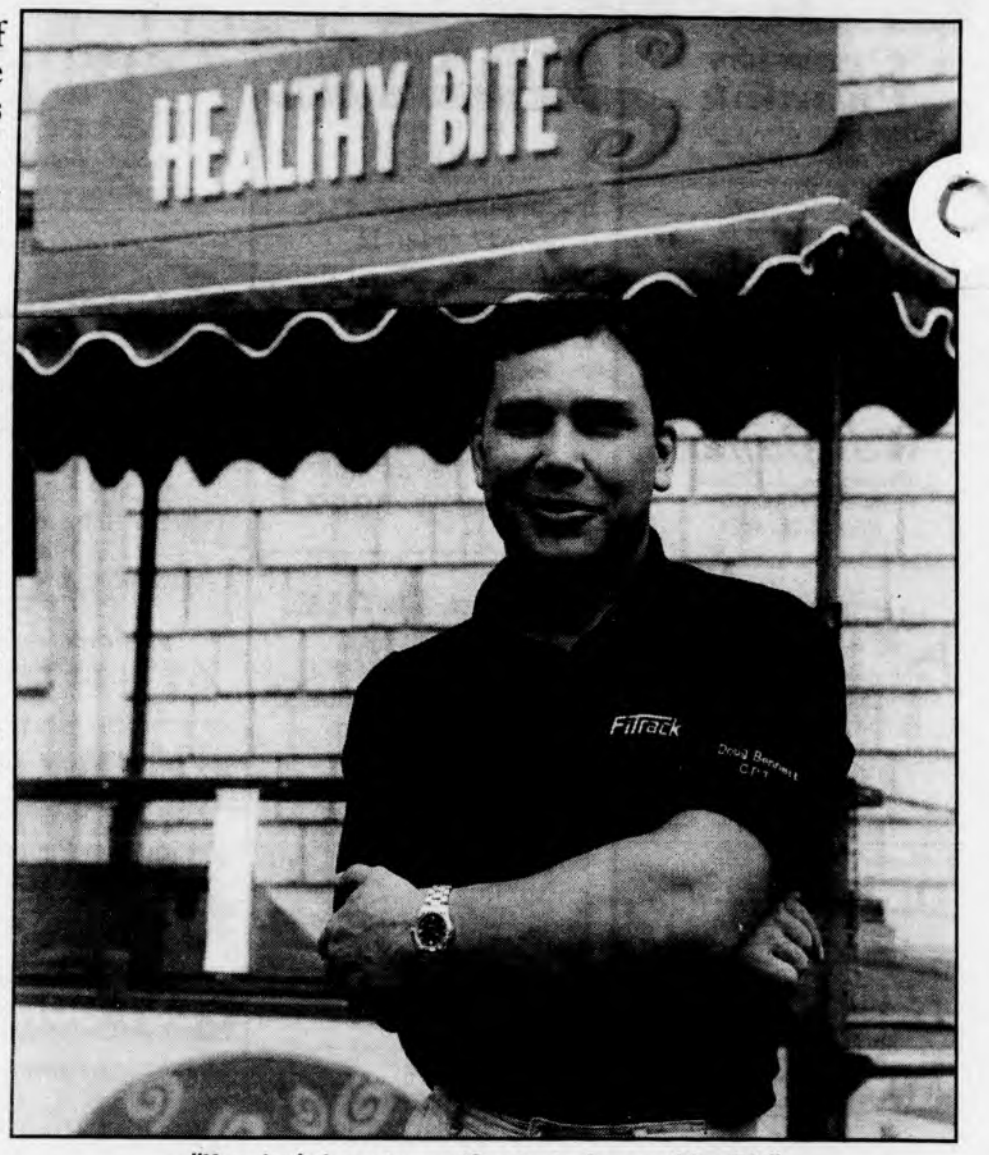
"People don't like to be in a bathing suit eating a hot dog," he said. "This is much better for them. Hot dogs are high in nitrate."

Bennett's body-building clients got the first taste of "Healthy Bites" when he introduced them to his "Bennett's All Naturals" cookies, which come in peanut butter or oatmeal raisin.

"They're more of a fitness cookie. They're like a Power Bar, only they're better tasting and better for you," he said. "There are no sugars."

Their response to his home-spun recipe prompted him to start a his second business and take it to the beach to see what people think.

"So far, the response has been great. I'm really excited," said Bennett, who studied biology and nutrition at U-Mass/Amherst. "It's something that will grow with time. I hope to sell the cookies in stores some time down the road."

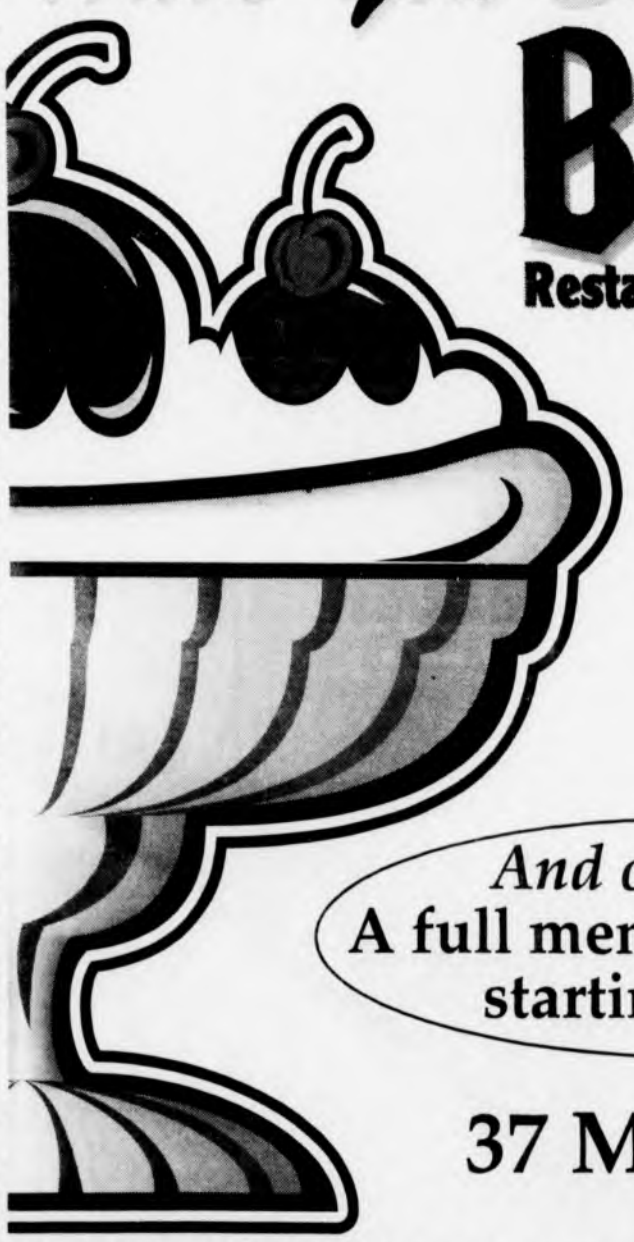


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— Doug Bennett, entrepreneur.

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Cellular Towers Could Change Landscape

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Almost everyone seems to have a cellular telephone these days. People have them in their cars, their purses and their pockets. Cellular telephones allow users to make calls from almost anywhere, but this technology comes with a price: communications antennas and equipment sheds.

The zoning board was scheduled to make a decision Wednesday, June 25 (just after the Mariner went to press) on an application by Sprint Spectrum L.P. to erect a 123-foot telecommunications antenna near Foreign Auto Repair on Route 3A, just 200-feet back from the road..

Building commissioner Robert Egan said Sprint wants to erect the tower on land owned by Ken Eaves of King Street.

Egan said the land is in a light industrial zone with a 45-foot restriction on the height of any structure. Egan added that the antenna is allowed in that zone with a special permit.

The zoning board discussed the antenna at its June 5 hearing.

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said he was concerned about the proliferation of towers in Cohasset.

"I don't want to allow Cohasset to look like a pin cushion," DeGiacomo said. "The applicant has asked us to treat them like the other tower on 3A, which is a fair request, but this one is substantially closer to the road."

'I don't want to allow Cohasset to look like a pin cushion.'

— ZBA CHAIRMAN
MARK DeGIACOMO

J. Anson Whealler said he thought antennas were unsightly.

"Aesthetically, if you drive down Route 128 in Waltham by the Polaroid plant, you'll see a proliferation of antennas there that are not particularly attractive," Whealler said.

DeGiacomo said an existing tower off Route 3A is in an isolated spot on Turkey Hill and not really visible from residential areas.

"We take each application on its own merits," DeGiacomo said. "I don't think this latest request is in a good location."

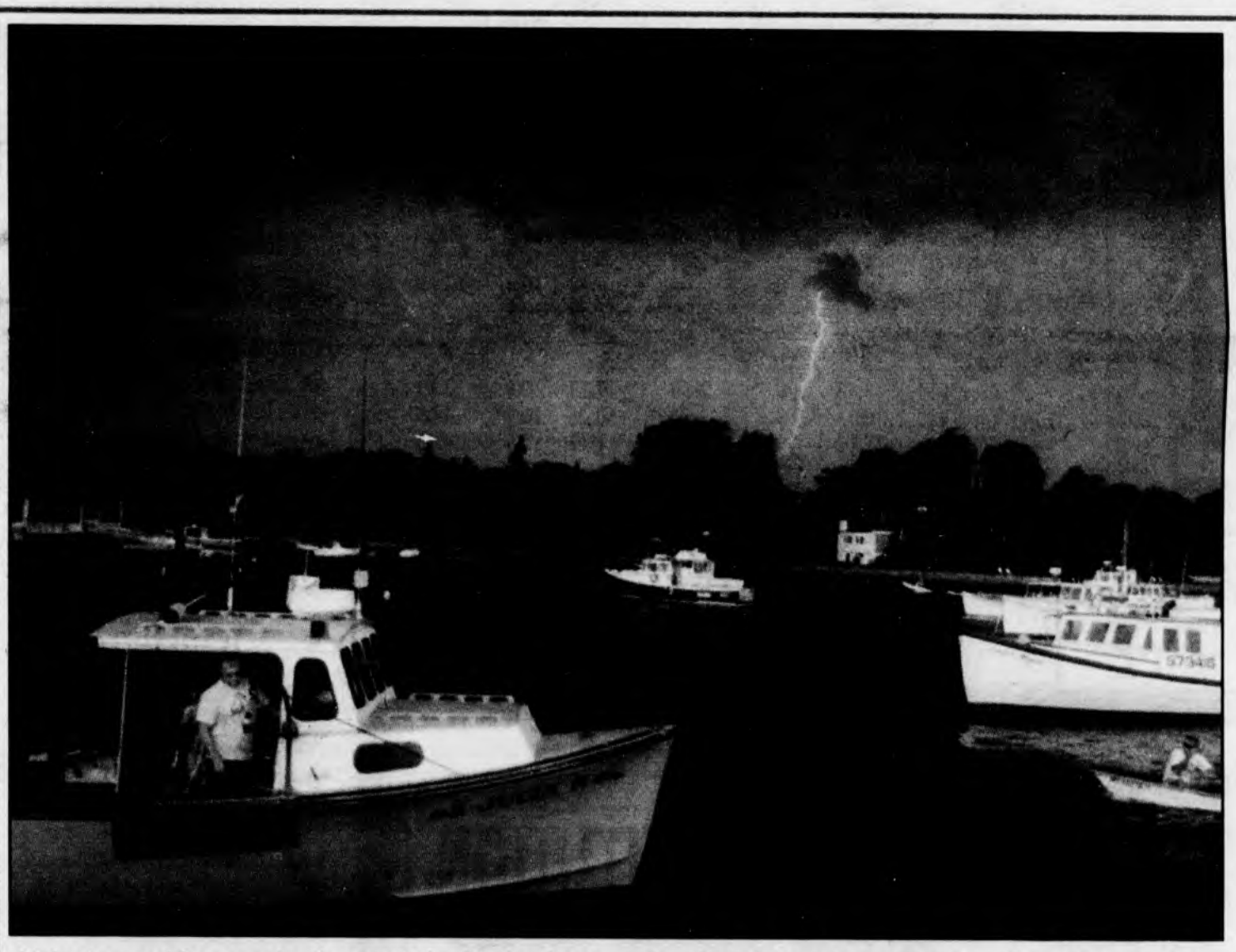
Barbara Powers said she was concerned about the apparent lack of a coherent plan from companies seeking antennas.

"There doesn't seem to be any plan," Powers said. "I don't want them popping up on a willy, nilly basis."

But representatives from Sprint Spectrum L.P. said they have a very specific plan.

"This is a consumer driven process," said Jim Aber, director of Northeast operations for Sprint. "We're not building towers and antennas because we have extra money laying around. Consumers

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Lightning and heavy rain disrupted the Harborfest parade which followed the Blessing of the Fleet in the harbor on Sunday afternoon. But organizers say the annual Festival on the Common was still a big success despite the storm.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Small-Town Feeling Draws Large Crowd to Festival

By Robert Ziff
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Mike Kerr of Boston summed up what it is that had thousands of people flocking to Cohasset on one of the hottest days of the year to date.

"Boston has a lot to offer," he said, "but it has nothing which compares to the small-town feeling and fun that I get in Cohasset during this festival."

He drove out from Boston with his girlfriend Claire Gladstone to escape the city's oppressing heat. Kerr, who made his third trip to town, was pleased to find the 42nd annual Festival on the Common, has gotten better and better.

Festival-goers congregated on the town's common, bringing droves of children. The ones too young to fend for themselves could be found in baby backpacks, in traditional four-wheeled strollers, or in state-of-the-art three-wheeled buggies that looked like they belonged on the moon. There were prams to fit one, two and even three children. People brought their dogs along, ranging from Lhasa apsos to Doberman pinschers.

Parking proved not to be a problem because free trolley shuttle service was provided from the large parking lot at the South Shore Music Circus to the town's green and back.

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Developer Still Seeks To Remove Quonset Huts

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

A series of Quonset huts and buildings at 430 South Main St. have been called the ugliest structures in Cohasset by residents living near the facility. An attempt by the planning board to rezone the site so the owner could build 10 condominiums was rejected by voters at the 1997 spring town meeting. Members of the conservation commission said the change in bylaws would have stripped them of their jurisdiction over the flood plain.

Now the owner of the property, Noel Collins, is back with a revised plan to tear down the Quonset huts and build four condominiums instead of 10. Collins visited the conservation commission at their June 19 meeting to see if they would support his latest plan.

Commission members said they supported the idea in principle with some modifications.

Collins bought the 54,000 sq. ft. lot in 1996 with the intention of converting it from a commercial site to a residential site for condominiums. The property has hosted many commercial businesses in past decades.

"As much as this is an eyesore, it's also an obnoxious use," Collins said. "It's an obnoxious use, the tenants change over a lot and produce fumes and noise, and the entire thing is in a flood plain."

The zoning board of appeals rejected the plan in Nov., 1996, and Collins appealed the decision to Norfolk Superior Court.

Collins said he is now in discussions with the ZBA to reach an out of court settlement allowing four condominiums instead of the original request for 10. He added that the agreement was informal at this time.

"My point in being before the conservation commission is to lay the groundwork for the agreement," Collins said. "Do you believe four units however placed within the existing footprint and removal of the septic tank from the flood plain is better than what we have there now? If you don't agree, I will fold my tent right now."

Vice-chairman Jeff Waal said he liked the principle behind the plan.

"I think the town could benefit from something like this," Waal said.

Waal added that he would like to see Collins construct a public walkway along the edge of the property.

Tom Callahan also supported the plan in principle.

"The conservation commission

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Cohasset's Week



Pleasure craft receive the Harborfest blessing during the Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday. Within an hour, a thunderstorm hit Cohasset cutting short the annual Harborfest parade.

Correction

A story in last week's Mariner about the Relay for Life cancer benefit at the Cohasset High School track incorrectly said Gary Ritts has cancer. The Rev. Ritts does not have cancer. The Mariner regrets the error.

Plante Reappointed as Constable

Selectmen reappointed Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Rd., as town constable. Term for the position is three years, selectmen said.

New Face on Elders Board

Selectmen appointed John Coe, 23 Pond St., Monday to the Cohasset Elders Affairs board. Coe will replace Linda McCarthy, who stepped down recently after serving seven years. Selectmen said they would send McCarthy, who is now the outreach worker at the senior center, a thank you letter for her years of service.

In her letter of resignation, McCarthy said she was "proud to have been associated with this fine group."

Taverna Gets Liquor License, Parking Concerns Aired

Selectmen approved issuing three one-day liquor licenses to the Nativity-Assumption of Virgin Mary Church on Jerusalem Road for the annual Taverna, July 4-6.

Beer and wine will be available at Taverna as well as pastries, food stuffs, soda and coffee.

Selectman Diane Sullivan offered the field next to her house at 708 Jerusalem Rd. for additional parking for about 12 cars.

She expressed concerns about vehicles parking along both sides of the road, which she said is a safety issue.

"I'm concerned about people exiting their cars with the doors open and kids on bikes," she said about the narrow road.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan recommended the police chief and safety officer assess the parking situation at Taverna and make a recommendation.

Red Lion Liquor License Transferred

This week, selectmen authorized the transfer of the liquor license from 1704 Red Lion Inn, doing business as the Red Lion Inn, Carl E. Ackerblom, manager, to Sarro Co., LLC, doing business as the Red Lion Inn, Paul F. Logue, manager.

Logue used to own Hugo's and Pier 44 before that, Logue said.

He told selectmen the Inn would be turned back into the dining house it once was.

Logue and attorney Michael Hayes of Scituate said they will ask permission to close the inn for about three months during renovations.

They will also be back for food and Sunday licenses at a later date, Hayes said.

BOSTON TIDES

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

June 1997	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 26	4:05	11.0	10:25	4:44	10.6	10:52
Fri. 27	5:04	10.6	11:21	5:42	10.6	11:53
Sat. 28	6:06	10.2	---	6:40	10.6	12:18
Sun. 29	7:09	9.8	12:56	7:39	10.7	1:17
Mon. 30	8:12	9.6	1:58	8:37	10.8	2:15
July						
Tues. 1	9:13	9.5	2:59	9:33	10.9	3:12
Wed. 2	10:11	9.5	3:56	10:25	10.9	4:05
Thurs. 3	11:03	9.6	4:48	11:13	10.9	4:55

Notice to Water Customers

Construction will continue on Pond Street for the next couple of weeks. Please be aware that discoloration may occur when the new water main is turned on, the water department said.

Liquor License Transferred

Selectmen voted recently to transfer the liquor license from Patrick Connelly, manager of the former Liquors Unlimited in the village to Clifford Chase, president of Chase Enterprises. Chase will open a new package store at 29-30 Main St. where Liquors Unlimited was located.

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Library to Remain Under Town Manager Umbrella

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Don't tinker with the town manager position, yet.

That was the word from the government structure committee which met last week to discuss concerns town boards may have with the new position.

The message is not popular with the nine-member board of library trustees who want the library exempted from the town manager act passed at town meeting.

Cohasset currently has a town administrator who does not have the authority that a town manager would have such as the ability to hire and fire.

The town manager will run the day to day activities of the town and will report to selectmen, who will set policy.

Library trustees chairman Patience Towle said trustees want control over selection of the head librarian and exclusive authority to select library books, materials, services, events and exhibits.

"We continue to feel our nine minds are a better group to run the library than a town manager," she said.

But the GSC said any amendments to the town manager act — which would have to go before town meeting and the legislature — should wait until next spring.

Committee members said, at this point, no board or department should be excluded from the town manager act.

They worry that by exempting one department or board, others would follow, effectively undermining the town manager position.

Waiting until the annual town meeting will give the town manager six to nine months to get up and running, the committee said, explaining that some changes, perceived as necessary now, by that time in fact may not be needed.

In an attempt to assuage Towle, interim town administrator Ed McCann said as a practical matter, a town manager wouldn't interfere with a well-run library.

"I don't see the library as a target for town manager," he said. "The town manager doesn't need to generate brush fires. He needs to address the issues and policies the board of selectmen set."

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— ED MCCANN, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

McCann said the town manager would rely on department heads and can't be an expert in everything from books to septic systems.

GSC committee member Ann Swanborg said the committee hoped to allay fears by noting there are "checks and balances" in place with selectmen overseeing the town manager.

In a related matter, for the third consecutive week, selectmen have met behind closed doors to interview candidates for the town manager position. Finalists for the post will be interviewed in open session as required by the open meeting law. They hope to have the new town manager on board by August.

McCann told selectmen Monday the town manager act had passed both houses of the legislature and has gone to the governor's desk for his signature.

The switch to town manager was approved at the annual town meeting over objections from a majority of selectmen and the advisory committee. The GSC worked with citizen petitioners on drafting the text of the article.

Elm Street to Stay Two-Way for Now

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Elm Street, from Brook to South Main in the village, will remain at two-way street for the time being.

Selectmen rejected a proposal this week to try a one-way traffic pattern on the street for 60 days.

They are worried that while creating a one way street may help alleviate some safety concerns on Elm, it would create problems in other parts of the village.

Specifically, they think more cars will attempt illegal U-turns or cross the double-yellow line to park on South Main Street. They are also concerned that the town parking lot will become a thoroughfare for cars making the loop to get to Elm Street.

Selectmen asked Safety Officer Cliff Jones to look at the parking issue on Elm Street which forces cars onto the sidewalk prohibiting pedestrians from using the sidewalk. They asked for some painted lines delineating no parking areas and more enforcement of parking rules.

School Year for Seniors Lengthens

High school principal, Curtis Collins, asked on behalf of the administration and the senior faculty for the school committee's blessing to instate a longer school year for the seniors than currently exists.

With the upcoming changes with the block schedule, fourth-quarter classes will begin around April 7 next year. The schedule in the past has held senior exams during the week approximately of May 18, with graduation being the first weekend in June. This leaves little time for learning during the fourth quarter for the seniors.

The proposed schedule would increase the length of class time by having seniors attend 35 of the 45 days in the quarter and it would push back graduation to the second weekend of June. This makes the last day of school June 3 and graduation June 13. Final exams will be held in class and will cover only the fourth quarter.

School committee members agreed with the new schedule for the seniors.

Supt. Stephen Hart said, "A gray area still exists on this issue in education reform because as it currently states, all students must receive 990 hours of instruction in order to graduate. Seniors fall short of that. There may be some clarification of that in the future but until then I agree that this move is one in the right direction."

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Ritterhaus Retires from Elder Council

After 10 yezrs as a volunteer and staff member at the Cohasset Council of Elder Affairs, Marguerite Ritterhaus of Hignahm has retired.

"She's a very warm-spirited person with a lot of energy and a wonderful way about her," council Director Kathy Bryanton said of Ritterhaus. "She is a very loving person."

The council held a luncheon in Ritterhaus' honor June 12 at the Cohasset Light Keepers' Cottage, attended by about 125 people from the community. Ritterhaus received proclamations from the state Senate, the state House of Representatives, the South Shore Elder Services and the Cohasset Board of Selectmen for her decade of dedication to the senior citizens of Cohasset.

Ritterhaus, a Hingham resident, celebrated her 80th birthday Saturday and will have an opportunity to spend more time with her family in her retirement, Bryanton said.

"She will be missed. She is a person that can't be replaced," she said.

During her tenure with the council, Ritterhaus worked with three different boards, 130 volunteers, eight staff members as well as the staff at town hall. Prior to joining the Cohasset Council of Elder Affairs staff, Ritterhaus worked in Milton Hospital's admissions office for 15 years. While her children were growing up, she served as secretary and bookkeeper of her husband's business, Ritterhaus Plumbing.

"She was always willing to learn new skills," Bryanton said. "And she always had a good word to say to everyone."



Marguerite Ritterhaus is congratulated by her daughter, Janet Ross, and granddaughter, Lorri Mayer, at a reception in her honor at the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

PAUL PRATT LIBRARY CORNER

Expanded Library Hours

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will be open Thursday evenings until 9 p.m. beginning July 10.

This expansion of open hours to three evenings is a result of the operating budget approved at Town Meeting.

This is the first improvement in library open hours since hours were reduced in 1982.

Open hours for the summer are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closed Wednesday; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Sunday.

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Puzzle Club and Story Hour Debut

Deer Hill School librarian, Marge Murphy, will be conducting the very popular Puzzle Club Monday and Tuesday nights from 7 to 8:45 p.m., beginning July 7 and 8 and continuing until the last week of August. Children from grades two through six are welcome. They should be sure to bring their library cards. Popsicles, courtesy of the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library, will be served at 8 p.m. Parents must pick up their children no later than 8:45 p.m.

An informal story time for preschool children will take place every Friday throughout the summer, from 10 to 10:30 a.m., July 11 and continuing through Aug. 22 in the Children's room of the Paul Pratt Library. Children must be 3 1/2 years of age. There is no registration required.

Library Notes

A mural featuring scenes of Cohasset and children reading books will be painted by award-winning artist, Becky Haletky. Cohasset children are invited to vote for three favorite book titles to be included in the mural. Pick up a ballot from Children's librarian, Suzanne Terry. The winners will be announced Aug. 1.

A photo exhibit by former Cohasset resident Susan Mullally Clark, including portraits of the late Sheldon Sladen and other local fishermen of the lobster fleet, will continue through the end of June.

Please note that the library will be closed Sundays during the months of June, July and August.

Two beautiful young dogwood trees were planted in front of the library on Arbor Day. There trees were donated by Genevieve Good, Polly Logan and the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library.

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Names: Jean Higgins & Madeleine Steverman

Occupation: Stickers sales clerks at town hall.

Biggest worry: Not being able to stay in Cohasset, I've lived here all my life (Jean); I'm a worrier, I worry every single day (Madeleine).

Best vacation: Jazz Festival in Montreal (Jean); My trip to Germany (Madeleine).

Favorite season: Summer (Jean); Spring (Madeleine).

Favorite book: The Spencer books, by Robert Parker (Jean); Shell Seekers,' by Rosamunde Pilcher (Madeleine).

Pet peeve: Not holding the door open (Jean); Taking up two parking spaces (Madeleine).

Favorite TV show: 'Pops' concerts on Channel 2 (Jean); 'Appearances' (Madeleine).

Favorite movie: 'Glory' (Jean), 'The Parent Trap' (Madeleine).

Favorite junk food: Cinnamon doughnuts (Jean); Marshmallow chocolate cookies (Madeleine).

Person you'd most like to meet: Mother Theresa (Jean); President Clinton (Madeleine).

Goal: To see more kindness in the world (Jean); To enjoy everyday (Madeleine).

Most embarrassing moment: I was helping my daughter get her art supplies on the train which took off with me in it. I had to go all the way to Providence (Jean); Falling flat on my face with a group of friends and I was the only sober one! (Madeleine).



Old Beach, RTF Permits Have Expired

Your permits have expired. Beach and recycling transfer facility permits are now available at the town hall Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday evening 4:30 to 7 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beach stickers are $7 per vehicle and $3 per vehicle for elders over 60. RTF stickers are $65, $25 for second vehicle, if application made at a different time, and $33 for a sole resident. You will need vehicle registrations or if not, a Massachusetts registration, proof of residency (tax bill or rental lease). You are encouraged to purchase both stickers through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope. RTF stickers may be purchased at the RTF.

Permits now being issued will expire May 31, 1998, which reflects the bylaw change at town meeting March 25, 1995.

Prices Go Up for School Lunches

For the first time in four years, Jean Pierce, director of food service, recommended to the school committee that the costs for school lunches rise to cover the costs. The state provides funding to the towns who serve free and reduced lunches to eligible students. Cohasset has very few eligible students and therefore receives minimal reimbursement from the state. This is why Cohasset, as opposed to other towns, is faced with the decision to raise the prices.

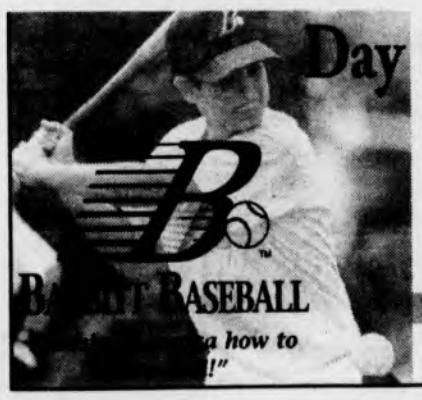
The cost of a lunch at the Deer Hill School will increase from $1.40 to $1.50. The costs at the Osgood, the middle, and the high schools will increase from $1.60 to $1.75. The cost of milk will increase from $.35 to $.40.

School Board Mulls Goals

At last Thursday night's meeting, the school committee discussed possible goals for the upcoming school year. In addition to adopting the previous goals from this past year's strategic plans, the school committee plans to incorporate new goal sections for next year.

With each goal, there are continuous needs. Rick Shea, vice-chairman of the school committee, would like the strategic plans expanded to encompass an ongoing process. The sections of curriculum, school facilities, community awareness, and technology are all fluid goals that need both short-term and long-term plans.

All board members agreed with Shea's mention of the need for a financial goal planning session that would include a historical analysis of school finances. Board members also expressed the need to get more involved in performance measures of the faculty by creating formalized standards and expectations.



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Cellular Towers Could Change Landscape

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want better and cleaner service, and that's what we're trying to deliver."

Aber said two factors are behind the proliferation of antenna construction requests in all South Shore communities: population density and topography.

A cellular telephone works on a radio signal. Radio signals travel in a straight line, and cannot travel over or around objects. If a radio signal hits a hill, it will be deflected in the direction of the hill's plane.

Aber said to picture a radio signal as an emission that travels along a line of vision. You can't see over or around a hill, and a radio signal can't travel over or around a hill.

The craggy, hilly terrain of Northeastern Massachusetts requires more antennas than a flat plain in Texas.

Aber said antennas in New England need to be erected every 2.5-5 miles apart for maximum signal coverage. In the plains of Texas, antennas can be placed every 10 miles apart.

Population density also dictates how far apart antennas must be placed, because each antenna and equipment shed can handle only so many calls. In a moderately populated area, antennas can be up to five-miles apart. In a densely populated metropolis like New York City, antennas must be placed on buildings every two blocks apart.

Many companies are also trying to upgrade their service from analog signals to digital signals. Analog signals are not as clear as digital signals. Analog signals are also prone to theft from thieves with special equipment, but digital signals cannot be stolen.

"The difference between analog and digital is like the difference between a phonograph record and a compact disc," Aber said. "Also, so many people have cellular phones that the analog channels are becoming clogged. Digital has better capacity."

Aber said Sprint is aware that communities feel they are being inundated with requests or singled out for antennas. He said the demand is huge and telecommunications companies are scrambling to meet that demand.

"This is a mobile society," Aber said. "We're not singling out any one community. Cohasset is a very nice town, but people travel through Cohasset on their way to the Cape and they want to be able to use their cellular phones."

Aber said there are other benefits to cellular service, including better communications capacity for emergency workers.

"If there's a bad accident, a driver with a mobile phone can call 911 seconds after the accident happens," Aber said. "But the need for more coverage has even started to affect fire and police departments. During the April 1 blizzard, emergency workers in Boston had difficulty communicating with their radios because so many people were using cellular phones."

Aber said Sprint has tried to respond to community concerns. He said Sprint first tries to find existing structures for antennas: water towers, existing antennas, high buildings.

Building a new tower from scratch is always a last resort because they are so unpopular, Aber said.

He said many companies, including Sprint, have offered to disguise antennas as flagpoles, church steeples, even artificial trees.

Another approach gaining popularity with South Shore communities is requiring new antennas to provide capacity for more than one cellular provider. Aber said Sprint tries to build towers that can accommodate at least three competing providers.

Aber said as long as consumers demand more and better service, telecommunications companies will try to find ways to provide that service at a profit. And towns will be inundated with requests for communications antennas

Developer Still Seeks To Remove Quonset Huts

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doesn't have a problem with the site being changed— it's horrendous," Callahan said. "I would like to see whatever plan comes out include a return to open space and nature."

Collins pointed out that his plan would add 30-40 percent more open space to the property and decrease the roof site-line by 10-15 feet.

Collins is proposing tearing down the Quonset huts and replacing them with four, two-to-three bedroom luxury condominiums. He would also convert the large, rectangular building on the site into one large condo.

The Quonset huts sit on 20,000 square feet of the site.

'Do you believe four units however placed within the existing footprint and removal of the septic tank from the flood plain is better than what we have there now? If you don't agree, I will fold my tent right now.'

— NOEL COLLINS, PROPERTY OWNER.

Collins said the plan could benefit everyone. He added that the neighbors support any plan that will replace the Quonset huts with residential structures.

"This property is a disaster," Collins said. "The neighbors wanted me to build 10 units there. I'm sure you can imagine their enthusiasm for four."

Collins said he would go forward with the settlement process only if he could be assured that the conservation commission would not adopt an adversarial stance. He added that he had potential buyers interested in the site.

"The ZBA has offered four units, but I can tell you absolutely that four units is not a money maker," Collins said. "But I have a strong desire to see the Quonset huts and even the whole structure disappear."

Collins said he expects to reach an agreement with the zoning board in 90-180 days. He added that an agreement would settle the Superior Court case.

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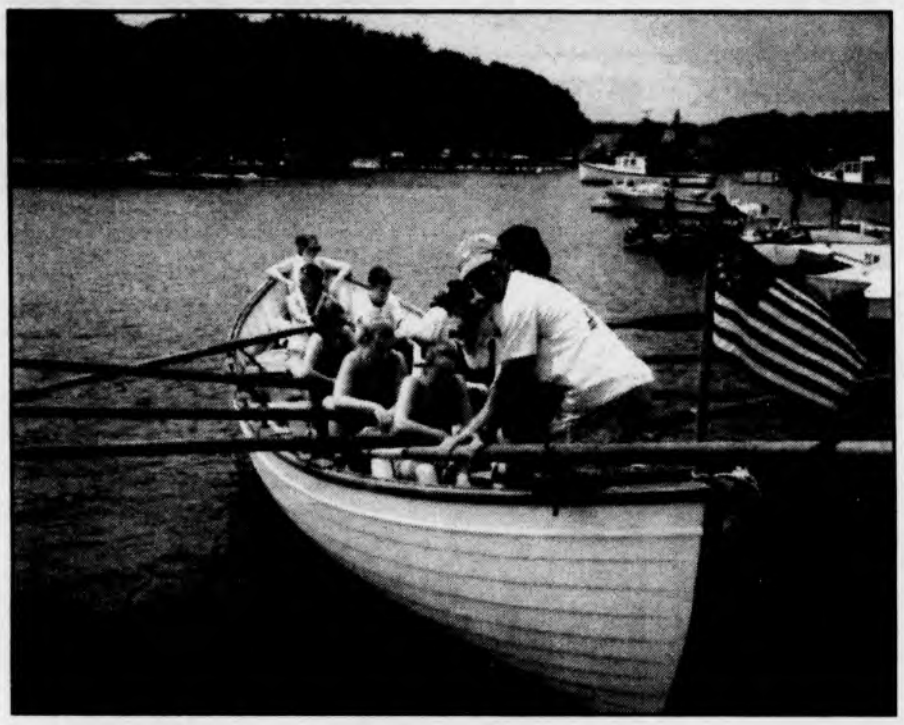


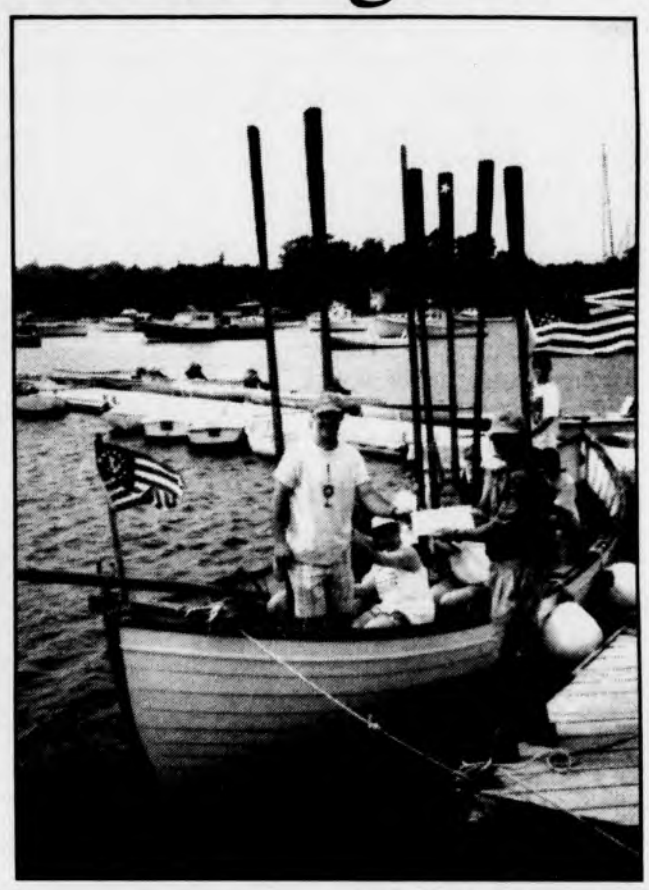
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Yacht Club Donates $500 to ExCel Program

Jim Hamilton, chairman of Cohasset Yacht Club's Cruising Committee, donated proceeds of the second annual cruising lecture to Jack Buckley, director of the ExCel Alternative School Program at Cohasset High School. The April 5 lecture, featuring Cohasset yachtsman Bim Holt presenting his inland fresh water cruise starting at the Hudson River and ending in Lake Champlain, was open to the public as well as club members. $500 was raised to help fund the ExCel Program.

The ExCel (Experimental Center for Learning) Program is an interdisciplinary accredited program for students in grades 10-12 offering unique marine experimental activities and traditional course work in science, social studies and English. Students my enroll in the program for one, two or three years. Course work includes field studies and lab work in fundamental principles of oceanography, physical science, navigation, aquatic environmental science and nautical science. Outdoor activities include learning to crew and care of a traditional pulling boat. Students also learn the fundamentals of boat building by working on current wooden boat projects.





ABOVE- Jack Buckley of the ExCel Program with students in their pulling boat. RIGHT– Jim Hamilton of the Cohasset Yacht Club presents a $500 check to Excel Director Jack Buckley.

Small-Town Feeling Draws Large Crowd to Festival

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Overall, organizers were pleased with the success of this year's event, orchestrated and carried off by more than 200 volunteers.

"...It was a true show of community effort and what is possible when everyone works together," noted Rhonda Corey Myers, festival coordinator for the South Shore Art Center.

Much of the green grass on the town's common was covered by a conglomeration of white tents that housed the array of arts and crafts, entertainment, and cuisine that was being offered to the thousands who were at the Festival on the Common.

People strolled from one tent to the next, either browsing or purchasing the scarves and clothes, handcrafted jewelry, hats, artwork, ceramics, hand-painted bird houses, homemade gourmet vinegars packaged in fancy bottles, and virtually every other art or craft you could imagine.

John Norton could be found under his tent selling a contraption called an "Indian Towel," a device developed by the American Indian. Made from steamed, bent and carved maple, it resembles a boomerang, but is concave and is used to scrape the water off one's body after a shower or bath.

He said sales had been a bit slower than last year, his first at the festival. He attributed this to the fact that the festival fell on Father's Day last year and his merchandise made perfect gifts.

For $20, Jean Comerford with unique skill and a pair of sharp scissors cut a paper silhouette portrait of her customer, or in most cases her customer's child or children. The sign in front of her tent declared, "Wrigglers Welcome."

In addition to vendors, there was food galore. You could have everything from fired dough to Middle Eastern cuisine to the traditional and mouth-water strawberry shortcake.

You could also just relax on the grass in front of the stage and listen to the music and watch the performers.

Starting Friday afternoon and continuing all day Saturday and Sunday, there were continuous performances by local musicians such as Mathew Malloch who played the bagpipes, Frank's Big Band, The Dave Crossland Band, P.B. & J. Folk Trio and many others. There was also dance and gymnastics.

The Suspenders juggling duo delighted the crowd with their antics, plucking young volunteers from the audience to participate in their routines.

Throughout the weekend, the Strawberry Festival, sponsored by the Second Congregational Church, was in full swing. Five hundred quarts of strawberries were consumed by the end of the weekend, which made for literally thousands of strawberry shortcakes eaten.

The weather continued to cooperate throughout the weekend. However at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, just after the Blessing of the Fleet, which consisted of all the lobster, fishing and sailing boats down at Cohasset Harbor, had concluded, the skies rapidly grew dark. At 3 p.m., just as the Harborfest Parade got under way, as if on cue, the skies opened up.

Amidst the forked lightning, booming thunder, and torrential rain, the participants were soon as wet as the youths who had been previously jumping off the bridge to cool off in the cold rapids below.

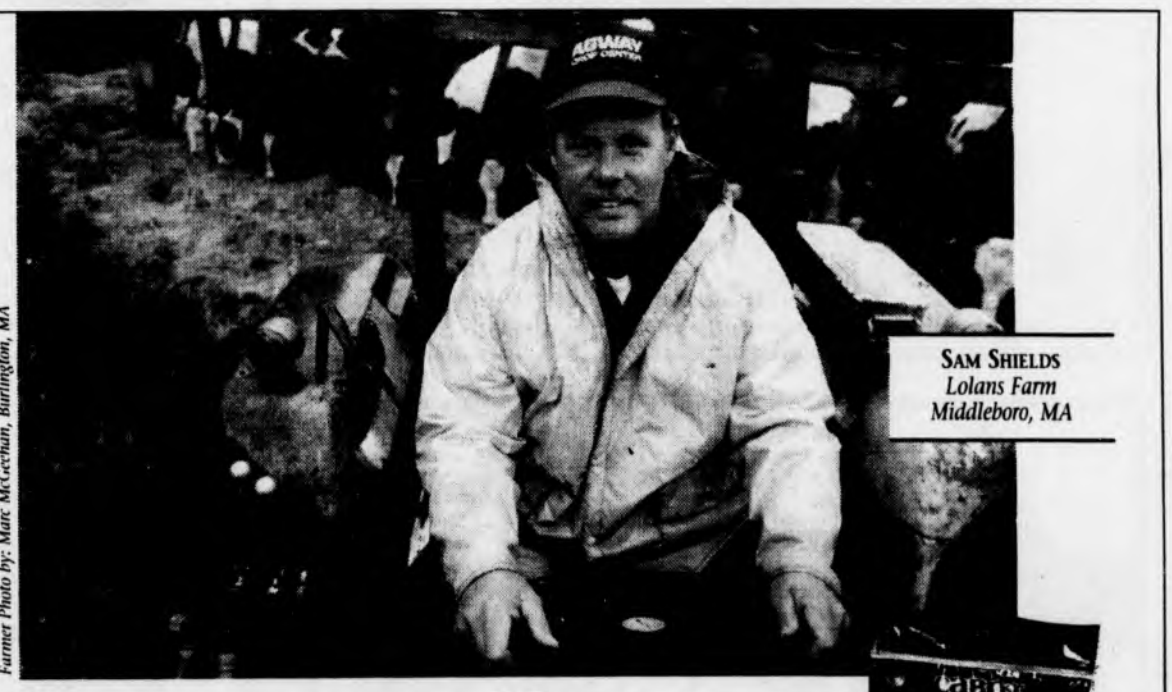
Led by a police car, a fire truck and an ambulance, the parade included the American Legion Marching Band playing "Yankee Doodle Dandy," a juggler on a unicycle, the Cohasset Historical Society, some antique cars and an antique fire engine (Engine 4), the Scituate Band, and a huge snowplow sporting a sign reading "Remember April 1, 1997."

There were also floats depicting Beacon Beach and a number of other local landmarks as well as other organizations waving banners and signs. Clowns pretending to do the backstroke and the breaststroke made their way toward the town green through the pouring rain that was by then coming down in sheets. The Harborfest Festival Band brought up the rear.

The weather did not dampen the spirits of the parade's supporters who could be found under umbrellas, in their cars, or standing in the rain getting as soaked as the marchers, clapping and cheering as the procession passed.

As the parade progressed there were many deserters who found shelter at Kimball's by the Sea, the fire station, or anywhere else they could find protection from the weather. Those that made it to the common, drenched from head to toe, found roads around it completely jammed by the vendors and festival-goers who were attempting to make a hasty departure.

Even though there were some other events scheduled to take place at the center stage, this essentially put an end to the three-day event.



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New Babies and College Kids Abound in Town

Let us begin by giving a huge Cohasset welcome to Timothy Hayes, born March 22 to Meredith Baker-Hayes and Brion Hayes. Timothy joins two siblings, Christopher (five) and Lauren (three). His paternal grandparents are James and Florence Hayes. What a big happy family Timothy is welcomed into! We all welcome you, too, and cannot wait to see you as you stroll around town!

❑

Congratulations to Becky Golden who made dean's list at Colby College this spring. Becky was also voted captain of Colby's varsity swim team for the upcoming year. In her third year qualifying for the Women's New England Championships, she got personal best times in all four of her events. Her 50-yard butterfly time moved her into third place in Colby's all time records! For the summer, Becky will be coaching the Cohasset swim team — she can't wait to be back at the pool with all the kids for another year!

❑

Two news items came to us from the Brown University news bureau this week — Colin Studds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin A. Studds of Cohasset, received a bachelor of arts degree from that university May 26. Colin completed a double concentration in English and American Literature.

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Kathleen Mary O'Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah F. O'Sullivan, received a bachelor of arts degree from Brown University, completing a double concentration in history and Hispanic literature and culture. Congratulations go out to both of you from all of us!

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Tammy Maitland, a CHS Grad, class of 1996, is spending a week in Phelps, Ky., with the Jimmy Carter Work Project. She is there as a part of the Habitant for Humanity Chapter at Boston University. Hard work, but what a feeling of pride she will have upon completing her week!

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We applaud Lauren P. Almeida, she achieved dean's list status for the spring semester at the University of Rhode Island!

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Some more news from URI, Charles E. Shields and Erik Waal both earned bachelor of arts degrees this May, and both majored in marine affairs! Congrats to you!

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Benjamin R. Sparks, a radio major at Emerson College in Boston, was one of more than 600 undergraduates who participated in the College's 117th Commencement, held at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts in Boston May 19. Sparks graduated with a bachelor of science degree.

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Phillips Academy has announced the names of the students on the honor roll for the winter term, and Patrick Gaughen (Class of '99), the son of Robert and Margaret Gaughen, "made the grades." Congratulations!



Selectmen Merle Brown, Ronnie McMorris, Nan Roth and Diane Sullivan brave torrential rain to view the Harborfest parade as it passed the community center Sunday afternoon.

❑

Harold Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. William Adams of North Main Street, has received a bachelor's of arts degree from Hamilton College in commencement exercises May 25. Adams majored in government, and is a graduate of CHS.

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Judy C. H. Carey of Cohasset was awarded the degree of bachelor of science (magna cum laude) at the May 25 commencement exercises of Suffolk University, held at the Fleet Center in Boston. She is the daughter of Cheng-Zhou and Yue-Li Nin Lo of Taiwan, Republic of China, and she is married to E. Carson Carey.

❑

The Cohasset High School class of 1972 is planning their 25th reunion! If there are parents or friends in town and you know someone from that class who has moved during the last five years, their committee would like to hear from you! Please call Fred Huntwork at 925-4788, Nancy Bilodeau Roach at 383-0802 or Kevin and Pamela Prendergast at 383-1496.

❑

Evan Cutler of Cohasset, an eighth-grade student at the Fessenden School in West Newton, and the son of The Rev. Clifford and Amy Cutler, recently received the award for most improved player in varsity track during the Fessenden spring sports season. Congratulations!

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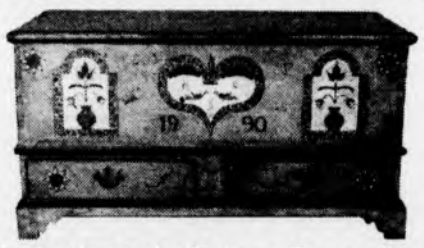
Seven Cohasset students were among 2,385 graduates awarded degrees at the 29th Commencement of UMass/Boston, held May 31 at the Bayside Exposition Center: Linda M. Farrag, bachelor of science; Kelli A. Gildea, bachelor of science; Judith Brennan, master of science; Amanda V. Church, master of education; Karin L. Cunnie, master of science; Michael E. Doherty, master of business administration; and Hamish M. Munro, master of science. Great work, folks!

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Alright, everybody, now that school is out, real newsy things happen "around town," so be sure to call me with yours, okay? Thank you!

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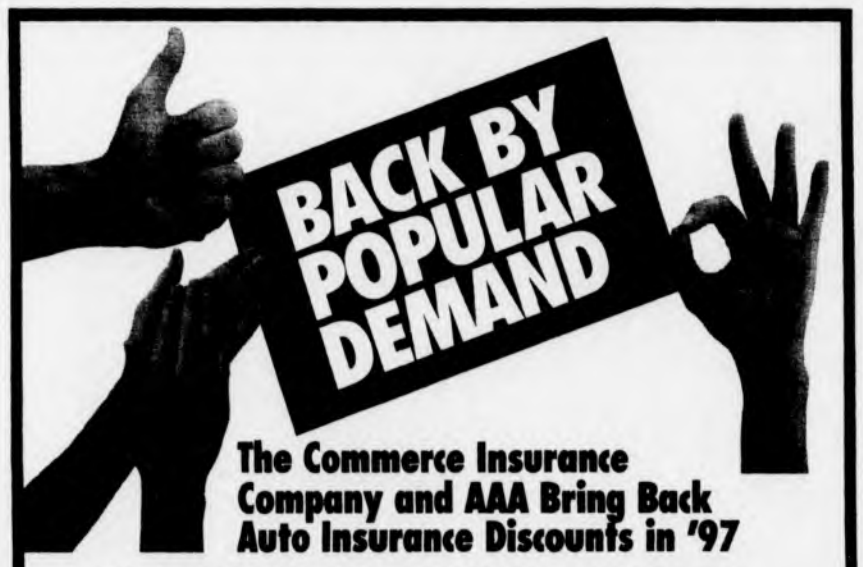
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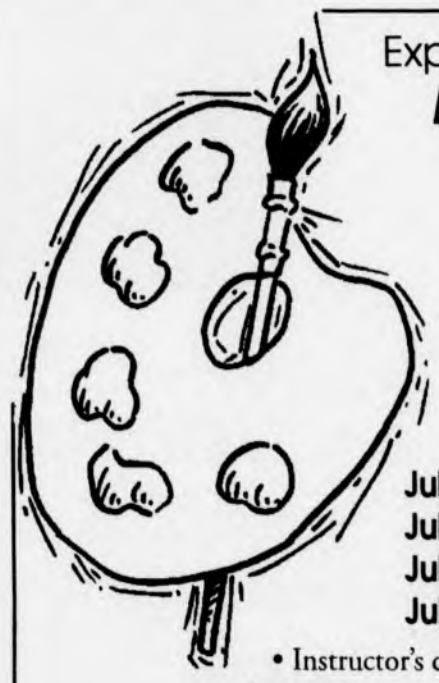
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Obituaries

Richard J. Quinlan

Richard J. Quinlan, 69, of Cohasset, retired assistant director of the Drug Enforcement Administration, died Thursday, June 12, at home.

One of the original members of the newly formed DEA in 1974, Mr. Quinlan set up most of the agency's New England regional offices. He retired in 1978.

He was formerly a U.S. Customs agent for more than 24 years.

Mr. Quinlan was a member of the Association of Former Federal Narcotics Agents, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the Association of Former Customs Special Agents and the Fraternal Order of Border Agents.

Born and educated in Weymouth, he played football and baseball at Weymouth High School. He moved to California with his family during his junior year and graduated from John Dewey High School in Long Beach, Calif. in 1945.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the Navy. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Mr. Quinlan was an avid golfer.

He leaves his wife, Ruth G. (Friesen) Quinlan; a son, Michael E. Quinlan of Rockland; a brother, Edward R. Quinlan of Marshfield; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony's Church.

Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate, handled arrangements.

Donations may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, VNA Foundation, P.O. Box 9060, Braintree, 02184 or Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, 02115.

Paolina Rosano

Paolina (Barbuto) Rosano, 86, of Hingham, died June 8 at Queen Anne Nursing Home after a brief illness.

Her son, Guiseppe Rosano, died June 4.

Mrs. Rosano was born in Palermiti, Italy and lived in Italy until 1966, when she immigrated to Cohasset. She was a Hingham resident for more than 30 years.

Wife of the late Pasquale F. Rosano, she leaves five sons; Frank Rosano and Antonio Rosano, both of Canada, James V. Rosano, Vito Rosano and Mario R. Rosano of Cohasset; a brother, Anthony Barbuto of Hingham; a sister, Frances Emanuello of Cohasset; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was also the mother of the late Antonietta Rosano and Tony Rosano.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1115 W. Chestnut St., Brockton, 02401; or to Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull St., Hingham, 02043.

Norman F. James

A graveside service was held Saturday, May 31, at Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset. Mr. James, 77, died after a brief illness at The Colonial Nursing Rehabilitation Center May 15. He was born Jan. 22, 1920. He was the son of the late Percival N. James of Cohasset, and Ida M. Campbell, born in P.E.I. Canada. Mr. James was born and raised in Cohasset and attended Cohasset schools. He was later employed by Bethlehem Steel, and the Fore River Shipyard as a boilermaker. After 28 years he retired in 1962.

After his retirement, he founded a limousine and taxi service serving Cohasset and the South Shore for the next 20 years. Active in Cohasset politics, Norman served on the Cohasset Planning Board for a number of years and was also a member of the Longshore Men's Club.

His wife, Mary B. (O'Brien) pre-deceased him. Mr. James leaves Laurence James and Brian James, both of Cohasset, and the late Norman F. Jr., formerly of Scituate. He was the brother of Douglas C. James of Richmond, Va.; Jeannette Moulton of Franklin; Carol Warren of Marianna, Fla.; and the late Vera M., Charles E., and Eustis A. James. He also leaves eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Hingham Visiting Nurses Association, 10 Downer Ave., Hingham, 02043, or Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Baystate Dr., Braintree, 02184. Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

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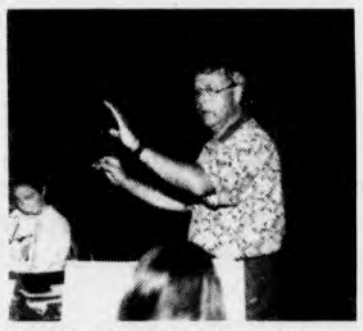
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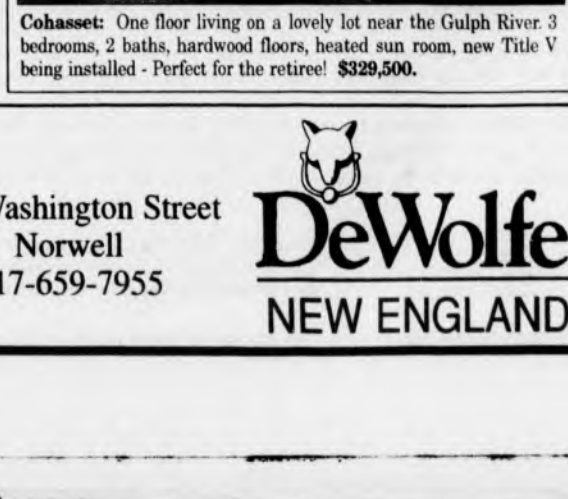
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Thanks, Wig

To so many of us, Wigmore Pierson started out as a face on the TV screen and then became our friend in the broadest sense of the word.

Just like Peter Jennings or Tom Brokaw, Wig beamed into our living rooms with the latest news and commentary. As we tuned at 8 p.m. every Thursday over the past ten years, we grew comfortable with his presence and his style.

Of course, there's a huge difference between Wig and all those other guys and gals on ABC, NBC, CNN or CBS. They deal with either national or state news. Although Wig didn't shy away from the "big" topics at the statehouse evidenced by frequent guests such as former senate president William Bulger and speaker of the house Charles Flaherty to name a few, Wig's focus was primarily local.

Whether it was Title V, Greenbush or a candidates' debate for the town election — Wig commentated as he lives his life, with passion and boundless energy.

While his show was telecast in dozens of South Shore communities, here in Cohasset, we always knew Wig really belonged to us.

Few realize the amount of homework he had to do to prepare for the show or the amount of work behind the scenes by his director Bob Belliveau of Media One and the host of volunteers over the years.

We owe them all a debt of gratitude.

While his show was telecast in dozens of South Shore communities, here in Cohasset, we always knew Wig really belonged to us.

We can only hope that Wig will continue to provide commentary at town meeting and live coverage on election night in Cohasset.

Here at the Mariner, Wig has invited us to be on his program and in front of the cameras at election time. We're grateful to have had the opportunity.

Over the years, we're happy to have become a friend as well as media colleague. We can't think of anyone with more dash and verve than Wig. Simply stated, he's fun to know.

So as Pierson to Person signs off tonight, the Mariner wishes Wig all the best. We know whatever he does — whether it be something quiet with his family or something public like serving the town he loves — he'll do it with contagious enthusiasm.

Nevertheless, we're sad for ourselves because Thursday night just won't be the same. He'll be missed.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Family Appreciates Outpouring

To the Editor:

The family of Jack Hubbard thank the Mariner for sharing our loss with your readers. We have been so touched by the outpourings of sympathy and affection for this "gentle man." We have also been moved by the number of people who say they were inspired by Jack's example and will in their own ways help to take care of our environment. Jack would be very pleased.

The Hubbard Family

Editor's note: The Hubbard family asked us to tell readers that Jack did not die of a heart attack as initially believed. According to the coroner's office, the cause of death was drowning.

Allegra Appreciates Support

To The Editor:

The members of "Allegra" wish to extend our thanks to the community for its warm appreciation of our efforts this year. "Allegra" was formed in 1995 to promote small ensemble singing amongst teenage young women in grades 8 through 12 and to provide opportunities for community service. We have performed for the Rotary Club, local churches and schools.

Our final concert of the season in May at Second Congregational Church raised $550 in free will donations for Breast Cancer Research. We were delighted that our music and this health issue could form such a beneficial partnership.

Many thanks to those who so generously supported us, both in spirit and through their pocket books!

Ann Whiteley
Director

Allegra:

Holly Brennock, Katie Buckley, Jami Butman, Carolyn Cameron, Mareth Collins-Wooley, Jane Flaherty, Grace Gardner, Lydia Guild, Lindy Holway, Elizabeth Ingber, Alison Kinchla, Ashley Koed, Bree McKenney, Elizabeth Myers, Sarah Pease, Kelly Tufts, Megan Whiteley.

Band Ready For Next Year

To the Editor:

My Harborfest marching band T-shirt is still wet but I have already received a number of calls from band members enthusiastic about their experience in the parade today (rain notwithstanding) and ready for next year! I wish to publicly thank all of the band members and two other people who helped our effort. First is Steve Biagini, director of instrumental music at Deer Hill School, for his musical leadership in preparing the band this year and each of the three years the band has been in existence. The second is Bob Martin, Harborfest chairman, for providing us with the great T-shirts and for inviting The Globe reporter to our rehearsal. I am only sorry that the reporter did not see our performance today; if she had, she would not have called us a Ragtag band!

Betts Murray

P.S. To band members: keep practicing — same three songs next year!

Hingham Commuter Boat Operator Seeks Court Action

Says Bidding Process Was Unfair

By Mary Ford
COHASSET MARINER

Dana Goodell has provided commuter boat service from Hingham to Rowes Wharf and back for 13 years.

So the owner of Boston Harbor Commuter Service, which recently lost its contract with the MBTA to provide the boat service, isn't giving up without a fight.

At 9:30 a.m.. Monday a Suffolk Superior Court Judge will hear Goodell's claims that the bid process was unfair, said Goodell's attorney, Kevin Moloney of the Boston law firm Barron & Stadfeld, P.C.

The lawsuit, launched Tuesday, asks the court to nullify the T's contract with Harbor Cruises and to extend the existing contract with Boston Harbor Commuter Service until a final trial on the merits of the case can be held, Moloney said.

Earlier this month, the MBTA awarded the contract to Harbor Cruises, a joint venture of Modern Continental Construction, Alternative Concepts and Nolan Associates, whose bid was about 50 percent less than Boston Harbor Commuter Service.

The MBTA, which denied Goodell's bid protest, says its only issue is to provide the best service for the least cost.

"Everything was done above board, fair and square," said MBTA spokesman Brian Pedro.

He said the MBTA had no problem with the bid or vendor and even took some of the leaders, of what he described as the "commuter rebellion," to see the boats to relieve any doubts.

Hundreds of the commuters who make the daily round trip from Hingham's Hewitt's Cove Marina signed a recent letter to MBTA General Manager Patrick Moynihan with concerns about loss of the current provider. Pedro dismissed allegations that the new service will be substandard and said Boston Harbor Cruises, which comes on board July 1, should be given a chance.

"I'm glad people are happy with the old service. But providing the same service for less money is important to the MBTA," he said.

Pedro said the $4 boat fare won't change but the new contract will save taxpayers money.

Goodell contends Harbor Cruises did not submit a reasonable bid because it did not satisfy the minimum vessel requirements set forth in the first phase of the bidding process. Several of the boats proposed by Harbor Cruises do not meet the minimum speed and capacity qualifications, he said.

"Our position is Boston Harbor Commuter Service is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder within the meaning of the bid invitation," Moloney said. "The T violated its own bid invitation and specifications by awarding the contract to Harbor Cruises."

Rick Nolan, a partner in Harbor Cruises, the new provider, said the company has the resources to get all the necessary vessels together and have them ready for service July 1.

He explained that Harbor Cruises provides a myriad of water transportation services. Those include the water shuttle for 1/4 million people annually from the Charlestown Navy Yard, the East Boston Water Shuttle for 30,000 annual riders, and the water transportation systems for the MWRA to Deer Island which runs five ferries year-round, six-days a week, 24-hours a day.

"Claims that we are inexperienced and untried are erroneous. We are the most experienced operator in the harbor," Nolan said.

Senator's Office inundated with calls

The brouhaha over the switch in commuter boat carriers is biggest issue to hit state Sen. Robert Hedlund's office this year.

The Weymouth Republican has long been a proponent of better commuter boat service from the Hingham shipyard to Rowes Wharf in Boston.

So when 700-plus constituents bombarded his office with phone calls, letters and petitions over the past two weeks objecting to a change in the commuter boat service provider — Hedlund went right to the top.



The LuLu E is one of the boats Harbor Cruises plans to use for commuter service from Hingham to Boston.

"I just met with Gov. Weld and Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci and told them we have an issue on our hands down there and made them aware of the problem," Hedlund said Monday.

What Hedlund suggested is that the administration address the concerns of commuters and use the opportunity to release money — which was earmarked for commuter boat parking and docking improvements at the Hingham facility — in recent bond bills.

But those who commute from Hingham say it will take more than promises of something better to allay their fears.

Nancy Ristuccia, a legal secretary from Marshfield, has taken the commuter boat for 12 years — nearly the entire time the service has been operated by Boston Harbor Commuter Services, which lost the contract in the recent bid round.

"It's the best part of my work day," said Ristuccia of the commute which she described as "flawless" in all weather conditions.

Scituate's Melissa Boynton, who works at a Boston investment firm, said the Red Line is no alternative.

"The T is always crowded and you can't sit down and sometimes there is no parking," she said. "I can get two hours of work done going back and forth on the boat and that's worth a lot to me."

Hedlund said he hears his constituents' concerns and said if there are significant issues relating to availability and performance of boats then the MBTA should consider holding off implementing the new contract.

"People who ride the boats believe in Goodell and in his ability to get them to work on time and in relative comfort," Hedlund said.

"But as long as (Harbor Cruises) meets conditions set forth in the contract, they have every right to successfully compete," he said.

Hedlund said he is urging the administration to put commuter boat improvements at the top of the priority list so money earmarked for the work will be included within the bond cap.

He explained that the bond bills have gone through the legislative process and are now in the governor's hands but money for the commuter dock and boats has to compete with other projects in the state.

To Hedlund, boats are a priority and he admits turning others onto the transportation system is an educational process.

"The MBTA does not focus on boats," he said. "They operate busses and trains, they contract out for boats.

"The administration hasn't always paid attention to commuter boats."

Hedlund said he wants to get Lt. Gov. Cellucci down to the Hingham commuter dock to make a strong statement about the administration's commitment to commuter boat service.

"If he's a shrewd politician, he ought to come down," he said.

Hedlund said with improved parking, docking and addition of restroom facilities — the numbers who enjoy commuting to work on the water from Hingham could easily double from its current ridership of about 1,500 individuals.

"Boat service has long prospered when no one has paid attention — it's proved to be successful.

"On my watch, I guarantee boat service won't diminish," he said. "You'll only see improvements down there."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Simple Apology Needed

To the Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to your publishing the factually evasive letter from Ronnie McMorris regarding the Gazette's report of her wearing jeans while marching in the Memorial Day parade in 1996.

It was witnessed fact that Selectman McMorris marched in the 1996 Memorial Day parade in jeans. It is also fact that veterans and other onlookers were disturbed by her choice of dress. Her comment that the Gazette story was about what she wore at "recent Memorial day events," and her "not only was I not so attired" assertion, are self-elevations and distortions regarding the original story. They both most certainly refer to her dress in the 1997 parade, after the Gazette article was published.

A simple apology to those who may have been offended by her marching in the 1996 parade in jeans would have been sufficient, and a show of respect and class. Instead we are subjected to the verbiage of the self-serving "smoke and mirrors" invective presented, demonstrating that acknowledgment of the feelings of those offended on that particular occasion is beyond her consideration.

In the absence of any such apology, perhaps people will be satisfied with the fact that Selectman McMorris' dress in the 1997 parade was more appropriate for the occasion, and it is unlikely she'll march in a Memorial Day parade wearing jeans again in view of her well noted feelings about respect.

Mark Bell

Community Center Garden Looks Good

To the Editor:

This is the latest update on our progress with the landscaping project at the center. The gardens are beginning to bloom and the fence is up and painted. We owe thanks to the following individuals:

Barbara Anglin for her many hours and talents overseeing the project.

Mrs. Cundall-Stenbeck for her donation of hostas and iris.

Andrea and Roger Wade for their generous donation of perennials.

Glenn Pratt for the new fence.

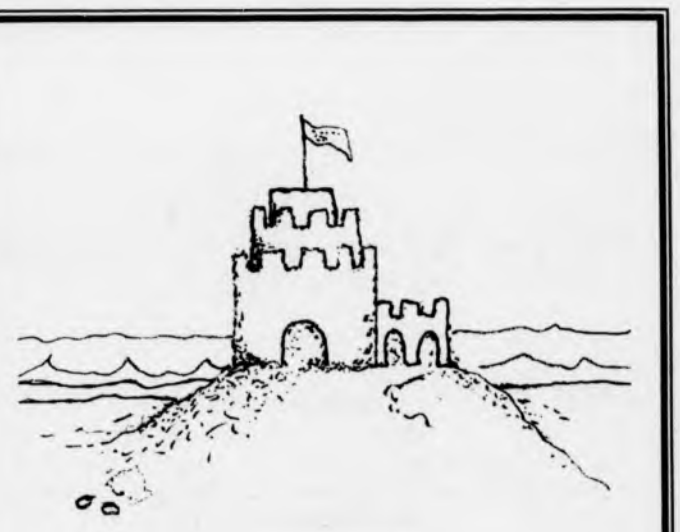
Karen Kirkendall for the contribution of many shrubs and her assistance with coordinating the tree pruning, giving many hours of her time.

Mark Picot, our arborist, for a great job.

The center would also like to extend special thanks to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce for their gift of peonies; Mr. and Mrs. Long for their gift of various perennials; Mr. Whipple for the gift of lovely clematis plants; Ms. Charles for lots of goodies from her garden; Earla Esposito from Esposito's Nursery for all she has done; Glenn Pratt for his very generous contribution; Mike Bleakie for the compost and mulch.The community center never looked better. Stop by and see how great we're doing!

Stephanie Church
Program Director



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Festival Volunteers Made It Happen

To the Editor:

What a weekend! To all those who participated and visited the South Shore Art Center's 42nd annual Festival on the Common, we thank you. To the more than 200 volunteers who made it happen, we are forever grateful. Strawberry Festival — perfect and delicious as always. We can only imagine the months of preparation that made it all look so easy. In this year's heat, a reprise at one of your shaded tables was an extra plus. Harborfest — your parade participants deserve an award for perseverance and give a new twist to the saying "rain on our parade." Perhaps you couldn't hear us, but hundreds were cheering and enjoying the parade from inside the tents and churches along the route.

No wonder the vendors and crafters always comment on the camaraderie and community feeling in Cohasset. Once again, the majority of participants made a point of commenting, unsolicited, about the behavior of the children and the friendliness of all visitors.

Special thanks to the nameless visitors who became instant volunteers when the rains came on Sunday. Without being asked, you offered "What can I do to help?" In record time the tent flaps were down, art work protected, children and visitors escorted into safe buildings, it was something to see and a treasured memory.

Please join us in acknowledging our committee chairs who organized core groups of volunteers for each division: Patricia Leahy, activities coordinator; Margot Cheel, craft artisans and food vendor coordinator; Michelle Laney, juried exhibitions; Chuck Lathrop, exhibition installation; Michele Meister, members show; Mary Foley, young artists exhibition; Esther Maschio, festival artwork; Susan Kilmartin, festival banner; Carole and Eliot Siegal, opening reception; Linda Bolster, creativity tent; Claffy Williams, artists demonstrations; Chris Hidell, community sculpture; Linda Keating, masterpiece photo; Mary Kennedy and Marilyn Clark, carillonneurs; Chris Draves and Scituate Boy Scouts, panel installation; Meg Moore, artist sign out; Chris Whoriskey, art transportation; Dorothy Corey, festival guides; Wig Pierson and Bob Belliveau, cable; Glenn Pratt, electrical and wiring; South Shore Music Circus, parking.

One of our new additions this year was our operation crew, who started in the early morning, opened the tent flaps, set up tables, chairs, easels, equipment, operated the stage sound system and worked to keep the festival running smoothly all day and then closed up at night by securing all tents and equipment and making sure our common looked as beautiful as when we started. Their energy was incredible. Our appreciation to Greg Bilton, Ryan Freeman, Justin Golden, Pat Leahy, Tom Leahy, Matt Lewis, Morgan Sandell and Kyle Whiteley. Great job!

As always, it wouldn't happen without the guidance of: Cohasset Police and Fire Departments, tree and park department, highway department, health board, building inspector, selectmen's office and wire department. Wayne Sawchuk and Gary Ritts, we don't have a title for you, but if we could think of one it would encompass "friend, supporter, fixer of last minute problems, incredible resource."

To our more than 50 sponsors and four principle corporate sponsors: BankBoston, Garelick Farms, The Patriot Ledger and Sullivan Brothers/Auto Mall, Kingston, thanks for letting it happen again.

To all who made the festival possible, it was a true show of community effort and what is possible when everyone works together. Please don't wait until next June to visit us. We have plenty of great activities planned between now and then.

Rhonda Corey Myers
Festival Coordinator for
The South Shore Art Center

Resident Seeks To Raise House By Three Feet

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

When Carolyn Sammon purchased her house at 84 Summer St., she received assurances from previous owners that it didn't flood during heavy rain storms. Two weeks after she bought the property there were 18-inches of rain in her tenant's basement apartment.

Sammon believes the only way to stop the flooding is to raise her house by three feet so the water will flow under the house instead of into the basement. She is currently awaiting a decision by the zoning board giving her permission to raise the house. The zoning board was scheduled to vote on the request last night (Wednesday), after this paper went to press.

Zoning board members said Sammon did not need a permit or variance because the house would still be within the permitted height limit after it is raised. Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said he wasn't aware of any objections by other members and he expected the project to receive its approval.

Sammon visited the planning board and the conservation commission last month, but was told her project did not fall under their jurisdiction.

"It's a hideous situation when it floods," Sammon said. "We need relief. When the brook overflows, we have to disinfect the house."

Waters from the James Brook carry sewage from the Elm Street treatment plant onto

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ConCom Still Considering Rose Hill

The conservation commission continued to consider the Rose Hill subdivision plan at its June 19 meeting. Conservation commission members had requested additional information on the potential impacts of the subdivision on fish populations and James Brook. Conservation agent Paul Shea said he was satisfied with the study, but Michael Dick complained that the study didn't consider the impacts of the project on invertebrates. The meeting was interrupted when the fire alarm at town hall went off, forcing everyone in the building to evacuate. Jeff Waal decided to continue the meeting on the hood of a dark green Toyota Camry in the town hall parking lot. When the owner of the Camry arrived, commission members transferred their documents to the hood of Dick's car. Commission members continued the hearing until July 10, with the expectation of closing the hearing at that time.

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Sammon property during heavy rain storms and other flood events.

Sammon plans to hire a contractor to raise the house by three feet on hydraulic jacks and place cross-beams under the house to increase its height from 31-feet to 34-feet.

Sammon assured the conservation commission that she would take measures to make sure the work did not affect James Brook.

"I want no impact on the James Brook embankment or flood plain," said conservation commission member Michael Dick.

Some neighbors have complained that Sammon never completed renovation work to the house that she started several years ago.

Sammon said she was unable to complete renovations for financial reasons, but she now has the money to finish the work.

Peggy Soltesz of Border Street complained that Sammon planned to turn the house into condominiums. She feared that converting the house into condos would exacerbate congested street parking.

But zoning board member Barbara Powers told Soltesz that ownership was not a zoning issue.

DeGiacomo pointed out that there would probably be the same number of cars at the building whether it was condominiums or rentals.

Sandra and Jack Noble sent a letter to selectmen expressing similar concerns. The Nobles were also concerned that the property would decline if Sammon became an absentee landlord.

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Don't Miss the Annual Greek Taverna July 4-6

The Greeks have a word for it: Taverna. Taverna, a word which means a cafe where you go and sit and philosophize. Taverna, a place where you go for good snacks and food. Taverna, a place to sit, nurse some wine, eat some appetizers and chat. Taverna, a spot to listen to foot tapping music. And we have it in the South Shore, courtesy of the Greek Orthodox Community of Cohasset.

Each year, on the July 4 weekend, (this year, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 4, 5 and 6) Taverna is held on the Nativity of the Virgin Greek Orthodox church grounds with tents, food, Greek pastries and music.

The parishioners of the church gather weeks before in the planning, preparing and cooking of the pastries and hope they make enough for all who come. People have come from the North Shore, from the Cape, they see it advertised on their vacations and come; it is listed with the Massachusetts Department of Tourism as the July 4 weekend attraction on the South Shore. From Texas and California, from Maine and Florida, they tell the parishioners how much they like coming and enjoying a family festival.

The parishioners themselves cover a number of local towns. And they come before, during and after Taverna, offering their stewardship of time and talent to make it a success. It is truly a labor of love for them. Fr. John and the Taverna Committee work and talk and plan months in advance reshaping, and changing things to the people will enjoy the food, the music and the pastries.

The ladies organization Philoptochos, led by Mrs. J. Cara Donna, takes change of all the pastries. The ladies gather weeks before making pastry. But it does not stop there. They also come on the days of the Taverna and stand and serve and explain what the pastries are and how they are made.

The crew for the barbecue works in what we might say is a labor intensive environment. The shish kabob must be cooked just right to retain the flavor. The other food products, prepared under the watchful eye of Chef Paul, South Shore Catering in Hull, must also be at its peak of flavor. And the servers behind the line must know what's in each item: the pastitsio, the moussaka, the rolled grape leaves, the roast lamb, the salad, the spanakopita (spinach pie), and a plethora of pastry. There is an awareness of the foods people might be allergic to and so they try to be informed.

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The music, toe tapping Greek music, has people getting up and dancing, even in the aisles. The children's dance troupe under the aegis of Mrs. M. Pappas has developed a repertoire of dances with intricate steps and movements.

The raffle, a trip for two anywhere in the continental United States, chaired by Mrs. H. Panesis has other prizes with it.

The boards of stewards of the church has been anxiously watching all facets of the Taverna planning and Mr. M. McNamara, president of the board, has served as chief motivator and planner for the detail schedule.

The dates are always around July 4, joining together the festivities and jubilation of July 4 and the American heritage along with the Greek. Taverna. Days of celebration. Days of honoring two legacies.

Newcomers Club Plans its Summer Activities

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club announces its activities for the months of June, July and August.

The Newcomers Club Book Group will meet Thursday, June 26 to discuss "The Idiot" by Fyodor Dostoevsky. Those interested in attending may call Shelly at 383-9734 for the meeting time and place.

The men's Poker Group will be holding monthly meetings in June, July and August. Call Rick at 383-0959, if you would like to attend.

Sip-N-Stitch welcomes all Newcomer members to join its group. If you have a craft project that is portable or you just want to socialize, come out for a glass of wine and a relaxing evening. The next meeting is June 30. Call Mary at 383-6757 for time and place.

Moms and Tots play groups are forming for the fall. Anyone interested should call Heidi at 383-8016 or Kelly at 383-0025 by June 30. All participants must be members of the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club. The membership fee is $23. A membership application can be obtained by calling the membership chairperson or writing to the club.

The Galloping Gourmet will be holding a barbecue and tropical drink party for its next gathering Sunday, July 12 at 7 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring meats and vegetables already skewered and ready to grill. In addition, bring Bacardi frozen mixers and $2 per person 'cover charge'. RSVP to Nancy at 383-1463 no later than July 10.

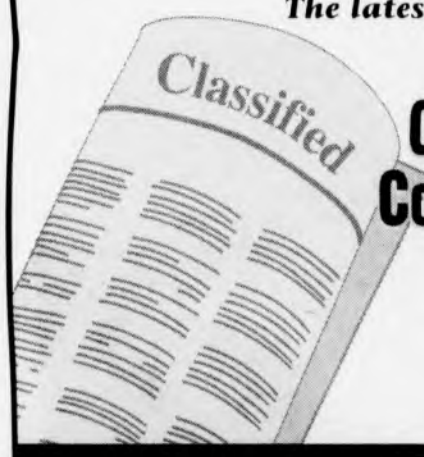
A Beach Party for adults and children is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Sandy Beach in Cohasset. Plan to bring your own 'ready to consume' picnic food and non-alcoholic beverage, (no cooking facilities) as well as beach toys for children. Parking is available for both Cohasset and Scituate residents. For information, call Ruthanne at 383-8120.

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club is always open to new members. For more information, call 545-4614 or 383-6963 or write to the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club, Box 623, Cohasset, Mass. 02025.

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Community Center Summer Fun

The following activities are being offered at SSCC this summer:

Gymnastics Summer Team Workout Level 4. July 8-29 (Tuesdays) 4:30-6 pm and again August 5-26 Tuesdays, same time). Level 5, High School Optional will be offered July 8-29 (Tuesdays) 6 to 8 pm, and again on August 5-29 (Tuesdays) 6-8 pm.

Summer Caberet Dance Camp will be offered under the direction of Leslie VanDyk of the South Shore School of Performing Arts, August 25-29 for ages 7-10, 9:30 to 11:30 and for ages 11-18, 1 to 3 pm. Kids will dance and sing using tap and jazz and themes from current musicals. There will be a performance for friends and family to attend. Cost is $75 for members and $80 for non-members.

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It's Happening

Cohasset Sailing Club Opening and Boat Raffle News

CSC opens the season Saturday, June 28 with a dance for adult members and non-members. Entertainment will be provided by "The Bottom of the Fifth," featuring Cohasset's own Ben Watson. The social will be held rain or shine, 8 p.m. to midnight. B.Y.O.B. Admission is $5 at the door. Also this year the club is holding a fund raiser raffle (the first ever) with a chance to win a 9-foot Avon inflatable with a 4hp motor. Also included will be dock space at the sailing club for one year.

Tickets may be purchased at the dance for $10 each or 3/$25 or from club members. Cohasset Hardware and the Children's Exchange in the village also will have them. Only 500 tickets will be sold, so hurry and call a CSC member or come to the dance.

Charter School Announces Summer Camp

The South Shore Charter School announces the third year of its summer camp. The camp is for interested area youth from grades K to 5. The camp is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each weekday for the 6 weeks from July 7 through Aug. 15 at 2 A Street in Hull.

Camp Director Vicki Yeager, R.N. reports that the camp will include a library project, environmental science, sailing with Claire Overlee, language and arts, book making, swimming, Orton-Gillingham Reading (for an extra fee), art with Nancy Connolly, crafts, soccer, computers, fitness, science field trips to Wompatuck with Cyndie Connolly, and music field trips.

The rate for the camp is $25 per day ($15 for a half day) and $125 per week with a 10 percent reduction if paid ahead for two full weeks or more. The price is reduced 10 percent for a family sending more than one child and reduced $50 further when paying ahead for the full 6 weeks.

Beechwood Yard Sale in July

The Beechwood Congregational Church will hold a yard sale Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 432 First Parish Rd., Scituate. Come for reconditioned furniture and treasures. Anyone wishing to donate items, should call 383-9131.

Join Cohasset Historical Society

The Cohasset Historical Society membership drive has begun. If you have not returned the envelope provided by the society, or for some reason have not received one, send your check to the Cohasset Historical Society, 14 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

Individual membership is $20; family membership, $30; junior membership, $5; sustaining membership, $50.

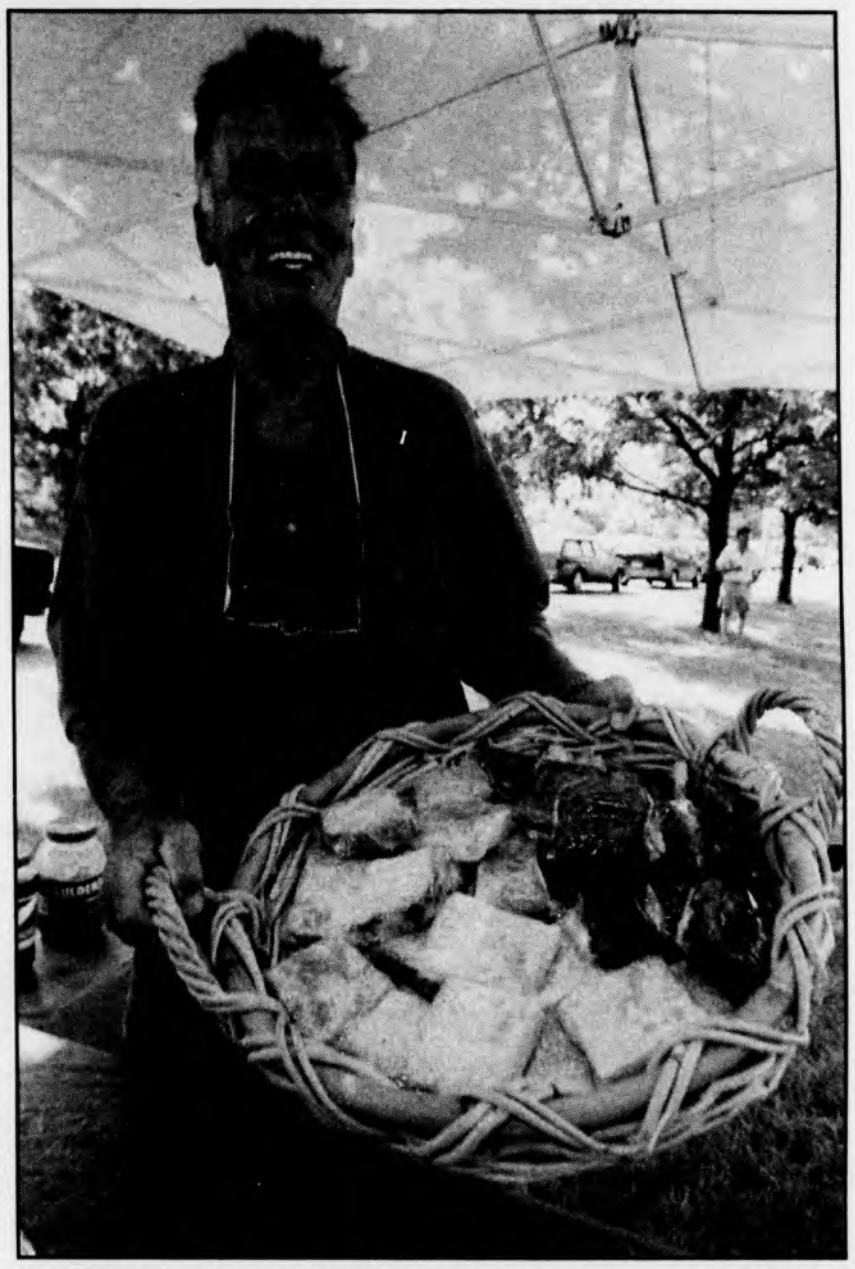
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No astute shopper will want to miss the eclectic array of antiques, silver, designer summer attire and unique jewelry at the new Cohasset Consignment Shop located at Shaw's Plaza (formerly Cushing Plaza), Route 3A, Cohasset.

Regular hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regular consigning hours are 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Proceeds from the shop provide the major funding for the Social Service League's pneumonia shots, counseling and support groups, new friends program, nursing services and "Keep Well Clinics" that include blood pressure screening, weight, blood sugar testing and nutritional education for Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Norwell.

To volunteer or for information call Andy Merrill at 383-0687.



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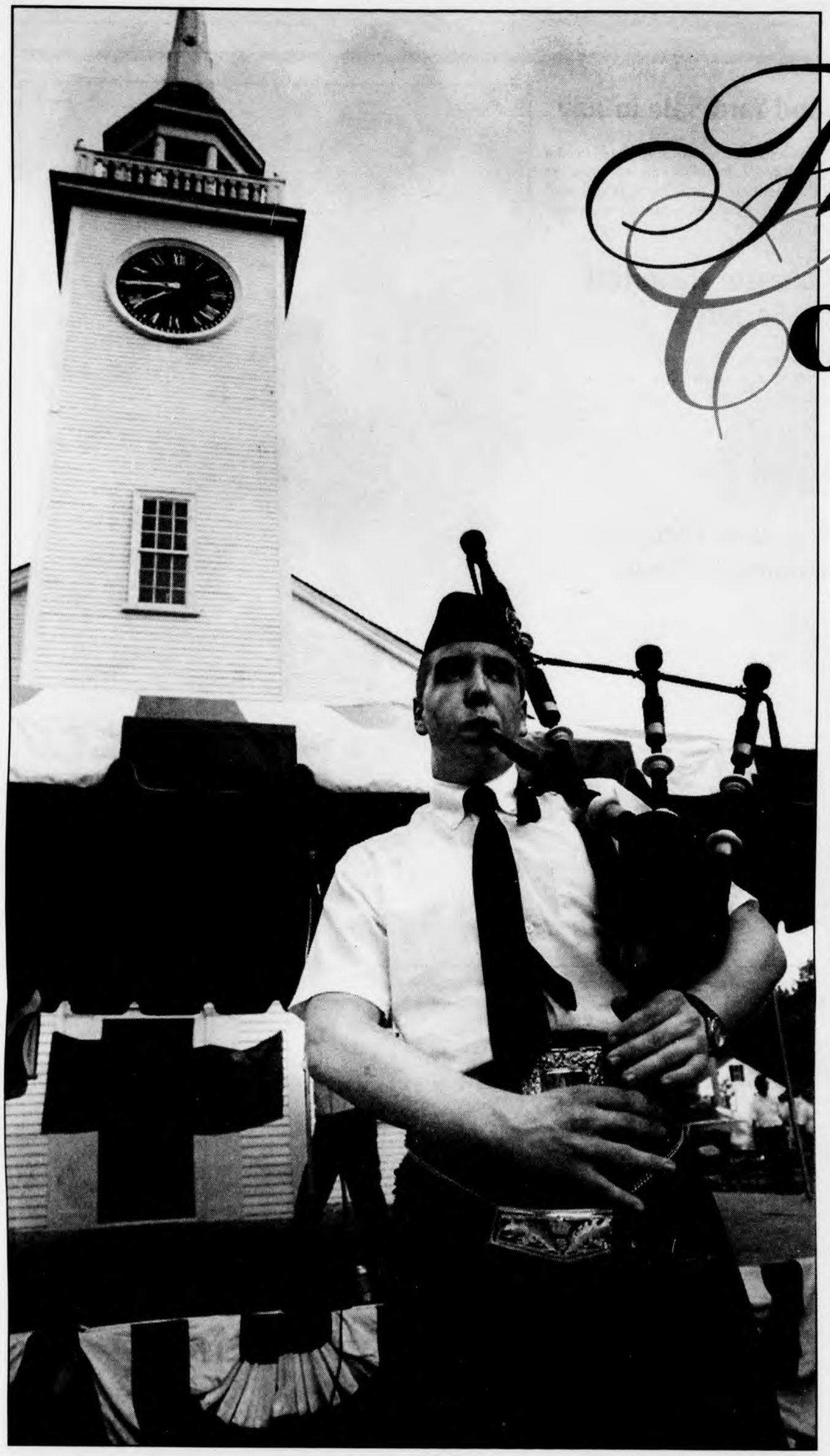
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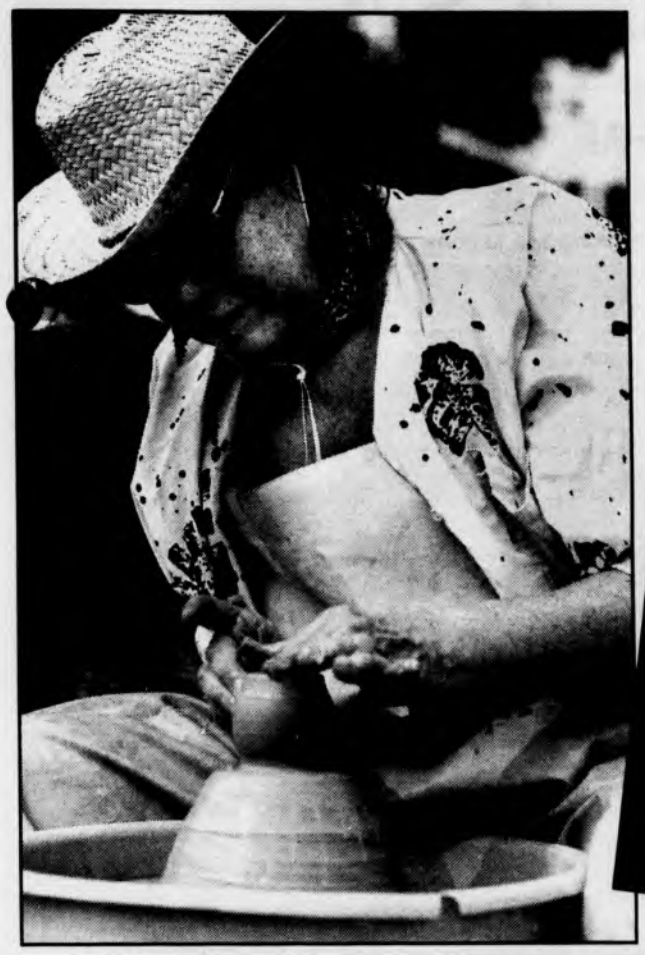














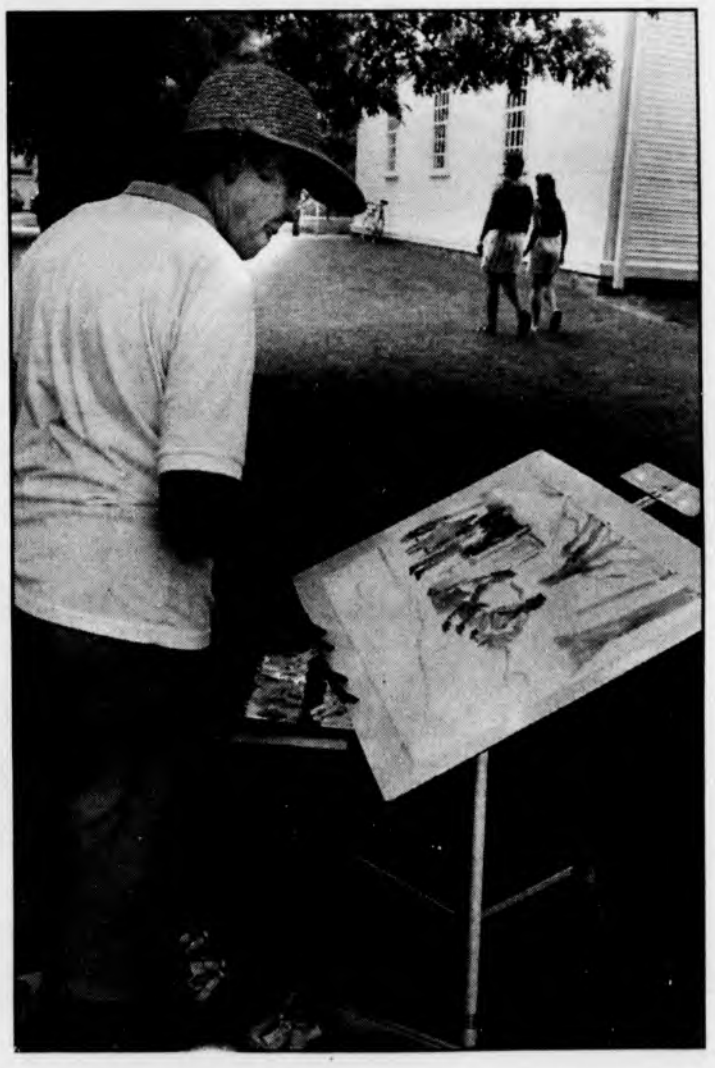


Festival on the Common Delights One and All

FACING PAGE
(Clockwise from top left)
Matt Malloch delights the crowd with a rendition of 'Scotland the Brave.'
Jennifer Chastain has her portrait drawn by Bill Adams.
Patricia Stepp plays the flute in the South Shore Bay Band.
Gabrielle, 2-1/2 and her brother, Dominique, 4-1/2, enjoy some slush with a little help from their mother, Cassandra Rioux.
Brienne McGreevy, Regan Coyle and Kelly McGreevy make sand art during the annual Festival on the Common this weekend.

THIS PAGE
(Clockwise from top left)
Syma, from Hingham shows how to make a clay pot.
Brian McSweeney leads the Hingham Militia in the Harborfest parade Sunday just before a severe thunderstorm hit sending everyone for cover.
Tess, Morgan and Alex cool down with some slush during the Festival where temperatures hovered around 90 degrees.
Virginia Avery, a teacher at the South Shore Art Center, paints a watercolor during the Festival.
Michael Teller and his son, Daniel, take a break by the duck pond.





Parents asked to commit to C.A.S.A.

The Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee with the support of the police, the Cohasset schools and the selectmen will mail an informational brochure to the parents of children in grades 6 through 12 entitled C.A.S.A. (Cohasset Against Substance Abuse).

C.A.S.A. was formerly entitled Safe Homes. In the past Safe Homes helped parents network a safe home environment. The need to reinstate a support network has become evident because of the presence of alcohol and drugs among our youth. Parents are concerned about the alarming increase in alcohol and drug use among our youth, and social acceptability of this use. Communicating and networking among parents has been proven to be effective in the past under Safe Homes. All parents of children in grades 6 through 12 are asked to participate in this program by taking a stand and by showing your concern for the health and well-being of young people.

Please read and fill out the form which is reprinted here and which will be enclosed in the C.A.S.A. mailing. Be sure to check off the box at the bottom and mail it back before August 31. A booklet with the names of the participants will be mailed out in the fall to all parents with children in grades 6 through 12. Signing this form will be our first stand in making a commitment against substance abuse.

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Cohasset Second Semester Honors at Derby Academy

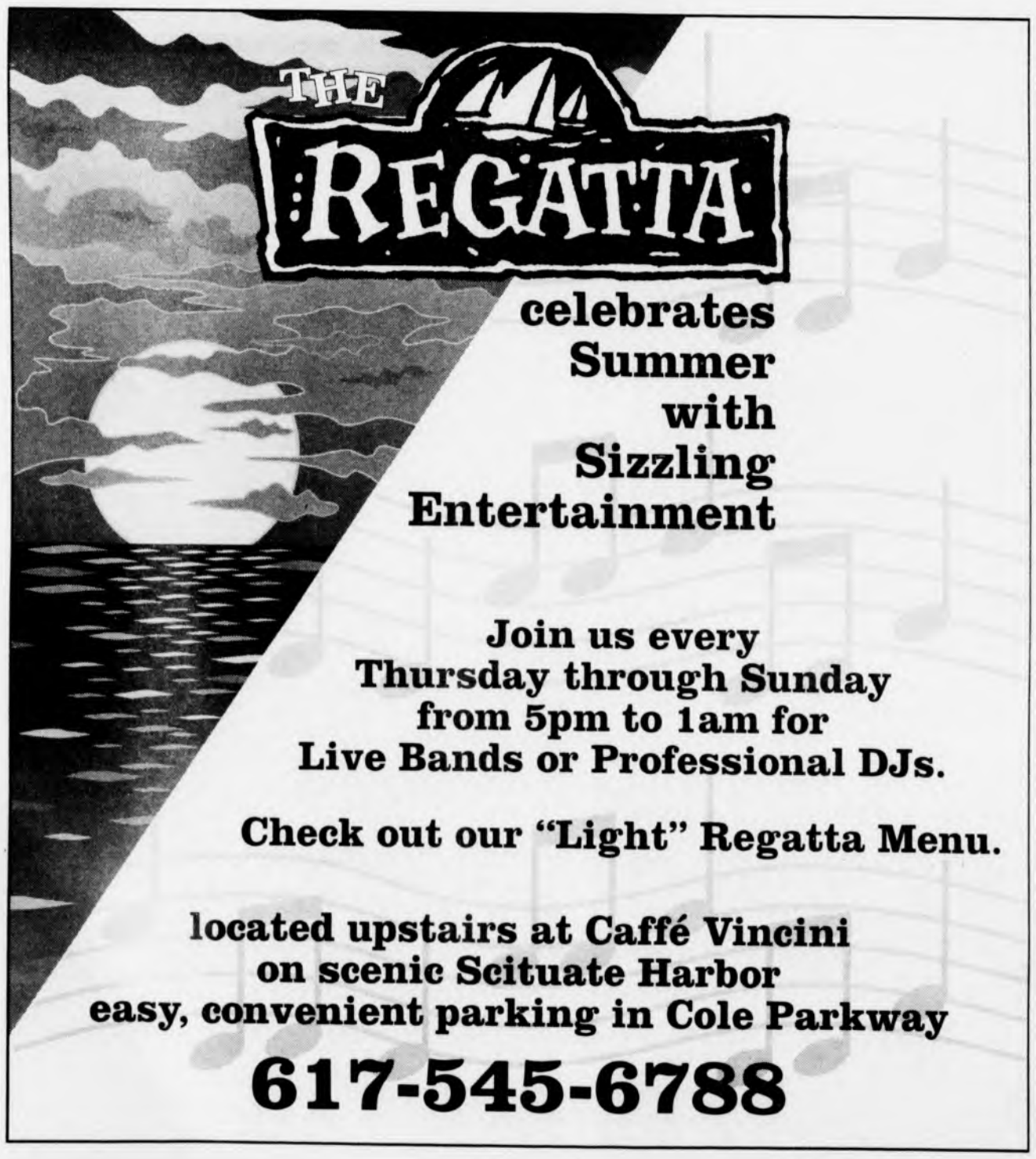
Headmaster's List certificates were awarded to students in grades seven through nine who achieved an average of A- or above in academic subjects. They included: Charles Anderson, Kara Gaughen, Corinna Noering, Morgan Pierson, and Jamie Simons, all of Cohasset.

Students in grades seven through nine were recognized for Second Honors, achieving a B or B+ average in academic subjects. They included: Kristen Deane, Geoffrey McWilliams, Carter Noon, Elliot Noon, Katherine Schroeder, Wiley Wakeman, all of Cohasset.

Preschool Applications Available

Erdman Preschool is accepting applications for a three-day, three-year-old class for children who will be 3 1/2 by September. The class will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Erdman is located at 330 First Parish Road in Scituate. Call the school office at 545-9309 for further information.

The preschool is also offering a summer program beginning June 10 and continuing through Aug. 14. Children from three- to six-years-old are welcome to enroll on a weekly basis. The play school meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Activities include arts and crafts, nature fun, music, storytelling and games. Call Patrick Litz at 545-5695.



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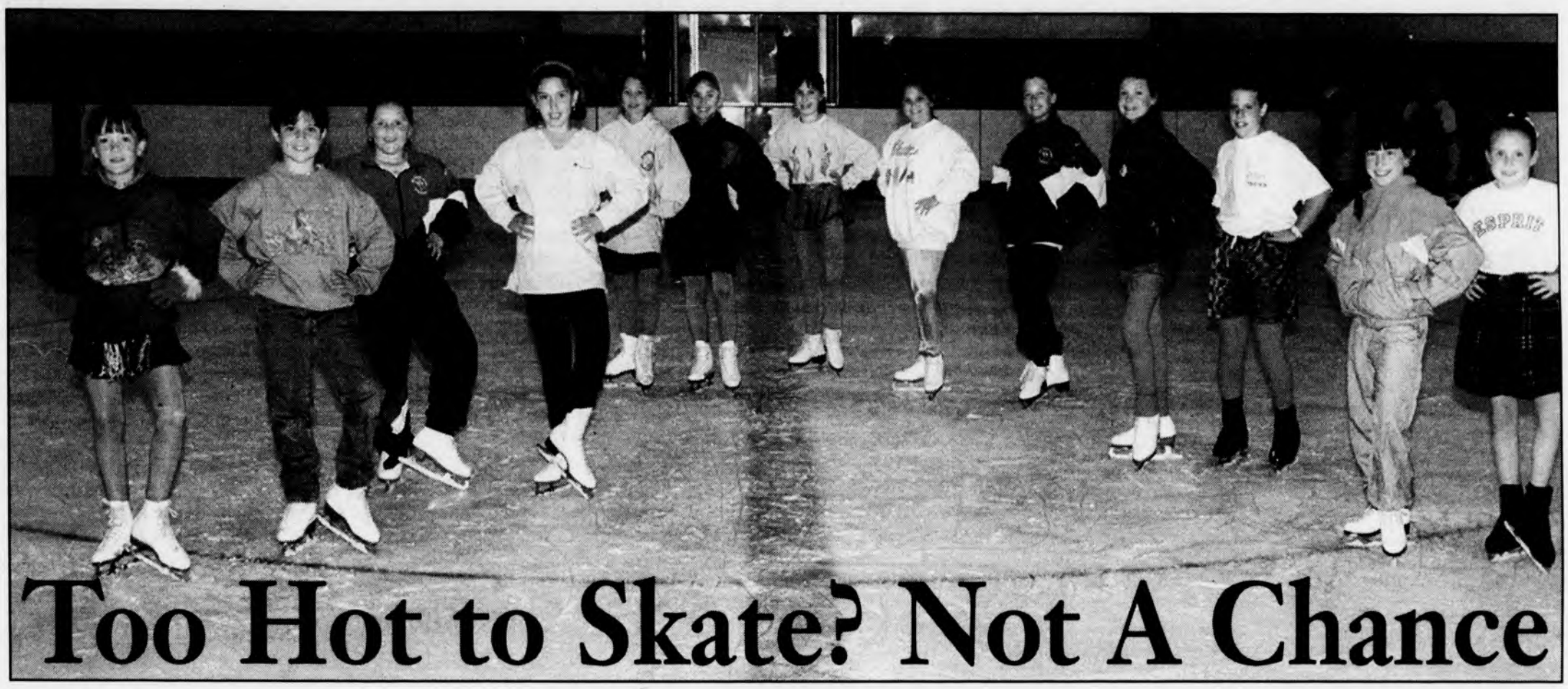
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Too Hot to Skate? Not A Chance

By David Wolcott
COHASSET MARINER

Just like clockwork, they arrive each day after school at the rink for their training.

Practicing the leaps, spins, compulsory figure eight's and other elements to their routine, you might think there were a little bit off the wall.

Figure skating? In the middle of this season's first heat wave? Huh?

It's all true, and some of best and brightest from the New England amateur ice skating pool will converge on the Pilgrim Arena in Hingham later this month (June 27-June 29) for the International Skating Institute's New England District Championships.

Leading the charge to the event will be more than 80 members of the Rockland Skating Rink's Winterland Skating Club.

Local nine-year-old Jessica Bilbo is representing Cohasset in the competition

"They'll be about 600 skaters involved in the competition from all ages (as young as 2, old as 81) and experience levels," said Winterland director Katy Hayden, competing in such events as the individual freestyle, artistic, spotlight, ice dancing, and the team compulsory and team precision events.

"You could see as little as one skater or as many as 16 kids during team events out on the ice at any time," she explained

Hayden and her skaters also has another competition on their mind, this one a little more global in scale, as Hayden is helping coordinate the arrival in August of more than 2,000 skaters from across the world at the New England Sports Arena in Marlboro for the ISI World Championships.

"The kids are just off the walls with excitement" about both of the tournaments, said Hayden. "It's going to be a great experience for everyone.

"This is the first time that the World Championships have even been held in the Northeast," she added. The competition will include teams from the Far East, Canada, Phillipeans, South America and all over the United States.

Former U.S. champion Todd Eldridge is scheduled to be a featured performer at a special ice show during the week-long event, along with some other special guests to be announced.

Rather than the athletes you see in competition or on the various ice skating tours, Hayden said the boys and girls of the ISI "are more of the recreational ice skaters. These are people who love to compete, but they are also out there to have fun."

Instead of their counterparts who may eat, sleep, breathe and basically set up a campsite at their home rink, Hayden said, on the average, the kids at Winterland were more likely to practice all through the year a couple of days each week after school as well as take a private lesson or two along the way.

Above – Cohasset's Jessica Bilbo, second from the left, will be competing in the International Skating Institute's Northeast region competition in Hingham over the weekend.
Staff photo/Carey C. Marden

"The kids love skating, but they also want to play soccer, swim, baseball, hang out with their friends and do a million other things in addition to their skating," said Hayden. "There are some top skaters in the group, but they are on a different career track than the kids you see in the other amateur championships or in the Olympics."

Tennis, Sailing Teams Complete Successful Seasons

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

School may be out for Cohasset students, but some will surely reflect on their spring season at CHS with fond memories. Two teams in particular, the sailing team and the girls' tennis team, performed quite well.

The sailing team, comprised of juniors and sophomores, finished second in their section, coming in after St. Sebastian's in the Division 3 South Sectional final.

The girls' tennis team, led by senior captains Ashley Brister and Karyn Niessink, had their best season in years, making it all the way to the second round of the state tournament.

The Skippers sailing team was captained by Colin Pyfrom and Katie Buckley, both juniors, and its roaster was packed with sailors who should be grizzled seamen by next year. Apart from Pyfrom and Buckley, Ivan Chang, Whitney Cook, Janson Dupree, Lindy Holway, Lis Kidder and Chris Laas were other junior mariners this season and will bring experience to next year's team. Devin Buick, Justin Maitland and Hunt Pile were the squad's three sophomores, all three showing loads of potential, and should be manning the ships for two more years in Cohasset.

"We have a promising year, and we'll do even better next year," vows Pile.

The team qualified for the state tournament and narrowly missed carrying home the Division 3 South Sectional trophy. However, there's always next year and Cohasset shows signs of being a factor on the high seas for years to come.

The girls' tennis team also showed not only talent, but potential as well, finishing with an overall 14-2 record. Brister and Niessink helped steer the girls to the second round of the tourney, losing only two meets the whole way. Freshman Kate Stone was entrenched at the first singles spot and let her opponents know the reason why.

Sophomore Katie Brister filled the second singles slot capably, with her sister Ashley stroking groundstrokes from the third. Niessink and sophomore Jessica Stevens played first doubles, while youngsters Caitlin Flint and Lauren Smith got some experience at second doubles.

Overall, the year appears to have been a good one for the sailing and girls' tennis teams. Both made their respective tournament and both squads appear to be packed with potential, looking forward to a banner season next year.

THE FISH STORY/Mark Trask

Thunder Rolls Over the Pond

The lightning cracked and zipped to earth, sometimes a flock of sizzling bolts at once. Great gusts of wind roared through the treetops as thick swirls of heavy rain engulfed everything in a grey wall of water. Deafening rolls of thunder boomed ominously, adding to the impressive natural symphony.

Before all that however, the fishing was like the weather, hot.

The heat wave built early in the week, and it seemed the fish sensed it and responded by becoming aggressive. Angler after angler reported wonderful stories of catching scads of schoolies, some even whining dare I say. Too many schoolie stripers? How can we complain! A stream of lucky anglers brought fish in to the official scale.

Adam Donovan has been on a hot streak. Adam picked up two keepers out of four fish he brought to shore up in the Briggs Harbor area. Minutes ago he smiled as he left with another bagful of mackerel and pogies.

Mike Kelley took some time off from tying flies to use one near Sand Hills. His chartreuse Clouser fooled a fine 20-pound striper that taped out at 40 and 1/2 inches. Meanwhile up in Cohasset, Scott Coughlin was placing his beauty on the charcoal barbecue.

Ken Portanova of Cohasset and his buddy Mike McCabe of West Roxbury trolled a 9ER rig in the western channel and christened it in fine style. Just inside Barrel Rock, a 42-inch, 21-pound, 14 ounce striper slammed the trolled baits. To say Ken

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RECREATION NOTES

CSC Boat Raffle Fund Raiser

The Cohasset Sailing Club is sponsoring a fund-raising effort in the form of a raffle. The winner will receive a 9 ft. Avon inflatable with a 4hp engine.

Also included is a dock space at the Sailing Club for the season. Tickets are on sale now by members for $10 or 3/$25. Only 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held July 4. Cohasset Hardware and the Children's Exchange will have tickets available.

Junior Skippers End Season With a Tie

The Cohasset Junior Lacrosse team finished its season with a game that epitomized the entire year, jumping off to a hot start before finishing in an 8-8 tie with Concord.

The game was one of two the Skippers played June 14 at the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League Jamboree, the largest annual youth lacrosse event in the country. In the first game, Cohasset lost to a powerful, undefeated Beverly team 10-1.

Against Beverly, Cohasset scored first, with Curt Kahn converting a feed from Dwayne Morris, but Beverly's size and stick skills soon won out. Beverly scored nine unanswered goals to lead 9-1 at the half. The two teams played evenly in the second half, with Nick Murphy making 12 of his 17 saves to shut down Beverly's offense.

Against Concord, Cohasset jumped off to a lead just seconds into the game, when Robert Hickey won the opening face-off and drove straight to the net and scored, a feat he duplicated at the start of the second half. Kahn collected two goals and Michael Hajjar and Justin Runey both picked up their first points of the season with assists to Evan Pestone and Michael Rasmussen respectively, as Cohasset stretched the lead to 5-3 at the half.

Concord turned it around in the second half, however, peppering Murphy with shots and finally tying the score with just two minutes left. Cohasset had several opportunities to win the game from there, but could not convert. There is no overtime in jamboree games. Murphy's 14 saves were described by the Concord coach as "the best goaltending we've seen all year."

Cohasset finished the season 4-6-1, a disappointing end to a year that started with four wins in the first five games. Matt Davis, who finished the season as Cohasset's leading midfield scorer with 14 goals and 2 assists was selected to the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League 12 and Under All-Star team and will play with that squad at a national tournament in Towson, Md. the weekend of June 21.

"All in all, it was a good season," said Junior Skippers coach Chuck Jaffe. "We would have liked to win a few more games, but the kids had fun, learned a lot about the game of lacrosse and were a joy to coach. They should be excited about their future in the sport. I am."

Jaffe noted that about half of this year's squad should return next year, and is particularly excited about a defense that returns goaltender Murphy and defensemen Runey, Reed Smith, Stephen Davis and Danny Roth. "I've always been a defensive-minded coach, so it's nice to know that, unlike this year, we can start next year with a lot of depth and savvy around our own goal."

Jaffe will lead a summer recreation camp designed to get players ready for next spring. Boys and girls entering the fifth and sixth grades in the fall are eligible to participate in the camp, which runs for eight Mondays beginning June 30. Contact the Cohasset Recreation Department for details.

Here are the final statistics for the Junior Skippers 1997 season:

Curt Kahn (23 goals, 0 assists, 23 points); Matt Davis (14-2-16); Evan Pestone (10-6-16); Robert Hickey (11-3-14); Michael Rasmussen (8-0-8); Michael Devine (7-0-7); Greg O'Connell (5-2-7); Paul Dignan (2-4-6); Dwayne Morris (1-3-4); Mike Ernst (1-3-4); Rob Carpenter (3-0-3); Nick Spirito (1-2-3); Paul Cotter (1-1-2); John Dwyer (1-1-2); Mike Geddes (0-1-1); Michael Hajjar (0-1-1) and Justin Runey (0-1-1). Nick Murphy stopped 149 of 236 shots he faced for a .631 save percentage.

Sunshine Girls Off to Perfect Start

The Sunshine Girls softball team, sponsored by Sweet Surprises Candy Store in Cohasset Plaza, is off to a roaring start. The team is undefeated after its first three games thanks to the great hitting and fielding ability of the girls.

In all of their outings, the Sunshine Girls have racked up a lot of runs. The bats of Christina Daniels, Erin Liddell, Aly Belz, Cecilia Chapman and Kate Carpenter have been consistently red hot, driving in many runs much to the consternation of the other teams. These girls give it their all every time they are at the plate.

But hitting is only part of the story; for not only can the Sunshine Girls hit, they can also field. Danielle Hajjar and Jacqueline Chase, both terrific at the plate, have also robbed the other teams of runs with their fielding. Katie James, Elizabeth Stone and Vanessa Plante, all solid hitters, fielded with great finesse, making it difficult for the other teams to score.

Kristen Schwerin and Dominique Asnault have their share of RBIs and great plays in the field. Eagerness to try any position and great team spirit have marked the playing of Brooke Allen, Molly Kirk and Jessica Wheelwright making the Sunshine Girls impossible to beat so far.

Great coaching by Dan Belz and John Chapman, with assistance from Rick Daniels at Saturday's game, has certainly been evident when you watch this team score, score, score!

Lacrosse Lessons Available

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a full-contact, full-equipment lacrosse clinic this summer under the direction of Mr. Chuck Jaffee of Cohasset, for youngsters entering grades five and six during the fall of 1997.

Clinics will be held Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning Monday, June 30, continuing for eight weeks through Aug. 18.

Participants will need a helmet, stick and pads for participation in this clinic. The fee for the eight-week opportunity is $35 per person.

Registration forms and details are available at the Cohasset Recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall. Early registration is advised due to a limitation in participation.

South Shore Soccer Camp

Registrations for South Shore Soccer Camp have begun for boys and girls ages 8 to 18. This is the South Shore Soccer Camp's sixth year of operation in Cohasset. If you are interested in registering, it is suggested that you call the Cohasset recreation department, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall, or call 383-6791, to be assured enrollment. Brochures and registration forms are available at the recreation office.

South Shore Soccer will be offered to both boys and girls during the weeks of Monday through Friday, Aug. 4 to 8, and August 11 to 15. Should a camper wish to attend both camps, this is now possible. In order to choose the week of camp you desire, early registration is advised as both camps must be restricted in number.

Camp meets daily, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cohasset's Miliken Field. The cost for camp is $175 per week and discounts for multiple weeks and subsequent children are available.

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Sailing Club Gets Season Underway

After its first week of operation, the Cohasset Sailing club will hold the opening adult social of the season, Saturday, June 28.

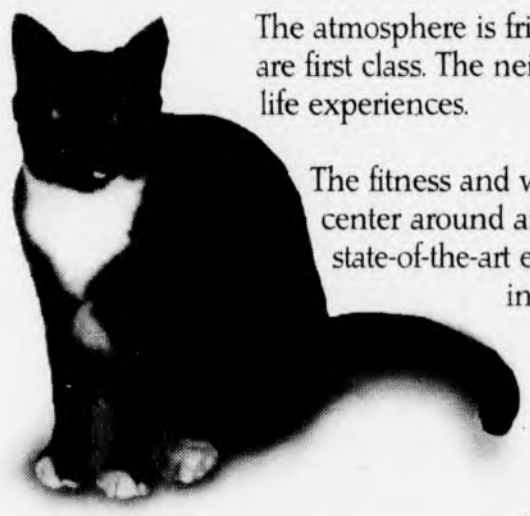
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PERSONAL FINANCE

A mid-year review of your financial plans

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Have you stuck to your New Year's resolutions? This year you were going to lose ten pounds and invest more money toward your retirement--remember? Of course, it's easy to see what needs improvement, and difficult, somehow, to conjure up the willpower to make those promised changes. Giving yourself a mid-year financial checkup can prevent you from totally abandoning those beginning-of-the-year goals.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Worth Magazine asked some of the country's best financial planners for advice on how to start the year with a healthy financial plan. Here are a few of those suggestions which may help you keep on track, or at least let you get a jump on next year's resolutions.

On the most basic level, the first step to making a financial plan is knowing what you have and what you want. But most people can't even estimate their net worth within five percent, says David Diesslin of Diesslin & Associates in Fort Worth, Texas. To figure the dollar sum, tally the value of your assets--cash, investments (IRA, mutual funds, stocks, etc.), real estate, cars, and collections of art, etc.--and then subtract any liabilities--mortgage, car loan or lease, and investment liabilities, such as a margin loan with a broker and deferred-income taxes on stocks or compensa
tion packages.

Determining your net worth may show you that while you own a lot, your debt overrides the assets' value--perhaps more than you had suspected. This process is a good point of departure for setting your long term financialgoals and adjusting your saving and investment strategies to meet them, says Diesslin.

And as you review your investments, you should inspect your portfolio's asset allocation to make sure it jives with your investment strategy says Wayne Starr, a certified financial planner at Neill & Associates in Kansas City, Missouri. Each investor's asset allocation should reflect his financial goals and taste for risk, both of which change with age.

The following, among other things, need to be considered: whether one is willing to take big risks for big profit; whether there is a need for income from investments; and what kind of access to cash is required. A generic asset allocation model for conservative investing has 60 percent in a diverse array of equities and 40 percent in short- and long-term bonds and cash.

Whatever you decide your ideal allocation to be, make sure that six months of market activity hasn't thrown it off-balance, says Starr. In a year with a strong equity market, for example, your stock investments may have increased in value so that they now represent 80 percent of your portfolio, instead of 60 percent. If so, consider selling some stock to get your allocation back on your well-balanced portfolio.

You can decide to take a short-term perspective and make some tactical allocation shifts in response to market changes and trends in the economy. A surge in stock prices or rising interest rates, for example, might suggest a subsequent decrease or increase in the recommended stock and bond allocations.

Just as the nature of your own portfolio can change without you realizing it, so can the characteristics of your mutual funds. "Several things can happen to a great fund after you buy it," says Frank Butterfield of Homrich & Berg in Atlanta. "The manager who built the track record can depart. The assets can balloon and cause the manager to dilute his or her investment ideas. The style of the fund can change."

Butterfield points to the Govett Small Companies fund which had a stellar record under fund manager Garrett Van Wagoner--its annual average for the three years ended December 1995 was a whopping 52.1 percent. Then Van Wagoner left and the fund's performance fell under the new manager; returning only 1.47 percent over the nine months following Van Wagoner's departure.

Instead of parking your money in a mutual fund and throwing away the key, Butterfield suggests you monitor the fund carefully by reading the quarterly reports. Watch for shifts in the amount of assets and the number and types of stocks the fund holds. Any significant breaks with the past should lead you to re-evaluate the investment.

While staying on top of your financial plan isn't exactly as much fun as a day at the beach, following through on this advice may ensure that you can enjoy the summer worry-free.



Investing in emerging markets

By Porter P. Morgan

As Americans become more and more knowledgeable about investing, their horizons are expanding beyond the borders of the U.S.

Much of the attention in international investing has been focused recently on emerging markets. Emerging markets refer to the securities markets in developing nations such as China, Brazil, South Korea and Thailand.

Attraction to the emerging markets seems to be in direct correlation with their projected growth rates. In developed countries such as the U.S., the economy tends to grow at two to five percent per year, while in emerging markets growth rates of five to 10 percent are not out of the ordinary.

The search for above average returns in emerging markets can be accompanied by above average risk. Investors should keep several things in mind when looking at investing in emerging markets:

• Only invest in emerging markets if you can tolerate extreme volatility. These markets can go up and down very quickly.

• Invest in emerging markets with a long-term perspective. Nations like China and Mexico offer a great deal of potential but it will take time. Think about investing today based on what these markets could be like in 10 years

• Invest only a small part of your portfolio in emerging markets (10 to 15 percent). Just as it is important to limit your domestic exposure in any single investment by diversifying, so too is it important to limit your exposure to emerging markets by diversifying among these holdings.

• Emerging markets carry a completely different set of risks not usually associated with investing in the U.S., including political, social and economic events that could cause investment loss.

Despite the risks, investing in emerging markets offers greater diversification than a portfolio that's dependent on a single developed nation. It can also help to create a steadier level of returns, as the U.S. stock market generally moves independently of foreign markets.

(Porter P. Morgan is an investment strategist with Liberty Financial Companies.)

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Fidelity Flyers Soar in Final Game

By John and Paula Cuneo
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Coaching and teamwork led the Fidelity Flyers to a 21-11 victory in their final game of the 1997 girls softball season.

The Fidelity Flyers, sponsored by Fidelity Home Health Services and coached by Jean Muir, Patty Smith and Mary Ernst, have shown steady improvement over the course of the season.

The players have a knowledge of the game and are enthusiastic and encourage each other to do their best.

The team exhibited a lot of talent and skill in this game both offensively and defensively. During the third inning, the Flyers came from behind by scoring eight runs.

Alex Coffey continued to show her form as a power hitter by doubling home runners Caitlin Sanchez and Devin Smith, who had hit safely ahead of her.

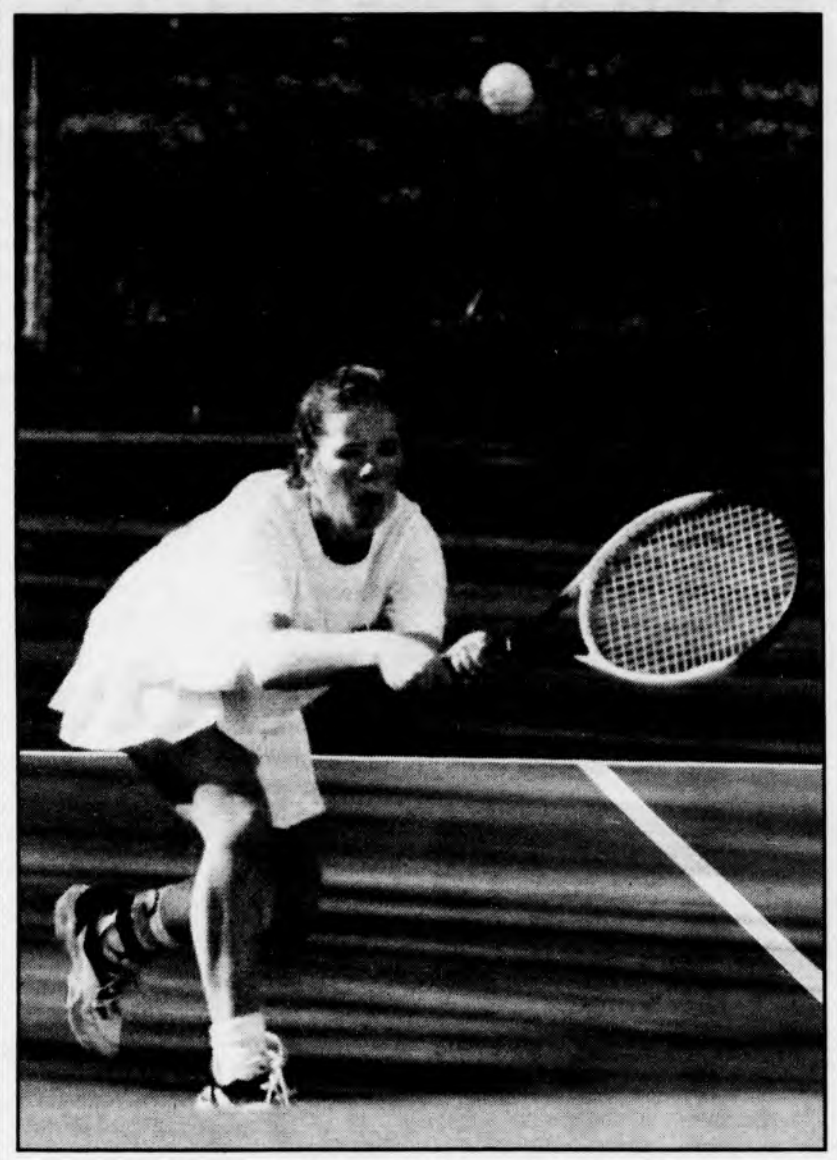
Amy Cuneo singled Alex to third, adding to her perfect night at the plate. The next four batters, Callie Ernst, Chelsea Grossman, Becca Lehr and Mia Lieb-Lappen, chipped in by hitting safely and scoring at the top of the third inning.

Defense took over at the bottom of the third with Becca Lehr's great play at second base to finish the inning and keep their opponent scoreless this time at bat.

Several other players made great defensive plays to keep the other team off the scoreboard. Outstanding fielding was demonstrated by Christine Lovallo, who tagged a runner out at second, and Mia Lieb-Lappen, who threw to first to get the runner out.

Late in the game, teammates Christie Muir, Carrie Muir, Katherine Murphy and Cassie Rosano helped the flyers to score the insurance runs to guarantee victory.

This softball season proved to be a good experience for the girls, learning to work together as a team, showing good sportsmanship to their opponents, learning the game and improving their skills. By any measure it was a successful season, and we all look forward to another great year in 1998.



Kate Stone was one of the reasons for a successful tennis season this year at CHS.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Fun with the Community Center

Gymnastics Summer Camp with Susie: for ages 6 to 13, Aug. 18 to 22, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Daily, cost is $82.50; this is open to all abilities.

Gymnastics Mini Course: every Wednesday in August, starting Aug. 6, for boys and girls. Classes: Preschool — boys and girls mixed; Beginner through Intermediate, girls. Cost is $27 for session. Call for exact times.

Summer Fun Week for ages 4 to 6, July 7 to 11 and Aug. 25 to 29; 9 a.m. to noon, nature walks, exploring, science projects, cooking and more. Cost is $82M, $92NM per week.

Circus Week for ages 3 to 5, July 22, 23, 24 and July 29, 30 and 31, two-week session of crafts, songs, games and stories. Cost is $99M, $109NM.

Thunder Rolls Over the Pond

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was ecstatic would be an understatement.

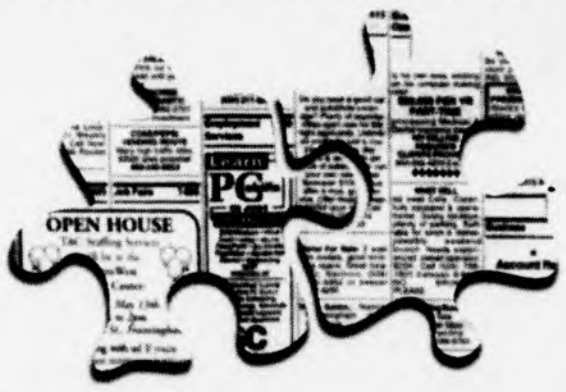
Stripers and blues are advancing on Humarock from both sides. Ronnie reports from Ferry Street that pogies are now the bait of choice for most river anglers and beachfront surfcasters as well. The excitement was barely concealed as she talked about the blues running up the beachside. Remember to bring some wire leaders!

Back when it was still a cold spring, we ordered Mike MacNamara some Mustad circle hooks. Mike reported he'd read an article about the lip hooking abilities. As it turns out the state Division of Marine Fisheries is also now investigating the circle hook as a way to reduce throwback mortality. Mike reports that every fish caught this spring was lip hooked. Four keepers per trip in May and June. Not a bad streak.

Elsewhere pogies are thick in the Snug Harbor mooring basin of Duxbury Bay. Jeff Adams was all smiles as he hustled out with some fresh pogies. No Brown's Bank striper is safe now, I thought. Mike Bearce is having a summer to remember on the sweet water. Mike landed and released a 7-plus pound large mouth bass in one of the Turkey Hill Run impoundments.

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Nantasket Beach Relay Race to Benefit Wellspring

By Carol Britton Meyer
COHASSET MARINER

Runners from Cohasset and other South Shore communities will have an opportunity to participate in an 8-mile relay race on Nantasket Beach.

The "Great Nantasket Dash to the Basket," planned for Saturday, July 12, has a twofold purpose.

"The relay race can easily be run by both casual and serious runners, and the proceeds will benefit Wellspring, a local food pantry in Hull," said race coordinator Richard Wallwork, a Hingham resident.

"The emphasis of the race is having a great time," he said. "There are many races, but this one's different."

What makes the event unique is the fact that it's a relay race. Teams of up to five, including four runners and one "beach bum," are invited to participate.

Participants will each complete a 2-mile leg, passing a rubber lobster baton to the next runner. Carrying a package of rice or pasta from the start to the 2-mile turnaround point, each participant will hand his or her offering to the team "beach bum," who collects items from all the runners in a "Nantasket basket."

"The rubber lobster will make the race really nutty," Wallwork laughed.

A team finishes the race when its fourth runner crosses the finish line. Each team must have its lobster baton and a full basket of food at the end of its part of the race.

Wallwork hopes to recruit at least 100 teams in the first year of the event, which he hopes to make an annual occurrence.

"I encourage early registration so we'll get enough teams to make the race interesting and ensure its success," he said.

Wallwork, a public relations specialist, has coordinated special events as part of his job at a Boston bank.

"I've always wanted to coordinate an event of my own, to make my mark so to speak," he said.

The inspiration for the beach race came from his participation in a fund-raising marathon last fall in Falmouth, which was very successful.

"A lot of people don't realize how great Nantasket Beach is. It's nice for morning walks or long runs in the sunset," said Wallwork. "It may not be the most pristine beach now, but in the next 10 years I predict it will come around even more."

In the meantime, he said, the race, which will take place at the south end of the beach, offers local runners the chance to take advantage of it's early-morning beauty.

While some may wonder if running a race on a beach is difficult, Wallwork said, "Nantasket Beach is really flat and therefore easy to run on."

Wallwork, who is a volunteer with the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), read about Wellspring in the GBFB newsletter.

Since Wellspring is located in a non-urban setting, he said it's sometimes more difficult to do fund raising.

"It's almost totally a volunteer effort, and sometimes people don't realize that there are needs in the suburbs as well," he said. "I thought all the people out there in the community needed was a little nudge in that direction."

Hingham resident Cindy McGovern is assisting Wallwork by recruiting residents to participate in the beach race.

"People seem interested in taking part," she said. "In some cases, they've got a crew and are looking for that last member.

"It's for a good cause and will be a fun event taking place outdoors," McGovern said.

"The prizes also emphasize fun," Wallwork said. They include beach sandals for third-place winners; beach shirts for second-place winners; and lobster dinner gift certificates for the winners. Prizes will be awarded in a ceremony following the race.

'The emphasis of the race is having a great time. There are many races, but this one's different.'

— RICHARD WALLWORK, RACE COORDINATOR.

The race coincides with the MDC's Back to the Beach day, which features live music and "fun" activities, and Hull Heritage Days, with events taking place throughout the weekend.

"The race provides a good opportunity for people to make a day of being at the beach and participating in all the events," Wallwork said.

The entry fee is $40 per team (plus $5 per person for "Great Nantasket" T-shirts). Race participation, refreshments and a team photo postcard are included in the fee. All proceeds after expenses will be donated to Wellspring, along with the food items.

Wellspring offers many services to residents of local communities, including domestic violence intervention, adult education programs and counseling services, in addition to an emergency food pantry.

Check-in on race day is scheduled from 7 to 8:45 a.m., with the race beginning at 9 a.m. The event will take place rain or shine.

Call Rick Wallwork at 749-2890 for event information or entry forms, which are also available at Atlantic Bagel in Hingham, Hingham Public Library and stores in Hingham Square as well as other local libraries and businesses. Entry forms are also available at Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave.

"A race on the beach is a novel idea, and we're hoping people will join the event and make a day of being at the beach and participating in all the events," Wallwork said.

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Minot's Light, golf shirt, donated by the Historical Commission, Leslie Thornton of Cohasset.

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Minot's Light, tote bag and license plate — Historical Commission, Barry Humphrey of Hingham.

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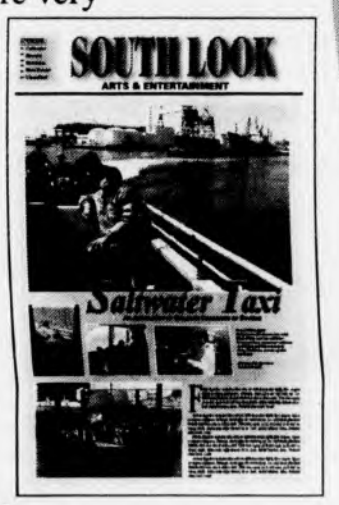
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Police officer won't say if he will seek job back

BY ROBERT PRESTON
MARINER STAFF

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The concern is there for the shrinking open land of Marshfield. STAFF PHOTO BY ALAN WARREN

Restaurant Proposed for Cafe Andre's Si

BY ANNA KAREEN
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Computer Dating for All

BY MARY ANN MARTIN
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Mark Skala Named Managing Editor

Mark Skala has been appointed managing editor for Community Newspaper Company/South's Mariner Newspapers based in Marshfield.

Skala was formerly the editor of CNC/South's Cape operations. The promotion is part of an overall restructuring of CNC/South's editorial department, said Victoria Ogden, editor-in-chief. In the restructuring, Carol Dumas was named managing editor of the Cape editorial department.

"I'm delighted to be able to promote both Mark and Carol to positions they have earned," Ogden said. "While the company has grown through acquisition, our focus remains relentlessly local. These two talented professionals will help assure that the newspapers we put out stay in touch."

"I'm very pleased to be back working on the South Shore where there are many dynamic communities facing important issues in the coming months and years"

– MARK SKALA, MANAGING EDITOR

Skala began his journalism career as a reporter with Hughes Newspapers on Cape Cod. A former resident of Marshfield and Plymouth, he was also a community editor for the Memorial Press Group where he worked in the towns of Kingston, Halifax, Plympton and Duxbury. After leaving the South Shore, he returned to Cape Cod Community Newspapers where he performed in a variety of editing roles before being named overall editor.

"I'm very pleased to be back working on the South Shore where there are many dynamic communities facing important issues in the coming months and years," Skala said. "We have our work cut out for us at the Mariner covering these issues and I know the staff is up to the challenge."

Skala, a graduate of St. Bonaventure University in Olean, N.Y., and his wife, Damaris, have a 20-month-old son, Daniel.

To contact Skala directly at the Mariner, call (617) 837-4574.



Mark Skala

Craig V. Brenner appointed Sales Manager at DreamCom

Dream Communications, Inc., Cohasset, a growing business Internet services company, announces the appointment of Craig V. Brenner as sales manager.

Brenner has a strong background in sales and customer relations with over five years experience.

Brenner and his wife are residents of Weymouth.

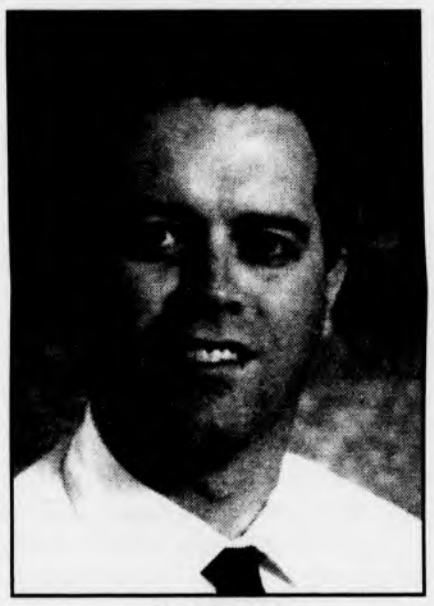
Porter Joins Dickinson Direct

Jim Porter of Cohasset has been named vice president of account services at Dickinson Direct, a full-service direct-marketing firm located in Braintree. In this capacity, he will oversee the management and growth of one of Dickinson Direct's five account teams.

Porter brings 12 years of direct marketing experience to his new position. He is the former vice president of sales and marketing for The Production Company, Burlington, Mass., and the founder of the Boston-based integrated direct response agency, Briggs Porter Lewis.

His background includes building account teams, servicing accounts, and developing new business.

He has provided direct response and direct marketing services for clients including Powersoft, Lotus, Bausch and Lomb, Stride Rite and Sola Optical. Porter holds a masters in Business Education from Babson College and an undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.



Jim Porter

Dickinson Direct is a fully integrated and full-service direct marketing company with annual revenues of more than $23 million. It employs more than 250 people.

Cohasset Bagel Shop Sold

Jack Conway & Co.'s Restaurant & Lodging Division recently completed the sale of The Cohasset Atlantic Bagel & Coffee Co. on Rte. 3A in Cohasset.

George Jamieson, manager of Conway's Restaurant & Lodging Division, represented both seller, Jim McCormack, as well as buyers, Dan and Christine Belz, in the sale of the property.

According to Jamieson, the Belzes are brokers at Conway Commercial Group in Braintree. Dan specializes in selling businesses and during a presentation to a potential buyer, he decided that it was such a great business, he should buy it. Now he and Christine are proud owners of the store.



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LITTLEST EXPLORERS FIND FUN IN BIG SKY COUNTRY

By Linda Saulnier

GO WEST, young boys and girls, and take your parents with you. Montana, a state known for having more elk, deer and antelope than it does people, is promoting itself as kid friendly. They don't mean the state's famous mountain goats.

Big Sky Country boasts such kid attractions as Glacier and Yellowstone national parks, ghost towns and cowboys. It was also the former stomping ground for Tyrannosaurus Rex. And you thought the grizzly bears would be scary.

You find out where to visit them in "Kid Friendly Montana," a leaflet published by Travel Montana, the state's tourist bureau. Guide book author, Norma Tirrell, wrote the leaflet, which pulls out to a colorfully illustrated poster that speaks directly to kids about the state's amazing attractions and their geography, history and culture.

Tirrell said, "We wanted something that would motivate kids to study Montana for a school report, and then tell their parents, Let's go." In an interview, she mapped out the following itinerary of things to do in Montana if you are a kid.

For young dinosaur hunters, the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman will prove to be a real find. Its chief paleontologist, Jack Horner, was the prototype for Dr. Alan Grant in the novel and movie, Jurassic Park. The museum is set up so kids can watch paleontologists working with recovered dinosaur bones.

Tirrell said kids will get a more hands-on approach at the Old Trail Museum in Choteau, a town on the Rocky Mountain Front. It was the owners of this very informal museum who led Jack Horner to the dig where he discovered dinosaur eggs. The museum celebrates dinosaur days in July with an open house, expeditions to "egg" mountain and a parade.

"Bozeman puts it all together, but Choteau gets kids and people out in the field," said Tirrell, who recommends visiting both.

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Montana has two distinct geographic areas, the western mountains and the eastern plains. Most of the scenic attractions -- Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, the Continental Divide -- are in the West.

"Glacier National Park is less crowded than Yellowstone," Tirrell said. Spanning the northern Rockies, Glacier Park has 750 miles of hiking trails, including a handicapped-accessible trail. For spectaular views, drive the 52-mile Going-To-The-Sun Road that crosses Montana's mountainous backbone.

Glacier Park has mountain goats, bighorn sheep and glacial sculptures but Yellowstone Park has grizzlies, volcanic smoke chambers and geysers.

Tirrell said some of Yellowstone's workshops are geared to kids so they can learn about the wonderful ecosystem. Yellowstone is the largest, active geothermal area on earth.

There have been warnings about the summer crowds' effect on Yellowstone Park. Montana has less than one million residents but eight million tourists visit the state each year. If guilt plagues you, visit off season -- fall is fabulous, it quiets right down -- or opt to visit one of Montana's 41 state parks, Tirrell said.

A good choice is the Lewis and Clark Caverns where you can picnic, hike, camp and enjoy a two-hour exploration of the limestone stalactites and stalagmites.

To fish, kids can cast a line anywhere in the state, Tirrell said. According to Travel Montana, some of the rivers are lazy, and others have rapids with tell-tale names like "Bone Crusher."

If you have the luxury of time, you can mosey from Glacier Park to Yellowstone Park, visit both dinosaur museums and do several side trips to ghost towns and cattle ranches. Helena is enroute and parents will enjoy the historic architecture and mansions of this gold rush town.



Montana offers fun and adventure for the entire family.

For the kids' itinerary, Helena puts you halfway between the stage coach rides at Bannack and the Deer Lodge cattle country. Both towns will take kids back to the days of the old west. Bannack, a ghost town, was Montana's first territorial capitol. At Deer Lodge, the historic Grant-Kohrs Ranch is a former cattle empire that is now run by the National Park Service where kids will see horse teams, steer roping and working blacksmiths. For adventurous families, outfitters offer wagon train vacations.

To enjoy eastern and western Montana, you will have to plan a two-week vacation not counting travel time to get to Montana, Tirrell said.

On the eastern plains, kids will see real cowboys in action at the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale, the wildest spectator event in Montana. The annual sale is held in May, lasts two days and attracts thousands.

"It is a big, spectacular deal," Tirrell said. "They bring through hundreds of the wildest horses in the country. The cowboys try them before they buy them."

Rodeo cowboys from all over the West come to buy the horses who give them the ride of their lives. Hence, the name, "Bucking Horse Sale." A parade and art show are part of the event. Miles City is Lonesome Dove country, which might interest those who enjoyed the television mini-series.

To see Native Americans in action, visit one of Montana's tribes during a celebration that honors their heritage. Montana has 11 Native American tribes and seven reservations.

The Crow Fair Pow Wow in eastern Montana is a huge celebration, Tirrell said. It draws tribes from all over the country and Canada creating the largest teepee village of any celebration in the West. Held in August, it lasts four days.

The "Kid Friendly" poster does not list events. That information is available through Travel Montana. Interesting facts are on the poster. It notes that a 15-year-old Shoshone Indian girl named Sacajawea helped guide Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their expedition.

Does that mean the very first guide in Montana was a kid? Maybe Travel Montana is on to something. You can contact them at 1-800-847-4868 or visit their web site at http://travel.mt.gov.

(Linda Saulnier is a freelance writer for Community Newspaper Company.)

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EDUCATIONAL FAMILY OUTINGS: FARMING NEAR BOSTON

By Stephanie Maughan

A family outing to several farms around Boston will not only be fun your children but also a chance for them to learn about agriculture and wildlife.

Massachusetts Audubon Society's 220-acre Drumlin Farm Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, on Route 117 in Lincoln, is a marvelous place for children to learn about respecting wildlife and to get hands-on experience in organic farming and gardening.

Originally bought in 1905 by Donald and Louise Gordon, and run by the Society since 1955, Drumlin Farm attracts 100,000 people a year. It easy to see why this farm and wildlife sanctuary is so popular -- here, children not only see wildlife, but also learn about organic gardening or edible flowers, or milk a cow.

The best time to visit is between 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., when hourly demonstrations are given. Start your visit with a brief tour, either on a wagon ride or by foot.

Heading south from the main entrance is Boyce Field where many of the crops, including pumpkins, peas and onions, are raised. Next to the field, you'll see wildlife areas preserved so that children can learn about the wildlife that live around a farm. There is also a short trail up Drumlin Hill, carved by a glacier 10,000 years ago.

Bird Hill, a short walk east from the main entrance, is home to injured or imprinted birds, including a red shouldered hawk and a gray horned owl, that have come from area rehabilitators and can't survive on their own. Several nocturnal animals, including a two red foxes, live in an area next to it; their burrows are visible in a small underground room.

Just beyond this is an interpretive farm where an array of barnyard animals from pigs to chickens are raised for market. Here, children learn all about running a farm. For instance, they don't just get to see a pony, they find out what's involved in owning one. There's also a small organic garden with herbs and flowers. Teacher/naturalists give garden tours, often serving children tea or edible flowers.

Admission to Drumlin Farm is $6.00 for adults, $4.00 for children ages 3 to 15 and seniors. For more information, call 617-259-9807.

Located off Route 12 in Sterling, an hour west of Boston, is Davis' Farmland, the largest exhibitor of endangered farm animals in the nation. Larry Davis started this operation a year ago with his brother, Doug, and his dad, John, and already it is attracting thousands of people.

Its opening marked the 150th year that the family has farmed the land; his grandparents used to run a dairy farm on it. Now, 200 endangered farm animals, including several rare breeds, live on its 250 acres. A visit to this farm, open from April through October, will be a memorable experience for families with children aged one through 12.

"Pete" the Poitu from France, the oldest breed of donkey in the world, is one of the rarer animals you'll see -- less than 200 are living. Back in Roman times, the Pope rode on them. Poitous were also used when breeding to create the largest draft mule worldwide. The farm's rarest animal, a Wiltshire horn sheep, is one of only 32 left. Davis' goal is for children to have fun learning about these animals.

To do so, he has made this farm look like a giant playground; it's small enough that parents can see their children from any location within it. Goats and sheep roam freely on a labyrinth of short trails that meander around the areas where the animals live. These animals are so tame that you can become intimately acquainted with them, feeding them Farmland's special food, even walking into areas with the smaller ones to do so.

Be sure to take the 15-minute narrated hayride around part of the farm; you'll have a chance to meet and feed "Gus," a Scottish Highland bull, and "Oreo," a Belted Galloway from Great Britain, so named because it looks like an oreo cookie.

To take advantage of all this, the best time to come is between 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and spend the rest of the day. You can either bring a picnic lunch or buy one at the Herd Rock Cafe.

General admission is $6.50; children under two are free. To encourage families to come several times a week, so that kids can get to know these animals well, Davis has established a membership program with very reasonable rates. According to Davis, it has been popular because the children usually want to come back often to see their favorite animals.

But there's more to this farm than just getting to know and feeding animals. Events such as milking goats or cows and bottle-feeding newborns take place each day. These are supplemented by special events on weekends, including a skydiving exhibition, a rodeo and a demonstration by the Auburn outfit, Reptiles and Beyond. For more information, call the farm at 508-422-6666.

(Stephanie Maughan is a freelance writer for Community Newspaper Company.)



Children will enjoy a variety of activites at Davis' Farmland including feeding a wide variety of animals.

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Monday, June 16

4:18 a.m., medical aid, Nichols Rd.
8:15 a.m., disabled auto, King St.
9:12 a.m., animal complaint, Doane St.
1:09 p.m., assist citizne, CJC Hwy.
5:59 p.m., well being check, Elm St.
6:54 p.m., fire, outside, Lamberts Ln.
7:14 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:13 p.m., suspicious person, Hull St.
10:04 p.m., fire (electrical), Jerusalem Rd.

Tuesday, June 17

7:10 a.m., officer wanted, Cushing Rd.
8:51 a.m., investigation, Woodland Dr.
11:36 a.m., serve restraining order, Joy Pl.
12:48 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
2:21 p.m., parkig violation, S. Main St.
3:25 p.m., suspicious auto, Forest Ave.
9:10 p.m., info, general, Church St.
10:13 p.m., fire, gas leak (outside), area of 119 N. Main St.

Wednesday, June 18

12:39 a.m., suspicious auto, Hillside Dr.
1:45 a.m., noise complaint, N. Main St.
8:09 a.m., medical aid, Windy Hill Rd.
9:01 a.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
10:35 a.m., assist other agency, Common.
3:13 p.m., officer wanted, Mill Bridge.
3:53 p.m., officer wanted, Meadow Ln.
6:25 p.m., medical aid, Egypt Beach Rd.
7:14 p.m., transport, Forest Ave.
8:19 p.m., medical aid, Nichols Rd.
8:59 p.m., officer wanted, N. Main St.
10:16 p.m., MV violations, S. Main St.
11:16 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

Thursday, June 19

12:19 a.m., animal complaint, Elm St.
12:54 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
arrested: Ronald A. Merritt, 70 Henry Turner Baily Rd, Sciuate, DOB: 3/22/52, charges: operating under the influence of liquor, second off.; state highway-failure to keep right.
7:19 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.
7:47 a.m., assist citizen, Highland Ave.
1:25 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.
1:27 p.m., medical aid, Parkingway.
2:17 p.m., noise complaint, Beechwood St.
3:04 p.m., parking violation, Ripley Rd.
3:16 p.m., general services, Border St.
4:04 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
6:09 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
6:17 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
6:23 p.m., parking violation, Lamberts Ln.
6:50 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
6:56 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:15 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
9:28 p.m., medical aid, Clifton Ave.
9:39 p.m., fire, outside, CJC Hwy.
10:08 p.m., general services, N. Main St.

Friday, June 20

1:28 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
7:03 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
8:07 a.m., parking violation, area of 88 Beach St.
10:00 a.m., suspicious person, Jerusalem Rd. Dr.
10:00 a.m., suspicious auto, Jerusalem Rd. by N. Main St.
1:44 p.m., medical aid, Sohier St.
3:34 p.m., MV accident, King St. in front of Verc Mobile.
3:57 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
5:44 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
6:19 p.m., assist motorist, Depot Ct.
10:00 p.m., MV stop, Sandy Beach Prk. Lot.
10:24 p.m., disturbance, Common.
10:29 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.
10:51 p.m., larceny, Cohasset Sailing Club.
10:57 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

Saturday, June 21

12:00 a.m., MV accident, Highland Ave. by Beach St.
12:59 a.m., general services, HQ.
1:14 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
1:36 a.m., suspicious person, Hull St.
1:49 a.m., general services, S. Main St.
2:09 a.m., general services, S. Main St.
2:45 a.m., MV stop, Cedar St.
3:27 a.m., assist citizen, Hull St.
6:23 a.m., general services, Mill Ln.
9:23 a.m., investigation, Linden Dr.
9:46 a.m., disturbance family, Hillside Dr.
10:57 a.m., parking violation, Highland Ave.
12:57 p.m., parking violation, the Square.
3:30 p.m., larceny, the Common.
3:44 p.m., medical aid, Howard Gleason Rd.
4:08 p.m., trespassing, Atlantic Ave.
4:31 p.m., Mv stop, King St. by Pond St.
4:50 p.m., MV stop, King St. by Schofield Rd.
4:55 p.m., MV stop, area of 258 Beechwood St.
5:15 p.m., Mv stop, King St. by Schofield.
6:10 p.m., suspicious (other), Diab Ln.
6:41 p.m., fire carbon monoxide incident, King St.
7:08 p.m., disturbance family, Norman Todd Rd. 34-year-old in protective custody.
7:28 p.m., MV violations, N. Main St.
8:10 p.m., property (found), the Common.
9:24 p.m., disturbance, Sandy Beach Parking Lot.
9:47 p.m., MV stop, Border St. by Parker Ave.
10:45 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St. by Jerusalem Rd.
11:11 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. by Mill Ln. Arrested: Daniel R. Berardi, 12 W St. Hull. DOB: 12/29/63, charges: operating after suspension, marked lanes violation.

Sunday, June 22

12:47 a.m., MV stop, 3A Mary Lou's.
1:28 a.m., medical aid, Cherry Ln.
1:30 a.m, MV stop, N. Main/Barnes Field.
2:05 a.m., MV stop, 3A/lower King St.
5:09 a.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
12:59 p.m., info, general, Bailey Rd.
1:08 p.m., MV accident, N. Main at Forest Ave.
2:00 p.m., trespassing, area of Cunningham Bridge.
2:17 p.m., animal complaint, Highland Ave.
2:43 p.m., parking violation, Cunningham Bridge.
3:56 p.m., MV accident, HQ.
9:24 p.m., disturbance general, Pleasant St.
10:23 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
10:29 p.m., suspicious auto, Black Horse Ln.

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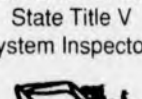
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Fourth Graders Find

Picking What's Most Delicious is Delightful

By Kerry Herlihy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Pupils in Joan Cassiani's fourth-grade reading classes were recently faced with the difficult choice of determining the most delicious food. Through written and oral presentations, the students shared with classmates and parents their leading picks for delicious.

Lately, the students completed reading "The Search for Delicious," by Natalie Babbitt. The story takes place in the Middle Ages and revolves around the potential for civil war over a great disagreement about which food, of all the foods in the world, was the most delicious.

"As a culminating activity for this reading selection, individual students, who chose from an array of offerings, created presentations that would best communicate what he and she considered the most delicious food," said Cassiani, reading teacher at Deer Hill.

The presentations were in the form of commercials, skits, news flashes, poems, conversations, songs, dances or gymnastics.

"Teachers are urged to enrich literature through activities. This lesson includes the criteria listed in the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for not only oral presentations but the writing of various genre. It is all connected and covered in one activity," said Ruth Fennessey, elementary curriculum coordinator.

Among the many wonderful presentations, Lauren Rizzotti performed a rap song for the audience praising her mother's pumpkin bread:

Pumpkin bread is very yummy
It feels so good in my tummy
When you eat it you will shout
This is good and that's no doubt
My mom makes it really well
And so it tastes really swell
When you try it and you think it's fine
Just remember it's all mine!

Colin Regan and Joey Durkin led the audience in a verse of:

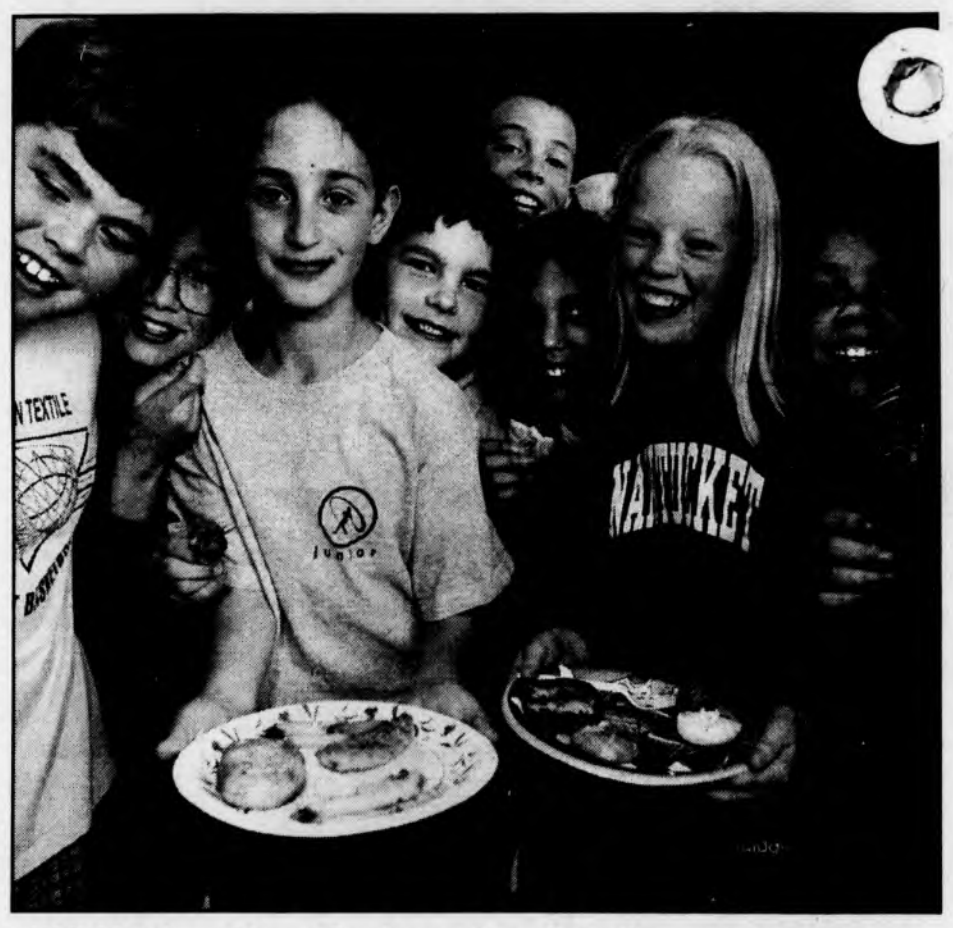
Mrs. Regan's homemade cookies
They always taste so sweet
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Chocolate chips are neat.

Joey Rosano expressed his love for pizza by reciting his poem:

Pizza Pizza Pizza
Pizza you see
It's good for you and it's good for me
Roll it, top it, but don't drop it
Look at it, slice it, then enjoy it
Pizza Pizza Pizza
Pizza you see
It's good for you and it's good for me.

In conclusion and accompaniment with the presentations, students prepared their favorite foods with the help of their parents to be shared by all. The food celebration allowed everybody to contribute their favorite choices.

"The 'Search for Delicious' was an enjoyable opportunity for the Deer Hill students to share their accomplishments with their parents. It was a most delightful experience for all," said Cassiani.



Will Maich and Lucy Gardner get ready to devour fare for 'Search for Delicious' with their fourth-grade classmates at Deer Hill.
Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Cooking Class Offered

Tony Ambrose, local resident and talented chef/owner of the famous Ambrosia On Huntington in Boston's Back Bay will be personally cooking for the lucky guest who sign up for the upcoming class "Cooking with Bluefish and Bass" being offered Monday, July 28 at 6:45 p.m., at the South Shore Community Center.

The chef will exhibit and teach his talents and skills in cooking bluefish and bass fresh from the seas to the table.

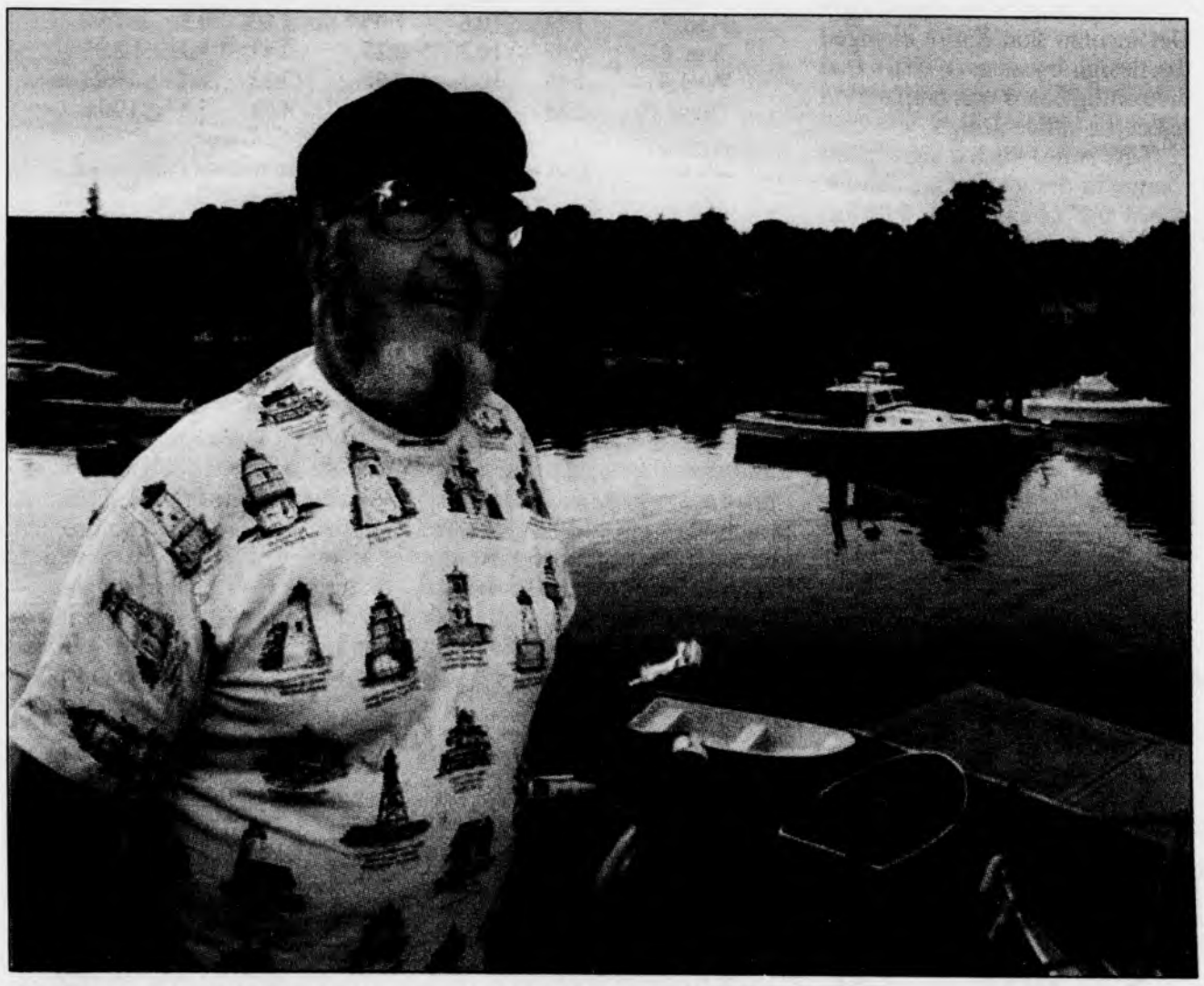
Chef Ambrose will show students how to select, scale, prepare, and dine on the tastiest of sea delights. Don't miss this opportunity for a great night out, a great meal, and learning from a master.



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Herb Jason at the town landing overlooking his boat, the Blue Heather. Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Lobstermen must claw for their livelihood

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

While local lobsters shed their shells and grow new ones this month, Cohasset lobstermen are re-examining the century-old fishing tradition that once proved so lucrative for their seaside community.

"I think I have seen the good days of lobstering," said lifelong Cohasset-based lobsterman Herbert Jason, 83.

Cohasset Harbor ranked tenth in the state in 1995 for catching lobsters, landing 570,000 pounds last year. With 39 lobstermen fishing out of the harbor, Cohasset ranked 11th in size of port, out of 40 Massachusetts ports.

"I liked it the way it was before," Jason said.

During the 75 years that Jason has hauled in lobster pots, the crop has never been less plentiful. He attributes the lack of lobsters in recent years to a depletion of resources from over-fishing.

"I used to get six-and-a-half pound lobsters all the time. But I can't remember the last time I caught a big one," Jason said.

Over the years, Jason has seen most lobster boat operations expand from a one-man job to a

LOBSTERMEN PAGE 4

Assisted living facility comes to Cohasset

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER

Residents frequently complain about the amount of development on Route 3A or the unattractive properties that fill the landscape. But one new structure that is currently under construction should meet with the town's approval — the Sunrise Assisted Living Facility near Stop & Shop.

The 48,000 square-foot building, which sits on four acres of land and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1998, will resemble a Victorian grand mansion complete with turrets, according to John Noonan, vice president of develop-

ASSISTED LIVING PAGE 5

Shaw's market set to open Aug. 24

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

Driver's trying to wend their way through the maze of construction on Route 3A probably find it hard to believe that the mountain of dirt in Cushing Plaza will be a Shaw's supermarket in less than two months. But company officials insist the store is on target for an Aug. 24 grand opening.

Construction workers are racing to complete work on the septic system, parking lot and building that will finish the transformation of Cushing Plaza from a blighted strip mall to a modern shopping area.

Paul Madden, site job supervisor for Tedeschi Construction, said the septic system should be completed by mid-July and construction work finished by mid-August.

"It's been quite a dance to move around all the stores that occupy Cushing Plaza," said Bernie Rogan, a public information spokesman for Shaw's. "But all the tenants are back, and Shaw's will be the last piece of the puzzle."

The pile of dirt that currently occupies the parking lot is an excavation for the new septic system. The old septic system was too close to the water table, resulting in contamination. The new system has been raised several feet above the water table to allow for better filtering.

"The old septic system was a sinkhole waiting to happen," Rogan said. "We've installed pretty extensive new sewage systems under where the parking lot will be."

Health Agent Dr. Joseph

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Our new design

Cohasset Mariner

Dear Readers,

Today is the debut of a new design for your newspaper.

This project has been in the works since the start of the new year and has incorporated suggestions from the close to 200 of you who responded to our in-paper survey. (You can read more about that on today's editorial page.)

We have changed type styles to make headlines and stories more readable, are giving better play to our local photographs, and have created eye-catching column logos to make your weekly favorites easier to find.

Our "South Look" section has been revamped with a color photo spread on the front and an expanded South Shore calendar inside.

"South Look" is also home to two new sections. "South Shore Real Estate" will carry weekly tips on buying and selling along with the "Mortgage Line," which lists the latest loan rates. Our new "Working" section not only gives you what jobs are available but also tips on how to land the one you want.

What hasn't changed in the re-design is our commitment to local news. The new type, bigger pictures, section heads and logos are being used to put even greater emphasis on stories coming out of and affecting your community.

We welcome your feedback on our new look and how we're doing covering the things you care about. Please feel free to contact me, managing editor Mark Skala, or your local editors and reporters.

Thanks for your continued support.

Victoria Ogden
Editor in chief

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COHASSET WEEK

Open house at DPW garage

Plans are to hold an open house at the new DPW garage from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., August 2, Selectman Merle Brown said.

In a related matter, Selectman Diane Sullivan said the Greenbush Mitigation Committee would like the old DPW shed in the town parking lot razed as soon as possible. She explained that the committee and MBTA will do a "walk about" the site to look at improvements to the parking lot. The train will pass through the rear of the lot.

Brown said DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield is seeking bids to tear down the shed.

Flag pole to come down

The 80-foot flag pole which was installed in 1915 will have to come down as soon as possible, selectmen said this week.

Plans were to paint the wooden pole, but the painter refused to climb it after a significant amount dry rot was discovered at its base, Selectman Merle Brown said.

Selectmen said it will cost about $10,000 to replace the existing pole with an aluminum one of the same height. A wooden pole would cost twice as much and it would take six months to get one, Brown said.

Selectmen discussed cutting the pole above the dry rot and keeping the rest but Brown explained that the pole goes into the cement base about seven feet.

"You'd have a lot shorter pole," he said.

Antenna hearing reopened

At its June 25 meeting, the zoning board reopened a hearing on an application by Sprint Spectrum L.P. to erect a 123-foot lattice-type telecommunications antenna near Foreign Auto Repair on Route 3A, just 200-feet back from the road. Sprint changed the proposed antenna design from a lattice-style to a flagpole design.

The land for the proposed antenna is in a light industrial zone with a 45-foot restriction on the height of any structure. The antenna is allowed in a light industrial zone with a special permit for height.

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said Sprint changed the design because of fears that the zoning board was prepared to reject the lattice design.

"This is just such a significant change in design that we felt we could not consider it without public comment," DeGiacomo said.A hearing is scheduled for July 30 at town hall.

Town hall closes early Thursday

Due to the Fourth of July holiday on Friday, Cohasset Town Hall will close at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, nstead of 7 p.m.

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Sat. 5	——	——	6:12	12:36	9.6	6:28
Sun. 6	12:42	10.7	7:03	1:19	9.5	7:12
Mon. 7	1:24	10.6	7:45	2:00	9.5	7:55
Tues. 8	2:07	10.3	8:25	2:41	9.4	8:38
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Nannies to have beach passes

Selectmen said Monday that nannies and baby-sitters for local families will be able to use a special parking pass for Sandy Beach."We should not deprive any child from going to the beach," Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said.

The pass will be valid Monday through Friday and can be obtained at town hall for $7, the same price as a beach sticker.

Selectmen explained because in many families both parents work and take the cars, baby-sitters from out of town cannot park at the beach.

Diane Sullivan was the sole selectman opposed to the beach parking passes. She said families whose relatives visit from out of town should be afforded the same privilege.

Resident can raise house

Carolyn Sammon of 84 Summer St. received good news from the zoning board June 25 when it approved her request to raise her house by 4.5 feet to prevent flooding in a basement apartment. The zoning board granted Sammon a special permit to raise her house from 31-feet-high to 35.5-feet-high on cross beams. Sammon said occasional floodwater from James Brook carries raw sewage from the Elm Street treatment plant into the basement apartment. Sammon said the sewage would still flow under the house, but it would not threaten the health of tenants, and she would have an easier time pumping it out.

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The heat is on

Hot summer forecast could mean energy shortage

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

South Shore communities may be in for an energy shortage this summer. if what many are predicting holds true — we're in for a hot one.

"We're working together to deal with what could be a tight situation," said James Sinclair, manager of public information for the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL), a consortium of New England electric utilities.

"There is nothing particularly unique in any city or state in New England, because everyone is on the same power grid," he said. NEPOOL manages all the electrical utility companies in the area.

The three Millstone Point nuclear power plants in Connecticut and the Maine Yankee nuclear power plant are off-line for safety reasons and may not be back in operation during the months of peak summer electricity use.

The combined loss of those four nuclear power plants represents a 15 percent loss of energy for users in New England.

"We're working closely with electric utilities, including municipal companies," said Sinclair.

Weather expert Robert Skilling of Hingham says the long-range outlook for summer weather is for above-normal temperatures and drier than normal conditions. The South Shore area has already experienced some hotter-than-normal days with temperatures already reaching past 90 degrees.

Once a pattern is established, that particular type of weather tends to continue, he said.

Joseph R. Spadea Jr., manager of Hingham Municipal Light Plant said, "The possibility of a shortage is very likely if we encounter a real heat spell." Hingham Light does not generate electricity.

David Jacobs, spokesperson for Eastern Edison, said customers were notified in their May bills that if the weather became very hot, the electric supply would be tight.

Hingham Light Plant customers received similar notices.

"We've done all the required and recommended maintenance on our generator equipment to make sure nothing breaks and to ensure all of our generating capacity is on-line," Jacobs said. "That includes extra steps and optional maintenance items.

"That's not to say something won't break in spite of our efforts," he cautioned.

Eastern Edison is offering "interruptible" contracts to larger commercial and industrial power users, who are reimbursed when they reduce their use of electricity upon advanced notification.

Residents should stay tuned to local television channels and radio stations to keep up-to-date on forecasts for their area.

While NEPOOL has taken measures to replace lost power by rearranging maintenance plan schedules and "prepping" mothballed nuclear power plants for possible use, a shortage could still occur.

"We're cautiously optimistic — if a typical New England summer, with some heat waves and hot, humid weather, occurs," Sinclair said.

While NEPOOL is working hand-in-hand with New England Utilities to communicate with large users to enlist their aid if there is a need, Sinclair said, "We may still have to call upon the public (in a time of shortage)."

"We've taken steps on both the generation and conservation side to manage the situation, but without the Millstone and Yankee plants on-line, the reserve is tighter than last summer," he said.

The consortium has put in place a comprehensive plan to ensure the region's electric system is prepared for potential shortages and will keep local utilities updated on the status of the electricity supply.

In periods of extremely high demands on the supply and unhealthy air quality conditions, the following steps could be taken:

• South Shore and other New England utilities may be asked to implement a voluntary conservation day to caution customers the day prior to an anticipated power shortage;

• A power caution would involve notification that electric reserves are lower than normal. (Utility personnel would take steps to maintain the integrity and reliability of on-line generation and transmission facilities. No public action is needed in the event of a power caution.)

• A power watch could be issued — customers would be asked to consider turning off unnecessary lights and appliances.

• A power warning would be issued when an immediate reduction of electricity demand is needed to avoid overloading the electrical system.

However, conditions requiring emergency action could occur without warning. In that case, advance notification to consumers cannot be guaranteed.

During a severe generating shortage, NEPOOL can request utilities to disconnect customer load on a rotating basis for short periods of time.

However, that action would be unlikely, according to NEPOOL.

While he doesn't want to cause undue alarm among Hingham residents, Spadea is cautioning them to be prepared — just in case.

Costs in Hingham may jump if a shortage occurs, but Hingham Light Commissioner Kenneth Cham said contracts already in place could be beneficial when it comes to keeping the rates from escalating too much.

Jacobs said Scituate and Cohasset are "in the same boat as the entire region as far as the possibility of an electrical shortage is concerned."

There is not sufficient regional generation of electricity to meet customer demand, which increases in the morning, peaking at about 11 a.m. Demand tapers off in the afternoon but increases again around dinnertime.

Spadea said 2 a.m. marks the period of minimum demand.

"If we have a hot spell for several days in a row we might encounter problems," Spadea said.

"What frequently happens is that by the third day, air conditioners which have been kept running, combined with the normal demands on electricity, are too much for the system," he said.

While Hingham has a diverse group of energy suppliers and might not suffer a considerable loss of energy, Spadea said the town will be impacted if the region runs short.

"The pool of users will be called upon to reduce the electrical load on the system," he said. "They will be asked to shut down voluntarily first."

Spadea said the worst case scenario would be if circuits were required to be shut off in the region.

This would occur if a shortage was severe enough to cause a circuit overload. Otherwise, a blackout such as the one which occurred in the area in 1963 could happen again.

"We're prepared and have plans in place to help prevent these kinds of things from happening," said Spadea.

Jacobs said Eastern Edison is also prepared for an emergency.

Nevertheless, a shortage might still occur.

While such planning is routine, it has been stepped up on an earlier time frame this year in anticipation of a possible energy shortage this summer.

Jacobs said another option Eastern Edison might consider is asking customers to voluntarily cut back on their use of electricity during peak hours if a prolonged heat spell occurs.



Scott McDougal tries to cool off while on a break from putting a new roof on a local building this week. Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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Conservation Tips

When the area is experiencing a hot spell of weather, Hingham Light Plant and Eastern Edison, which serves Cohasset and Scituate, offer the following suggestions to help prevent power outages:

•An air conditioner works easier if lights and other appliances which generate heat are shut off; be sure to purchase the right-sized air conditioner for the job and the most energy-efficient unit available;

•Adjust air conditioner thermostats to a higher temperature (a 15-degree temperature difference between outdoors and indoors is enough); clean or replace air conditioner filters monthly

•Use "natural" air conditioning — set up a cross-breeze in your home by opening windows on opposite walls;

•Set timers on electric water heaters and swimming pool pump motors to run during evening and overnight hours, when less electricity is being used overall;

•Use fans if possible — they use less energy than air conditioners;

•Leave shades on the sunny side of a house drawn to help keep out the heat;

•Try to reserve cooking for the evening only, and use the daytime hours to warm-up food which has already been cooked;

•Run dishwashers and clothes washers and dryers during the early morning and evening or use an outdoor clothesline (It takes the same amount of energy to run a full load as it does a partial one);

•Cook on an outdoor grille or use a microwave oven and small appliances rather than ovens and countertop burners;

•Clean the coils on the back of refrigerators and freezers;

•Consider the purchase and proper installation of an emergency generator; and

•If heated electrically, try not to use a large amount of water during the daytime; and

Eastern Edison also suggests individuals check in regularly on elderly family members, neighbors and friends who may be susceptible to heat stress.

Light plant manager Joseph R. Spadea Jr. said anyone with an emergency need during an outage should call the fire department, which is equipped to provide emergency generation.

Residents should also be equipped with emergency lighting, such as flashlights and candles.

"Those who have well water should store up water for drinking," Spadea said.

"They should remember not to put it in the refrigerator, however, because refrigerator doors should be left closed if a power outage occurs," he said.

If there is a loss of electricity, remember that:

•Circuit breakers should be turned off or fuses removed at the electrical panel to lessen the chance of a circuit overload when service is restored;

•When using a portable generator, keep the machine in an open area, because the engine emits carbon monoxide. Follow instructions before connecting the generator;

•Following an outage, leave an outside light turned on as an indication to repair crews that power has been restored to your block.

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two- and three-man job — which boosts the boats' output of traps. Captain of the Blue Heather in Cohasset Harbor, his third boat, Jason and his grandson, John Small, are among the only lobstermen who fish alone.

The number of pots on the ocean floor has skyrocketed and the waterways have grown more crowded, especially on the weekends, due to the increase in lobstermen in business, he said.

Also, lobstermen don't have to follow the same rules against catching female lobsters before they have a chance to breed, said Small, also of Cohasset.

And dragging for lobsters — a practice in which fishermen drag large nets along the ocean floor — has taken its toll on the lobster harvest, they said.

The result has been a much shorter and less fruitful spring lobstering season and overall harvest, said Bill Adler, executive director of the Scituate-based Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association.

"Lately, there's been very little spring fishing," he said. "Up and down the whole coast, lobstermen haven't had a spectacular spring. It puts everyone in the doldrums."

Nowadays, lobstermen have to wait until the months of August through November to make any money in the industry.

"The last few years, spring has been a disaster for lobstering. You might as well stay home," Jason said. "They're not there. They've already been caught up."

Small, a police officer, has taken the summer off from lobstering due to the slow season.

"I figured it was the right year to take a break," he said.

Throughout the month of June, lobsters take up residence in the crevices of the ocean floor during their shedding phase. They hide away until their shells are hard enough to protect them from predators.

With lobsters absent from the marine scene, lobstermen have nothing to catch for about a month.

"There's no sense in hauling traps right now. There's nothing there," Adler said.

The harvest used to pick up in July and be roaring by August. But during the last decade, shedding season has been lasting longer and pushing the whole lobstering cycle back into November. As winter and cold weather approach, lobsters stay put and are more difficult to catch.

"Ten years ago at the fourth of July, lobsters came out like a blast. Then they started to trickle out," Adler said. "Last year, they didn't come out until the end of July."

Local lobstermen have tried to get a head start in the spring to make up for the months of February and March, when the herds of crustaceans are at a stand-still. But this year the going was rough.

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> **— LOBSTERMAN, HERBERT JASON.**

"It used to be that May was a good month," said Jason. "You could make enough money to cover the debts you incurred during the winter months. But now you have to wait. You have four months to make it."

"If nothing's brewing by September, it's going to be panic time," Adler said.

In addition to a shortage of lobsters, another obstacle standing in Cohasset lobstermen's way is a harbor that has not been completely dredged in four years, said Harbormaster John Winters. The dredging project is on hold until the town can get aid from the federal government, he said.

"It hinders fishermen from coming and going," said Winters, a lobsterman for 15 years before he became harbormaster two years ago.

"This year hasn't been good at all for lobstering, and it's half over. They're not going to make up a whole year in six months," he said.

But looking back over the years, Jason said working in the lobster industry — as his grandfather and uncles did — has been well worth it.

"I could have perhaps made more money doing something else, but there's just something about the sea," he said.

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Godzik said he is satisfied with the way the work is proceeding.

"It looks like the great, sandy desert right now," Godzik said. "But in reality it won't be much different from the one at Stop & Shop. The reason it looks so much bigger is because they had to raise the topography to get away from the water table."

Godzik said Shaw's is actually installing three septic systems that will operate on a daily rotation. Each system can handle about 4,000 gallons of water per day. Godzik said an average four-bedroom home would need a system that could handle about 440 gallons per day.

"They use water in all of their operations, so they need a big system," Godzik said.

Godzik said Shaw's is also installing a Bio-Clear Treatment System to pre-filter the water before it enters the septic system.

"There's no reason this system shouldn't last forever if they use it properly — especially with the treatment system," Godzik said.

Once the septic system is completed and inspected, workers will cover it with asphalt for the store's parking lot.

Rogan said Shaw's has also designed the parking lot so that storm water runoff will not roar across the street in a torrent of water.

Rogan said the approximately 45,000-square-foot store will be the 121st location in the Shaw's chain. The building cost between $8 and $9 million to construct, not including land acquisition and the septic system.

Rogan said the store will be completely computerized, with special software that tracks buying trends for each location so Shaw's can keep the appropriate products in stock. He said even the bakery tracks customer habits to bake the correct number of loaves of bread each day.

"If you come in every Tuesday and purchase tomato-basil bread, the computer will instruct the bakers to prepare a fresh loaf for that day," Rogan said.

Shaw's will hire 210 people to work in the store, 60 full-time workers and 150 part-time.



The BayBank building in Cushing Plaza off Route 3A was demolished recently to make way for the new Shaw's Plaza.

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All Paws joins internet

All Paws Rescue, a not-for-profit humane society serving Southeastern New England and headquartered in Hingham, joined the internet as of July 1.

The website will feature veterinarian-approved, family-friendly dogs and puppies, cats and kittens, ready for adoption, pet care tips, humane education information, and announcements of upcoming All Paws Rescue events.

Website design and hosting were donated by graphic design specialist Joe Stieglitz of XpressNet, a full-service provider of internet solutions, based in Weymouth that can be reached on the web at www.xpres.net:http://xpres/allpawsrescue.

Year round swimming pool draws community interest

Strong community interest in exploring the feasibility of establishing a year round swim pool has materialized into a group that has named itself: "Friends of the Cohasset Swim Center."

The "Friends" are working closely with Trustees of the Hugh Bancroft Charitable Trust Swim Center to update a study done during the late 1980's. The most likely alternative appears to be enclosure of the existing pool that resides on four acres of land between North Main and Sohier Street.

It will require at least three months to do a preliminary assessment and the "Friends" will only proceed if they have the approval of the Trustees, and the strong support of neighbors, Town residents and appropriate boards and committees. If a plan were to be approved by the Trustees, in all likelihood, there would be a public hearing(s) and probably a request for a "green light" at the Spring 98 Town Meeting.

The "Friends" will not incorporate, but would assist in whatever manner possible to include fund raising. Proceeds would go directly to the existing Trust. It is clear that issues include: a.making a proposal that is acceptable to neighbors and supported by the community, b.determining whether sufficient funds can be raised by grants and donations, and c.providing for a long-range business plan that would assure affordable fee structures while covering operating and maintenance costs.

Already, many creative suggestions have been made such as using less expensive well water to supply the pool. Also being considered is the possibility of leasing the pool back to the Town's Recreation Commission, for $1/year, to operate on a break-even budget. Enclosure costs would be significant and approaches such as a three year pledge system and challenge grants are likely. Whatever plan the "Friends" adopt will be presented to the Trustees for approval.

Current NSGA Sports Participation Data reveals that swimming and exercise walking are the most popular recreational activities that Americans enjoy. Severe local area winters suggest that a year round swimming facility would promote physical fitness for all ages: our youth, adults to include the elderly, the disabled and those in need of physical therapy. Additionally, the "Friends'" are motivated by a desire to give our youth constructive outlets for their leisure time and the opportunity for all to improve their cardio-vascular well being.

A meeting scheduled for July 12 has been postponed. Questions and ideas are welcome and should be referred to Joe McElroy, Ph: 383-0505, Fax: 383-9762, or E-mail CohJoe@aol.com.

Assisted living

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ment for the Sunrise Assisted Living Corp.

"The building will look like an old, well-kept mansion on a hill," Noonan said. "This should fit right in with Cohasset."

Sunrise is a publicly-traded company based in Fairfax, Virginia that operates 47 assisted living communities in 11 states serving more than 9,000 residents. Sunrise plans to expand to 55 communities by Jan. of 1998.

Assisted living facilities provide an alternative to nursing homes for elderly people.

"We offer residents a beautiful facility with skilled professionals to assist them with every day activities like bathing, dressing, grooming, eating, medication, monitoring, scheduling and transportation," said Michael Clendenine, corporate communications director for Sunrise.

Noonan said the average age of Sunrise's residents is 83.

Nurses are available to distribute medicine. A shuttle service is available for residents who don't drive. There are community rooms, function rooms, a library and group activities.

Clendenine said many elderly people need help with every day chores, but are too independent for a nursing home. Assisted living facilities are able to cater their service to each person's individual needs.

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> **JOHN NOONAN**
> **SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING CORP.**

Sunrise is devoted to providing its patrons with as much independence as they need through comprehensive services and architectural planning.

"People usually follow a set pattern in life where they rent an apartment, then buy a condo, then a townhouse, a single-family house and finally a larger house," Clendenine said. "We try to create a grand manor — a mansion — which should be the nicest home these people ever lived in."

The interior of the buildings have grand staircases, a beautiful foyer, fabric furniture, carpeting, and short, narrow hallways. Clendenine said the company strives to make sure the facility is gorgeous inside and as far from a nursing home atmosphere as possible.

The grand staircase serves a dual function: it beautifies the interior of the mansion and lets residents feel independent.

"The staircase lets our residents enjoy the dignity of risk," Clendenine said. "They can choose to use the stairs with as much or as little help as they desire. We encourage independence rather than saying they're not allowed to do something."

But this luxury is not without its cost. Rents begin at about $1,800 per month and, depending on the level of services used by a guest, can top $3,600 per month.

Clendenine said Americans are becoming more affluent through investments and mutual funds, making assisted living an affordable option.

"More and more people are saving money for their retirement," Clendenine said. "Many older people can manage on their own, but find it more attractive to get rid of their big house and have easy access to the services we offer. They use a combination of savings and assets to live in a beautiful home."

Local developer Wayne Sawchuk served as a broker Sunrise. He said the assisted living facility will be a great addition to the town, and points the way for the type of development that will beautify 3A.

"We are constantly talking about Route 3A as if it was a blighted landscape," Sawchuk said. "This will be the most beautiful building on 3A."



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New Hingham commuter boat service has rocky start

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

As he stood on the Hingham commuter dock Tuesday morning Brian Pedro of the MBTA was confident the brouhaha over the change in provider for the Hingham-Boston commuter boat service would soon subside.

It appeared to be business as usual for the hundreds of Boston commuters, who have been at the center of a firestorm of controversy over loss of their long-time carrier, Boston Harbor Commuter Services.

The 8 a.m. boat owned by Harbor Cruises, the new provider, was running about five minutes late — but that didn't faze commuters waiting on the dock at Hewitt's Cove in brilliant sunshine.

Not even newspaper reporters, state officials, and television cameras on hand to keep an eye on the morning commute caused grumbling among the hundreds heading down the gangway.

But at 6 p.m. that night at Rowes Wharf in Boston, it was quite a different scene. After a long day at work, the patience of about 150 tired commuters grew short as they waited 20 minutes for their shuttle, according to Melissa Boynton of Scituate.

"They were extremely frustrated," said Boynton who described the situation as "being two boats behind in capacity and times."

The shuttle lost another 10 minutes on the ride to Hingham.

"I'm not too happy," said Linda Dickason of Hingham. She said it's one thing to be late going home but in the morning it would be totally unacceptable.

"One half hour is really late to work," she said.

Earlier this month, the MBTA awarded Harbor Cruises the contract to provide commuter boat service from Hingham Shipyard to Boston's Rowes Wharf.

Alleging the bid process was unfair, Dana Goodell, owner of Boston Harbor Commuter Service, which provided the service for 13 years, is suing the MBTA and Harbor Cruises.



The controversy over Hingham commuter boats brought Channel 7 to the dock Monday morning. Here a cameraman films commuters as the boat pulls away

State Sen. Robert Hedlund says his office has been inundated with calls from concerned boat commuters over the change in provider for the popular service. Here, Hedlund gets on the Hingham commuter boat Monday morning.

Staff photo/Mary Ford

Monday, a Suffolk Superior Court Judge denied Goodell's request for a temporary injunction to maintain the status quo until a trial on the merits of the case could be held.

That set the stage for Harbor Cruises, the new provider, to take over July 1.



Jim O'Leary of Alternative Concepts, which owns Harbor Cruises along with Modern Continental Construction and Nolan Associates, was on hand at the commuter dock.

O'Leary, who conceded there were some glitches that needed to be worked out, said the boats were full.

He said the lawsuit is "unfortunate" and maintains the process was fair.

"We went through the public bid process and were the lowest qualified bidder," O'Leary said. "We are determined to run a good service at a significant savings to the taxpayers."

Goodell's attorney, Kevin Moloney of the Boston law firm Barron & Stadfeld, P.C., said the lawsuit will go forward.

"We intend to prosecute," he said.

Goodell contends Harbor Cruises did not submit a reasonable bid because it did not satisfy the minimum vessel requirements set forth in the first phase of the bidding process. The lawsuit alleges that several of Harbor Cruises' boats don't meet the speed and capacity requirements. Harbor Cruises' bid was about 50 percent less than that of Boston Harbor Commuter Service.

The controversy surrounding the switch in providers, which included a letter with concerns to the MBTA, signed by about 700 riders, didn't deter commuters Tuesday who decided to give the new service a shot.

Martha Reardon of Hingham arrived at Hewitt's Cove at 8 a.m. Tuesday after making the round-trip to Boston and back to check out the new provider.

She enjoyed the trip and the amenities.

"The free coffee got good points this morning," she said.

But for Brian Hoar, a captain with Goodell's company, Tuesday was a sad day as he watched the boats come and go.

Unlike about 16 who were laid off Monday night, Hoar said he still has a job.

"You might say I'm on a light vacation," he said, noting his hours have been cut back.

Hoar conceded that Harbor Cruises was having a good morning, but said it will have to prove itself over time.

"There are a lot of things going for them as far as weather," he said. Hoar pointed to one boat packed with commuters on the top deck which he said didn't have space to accommodate them inside on rainy days.

That was corroborated by Boynton of Scituate. She said while her shuttle going home was fairly comfortable she was concerned about its capacity to protect commuters in foul weather.

Marilyn Regolino of Hull, said the company providing commuter service is not the issue.

"I don't get involved," she said. "I just want to get to work on time."

The MBTA's Pedro said he's confident everyone will be happy.

"Once commuters are on the boats for a couple of days, this will be distant memory and everyone will be happy again," Pedro said.

Commuter boat battle begins

Starting Monday boat commuters will have more choices in how they get from Hingham Shipyard to Rowes Wharf in Boston.

Bill Spence, owner of Massachusetts Bay Lines, said yesterday he is expanding the private ferry service by launching The Hingham Commuterboat.

The expansion is made possible by the addition of the crew and vessels of Boston Harbor Commuter Services, which, earlier this month, lost its contract with the MBTA for the Hingham-Boston run.

The new service will use two boats owned by BHCS and employ two crews, about eight people.

Spence's Mass. Bay Lines has been running two shuttles a day.

The expanded service will offer six shuttles about every half hour from 6 to 8:30 a.m. from Hingham and six from 4-6:40 p.m. for the return trip directly competing with Harbor Cruises, the new provider. Harbor Cruises operates about 20 round-trips a day.

In fact, commuters will walk down the same gangway and be able to take the boat either to the right or to the left.

"It'll be a real people's choice," said BHCS owner Dana Goodell.

Goodell said the agreement with Spence will allow him to keep his hand in the water, so to speak, until his lawsuit with the MBTA is resolved.

Alleging the bidding process was unfair, Goodell is suing the MBTA and Harbor Cruises, the new provider, which took over the subsidized shuttle service July 1.

MBTA spokesman Brian Pedro said it will be interesting to see how the new expanded service is able to make a profit.

BHCS was heavily subsidized by the MBTA, he said.

Harbor Cruises bid $5 million for the five-year MBTA contract, about half of what BHCS bid, which will save taxpayers about $1 million a year, Pedro explained.

"We have complete confidence in Harbor Cruises," Pedro said. He apologized to commuters who were inconvenienced this week when their boats were late. He said it was too soon to judge the new carrier.

"The test of time will determine how they do," he said.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who took the boat this week, said Harbor Cruises has some performance problems which need to be addressed by the MBTA soon. The trip home Monday night took 50 minutes when it should only take 35, he said.

Hedlund said his office continues to be "bombarded" by calls from concerned commuters.

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Tank site is back on the table

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER

The water commissioners have withdrawn their application to the zoning board to construct a new 2 million gallon water tank on Bear Hill while they explore an alternate site on Scituate Hill. After several meetings between the two boards, it appeared as if the zoning board would deny a height variance to allow the tank to be constructed.

The zoning board approved the withdrawal so the water commissioners could explore the Scituate Hill site. If the zoning board had rejected the withdrawal and denied the height variance, the water commissioners would not have been able to resubmit their plan for two years.

"The water commissioners are attempting to investigate the Scituate Hill site further," said zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo. "My guess is they may find that the Scituate Hill site is more expensive than they thought."

The water commissioners want to construct a 2 million gallon water tank on Bear Hill next to the town's only other tank. Town meeting approved the plan and appropriated $1.4 million to construct the new tank.

The commissioner's are seeking to build a 70.5-foot-high tank. The zoning for Bear Hill only permits a 35-foot-high structure without a variance.

The water commissioners say the tank is needed to improve fire fighting reserves and to allow workers to clean the older tank. Water commissioners favor the Bear Hill site because the town owns the land.

Residents, who live in the shadow of Bear Hill, have complained that a second tank will lower their property values and ruin the neighborhood's aesthetics. Opponents of the Bear Hill proposal have also argued that placing a second tank on Scituate Hill would still improve fire reserves and allow workers to clean the older tank.

But the water commissioners have argued that acquiring the land on Scituate Hill would require an eminent domain taking of about 1.5 acres. Water commission Chairman Rob Kasameyer said in a letter to the zoning board that taking land on Scituate Hill would add at least $135,000 to the price tag.

Kasameyer said the taking would add at least one year to the project, and the land owner could sue the town if he was dissatisfied with the purchase price.

Wayne Sawchuk has been a strong advocate for the Scituate Hill location, which is part of a 62-acre parcel owned by Webb Norfolk Conveyor, off of Route 3A.

"Putting the tank on Bear Hill is an issue of ease," Sawchuk said. "I'm primarily an advocate for what I believe is the right spot— not the most convenient one."

Sawchuk said there are many ways to offset the higher price estimates for Scituate Hill. Sawchuk said the town could allow the company at the old Norfolk Webb site to connect to the water tank's main at no cost in exchange for the land or a fair price on the land.

He said the town could also build a steel tank instead of a more expensive concrete structure. Sawchuk said the concrete tank was $300,000 more expensive than a steel tank.

Water commissioners say concrete tanks require less maintenance, but Sawchuk countered that concrete tanks still needed some routine maintenance and cleaning.

Town Counsel Michael DeRensis has drafted an opinion stating that he believes town meeting approved the Bear Hill location. DeRensis said that the article at town meeting approved the tank based on Tutela Engineering's recommendation that Bear Hill offered the best combination of cost-effectiveness and convenience.

Sawchuk said the water commissioners could resubmit a Scituate Hill recommendation at the fall town meeting.

If the Scituate Hill site proves to be too expensive, the water commissioners can resubmit their Bear Hill proposal to the zoning board.

DeGiacomo said even if the Scituate Hill site proves to be more expensive than current estimates, there is no guarantee the zoning board will approve the Bear Hill location.

DeGiacomo added that proponents should submit their best proposal in the future at the outset because the zoning board will not be so generous with requests for withdrawal.

"It's not fair to have to go through hours and hours of hearings and then have the applicant withdraw," DeGiacomo said. "We will terminate that practice in the future. We want to see a serious effort by the applicant from the very beginning."

McCann is acting town manager

Finalists on cable Monday

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Although a majority of selectmen came reluctantly to the table for the switch to a town manager — they were in good humor Monday when they learned the position had become law.

The governor signed the special act on Monday. Tuesday, interim town administrator Ed McCann was sworn in as the town's first town manager. He will serve as acting town manager until selectmen fill the position.

"On a par with Hong Kong, at midnight tonight there will be a change in government," McCann said at Monday's meeting. "But I can assure you there will be no communism or dictatorship in the town of Cohasset."

The town manager, approved at the annual town meeting over the objections of a majority of selectmen and the advisory committee, will have the authority to hire and fire and run the day-to-day activities of the town.

This week, selectmen interviewed Donald Young of Beverly and Mark Haddad of Littleton, two finalists for the post, for the second time. Those candidates and possibly two more will be back Monday for a final interview before the cameras which were off during this week's special meeting.

Young, a former town manager in Derry, New Hampshire, served as Beverly's finance director for 11 years. Haddad has served as Littleton's town administrator for nine years.

Selectmen said about 40 applied for the position. They narrowed the field to 11 semi-finalists whom they interviewed in closed session, as allowed under the Open Meeting Law.

Monday they initially said they would go into executive session to interview Haddad and Young. They changed their mind when the three reporters present threatened to file a complaint with the District Attorney's office because the board would be in violation of the Open Meeting Law. Executive sessions are not allowed to consider and interview applicants who have passed a prior preliminary screening.

Selectmen said they plan to make a decision on who should fill the post Monday. The salary is negotiable but will be in the $60,000 range, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said.

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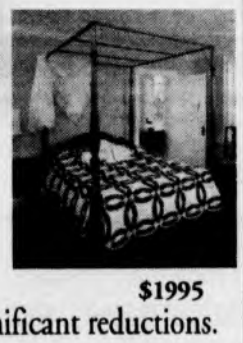

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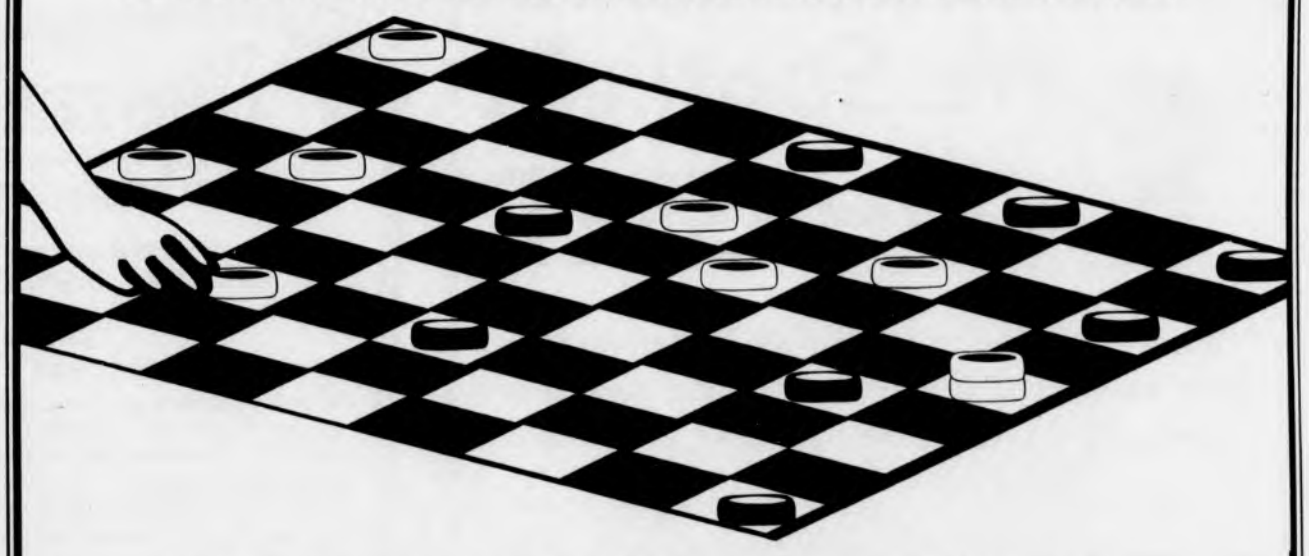

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Class of 1978 plans high school reunion

Had a nice chat with Steve Sinopoli recently, he is one busy person! He is planning his class reunion for next year (Class Of 1978). He is trying to get an idea of who would be interested in attending the event, so that they can choose a facility to accommodate that number. Steve has reached more than 75 percent of the total from his class in just a few months of calling (and balancing two rambunctious kids at the same time!). People can call Steve at (617) 3311-9664, or write him at 570 Commercial St., East Weymouth, 02189. His e-mail address is SSinop4082 @aol.com. Steve sent a list of the people that he has been unable to find, lets all try to help him out. Robert Blossom, Renee Burrows, Peter Carmody, Pamina Caruso, Lucinda Clarke, Richard Coleta, Deborah Davis, Deidre Fahy, Julie Fessler, Margaret Fox, Catherine Gonsalves, Philip Jackman, Bruce James, Bruce Killion, Kristin Linsley, Sandra MacDonald, Eileen McDonald, David McLeod, Richard Morse, Maura O'Rourke, Michelle Powers, Michael Quinlan, Lori Reynolds, Miguel Rodriquez, Renee Ryan, Mary Settino, Kristen Sharp, Dana Silvia, Catherine Sizoo, Cynthia Stover, Lillian Thompson, Kristine Westerhoff.

Steve also had a story to relate, he and a couple of his Northeastern buddies went to Southern California to see games at San Diego, L.A. and Anaheim. This is their fifth year doing it — they have been to New York's Shea Stadium (obnoxious people, they say), Baltimore (best stadium they have seen so far), Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh (three boring concrete bowls), two stadiums in Cleveland (beautiful Jacobs Field and the dumpy Municipal Stadium), Detroit (classic oldie), Milwaukee (great tailgates, great beer and great brautwurst), Wrigley Field in Chicago (nice, but not Fenway), Minnesota (their mall was nicer than their domed stadium), and the Sky Dome in Toronto (space age facility). Their side trips have included many sports pubs, the Hockey Hall of Fame, Niagara Falls, and others, but the best side trip was playing baseball at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa. Steve says that is a must for baseball fans! On the California trip they hit the beaches, went to Tijuana Mexico for a quick margarita, and visiting Hollywood and some of the attractions that are there.



At a special reception last week honoring library volunteers are (L-R) Betsey Detwiler, president of the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library; Barbara Power, library trustee and the hostess; Shirley Marten, volunteer; Suzanne Terry-Childs, librarian; Carol Riley, vice president of the Friends and a volunteer; and Mary Hartwell, volunteer.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

COLLEGE HONORS

We received news from Skidmore College, and it is great news indeed! Kathryn Ross, daughter of James and Susan Ross of Cohasset, and member of the class of 2000 at Skidmore College, earned highest honors during the spring semester! Congratulations to you!

Sarah Kirk, daughter of Jim and Rita Kirk, also did her best to make us all proud of her, she made the Dean's List at the University of Vermont for the Spring Semester Sarah will be going into her junior year next fall, and is now working as a Research Assistant for one of her professors! Isn't that just the best!!

Hats off to Mike Kasameyer who achieved Dean's List status at Tufts University — Mike is a freshman, majoring in mechanical engineering! Isn't it always so great to see hard work pay off!!

NEWS FROM HOLDERNESS

At Holderness School's Commencement this year, Cornelia "Neely" Wakeman was awarded the M.J. Lafoley Award. This award is given to a boy or girl in the third or fourth form who, in the opinion of the Headmaster and Faculty, exemplifies outstanding character and integrity and who puts forth exceptional effort and spirit in all aspects of Holderness life. Congratulations Neely!! Neely is the daughter of Sam and Linda Wakeman and Granddaughter of Frances Wakeman, a tri-varsity athlete at Holderness, has just completed her sophomore year.

60-YEAR CLASS REUNION

The Class of 1937 held its reunion last week, and it was a lovely one indeed! Eleven of their original class members were there.

They also had several other people from surrounding classes, 25 in all were present. We read notes from others that were not able to attend, including their second grade teacher, Elinor Kennedy. She was suppose to attend, but came down with a bad bug, so they read her poem that she wrote, and thought pleasant thoughts and had happy memories about her — the highlight of the day was having Gerard Keating attend, he left from the rehab hospital to be there!

All reports are that he was looking better than ever, and he was the master of Ceremonies (as always) — he opened the program, and read some of the correspondence that was received. As you may remember, the reunion was held at Kimballs-By-The-Sea — the food was said to be outstanding, but the best part for the attendees was being able to be with their classmates and friends of so many years!

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Hartshorne/Whitney

Ellen Fritz Hartshorne, the daughter of John and Mary Hartshorne of Cohasset, was married Saturday, June 14 to Timothy William Whitney, son of Robert and Evelyn Whitney of Sugar Hill, N.H. The wedding was performed in Cohasset's First Parish (Unitarian-Universalist) Church. The Rev. Jenny Rankin, interim minister, officiated.

Mrs. Whitney, 35, is a senior designer with the Boston office of Fitch, Inc., a communications design firm. She is a graduate of Smith College and Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif.

Mr. Whitney, 44, is senior architect with Sasaki Associates, Inc., architectural design firm of Watertown. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

The bride attended elementary and high schools in Bronxville, N.Y., where her family lived for 22 years before moving to Cohasset in 1989. Her father, now retired, was the executive director of the Institute of Management Consultants in New York City.

The bridegroom prepared for college at Middlesex School in Concord. His father is founder and president of Whitney's, Inc., a construction company in Franconia, N.H.

The couple will make their home in Watertown.

Spignesi/Roy

A reception at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy followed the September 28 wedding of Pamela J. Spignesi and James A. Roy. The Mass was celebrated by The Rev. Charles Sheehy at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Braintree.

The bride, daughter of James and Jeanne Young of Braintree, graduated from Archbishop Williams High School and the University of New Hampshire, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science. She is employed as a business manager with Enterprise Car Sales.

The bridegroom, son of John and Dolores Roy of Cohasset, graduated from Cohasset High School and the University of Maine, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is a sales representative for Venture Distributing.

Matron of honor was Amy Tripp of Millis, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Barbara Ehret of Cambridge, Marguerite Kutz of Pittsburg, Penn., Amy McDonald of South Boston and Tracy Olson of Boston. Elizabeth Roy of Scituate served as flower girl.

Daniel Camardo of Lake Mary, Fla. was best man. Ushers were Michael Gentile of Savannah, Ga., John Hall of Weymouth, John Roy of New York, N.Y., William Roy of Scituate and Scott Tripp of Millis.

After honeymooning in Greece, the couple is living in Weymouth.



Mr. and Mrs.James A. Roy

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SURPRISE PARTY

Kevin Dooley really did it this time—he threw a surprise birthday party for his wife, Lisa, add it really was a surprise! He gathered their family and neighbors on Doane Street, and everyone had a super time! Lisa and Kevin have a son, Conor, and are expecting their second child at the end of the summer.

REMINDER FOR CLASS OF '62

That's the news for this week, except a quick reminder to the members of the CHS Class of 1962 — there will be many festivities this weekend, as you saw in your mailing, even if you haven't signed up for any, we welcome you and yours to attend — please!

I'll let you know all about it next week, as there will be lots of "out-of-towners" returning for the events!

Have a nice weekend everyone, happy fourth!

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Local news focus in paper's new look

Your newspaper today has taken on a new look. We have redesigned its sections, added fresh logos overtop time-tested local columns, given better display space to our award-winning photography, and even changed the lettering in our headlines — it's "Times," for you typography aficionados.

It takes a lot of teamwork to get a project like this off the ground, and we at the Mariner hope you like what we've created. A newspaper, however, is always a work in progress, and our mission is to constantly improve our news coverage and presentation based on your feedback and suggestions.

Your comments — several hundred of you filled out our coupon asking what you liked and wanted more in the Mariner as we planned this redesign — helped get us where we are today.

The thoughtful notes you wrote were both enlightening and encouraging, articulating the role we play in your community.

Some of you were short and to the point. "We very much like the emphasis on our town!" one Scituate reader wrote.

The message — don't change the local flavor. We won't.

"Explore issues like unified school districts for South Shore towns i.e. Concord-Carlisle, Lincoln-Sudbury, Acton-Boxborough etc. are all successful at it? Why not here? Ever consider a 'Mariner' web-site on the net? Very nice paper — good job," wrote a Norwell reader.

Good idea on the school district story and yes, a Mariner web-site is in the cards. We'll keep you posted.

"Having grown up in Holbrook for 40 years, I have witnessed many interesting people and interesting sites. How about a page or half-page titled 'This is Holbrook' and feature a part of Holbrook not known to the vast majority," suggests a Holbrook reader.

A Scituate reader wrote, "I enjoy reading about different ideas and faiths, I clip and send (Around Town especially) some articles to my married son in L.A. A picture is worth 1,000 words — keep them coming."

We will.

"I like to hear about what is happening in the schools, churches, local clubs etc. More of the local stuff you've been giving us. Pictures are very important," reiterated a Norwell reader.

And this commentary from a Weymouth reader is going up on the wall to remind us of the importance of understanding the communities we cover:

"From covering local business to construction of the new police station, to school sports stories to school board decisions; through all this, your paper has been informative without being sensational and has been thorough while remaining respectful of the people of Weymouth. I realize that is not always easy, but I thank you for it."

We thank you, and all our readers. Please keep letting us know how we're doing. It's your newspaper, after all.

Victoria Ogden
Editor in chief



LETTERS

SCHOOL BOARD IS TELEVISED

To the Editor:

As the Cohasset School Committee's liaison to the media, it is my responsibility to point out a significant factual error in a recent front-page story by David Tibbetts (Mariner, June 19, 1997). In this article, Mr. Tibbetts stated that only the Cohasset Board of Selectmen offer live television coverage of their meetings.

In fact, the Cohasset School Committee has been televising our meetings live since January, 1997. The committee set "increasing communication with all of our many constituencies" as a primary goal this year. Principals, school councils, guidance counselors and adjustment counselors have produced several newsletters for parents. Interested citizens have been invited to numerous forums, for example on block scheduling and the transition to a middle school. And the school committee produced an informative newsletter and distributed it to all residents of the town this spring. We also have televised all of our meetings for more than six months on local cable Channel 53.

The Cohasset School Committee respectfully asks that you correct the unfortunate impression left by your reporter that only the selectmen have entered the electronic age. While we still have some improvements to make, including renovation of the AV studio at the high school, which may take us temporarily "off the air" this summer, we do provide gavel-to-gavel coverage of our meetings on local cable and will continue to do so this fall. Thank you.

Ralph D. Kidder
Cohasset School Committee

PLAZA LANDSCAPING LOOKS GREAT

To the Editor:

Congratulations to all those involved in the spring/summer landscaping at the Cohasset Plaza.

Not only do the tastefully arranged saplings, shrubs and flowers improve the view from Route 3A and lessen the visual distractions of highway signs, but their planting and the thought which has gone into their care definitely upgrades the image of the stores in the plaza.

Let's hope this spirit of natural beautification spreads to other shopping areas along 3A.

Susan R. Playfair
Jerusalem Rd.

SENIORS ARE A TOWN TREASURE

To the Editor:

The staff at the treasurer/collector's office and myself owe the following senior citizens our heartfelt thanks for helping us mail the real estate tax bills on time: Mary Andracchio, Mary Davis, Pat Hanlon, Tillly Nardo, Olga Sawchuck, Connie Tolman, Peter Tolman and Louise Ward.

While they were working I thought I would be social and thank them for their help. I guess I stayed a little too long because someone said, "We did not come her to do your work while you sit there."

Joe Buckley
Treasurer/Collector

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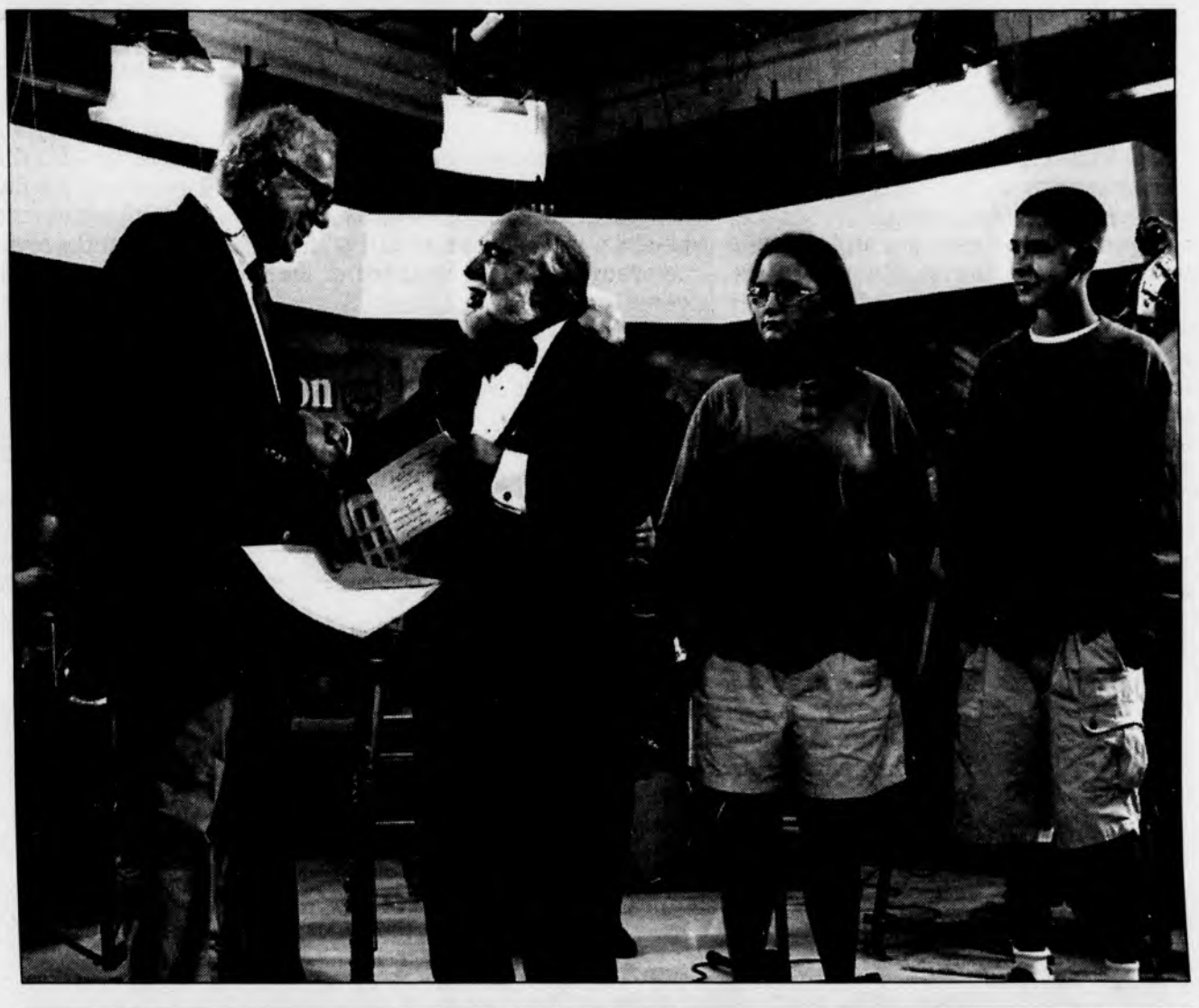
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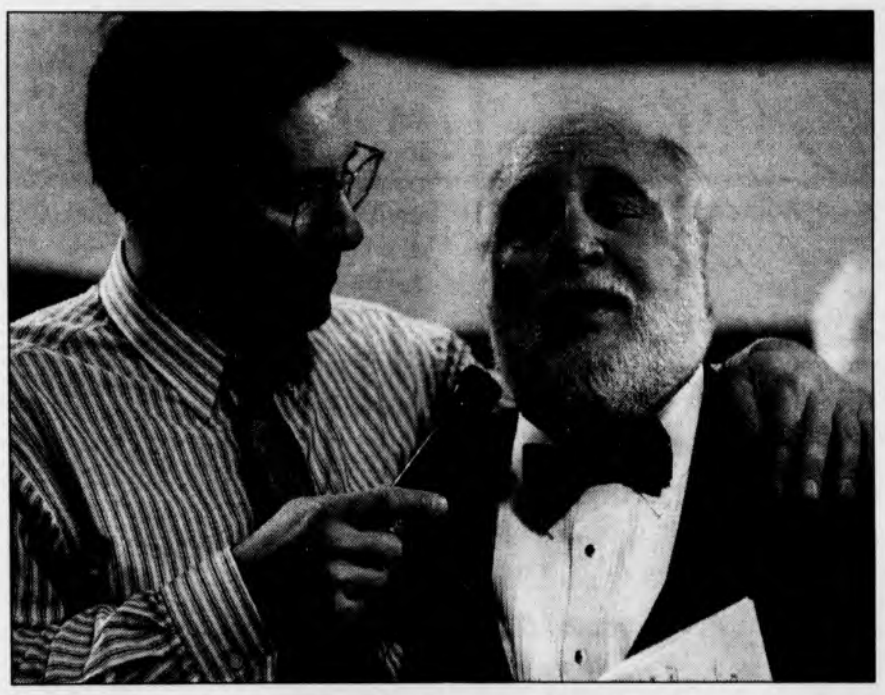


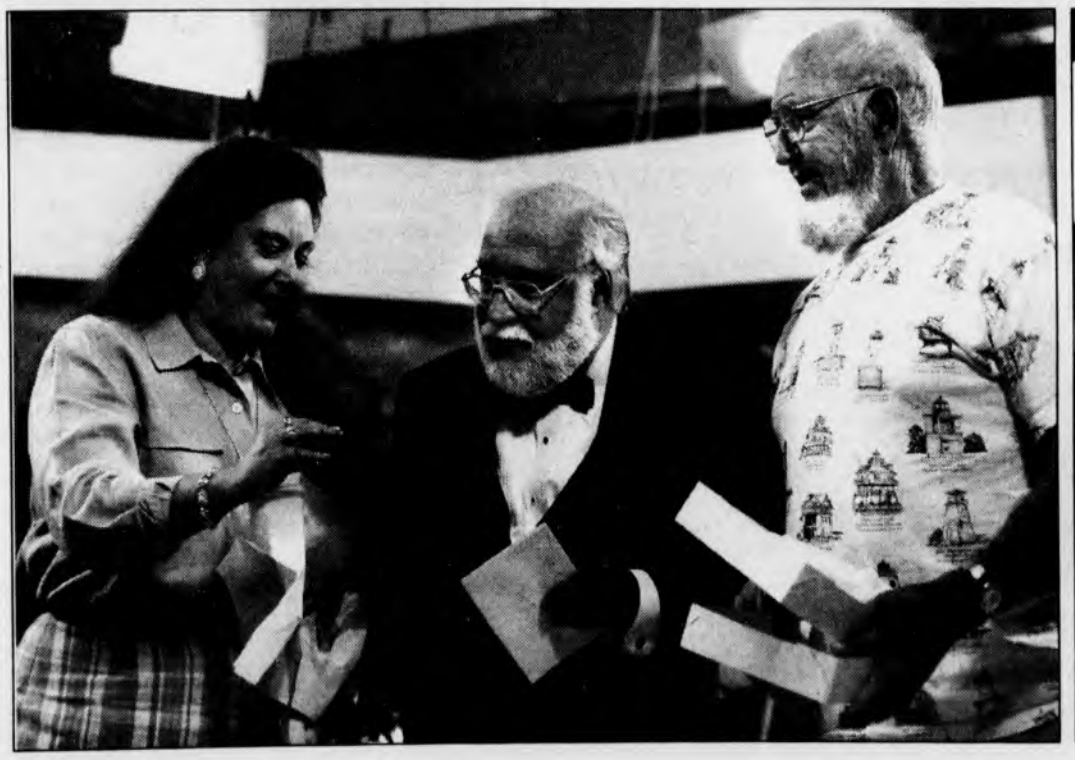


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(Clockwise from top left) Wigmore Pierson is stepping down after ten years hosting the popular talk show Pierson to Person,. Jack Golden, an old friend of William Delahunt, presents Pierson with a citation from the congressman as two of Pierson's three children, Carrie and Morgan look on.
Special guest, Sparkie Miele, plays between Pierson to Person segments last week, as some members of the studio audience dance. Molly Hochkeppel, Cohasset reporter for the Patriot Ledger, and Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford, share some media memories with Pierson. Heather Dauphinee and her father, Herb Jason, present Wigmore Pierson of Cohasset with a few photos on Pierson's last show Thursday.
Media One program director Bob Belliveau, who was executive producer of Pierson to Person, shares some memories with Pierson on his final show last Thursday.









State officials say water rate relief could be in sight

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Rate relief may be in sight for thousands of water users in Hingham, Cohasset and Hull.

According to Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, the committee on natural resources held a hearing Tuesday to consider a bill which would provide significant financial assistance to Massachusetts-American Water Company customers, who pay the highest average water rates in the state. The average water bill is $713 per year. The combined water and sewer rate for the three communities is twice the MWRA average.

However, legislators are still deciding whether or not to grandfather projects (ones already completed) and include private water suppliers, such as Massachusetts-American, in the program, which would be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Hedlund met with Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci recently about the issue.

The lieutenant governor attended a meeting with selectmen from the three towns last year to discuss water rates. Hedlund said Cellucci recalled the meeting and felt the three communities should be included in the program.

"Federal safe drinking water standards were part of the reason for improvements at the Hingham water plant," Hedlund said. "So it makes sense that Massachusetts-American Water Company customers should be included in the program."

Officials from Hingham , Hull and Cohasset testified at the hearing.

"The bill is a significant step in the right direction to bring sanity to outrageous rates," said Hedlund. The Department of Public Utilities will readjust the water rates if the project is approved.

Hingham Selectman Katherine Reardon said a sizeable constituency from Hingham, Hull and Cohasset attended the hearing, as well as representatives from Massachusetts-American Water Company, to speak in favor of including private companies in the bill.

"We championed an amendment which would do that," said Reardon. "There was support at the hearing for the bill in general, and a general consensus that the water company should be included in the program."

Reardon said the issue isn't whether a company is private or not, because the plant was built in response to a federal mandate.

"The impact is the same in either case," she said. "Our feeling was that the legislators we talked to were in agreement with us, and that the administration is also supportive."

Hedlund wrote to Gov. William Weld last October asking his assistance with the 155 percent rate increase suffered by residents in the three towns.

At the time, some residents were experiencing problems with discolored water during times when the company was flushing the water pipes, according to Hedlund.

The bill, filed by Governor Weld, would create a drinking water state revolving fund (SRF) which would provide $450 million of financial assistance during the next five years to water suppliers, who would then use the state assistance to reduce water rates.

Hedlund said "cursory" calculations from his office could mean up to a $150 reduction in water rates for the average family. He stressed that the figure is only a rough estimate.

Hedlund co-sponsored a similar bill with other legislators and the Massachusetts Municipal Association. An amendment was also filed during the Senate budget debate for the creation and funding of a drinking water SRF.

Under the revolving loan fund program, the federal government awards grants to states, which in turn provide loans and other assistance to qualifying water suppliers. (A "revolving" loan fund reloans money as it receives principal repayment on its outstanding loans.)

The drinking water SRF is modeled after the state's existing sewer SRF, which is currently subsidizing the tri-town sewer project between Hingham, Hull and Cohasset."This is one of the most efficient and sensible things we do with state tax dollars," said Hedlund. "This provides a good mix of federal and state dollars.

"The benefit isn't meant for the companies," said Hedlund, who was one of the legislators who asked the Weld administration to come up with a drinking water plan modeled after the sewer SRF. "The savings are mandated for the rate payers."

Hedlund said he expects the bill to pass sometime this year.

"The hearing was the first step. Once the natural resources committee votes on the bill, it will go to the house and senate for approval," he said.

Clamming fee issue to be dug up

A clamming dispute between Scituate and Cohasset will re-enter negotiations after a three-year standstill, Scituate Selectmen announced this week.

When the clam flats reopened at Bassings beach in 1994, the two towns could not see eye to eye on clamming permit fees. While the beach is located in the south section of Cohasset Harbor, the town of Scituate owns the area where the flats are open.

Currently, Scituate residents pay $20 annually to dig for clams while Cohasset clammers are charged a $50 non-resident fee. But because the clam flats in their town are closed due to pollution and storm damage, Cohasset residents have begrudgingly paid extra for digging privileges.Clammers are allowed to harvest up to eight quarts of mollusks larger than two inches in size during a day at the flats. Scituate's clamming regulations, which are based on state law, allow clamming activity once a week — either on Thursday or Sunday, the only days the flats are open.

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FOREST STREET WIDENING NEEDED

Dear Selectmen,

I have lived in Cohasset for only two years, but am purchasing a home on Forest Avenue. As a recent transplant, I have had the opportunity to live in other areas where bicycling and walking in safety were a given. Because the law stipulates that bicycles have the same right of way as cars on the streets, it doesn't seem like there would be too much trouble in widening the roads just 36 inches for a formal bike lane.

The perils of King Street are not well known to me, however, it does seem feasible to widen Forest Avenue by three feet, with a foot on one side and two on the other where nature dictates. I really believe that three feet the length of the avenue is not out of the question. Then a simple white line measuring three feet could run from Main Street to Black Rock Beach down one side of the road, giving pedestrians and cyclists the much-needed safety buffer.

Because Forest Avenue is scheduled to be re-paved in September, I hope a re-evaluation will be made with respect to different funding for a bike lane vs. a sidewalk, per se. From what I understand, the sidewalk plan was 48 inches down one side of the road, and then half way down on the other side, with much blasting and expense. Perhaps a mere widening on both sides while paving is in progress, approximately 18 inches per side, or 30 inches here, six inches there, would drastically reduce the cost.

Kelly Ziff
20 Forest Notch

Editor's note: Mrs. Ziff provided a copy of her letter to the Mariner for publication.

SENIOR SCENE MARY LONDERGAN

We finally have those lazy hazy days of summer. How about some water aerobics in our town pool held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., starting July 1. The cost is only $2.50. Bring your water shoes, towel and hat, and don't forget your bathing suit.

Also, walk on air with our Foot Care Program. There are still a few openings for our monthly Foot Care Clinic on July 9, cost is $20. Call 383-9112 for an appointment.

Anyone for bridge? Cohasset Elder Affairs is looking for more players to come play in the lovely, air-conditioned T. Gerard Keating Room every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Anybody need Farmer's Market Coupons? They are available on "first come, first served" basis. Call Linda and leave your name.

A wonderful welcome to our two new people at the Senior Center- Linda McCarthy, here Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m, and Jennifer Silva, daughter of the owners of Phil's in Hanson, will be here for Tuesday and Thursday luncheons.

Don't forget the SHARE sign-up, Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11 at the Senior Center.

Everyone had a terrific time at the 90s Party on Wednesday, May 28. We had a terrific response. It was wonderful to note that four of the honorees who attended were all teachers who had retired from the Joseph Osgood School- Ros Reardon, Kay Mulchay, Elinor Kennedy and Gertrude Young. They recognized many of those present and remembered them as their pupils. Super pictures of everyone are available!

Summer band concert series

The Cohasset Recreation Department's first concert on the Common for the 1997 Season will be Tuesday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. on the Town Common.

Performing will be the 30 piece South Shore Concert Band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

The next two concerts are scheduled for Tuesday's, July 22 and August 12, both at 7:30 p.m. on the Cohasset Common.

Concerts are made available via the generosity of the South Shore Play House Associates, Inc. of Cohasset and a matching fund grant from the American Federation of Musicians of New York City, NY.

Concerts are free of charge and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on and from time to time insect repellent can be a good item to have available.

PICTURE THIS Linda McCarthy



Name: Linda McCarthy

Occupation: Client advocate, Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Goal: My aim is to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Cohasset who are over the age of 60.

Best vacation: At a health and fitness spa in the Redwood Forest in San Francisco.

Best day of your life: The day I passed my state boards in nursing.

Biggest worry: That I won't be able to live in the manner to which I've been accustomed when I retire.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite TV show: 'Friends.'

Favorite movie: 'Mr. Holland's Opus.'

Favorite book: 'The Inner Voice of Love,' by Henri Nouwen.

Favorite junk food: 'Wicked Willies' at Wilburs.

Most embarrassing moment: I put my foot in my mouth at least one time or another every day.

Person you'd like to meet: Santa Claus.

Pet peeve: Judgmental people.

Grape Island sunset cruise

Enjoy a sunset cruise, Tuesday, July 15, sponsored by The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands Inc., from Boston's waterfront to Thompson Island, on Boston Harbor Cruises.

Rain or shine, the boat will leave from Long Wharf (near the aquarium) at 6:30 p.m., (board by 6:15 p.m.) and return after 9 p.m. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a picnic supper; beverages and snacks are available on the boat.

Tickets: general public $15; senior $13; FBHI member $11; children 3 to 12, $9; under-3, free. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at dockside. Tickets sold at dockside will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

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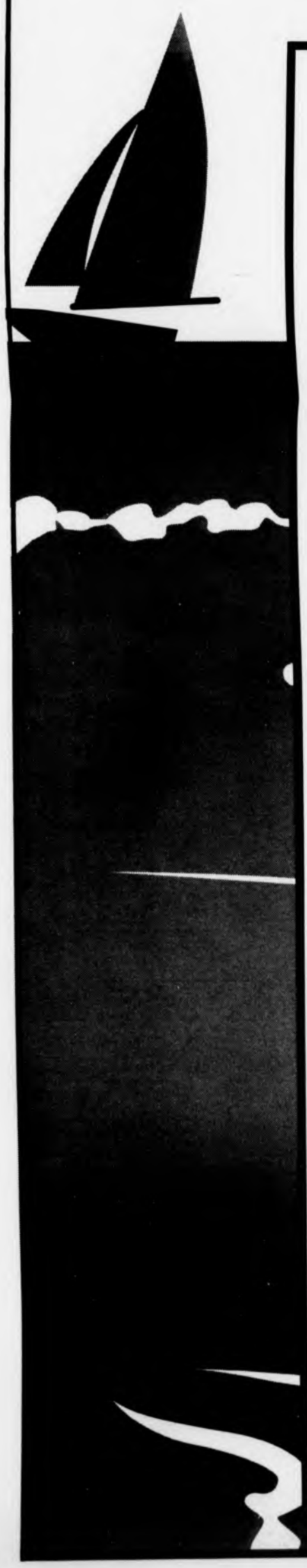
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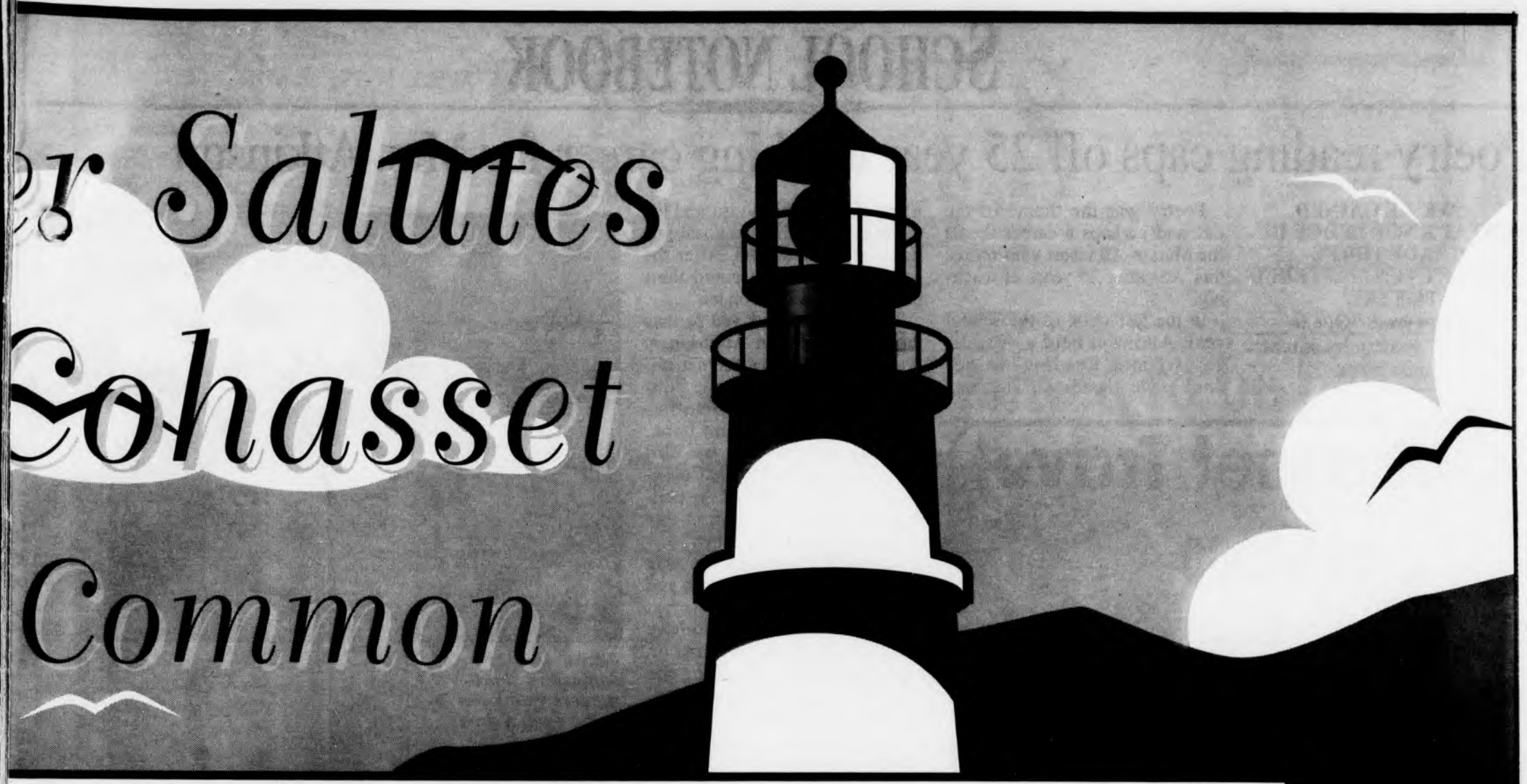


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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Poetry reading caps off 25 year teaching career for Mrs. Atkinson

'WE'VE GAINED GREAT KNOWLEDGE IN GRADE THREE WE'VE EVEN MASTERED POETRY.'
Excerpt from "Ode to Couplets" written by parent Linda Nash.

Poetry was the theme of the day and perhaps a career theme for Marian Atkinson who retires this year after 25 years of teaching.

In the last week of the school year, Atkinson held a "Prestigious Poet's Reading" in her third-grade classroom. This was a time for parents to visit and listen to their child read a poem that he or she has written. After the reading, children treated their parents to an afternoon tea.

This year students and parents turned the tables on Atkinson by presenting her with a poem memorized and recited by the children, a memory book from former students, a treasure book, and other gifts to mark her 23rd and final year teaching in Cohasset. The poem spoke of the children's pleasure in being in this classroom with this teacher.

Atkinson responded the way she always does, with charm and grace, as if this was the most pleasant surprise she could have anticipated. Despite the focus on her, Atkinson did everything she could to emphasize the achievements of her students.

The bookworm is a tradition in her classroom. A child reads a book on his own time, does a book report and a picture, then hands it into the teacher. When this happens, a new section of the bookworm is added to the wall. The idea is to have the bookworm circle the classroom by the end of the year. This year, for the first time, it has happened, with the worm circling the room and extending into the hall. These 23 children read 225 books and did the same number of reports and pictures.

Atkinson described herself as a teacher who sets "high standards for her students, but does not overwhelm them." She said she spent a lot of time on reading and writing in third grade.

"I read a lot of wonderful literature very dramatically, I'd like to be a storyteller," Atkinson explained.

Her methods must be working. High school students came back and show her their poetry. She has even had poems dedicated to her.

Atkinson stresses good manners and caring for others. The children at this afternoon tea had to greet their parents at the door, and lead them politely to their seats. During the school year, children earn tickets for doing something extra for a classmate. When the child earned 25 tickets, he/she gets to choose a gift from the treasure box.

Atkinson said she has viewed teaching as an "awesome responsibility and a challenge to never say something that can leave a scar on a child."





Above, Mrs. Atkinson's third-graders thank her for being such a great teacher. Right, Chelsea Grossman reads her poem as Mrs. Atkinson looks on.

Staff photo/ Alan Chapman

For years, Atkinson's students have remarked about her "nice hair." Bacharach Studio in Boston did her engagement picture and included it in a window display. An advertising executive saw the photograph, and bought the rights to it for Breck shampoo. Yes, Atkinson was a "Breck girl!"

Her first teaching job was in Randolph where she taught for two years. Then Atkinson and her husband, Thomas, moved to Cohasset. After having seven children, all born and raised here, she returned to teaching, this time at the Joseph Osgood School. Now, 23 years later, she retires leaving a generation of friends and memories.

Preschool applications available

Erdman Preschool is accepting applications for a three-day, three-year-old class for children who will be 3 1/2 by September. The class will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Erdman is located at 330 First Parish Road in Scituate. Call the school office at 545-9309 for further information.

The preschool is also offering a summer program beginning June 10 and continuing through Aug. 14. Children from three- to six-years-old are welcome to enroll on a weekly basis. The play school meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Activities include arts and crafts, nature fun, music, storytelling and games. Call Patrick Litz at 545-5695.

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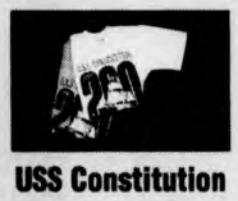


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Widow's Walk has to be seen and played to be believed

By David McKee
MARINER STAFF

While nature lovers and environmentalists have already given thumbs up to the scenic Widow's Walk Golf Course on the Driftway, one group of people is going to fall in love with the course at first site - golfers.

This rolling, Scottish Links-style course, designed by Dr. Michael Hurdzan and owned by the town of Scituate, has something to offer golfers from beginners all the way up to scratch players.

"You will need to use every club in the bag on this course," said Widow's Walk head golf pro Bob Sanderson, 42. "It reminds me of the old Links courses in Scotland. Players of all ages and abilities will really enjoy it here."

The par 72, 6,403 yard public course officially opens on July 3.

Sanderson said the course has many risk-reward holes and players who can hit the ball straight will be in excellent shape for a solid round.

"By modern standards, it's a relatively short course," he said. "There are some holes where power will help, but the main thing is accuracy and shot placement. And the X-factor is the wind. We're right near the water and I'm not certain how the wind's going to react day to day. That could make things interesting for the golfers."

The course has numerous bunkers, holes with 'forced carries' off the tee, elevated tees and greens, as well as water, wetlands and vegetation of all kinds.

The fairways have fescue grass that is more durable while requiring less water and fertilizer.

While the greens are made of the same grass used at the Augusta National Golf Club, according to Sanderson.

"The fairways have a Scottish look and appear to be in great shape," he said. "And the green are fast and are in excellent shape as well."

The 18-hole course starts and finishes with par five's.

There are three par fives on the front nine with two on the back.

There are also three par three's on the front and two on the back.

There are four teeing areas for each hole (the blue tees measure the longest) to accommodate golfers of all levels.

The most challenging holes on the course are the third, fourth and fifth holes, according to Sanderson.

The third and fourth are narrow, difficult to reach par four's with the third hole having an approach shot over water.

The fifth hole is a 213 yard par three, the longest on the course.

"That stretch will challenge everyone, even the best golfers," Sanderson said. "If a golfer can get through those three holes in good shape, he or she is looking at a good round."



The 10th hole at Widow's Walk.

Photo/Fred Robertson

The eighth hole, a 199 yard par three, has the highest elevated tee and was the hole that led to the course being named the Widow's Walk.

From the elevated tee on eight, golfers can see 16 of the 18 holes, as well as the North River and the Atlantic Ocean.

"The scenery at this course really has to be seen to be believed," Sanderson said. "I think people are going to really enjoy the sites, especially at the eighth tee."

The course opens officially on July 3 to the public with tee times available up to six days in advance.

Monday through Thursday, it costs $25 for 18 holes for Scituate residents. It costs $28 for non-residents.

Fridays, weekends and holidays, it costs $33 for Scituate residents and $38 for non-residents.

Junior and senior rates are available.

Carts are also available at $12 per person.

Carts will be made mandatory starting in '98, according to Sanderson.

The driving range is open only to players who are playing at Widow's Walk that day.

Widow's Walk strongly encourages players not to wear metal spikes.

In '98 the course will ban metal spikes altogether, according to Sanderson.

"While this is a public course, we plan on treating the players like they're at a private club," Sanderson said. "Service is what we're going to be about and we're going to make this a comfortable atmosphere for everyone involved."

With that in mind, Sanderson said Widow's Walk will encourage fast play but will not stack the course with too many players at one time.

"There's been a lot of talk about slow play and what to do about it," Sanderson said. "Well, in a lot of cases, it's the club that's at fault because they send out too many players and stack everyone on top of each other. The USGA has rated our course and said it should take four and a half hours to play a round. And we're going to make sure that's how long a round will take. We won't hesitate to tell a group to speed it up."

For more information or to set up a tee time, call 617-544-7777.

THE FISH STORY



MARK TASK

Anglers reach for the beach

As the swelter settled in this week, more and more people headed for the water. Pounds of pogies, mackerel, and countless boxes of seaworms went out the door as anglers seeking heat relief headed for the shore and boats to get off shore. As sun-baked beachgoers scrunched against seawalls, driven ahead of afternoon high tides, it seemed every point and rock held an angler or tow wielding surf rods.

For some there was exhilarating success, a large silvery striper swinging from the scale, photographed for posterity. Others were reminded its "fishing" not "catching" as knots frayed, hooks bent, lines and poles snapped, and crusty reels gave up the ghost. Nothing like stripers and bluefish to test the equipment.

Don Schneider's patience was tested as he worked his regular spots along the coast. Every single hook was cleaned off, the line clipped clean. Sounds like the schools of blues spotted a couple weeks ago are making their way in along the rocks and beaches. Birds actively feeding are a sure telltale to the locations.

Pete Parker confirmed the efficiency of circle hooks. Another angler tried them too. Its strange he reported. You don't set the hook. Just pick up the rod and start reeling and the fish is on. Just takes some getting used to loading the bait on the hook.

The striper parade is getting longer as we get into the heart of summer. Rob Ziff nailed his first near Sandy Beach, a fine 34 incher that took his mackerel chunk for a ride. Mackerel was the choice for a large number of successful anglers. Colt and Rory MacDonald traveled south on consecutive days and caught three keepers at the Duxbury Bridge and Brant Rock. Dave, Mike and Nick Hillner fooled a fat 25 pound, 4 ounce stripe that taped at 41 inches, again on mackerel. Grant Emde, Keith Jackson and Matt O'Connor picked up five and a bluefish as well.

From Point Allerton up into the Brewster Ledges has once again become a steady destination for many bayside anglers. Cohasset Ted has taken up his summer roost and is again catching a steady stream of fish. the best bay news is that there seems to be a decent supply of pogies inside unlike last year's drought.

The charter guys are reporting good results. Joan Mac of Capt. Mac Charter reported on the week's results from the "Irish Rover": 500 pounds of cod and keeper haddock, 188 pounds of por beagle, 65 bluefish. The whale watching is spectacular, she reports.

Mike Bartlett entertained a group of Orvis reps aboard the "B-fast" in the shadow of Minots Light. Mostly using a fly called the SarMulMac the group boated and released more than 25 stripers, the largest measuring 27 inches. A ton of action! Sounds like its time to take a number deli-style.

Young Mike and the Jackson gang are knocking em with the famous tube and

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Sunshine girls off to perfect start

The Sunshine Girls softball team, sponsored by Sweet Surprises Candy Store in Cohasset Plaza, is off to a roaring start. The team is undefeated after its first three games thanks to the great hitting and fielding ability of the girls.

In all of their outings, the Sunshine Girls have racked up a lot of runs. The bats of Christina Daniels, Erin Liddell, Aly Belz, Cecilia Chapman and Kate Carpenter have been consistently red hot, driving in many runs much to the consternation of the other teams. These girls give it their all every time they are at the plate.

But hitting is only part of the story; for not only can the Sunshine Girls hit, they can also field. Danielle Hajjar and Jacqueline Chase, both terrific at the plate, have also robbed the other teams of runs with their fielding. Katie James, Elizabeth Stone and Vanessa Plante, all solid hitters, fielded with great finesse, making it difficult for the other teams to score.

Kristen Schwerin and Dominique Asnault have their share of RBIs and great plays in the field. Eagerness to try any position and great team spirit have marked the playing of Brooke Allen, Molly Kirk and Jessica Wheelwright making the Sunshine Girls impossible to beat so far.

Great coaching by Dan Belz and John Chapman, with assistance from Rick Daniels at Saturday's game, has certainly been evident when you watch this team score, score, score!

Their wonderful sense of teamwork and unbridled enthusiasm must make these girls a joy to coach; they certainly are a joy to watch.

RECREATION NOTES

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a summer basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two camp sessions will be available this July. Boys and girls, ages 8 through 11, will have camp from Tuesday, July 8, through Friday, July 11, at Cohasset High School's Sullivan gymnasium. The fee for the four-day camp is $120. The full week camp, for boys and girls ages 12 through 15, will be held Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18, at the Sullivan gymnasium. The fee for the five-day camp is $150.

Registration forms are available at the Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office.

ADULT EVENING TENNIS LESSONS

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept ongoing telephone registrations for adult evening tennis classes for all levels of instruction by calling 383-6791.

Classes will be scheduled as follows: Beginners 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday; Intermediates 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday; Advanced 6 to 7 p.m., Thursday; and Beginners 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday.

Other classes will be scheduled as demand indicates.

All sessions are four week sin duration and cost $35 per person, per session. Teaching will be NMr. John McGrory of Cohasset Recreation Department's tennis staff.

Participants who do not own, or have access to a racquet, should indicate this at the time of registration.

Non-residents will be accepted on a space available basis. Another evening will be made available should demand indicate.

RECREATION DEPT. BASEBALL CAMP

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters ages 5 through 12 years at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Camp has been contracted again this year to provide baseball camp, which will be held the week beginning Tuesday, June 24, through Saturday, June 28, at Miliken Field.

Two camps are available to youngsters as follows: Full-day, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., camp for ages 7 and over, and a half-day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. camp is available for 5- and 6-year-olds.

The week-long camp costs $130 per child for the full-day program, and $75 per child for the half-day program. Camp ends Saturday, June 28.

The South Shore Baseball Club, located at the South Shore Sports Center, Hingham, offers year-round baseball instruction and has had baseball camp for Cohasset Recreation for seven years.

Non-Cohasset residents will be accepted for baseball camp on a space-available basis and registration forms are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor of Cohasset Town Hall.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND CAMP

The Cohasset Recreation Commission is pleased to announce that Ms. Kristin Wrye will again serve as director for the Summer Playground Program for children ages 3-1/2 to 12.

The recreation commission has also established fees for the 1997 playground program which will remain the same as the 1996 program and are as follows:

5- to 12-year-olds: $150 for first child ($275 for non-residents).

3- to 5-year-olds: $125 for first child.

ACTIVITY FEE

A $35 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee, separate from program fee, to be paid at registration, will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

– Limited enrollment has been set for each program.

– Non-residents are taken on a space-available basis, and there are no discounts available for multiple children.

– All children must be toilet trained.

PROGRAMS

5- to 12-year-olds, full day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children must have been born between Aug. 31, 1984 and Dec. 31, 1991 to qualify.

The 5- to 7-year-old program will be held at the Joseph Osgood School; the 8- to 12-year-old program, at the Deer Hill School.

Pre-school 3- to 5-year-old, half day program, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Children must have been born between Jan. 1, 1992 and March 1, 1994 to qualify. This program will take place at the Deer [redacted] School.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; and Thursday evening, June 19, 5 to 7 p.m.

GETTING A KICK FROM SOCCER

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for VIP Soccer Camp, for children ages 4 to 7 years old.

VIP soccer camp offers two programs for boys and girls, ages 4 to 7. ABC Soccer is especially designed for 4- and 5-year-olds and meets from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 21 to 25. The cost is $50 per week.

Also offered by VIP is a three-hour per day program, meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 21 through 25 for 6- and 7-year-olds. The cost is $80 for the week.

Both VIP programs will be held this year at the Front Field of Cohasset High School.

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worm rings. Mike Jr. hauled in a 33 incher, no mean feat for the 7-year-old angler. Pete's group was taking photos at the Cohasset Marina following a morning trio. Nice fat striper and a lot of smiling faces.

Ronnie was literally bounding off the walls at her Ferry Street shop as a wave of stripers and bluefish had invaded the Humarock beachfront. She reported the overnight and early morning surfcasters are hammering stripers and blues on pogie chunks.

Flounder anybody? Dave caught a limit of fine fish this week. Stop by and we'll tell you where! The Cunningham outlet has been a blast for a week now. James Ave. in Hull is hot as well. The Hingham Yacht Club area and the Weir River are worthy destinations.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

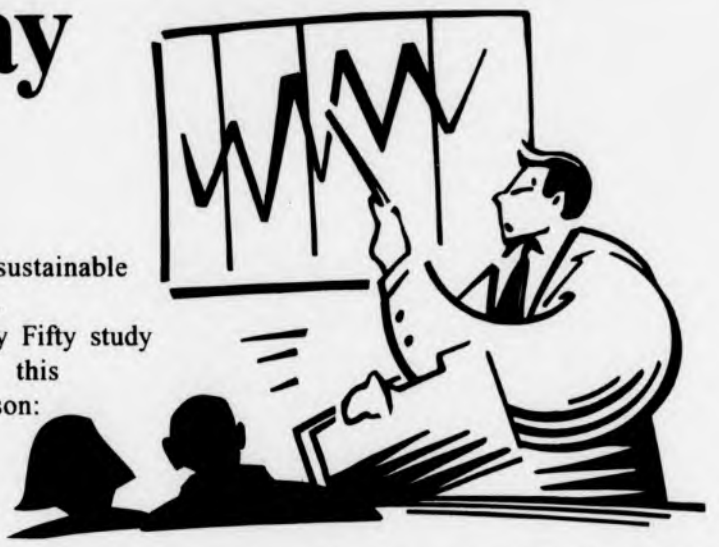
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How much is too much to pay for a growth stock?



By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Will Coca-Cola keep it's fizz? It's an important question for long-term investors who hold stock in the company. The value of the stock increased more than 80 percent between the end of 1994 and 1996, beating the Standard & Poor's 61 percent gain.

WORTH

Similarly, technology highflier Cisco Systems' stock almost doubled over the same period. While Coca-Cola and Cisco have given new meaning to the label growth stock, as many investors know past success does not guarantee more of the same.

The tricky part of buying growth stocks after a prolonged rally is determining whether they are overpriced, especially in terms of long-term performance. Financial analysts have developed many techniques to draw that line. Comparing a companies price-to-earnings ratio to the S&P 500's average, for example, ranks among the most basic; other analysts have sophisticated computer programs for separating the wheat from the chaff.

So, which method should you use? Evaluating something called a sustainable earnings growth rate may be good measure for determining whether a growth stock will continue to grow enough to make it a good long-term investment, according to a study done by Jim Jubak in Worth magazine.

The sustainable earnings growth measure is based on the assumption that over the long-term a company's growth rate can't be higher than the return earned on investors' equity. In other words, the efficiency with which the company uses the investors' money (return on equity) relates to its ability to expand its earnings. Hence, if a company's return on equity ratio is significantly lower than its profit growth it may be a signal that growth will slow. The opposite situation might signal a good buy.

High payout ratios, which measure the percentage of earnings being paid to investors as dividends, are not a good sign. High-growth companies are expected to reinvest current earnings to produce even higher future earnings.

That can't happen, though, if a company devotes a large percentage of its net income to dividend payments.

Sustainable growth rate is calculated by taking the the figure for a company's return on equity and multipying it by the percentage of earnings that the company is retaining, versus paying out in dividends. This resulting sum forecasts a company's likely maximum long-term growth rate.

Let's get back to Coca-Cola. Here's how you compute its sustainable earnings growth: multiply its 60.5 return on equity for 1996--that means it earned a commendable 60.5 cents for every dollar invested --by the percentage of the earnings it keeps for itself (the company paid its shareholders 36% of what it earned last year, which means it withheld 64%.).

So, 64% of 60.5 gives Coca-Cola an estimated sustainable growth rate of 38.72%--not shabby at all considering some companies would be happy to grow their earnings by 10 percent each year.

What also matters, though, is how Coca-Cola's estimated sustained growth compares with its current earnings growth. Last year Coca-Cola's earnings rose 17% -- less than half of the 38.72% it's expected to grow. That discrepancy suggests the rate at which Coca-Cola's earnings are growing should increase over the long term, rising into the 30 percent range.

Before you start dreaming about the fantastic wealth you could acquire from your Coca-Cola investment, remember this: There are many variables--such as a market crash, slowing sales, new management--that can affect a stock's behavior. Standard & Poor's, for example, has a less sanguine view of the soft drink company's stock. In its stock report, S&P predicts that Coca-Cola will merely keep pace with the overall market in the coming year because a stronger U.S. dollar could truncate its overseas profits. And well it could.

But in the long run--say 10 years down the road--the sustainable growth comparison may win out. Indeed, history suggests it could. Jubak's study (building on data from an earlier study by Wharton's Jeremy Siegel) of the stalwart growth stocks of the 1960s and 1970s called the Nifty Fifty reveals a compelling pattern. The study illustrates that the among the group, the stocks that performed best between the December 1972 and May 1995 had, on the whole, started with higher sustainable growth rates in 1972.

Eastman Kodak was an example of one of the losers. The company increased earnings a robust 30.4% in 1972, but had a sustainable growth rate of only 11.7%. Kodak's stock ranked among the 10 worst performers in the Nifty Fifty over the 22 and a half year period.

It doesn't always take a few decades to see the results, though. Shares of Broderbund Software, a technology company that did very well in 1995, dropped in value by one-half last year because its earnings essentially stood still after a year of stellar growth. If you had compared the company's hefty 226% profit growth for 1995 with its estimated sustainable growth of 34.6% at the end of 1995, you may have predicted the company's correction.

The last step in evaluating sustainable earnings growth is to see if the stock offers the most sustainable growth for the dollar.

Overpaying for a good growth stock can undercut benefits. Jubak devised another simple formula; divide the price-to-earnings ratio by the sustainable growth rate.

The Nifty Fifty study contained this value lesson: Of the group, the best-performing growth stocks from 1972 through 1995 were those that traded for the lowest price-to-earnings ratios in 1972.

Investors in the stocks that turned out to be the poorest performers over the long haul were paying almost 70 percent more for each unit of sustainable growth than were investors in the top performers.

The implication is that investors who refuse to pay too much for growth will do far better than those who are less discriminating.

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Lacrosse lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a full-contact, full-equipment lacrosse clinic this summer under the direction of Mr. Chuck Jaffee of Cohasset, for youngsters entering grades five and six during the fall of 1997.

Clinics will be held Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning Monday, June 30, continuing for eight weeks through Aug. 18.

Participants will need a helmet, stick and pads for participation in this clinic. The fee for the eight-week opportunity is $35 per person.

Registration forms and details are available at the Cohasset Recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall. Early registration is advised due to a limitation in participation.

South Shore Spartans soccer club tryouts

Tryouts for the South Shore Spartans will be held at the following times:

Boys U13 (born 8/1/84 or later) Tuesday, July 8, and Thursday, July 10.

Boys U14 (Born 8/1/83 or later) Tuesday, July 15, and Thursday, July 17.

Boys U 15 (born 8/1/82 or later) Winter 97/Spring 98 season, Friday, July 18, Tuesday, July 22, Thursday, July 24.

All tryouts are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pine Street Field, Norwell.

For more information, call Douglas Price at (617) 659-0273 or 659-4068.

Sailing club gets season underway

After its first week of operation, the Cohasset Sailing club will hold the opening adult social of the season, Saturday, June 28.

There will be dancing to a live band, Cohasset's own "Bottom of the Fifth" from 8 p.m. until midnight, at the sailing club.

All are welcome to come and kick up your heels.

Admission is $5 at the door.

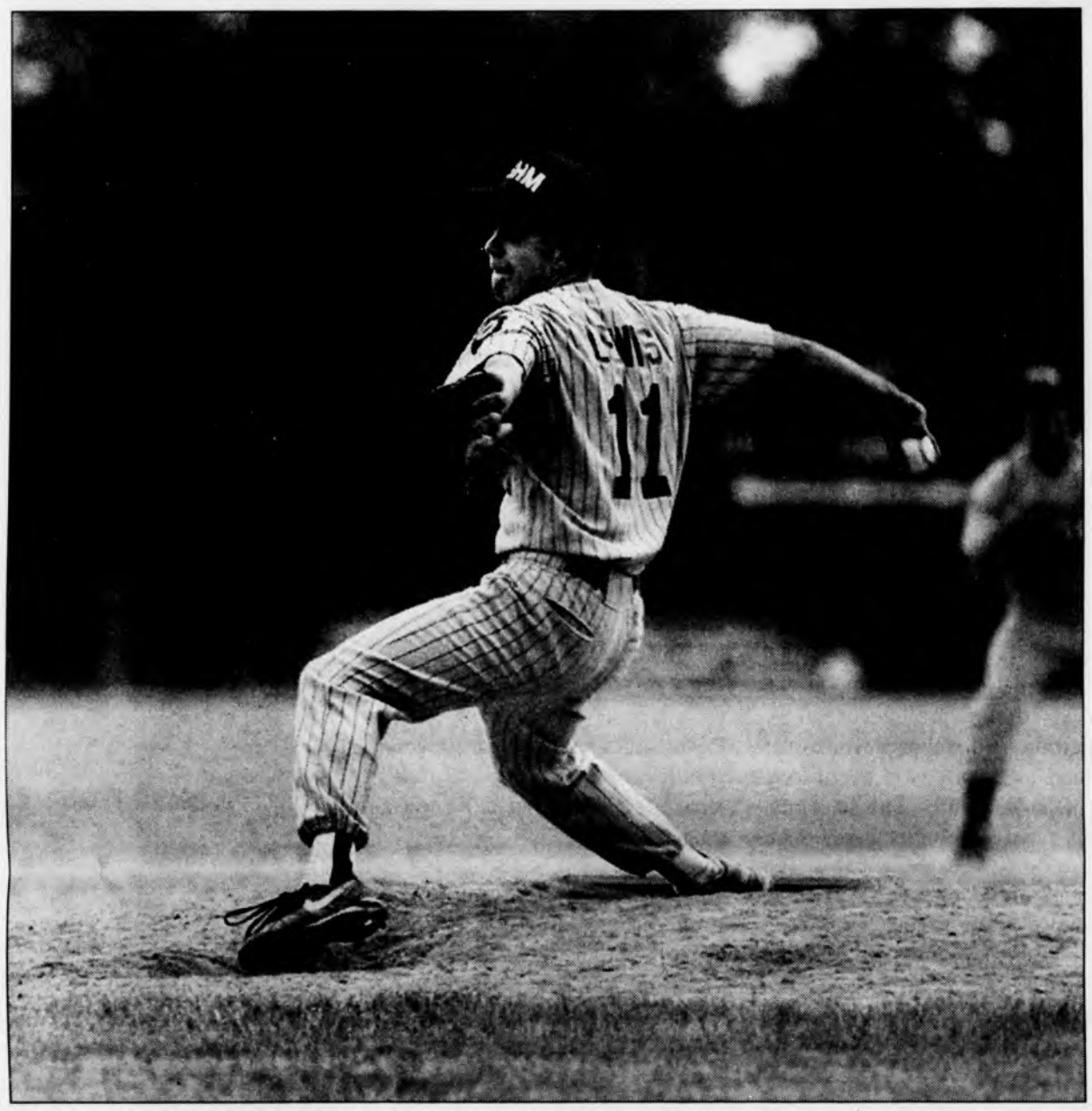
CSC boat raffle fund raiser

The Cohasset Sailing Club is sponsoring a fund-raising effort in the form of a raffle. T

he winner will receive a 9 ft. Avon inflatable with a 4hp engine.Also included is a dock space at the Sailing Club for the season.

Tickets are on sale now by members for $10 or 3/$25. Only 500 tickets will be sold.

The drawing will be held July 4. Cohasset Hardware and the Children's Exchange will have tickets available.



Matt Lewis gets ready to fire in recent American Legion action.

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Mary McElroy honored for work with Girl Scouts

More than 500 people were in attendance at the Newton Marriott Hotel to congratulate this year's recipients of the Girl Scout Appreciation Pin at the Patriots' Trail Council's Annual Meeting. Cohasset's Mary McElroy was among those honored with this prestigious award.

Approved by the board of directors following nationally-established guidelines, the appreciation pin recognizes an individual who not only contributes to the council's goals and objectives, but serves Girl Scouts above and beyond expectations.

McElroy has been a Cohasset Girl Scout Leader for the past six years in addition to the years spent as a leader for her older daughter's troop in other councils. In 1994-1995, McElroy served as Cohasset town coordinator and, in 1996, she took over as the town registrar and treasurer.

According to Terry James, Cohasset service unit coordinator, McElroy has done a tremendous job at reinforcing the importance of Girl Scouting in their town. From providing a helping hand to first-time leaders to creating a computerized database for all registered Girl Scouts, McElroy has gone above and beyond all expectations.

> ***"Mary is a true example of what Girl Scouts are about: women and girls joined together, helping, working and teaching each other selflessly. Mary does all this and more."***
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> **TERRY JAMES, COHASSET SERVICE UNIT COORDINATOR**

"Mary is a true example of what Girl Scouts are about: women and girls joined together, helping, working and teaching each other selflessly. Mary does all this and more," James said.

In addition to volunteering in her current positions, McElroy has also been a service team chairperson, service team coordinator, and the Cookie Chair.

Beyond Girl Scouting, McElroy's voluntarism has impacted the community in several other ways. For the past 20 years, she has served as a leader and organizer of Boy Scout Troop 28, as well as taking on the role of registrar since 1984. She is a seven-year board member of the Light House Keepers Association and has volunteered her computer skills for both the Council of Aging and the South Shore Community Center.

Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council congratulates Mary McElroy on her recognition and is honored to have such a dynamic woman among its adult membership.

Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council serves nearly 35,000 girls annually in the greater Boston area, but the "girl" in Girl Scouting represents only a part of those involved. Each year more than 8,400 adult volunteers serve as troop leaders, adult trainers, special event organizers and board members.



Mary McElroy

Community Center summer fun

The following activities are being offered at SSCC this summer:

Gymnastics Summer Team Workout Level 4. July 8-29 (Tuesdays) 4:30-6 pm and again August 5-26 Tuesdays, same time). Level 5, High School Optional will be offered July 8-29 (Tuesdays) 6 to 8 pm, and again on August 5-29 (Tuesdays) 6-8 pm.

Summer Caberet Dance Camp will be offered under the direction of Leslie VanDyk of the South Shore School of Performing Arts, August 25-29 for ages 7-10, 9:30 to 11:30 and for ages 11-18, 1 to 3 pm. Kids will dance and sing using tap and jazz and themes from current musicals. There will be a performance for friends and family to attend. Cost is $75 for members and $80 for non-members.

Maritime Museum is open

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum, Elm Street, Cohasset center, is open for the season. Hours through September are 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. each day except Mondays. Admission is free and donations are accepted.

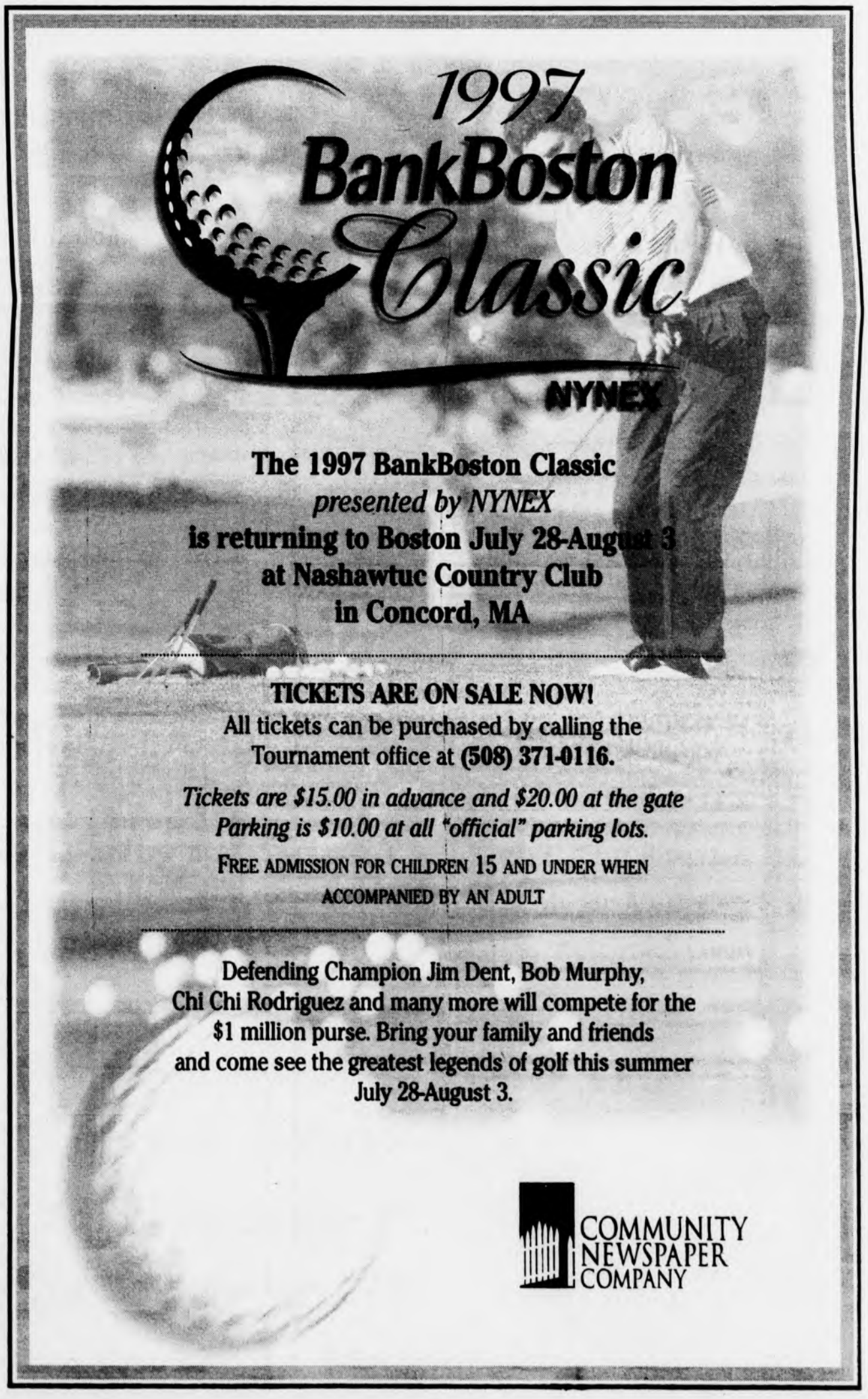
The museum features artifacts such as ship models, fishing gear, lifesaving materials, shipbuilding and shipwreck relics, as well as a collection of Native American stone tools relating to the history of this small New England village.

For further information call the Historical Society at 617-383-1434.

EEE packets available

Packets containing basic information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and general measures for mosquito control are available at three Cohasset sites: Town Hall (in a receptacle mounted on the large billboard), the Community Center, and the Paul Pratt Library.

This information has been provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Audubon Society, and the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee (CMCC). For further information call 383-9900, ext. 121, or leave a note in the CMCC mailbox in town hall.





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POLICE LOG

Monday, June 23

12:43 a.m., animal complaint, CJC Hwy.
6:17 a.m., noise complaint, Kendall Estates/Beechwood St.
8:55 a.m., parking violation, N. Main St.
10:37 a.m., vandalism, Riverview Dr.
10:56 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
[illegible] a.m., animal complaint, Strawberry [illegible]t.
11:47 a.m., MV accident, Deer Hill School.
12:09 p.m., wires down, Pond St.
2:45 p.m., animal complaint, Beach St.
2:35 p.m., missing person, Hillside Dr.
3:11 p.m., disturbance, Border St. bridge.
3:23 p.m., MV stop, Cove.
3:44 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
4:26 p.m., medical aid, Scituate police.
5:49 p.m., parking violation, Border St.
9:03 p.m., assist other agency, Fairoaks Ln.
10:12 p.m., noise complaint, Border St.
11:10 p.m., disturbance, N. Main St.

Tuesday, June 24

12:28 a.m., general services, N. Main St.
arrest: Benjamin Berger, 154 N. Main St., Cohasset. DOB: 8/15/76, charges: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage, disorderly house.
12:51 a.m., noise complaint, Beechwood St.
4:15 a.m., burglary/B&E, N. Main St.
6:38 a.m., property (lost), Stanton Rd.
8:15 a.m, fire (electrical), Jerusalem Rd.
9:08 a.m., vandalism, Ripley Rd.
1:00 p.m., MV violations, Atlantic Ave.
1:10 p.m., suspicious (other), S. Main St.
2:06 p.m., disturbance, Mill Bridge.
4:05 p.m., serve restraining order, Margin Ct.
4:45 p.m., disturbance, Border St.
5:06 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
5:19 p.m., fire, brush, N. Main St.
5:39 p.m., larceny, Margin St.
6:39 p.m., MV stop, Summer St.
7:26 p.m, MV accident, Brook St.
8:48 p.m., disturbance, Atlantic Ave.
9:32 p.m., assist other PD, Stanton Rd.
9:41 p.m, assist motorist, Jerusalem Rd.
9:58 p.m., assist other PD, Hull St.
10:01 p.m., disturbance, King St.

Wednesday, June 25

12:01 a.m., disabled auto, Jerusalem Rd.
12:05 a.m., noise complaint, Parker Ave.
6:21 a.m., noise complaint, Nichols Rd.
6:25 a.m., animal complaint, Ripley Rd.
6:32 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:17 a.m., vandalism, Sohier St.
7:22 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
9:09 a.m., larceny, Beach St.
9:24 a.m., MV violations, Atlantic Ave.
11:23 a.m., transport, from town lot to Deer Hill School.
11:55 a.m, animal complaint, Linden Dr.
12:48 p.m., suspicious person, Atlantic Ave.
1:10 p.m., suspicious person, Little Harbor.
1:59 p.m., medical aid, Cohasset Sailing Club.
2:16 p.m., disturbance, gathering, Mill Bridge.
3:08 p.m., traffic control, Schofield Rd.
5:18 p.m., summons service, Locust Rd.
5:23 p.m., larceny, Jerusalem Rd.
6:33 p.m., MV accident, Jerusalem Rd.
8:33 p.m., disturbance, Church St.
10:31 p.m., disturbance, gathering, Ripley Rd.
10:44 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
arrested: Sandra L. Towle, 91 S. Main St., Cohasset, DOB: 11/03/49. Charges: Knowingly being present when heroin is kept. Louis G. Dimitri, Jr., 91 S. Main St., DOB: 4/03/59. Charges: illegal possession of a Class A substance, 2nd or sub.offense.

Thursday, June 26

12:50 a.m., by-law violation, Linden Dr.
1:03 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
1:12 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
2:58 a.m., Mv stop, Sohier St.
8:59 a.m., info, general, unknown.
9:57 a.m., MV stop, Hull St. by Cedar St.
Arrested: Marianne Mazzilli, 63 Lake St., East Weymouth. DOB: 8/5/56. Charges: WMS Warrant.
12:49 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
2:29 p.m., disturbance, Elm St.
2:33 p.m., officer wanted, S. Main St.
2:57 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd. by post office.
3:17 p.m., MV accident, CJC Way by JJ's.
6:10 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
6:52 p.m., suspicious person, Hull St.
7:30 p.m., officer wanted, S. Main St.
9:45 p.m., suspicious person, Spring St.
11:20 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.

Friday, June 27

12:32 a.m., noise complaint, Cedarledge Village.
12:37 a.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.
10:57 a.m., officer wanted, King St.
1:15 p.m., investigation, Jerusalem Rd.
1:46 p.m., info, general, Bowdoin St.
1:52 p.m., disturbance family, Sankey Rd.
2:20 p.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.
3:18 p.m., info, general, Mill Bridge.
4:55 p.m., assist citizen, S. Main St.
6:07 p.m., transport, from Hull to Lamberts Ln.
8:08 p.m., MV stop, Spring St.
8:25 p.m., MV stop, Cedar St.
arrested: Edward E. Dann, 151 Hull St., Cohasset. DOB: 12/20/63. Charges: operating a MV without a license, operating an unregistered MV/trailer, operating an uninsured MV, attaching plates to a MV.
8:49 p.m., disturbance gathering, Beechwood St.
9:04 p.m., assist motorist, S. Main St.
10:30 p.m., info, general, Doane St.
10:59 p.m., disturbance gathering, Government Island.

Cohasset man injured in motorcycle accident

A 39-year-old Cohasset man was in stable condition at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital this week after the motorcycle he was driving was struck by a car at the intersection of Route 3A and Country Way in Scituate.

According to police, the driver of the motorcycle, Stephen Wirth of 14 Red Gate Lane in Cohasset was heading north on Route 3A at about 7:30 p.m. on June 28, when he was struck by a car turning south on Route 3A from Country Way.

Police said there were two cars in front of the motorcycle turning onto Country Way when the car, a 1993 Nissan Altima driven by Pembroke resident Diane Lange pulled out. Lange, 28 of 40 Mattakeeset St., was cited for failure to use care when starting.

Suffering from head and other injuries, Wirth was treated by EMTs at the scene and then transported by ambulance to South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. He was later taken by Med-flight to Brigham and Women's Hospital, police said.



The Cohasset ambulance arrives at the scene of a head-on collision near 605 Jerusalem Road, at about 6:40 p.m. Wednesday, June 25. Police officer Jeffrey Treanor said the Sarah Gatti, 17, of Hingham, the driver of the Geo Prism involved in the accident was cited for marked lane violation and failure to wear a seat belt. Gatti and her passenger, who was also not wearing a seat belt, were transported to South Shore Hospital. The driver of the other car was not injured. He was wearing a seat belt and the air bag inflated, Treanor said. Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

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The Sailing Club has been promoting a fund-raiser raffle, which will be held this Friday, Independence Day. The drawing will be held at the Sailing Club, located on Government Island, at 1 p.m. At this time, the winner will be presented with the 9-foot Avon inflatable, a 4-hp engine, and dock space free for the summer. If you are still in need of a ticket, there are a few left. Call a member of the Sailing Club or at the Cohasset Hardware Store.

Beechwood Congregational

Soloist, David Norris, will be singing during church services on Sunday, July 13 and August 10. Sunday services are from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Beechwood Congregational Church is holding a yard sale on Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 432 First Parish Rd. in Scituate. Come for reconditioned furniture and treasures. Anyone wishing to donate items to sell can call 383-9131.

Alice In Wonderland

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold the first Music Circus registration for Alice in Wonderland Thursday, July 3. The Music Circus Children's Show registrations will be open to children in the Playground Program and the show date for Alice in Wonderland is Thursday, July 17.

Music Circus registrations are held at the recreation office, 1st floor, Town Hall. On Thursday, July 3rd, registrations will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 4:30 p.m. due to the holiday. All tickets for the Music Circus are $5.25.

Farmers' Market

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market, located on the Common, South Main St., will be open Thursdays, 3 to 7 p.m., June 5 to Oct. 9.

Enjoy organic produce, strawberries and seasonal fruits, herb plants, perennials, baked goods and jams, seasonal vegetables, "Peace Meal" bread, fresh and dried flower bouquets, honey products, French pastries, lobsters and more.

A free folk concert will be featured each month. July 10, "Two for the Show" will perform Americana classics. For more information, call 383-1010.

Carillonneur to play

The second program in the 73rd Annual Series of Summer Carillon Recitals at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, will be given on Sunday July 6, by Ann-Kirstine Christiansen of Aarhus, Denmark. Ms. Christiansen will play original carillon pieces by Bent Lorentzen and Staf Nees, transcriptions from the works of Grieg, Chopin, Orff, Albeniz, Mozart and Nielsen, and arrangements of popular pieces.

The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. Listeners are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. In case of rain, the carillon may be heard from parked cars. Printed programs, concert schedules and descriptive brochures will be available, both in a stand near the church courtyard on Highland Avenue, and will also be handed out on the Common and at other listening locations listed on the back of the program. Following the recital a tour of the tower and demonstration of the carillon will be offered for those interested in climbing the 45 steps to the instrument.

Call Sally Slade Warner, St. Stephen's Carillonneur, at (508) 475-2599, Mary Kennedy, Assistant Carillonneur, at (617) 383-9599, or the church office, (617) 383-1083.

Volunteers honored

The Friends of the Paul Pratt Library hosted a reception at the home and magnificent garden of Barbara and Jeff Power on Beach Street last Wednesday evening, honoring some 30 library volunteers (see photo on page 8). President of the friends Betsey Detwiler, and chairman of the trustees of the library, Patience Towle, both thanked the volunteers for their hours of work.

The volunteers honored each received a pair of crystal wine glasses embossed with the library weathervane logo. They were Dottie Booth, Ann Bowdoin, Gloria Boyce, Anne Costello, Carole Anne Dean, Robin Eaton, Genevieve Good, Libby Hagan, Mary Hartwell, Jean Higgins, June Hubbard, Ozzie Ingram, Beth Jordan, William Kelley, Susan Kent, Mary Londergan, Shirley Marten, Lucille McLaughlin, John Mullett, Marjorie Murphy, Debbie Niessink, Carol Riley, Dorsey Robey, Peg Smart, Peggie Soltesz, Gertrude Walfogel.

Members of the executive board of the friends for 1997-98, who had been elected earlier in the day at the friends annual meeting, were introduced: president, Betsy Detwiler; vice-president, Carol Riley; treasurer, Mary Lou Studds; secretary, Anne Costello; Carole Anne Dean, John Flanagan, Gail Flynn, Kyle Lubitz, Monica McKenney, Suzan Redgate, Gitte Shea, Moira Stansell, Linda Wakeman, Chris Whoriskey.

Carousel night

The Family Fun Night series at the Paragon Carousel gets under way Wednesday, July 9, at 7 p.m. Fruit & Jingles, "The Smile Specialists" will tell their favorite story of the First Carousel. They'll combine fables, storytelling, balloons and a dash of magic to deliver important messages. These colorful ambassadors of joy provide spellbinding entertainment for folks of all ages.

Admission is free. Enjoy a ride on the carousel before or af performance. A single rid is $1.50 per person. A 1 ticket is available for $13.50. The Paragon Carousel is open seven days a week during the summer from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Upcoming Family Fun Nights will take place July 23, Aug. 6 and Aug. 20. Aug. 20 will feature a family concert by local performer Dawna Hammers. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. at the Bernie King Pavilion, located across the street from the carousel, and will conclude with a sing-a-long on the carousel. Call (617) 925-0472.

Walking tour series

The historic and architectural walking tour series continues this Sunday, July 6, at 3 p.m. The tour of the Lincoln National Register Historic District will meet in front of Old Ship Church at 90 Main St.

The 1-1/2 hour walk will feature historical and architectural gems of Hingham Square, such as Old Ship Church, Memorial Bell Tower, St. Paul's Church, Old Ordinary, New North Church, the Community Center, Derby Hall and Loring Hall. The tour also spends time in the shady arboretum of the Hingham Cemetery, so we will stay as cool as possible. Tours are free. Call Rick Desmarais at 749-2463.

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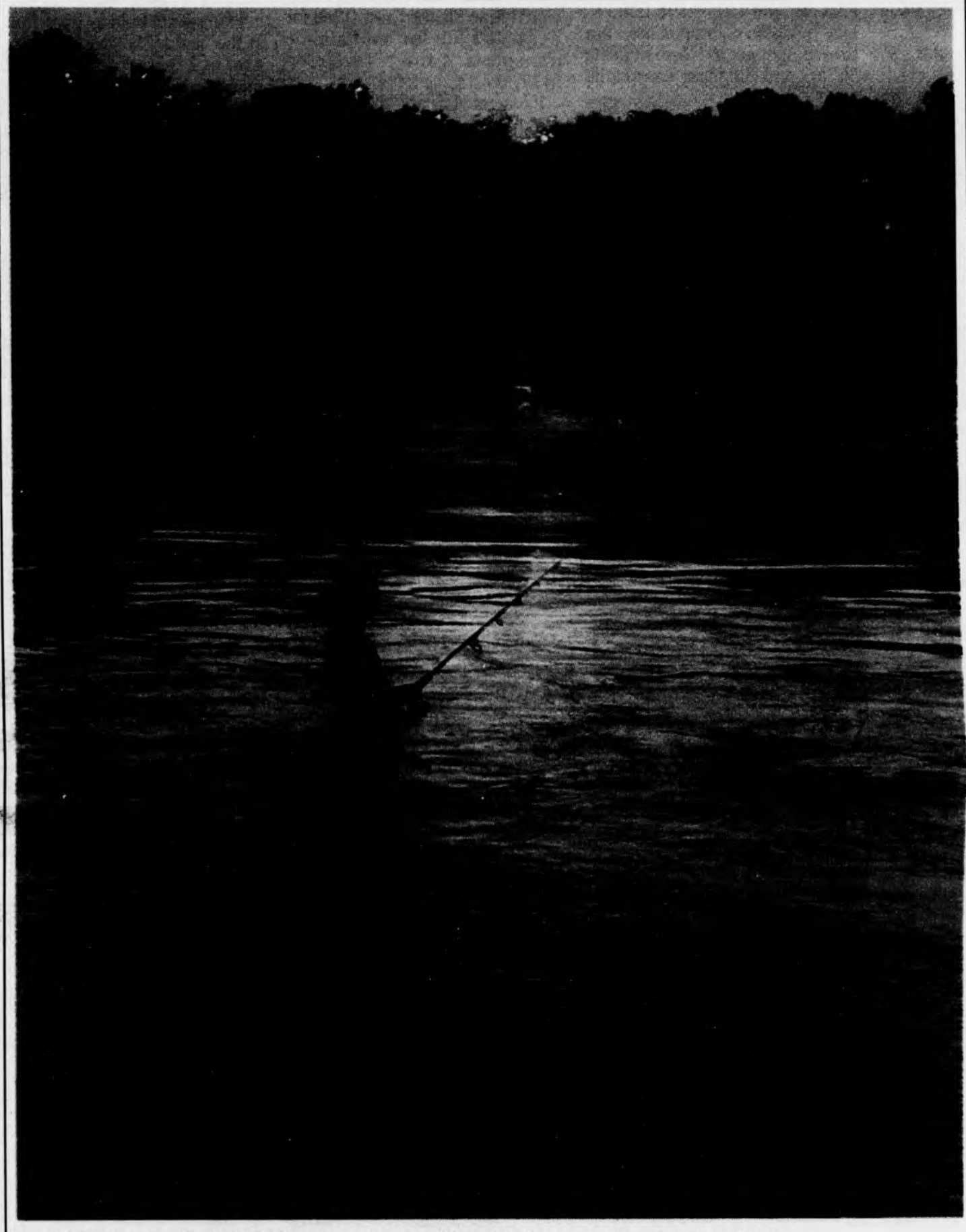
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David Coyle tries his luck fishing for stripers in Little Harbor near Cunningham Bridge.

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Trial begins in graduation party case

By Sarah Coffey and Rob Rogers
STAFF WRITERS

At least three Thayer Academy graduates drove home drunk in the early morning hours following a party at the Surry Drive home of John Lennon, witnesses told a Quincy courtroom yesterday.

Two, Richard Azulay and Jake Borden, survived. The third, 18-year-old Gregory D. Smith, died when his car struck a telephone pole.

Lennon, 47, has been charged with procuring alcohol for minors and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. In the third, emotionally-charged day of his trial, eight teen witnesses said they drank beer and participated in drinking games at the party Lennon hosted for about 130 family members, students and their parents.

Lennon held the party to celebrate his son's graduation from Thayer Academy and his daughter's college graduation.

One of those witnesses testifying Wednesday said she

PARTY CASE PAGE 4

Littleton man is Cohasset's first town manager

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Mark Haddad got some great news Tuesday morning: a call from Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan offering him the job of town manager.

The 33-year-old Littleton town administrator said he couldn't be happier about the news.

"I am very, very excited," Haddad said. "It's an excellent opportunity for me and I look forward to the challenge of being the town's first town manager."

Selectmen interviewed 11 candidates out of 40 who ap-

TOWN MANAGER PAGE 5

Locke closes case on Kennedy affair

After nearly 10 weeks spent investigating and interviewing, Norfolk County District Attorney Jeffrey Locke said he would not be pressing charges against Michael Kennedy.

Locke was trying to verify reports that Kennedy, an Atlantic Avenue resident and the son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, had sex with his baby sitter before she was 16. The girl and her family, who live on North Main Street, refused to testify or provide Locke with information he could use to prosecute the case.

"We have conducted our review in conjunction with state police detectives, the Cohasset Police Department, and members of our victim-witness services unit. I have personally directed this effort in concert with First Assistant District Attorney John Kivlan and the chief of our sexual assault unit," Locke said in a statement released at a press conference Tuesday. "We have attempted to conduct this review out of the public spotlight and in a manner which inspires a spirit of trust and cooperation."

Locke acknowledged the investigation was difficult at times because of the enormous media attention focused on the case, which attracted throngs of reporters from around the country and world.

" Despite our best efforts, there has been a barrage of media headlines fed by private parties out to advance their own personal agendas at the expense of the truth seeking mission of law enforcement," he said, noting he was confident no information had been leaked by those involved in investigating the case.

Cohasset was turned upside town for several weeks when the case first caught the public's eye in early May. The media frenzy following the initial report in the Boston Globe wreaked havoc on this upscale seaside community.

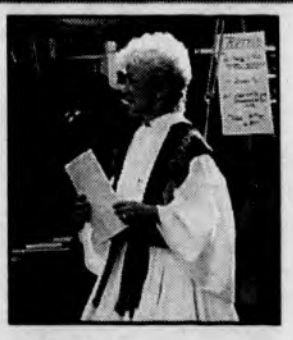
Now that the case has been put to rest many in town are anxious to get on with other things. "The closing of the case is a big weight off my shoulders right now," said Police Chief Brian Noonan. "The case is closed for now, but that doesn't mean it can't be reopened."

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COHASSET WEEK

Rizzo resigns from train committee

Dean Rizzo, who staunchly remained on the Greenbush Mitigation Committee after selectmen asked him to resign over comments he made in a recent newspaper story on the village station issue, has stepped down after all.

In a July 7 letter to selectmen, he said some of his fellow committee members have "been adding fuel to the rumor mill in town serving to escalate the misconceptions of a group of townspeople regarding my volunteer service.

"Thus I will no longer spend time and energy on a project which requires me to continually defend my honesty, integrity and character."

Selectmen accepted his resignation Monday and will send him a letter of thanks. Diane Sullivan wanted to add "with regret" to the motion made by Merle Brown but Brown said that wasn't part of his motion.

Brown led the charge to have Rizzo ousted from the committee after a page one Mariner story appeared The story quoted Rizzo about the village station, which irked selectmen who felt the issue was dead.

In his letter, Rizzo urged selectmen to appoint additional members to the mitigation committee to provide a balanced focus.

The committee's charge is to negotiate mitigation with the T on the affects of the train, such as noise and vibration issues, and not to oppose the train.

Rizzo, who represented local businesses on the committee, said he regretted that business needs "seem to be unwelcome and suspect and unimportant to others.

"It is a shame that Cohasset has not invested the same level of concern and interest in our village business district as have our town neighbors in North Scituate Village and Hingham Square," he said.

"I will continue to work on behalf of the village business district as a private citizen and as always, I will look forward to seeing that the best interests of the town are met by the MBTA Greenbush project," he said.

One-day liquor license

Selectmen approved issuing a one-day liquor license to the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118 for their annual clambake. Proceeds benefit the Christine Burke Memorial scholarship.

Ambulance billing

The town billed for 35 ambulance transports last month for a total commitment of $12,487.61. There were 36 actual transports. The 'unbilled' transport was for a Cohasset fire-fighter injured while on duty.

In fiscal year 1997, which ended June 30, the town filled for $128,983.92 for ambulance transports and collected $117,139.53.

Payment that are collected for ambulance are applied to invoices from all previous fiscal years as well as the current year, said ambulance administrator Jane E. Henderson.

Red Lion Inn gets licenses

Selectmen approved issuing a Sunday license and a common victualler (food) license to the Red Lion Inn this week.

Attorney Michael Hayes, spokesman for the Inn, said the inn would be back to ask permission to close for renovations soon.

Open house at DPW garage

Plans are to hold an open house at the new DPW garage from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., August 2, Selectman Merle Brown said.

In a related matter, Selectman Diane Sullivan said the Greenbush Mitigation Committee would like the old DPW shed in the town parking lot razed as soon as possible. She explained that the committee and MBTA will do a "walk about" the site to look at improvements to the parking lot. The train will pass through the rear of the lot.

Brown said DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield is seeking bids to tear down the shed.

BOSTON TIDES

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Sat. 12	5:08	9.0	11:20	5:38	9.2	11:50
Sun. 13	5:59	8.8	——	6:26	9.3	12:08
Mon. 14	6:52	8.6	12:42	7:16	9.5	12:58
Tues. 15	7:46	8.6	1:36	8:06	9.7	1:50
Wed. 16	8:40	8.7	2:30	8:56	10.1	2:42
Thurs. 17	9:33	9.0	3:22	9:47	10.6	3:33

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A license for danger?

Flurry of crashes brings driving age into question

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER



Bobby LeBaron, 16, anxiously awaits his road test to receive his license at the Registry of Motor Vehicles in Plymouth.

Staff photo/Chris Bernstein

Is a 16-1/2-year-old teenager too young to drive? The question has vexed parents and lawmakers for decades. Recent fatal accidents throughout the South Shore and the state involving teenagers have once again raised the question of whether the state should raise the minimum driving age.

State Sen. Peter Larkin, D-Pittsfield, proposed a bill last January that would place tougher restrictions on drivers under 18 with junior operator's licenses. The Public Safety Committee discussed the bill April 30, before taking it under consideration. The committee must recommend the bill before it can move on to the full Legislature.

Larkin proposed the bill along with seven other legislators to try and lower the number of young people killed in car accidents because of inexperience behind the wheel.

The National Safety Council lists car accidents as the leading cause of death (29 percent) for young people aged 15-24. Approximately 5,000 young people die every year in car accidents.

State figures closely reflect the national trends. The Registry of Motor Vehicles reports that of 187,575 car accidents in Massachusetts in 1996, 71,893 involved young people aged 15-24. In 1996, 52 people aged 15-24 died in car accidents.

A stricter bill had been considered in reaction to an horrific car accident which claimed two young people on Route 2 in Waltham. A bill was proposed to raise the minimum driving age from 16-1/2 to 18, but Larkin submitted an alternative bill to place tougher restrictions on drivers under 18.

"We didn't want to just penalize the 75 percent of young people who drive responsibly," said Stephen Reagan, who did much of the research for Larkin's bill. "We spoke with several parents whose children were killed in car accidents, and they supported the compromise."

Reagan said he was stunned to discover how easy it is for a young person to get a license with little or no training.

"What was most outrageous was we discovered that drunk driving among teens is going down, but car accidents are going up," Reagan said. "If you're 17, you can get a license without any training. We decided it was important to focus on training."

Currently, a 17-year-old teenager can get a license by successfully passing a written exam and a driving test with a State Police officer. At 16-1/2, a teenager can get a license by successfully completing a certified driver's education course that provides six hours of driving time and six hours observing another student driver.

The only restriction on a junior operator's license — issued to all drivers under 18 — is a prohibition from driving between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Larkin's bill would place the following restrictions on junior operators:

- A prohibition from driving between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., with an exemption for employment.
- A minimum of six months driving experience with a learner's permit and a driver's education course or a certified statement from a parent that the applicant has completed 30 hours of supervised driving.
- Suspend until age 19 the license of any junior operator convicted of drunk driving.
- Any junior operator found at fault in an accident must complete a driver's education program.
- Incremental suspensions for junior operators found guilty of speeding.

Reagan said he is more convinced than ever of the necessity of the bill with the recent spate of accidents involving young drivers.

Earlier this month, a 17-year-old Milton youth died after he lost control of his car in Mattapan.

One day after the Milton crash, a 17-year-old Hingham girl left a party and crashed into a tree, killing her 20-year-old boyfriend. Hingham police are investigating whether alcohol played a role in the crash.

On June 29, a 17-year-old Bridgewater girl was racing home to make a midnight curfew when she lost control of her car in East Bridgewater, killing a 15-year-old passenger and critically injuring a 16-year-old passenger.

Two weeks ago, a junior at Marshfield High School crashed her BMW into a tree just yards from the school where she had just completed final exams. The three passengers, in addition to the driver, were injured in the crash. Similar stories have played out in Hanover and Pembroke as of late.

Support for stricter measures

Reagan said Larkin's bill has a good chance of passing, although it was delayed because of "a glitch" in the filing date.

Whether the bill passes, many parents, law enforcement officials, legislators and even driving instructors support some form of increased license restriction for young, inexperienced drivers.

Rocco Libertine owns the Norwell Driving School. Libertine said he supports the stricter licensing requirements even though it could reduce his business.

"Every year, I would say an average of 1-1/4 of my former students die in car accidents due to inexperience," Libertine said. "Some of them are found to have been drunk or on drugs, but many just don't know how to take a sharp corner properly."

Libertine said the state's licensing requirements are not stringent enough to produce experienced drivers. Libertine said the written exam for a learner's permit is so easy, most teenagers could pass it without even reading the "Blue Book" which lists the rules of the road.

He added that the State Police have not been requiring license applicants to display complicated skills like three-point turns.

'Parents should also be more involved. Many parents hand off the family car without ever observing their kid behind the wheel.'
– POLICE CHIEF BRIAN NOONAN.

"There are no regulations on how much experience a driver must have to get a license," Libertine said. "The only advantage to taking a driver's education course is you can get your license at 16-1/2 and you get an insurance discount."

Libertine complained that young people with learner's permits are allowed to drive with 18-year-old drivers, who may be inexperienced. He said drivers with learner's permits should not be able to drive with anyone under 21.

"I would favor a driving age of 17 or 18 because 16-1/2-year-old students are still just kids," Libertine said. "They're still showing off for each other, and trying to impress boys or girls."

Libertine said parents also want their teens to have licenses so they can drive themselves to jobs, social events, extracurricular activities and sports events.

Margie Zides of Canton has a 16-year-old son, Andy, who just got his license last April. Zides said she agrees that 18-year-olds are far more mature than 16-year-olds, but teenagers need cars for economic and social reasons.

"I can really see both sides of it," Zides said. "I'm confident in my son's ability because I drove with him a lot to make sure he got the experience he needs. There is no substitute for experience."

Zides said her son is involved in so many extracurricular activities that she is not able to drive him to all the places he needs to go.

Zides said the key to developing a good driver is parental involvement.

"We let our son drive everywhere for six months with a learner's permit before he got his license," Zides said. "I was most concerned that he learn how to react to some of the crazy things other drivers do. We went up on Route 128 during rush hour to see how people really drive."

Zides added that parents didn't have to let their children get a license.

"Parents have to sign a consent form letting their children get a license if they're under 18," Zides said. "If their child isn't ready to drive, they shouldn't sign the form."

Stephen Hallowell, 17 of Canton, has had a driver's license for about a year. Hallowell said his parents let him drive everywhere when he got a learner's permit, giving him the experience he needed to drive alone.

Hallowell said he supports the idea of more stringent restrictions on junior licenses, but not an increased minimum age.

"I was involved in so many activities in school, and I lived five miles from school, that I needed a license at 16-1/2," Hallowell said. "I have a job in Boston, I wrestled, worked on the school newspaper, served as student representative to the school committee and participated in school government.

Hallowell said many fellow students needed a ride from Hallowell to stay involved in extracurricular activities.

"As the senior student, I made sure everyone had a ride," Hallowell said.

Hallowell was also a little annoyed that legislators were going after young drivers.

"We can't vote, so we don't have any political clout," Hallowell said.

Hallowell agreed that the driver's test was much too easy. He said when he took his test, the State Police officer had him go around the block and then gave him his license.

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan agreed that training is the key to producing good young drivers.

"You can't give a kid enough training and education about driving at the tender young age of 16-1/2," Noonan said.

Noonan said he firmly supported restrictions rather than an outright increase in the minimum driving age.

"I prefer restrictions because it forces people to think about making the right choices before speeding or breaking the law," Noonan said. "Parents should also be more involved. Many parents hand off the family car without ever observing their kid behind the wheel."

Party case

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saw Smith and other teens bringing their own alcoholic beverages to the party — something Lennon's lawyer has repeatedly insisted in the months leading up to the trial. The defense is expected to begin its case today.

Azulay, a resident of Cobb Avenue in Kingston, had said during a pretrial hearing he did not drink at the party. He changed his story for the trial, saying he felt the time had come to tell the truth.

"I didn't want to lie," said Azulay, a 1996 graduate of Thayer Academy in Braintree. "I didn't think this would go to trial. I think I was lying to protect myself."

Azulay, who said he drank between eight to 10 beers, said he drove home from the party at 2 a.m. He was "not sober" during the drive, he said. He also said he made small talk about the upcoming school year inside the house with Jo-Ann Lennon, John's wife, while holding two cups of beer in his hand.

Azulay said he had not received immunity from the district attorney in exchange for his testimony.

Another guest at the party, Dr. Rabeh Shalhob, testified he knew his son Matthew, a Thayer student, brought beer to the party. He did not know how much. Shalhob said he ran into Greg Smith on the street in front of the house at 9:30 p.m., where he saw Smith with a six-pack of Bud Light in his left hand.

Nathaniel Banchiere, another teen witness and Thayer graduate, told the court he had served Mrs. Lennon a beer during the party.

Banchiere, a resident of Peters Road in Plymouth, said he drank eight or nine cups of beer during the party, but was not able to obtain mixed drinks from a bar at the event despite his use of false identification. The bartender said "hard alcohol wasn't for us," Banchiere said.

"This isn't for you - you've got to go outside," said the bartender, Banchiere testified.

Both Banchiere and Azulay testified they had attempted to serve themselves from a bar in the basement of the house, but were initially driven out by Mrs. Lennon. Marc Rando, a coach at Thayer Academy who attended the party, testified that he told Mrs. Lennon four or five students were trying to obtain alcohol from the bar. Mrs. Lennon then went to the basement and told them to leave the bar area, Rando said. Rando said the students he saw were definitely rowdy, but that he could not determine whether they were drunk.

Azulay and Banchiere testified that they returned to the basement bar later in the evening and served themselves several mixed drinks. Jessica Bicknell testified she had two or three shots in the half-hour before Mrs. Lennon told the students to leave the bar.

Eight Thayer students also testified they had participated in a drinking game at the party called "Babe Ruth," a game played at a picnic table on the back porch of the house where Ping-pong balls are thrown at cups containing a shot of beer. The person in front of the cup that the ball goes in has to drink, the students said. Azulay told the court he played the game for about half an hour to 45 minutes and that both teens and at least one adult, Mr. Shalhob, took part in the game. The beer from the loud, rowdy game was taken from the keg and poured out of a clear pitcher, Azulay said.

Banchiere, unlike Azulay and Smith, did not drive home from the party. He told the court Mrs. Lennon took the keys of his former girlfriend and companion at the party, as soon as they arrived. Witness Jessica Bicknell of Seaview Avenue in Marshfield also slept at the Lennons', a practice she said was common for Thayer students visiting each other, since they came from several communities. Both said they were invited to stay by the Lennon's.

Thora Fernquist, mother of Thayer student Peter Fernquist, said she told her son to stay at the Lennons' overnight after she noticed beer in his cup.

"I was not pleased" that he had been drinking, she said. "I told him to behave himself and that he was staying the night there." Fernquist's voice wavered when she recounted details of the evening.

Banchiere said he had seen Smith serve himself from kegs of beer at the party and that Smith had been "rowdy and wild." Banchiere said he and Smith had been friends since the sixth grade. Bicknell, who had known Smith for four years, said she had seen him walking around with a cup in his hand.

Witness Allyson Khun of Hanover was the only teen who testified she had not consumed any alcoholic beverages at the party. Khun, who said she had known Smith for a year, said when she spoke to him at the party he was "very loud, very social and very loose."

Two witnesses, Kerri Mulligan of Marshfield and Courtney Wilkinson of Duxbury, broke down in tears while on the stand. Both were longtime friends of Smith.

Meghan Mullin of Westwood said she drank three or four beers from a keg on the Lennons' patio. She testified she saw Smith and Azulay carrying bottles of beer they had brought to the party.

Jake Borden, a Duxbury resident and Yale student, testified yesterday afternoon that he arrived at the party at 6:30 p.m. and left at 2:30 a.m. In the interim he consumed four beers from a keg at the party and two outside. He was never served or invited to drink while at the party. He drove home drunk.

Another witness, 17-year-old Danielle Bello, said Michael Lennon served her two beers from a keg at the party. Michael Lennon is the son of John Lennon. She said she never saw John Lennon during the party.

Judge Joseph Welch issued a warrant for the arrest of another teen witness, Douglas Cravanaugh, who failed to appear at the trial. Assistant District Attorney Jon Barooshian said Cravanaugh told him by phone he would be on vacation in California and unable to make the trial.

Gregory D. Smith, a resident of Emery Road in Marshfield, died June 23, 1996 when the car he was driving struck a Summer Street telephone pole. The 3:20 a.m. crash took place just two weeks after Smith graduated from Thayer Academy.

Based on information provided by minors who attended the party, Cohasset police sought charges of procuring alcohol for minors and contributing to the delinquency of a minor against Lennon one month after the crash. Lennon now faces 10 counts of providing alcohol to minors and one of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Police investigators estimated Smith was driving 56 miles per hour when he collided with the pole. Cohasset police said Smith's blood alcohol level revealed he had been drinking prior to the crash.

If convicted, Lennon could face up to six months in prison and a fine of $2,000 for providing alcohol to minors and up to a year in prison and a $500 fine for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

During Lennon's first hearing, Clerk Magistrate Stephen Abany ruled there was not enough evidence to charge the Cohasset resident with contributing to the delinquency of a child, although he did issue a charge of providing alcohol to a minor. Cohasset police appealed the first ruling, saying the matter should be heard before a judge. Following a second hearing, in which a 16-year-old girl testified she had obtained liquor at the Lennon party, a Quincy District Court judge applied the delinquency charge to Lennon.

No criminal complaint has been brought against Lennon charging him with Smith's death, but the Smith family has filed a wrongful death suit against him.

Bernard Hamill, Lennon's attorney, asked Judge Welch not to mention Smith's death on Monday, the first day of the trial, according to published reports. Yet both assistant district attorneys prosecuting the case, Joseph Harrington and Barooshian, linked the accident to the party on Tuesday, according to the published report. Smith's mother, Donna Smith, also testified that day.

Hamill has previously denied that Smith received alcohol at Lennon's party and suggested that the teen obtained alcohol himself and brought it to the event. On Tuesday, Hamill argued that the 12 to 15 teens at the party brought their own beer to the party and continually tried to obtain alcohol from bartender Ernest J. Sullivan, a retired Cohasset firefighter. Although he acknowledged that teens drank at the party, he said his client never offered any alcohol to minors or encouraged them to drink.

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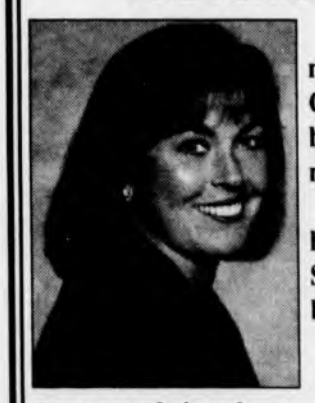


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plied for the position, which will pay $60,000 a year to start. They narrowed the field down to two finalists. They interviewed Haddad and Daniel Young, former finance director in Beverly, last week for the second time. Monday, they invited the two men back again to be interviewed in front of the cameras.

Although they said both candidates were excellent, selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Haddad.

Haddad, an Andover native, graduated from Merrimack College with a bachelor of arts in political science and obtained a masters in public administration from Suffolk University.

He has worked in Littleton, which is similar in size to Cohasset, since 1988. Haddad first served as executive secretary there and then as town administrator when the position was upgraded 1-1/2 years ago. His experience also includes serving in Acton as acting assistant town manager, administrative assistant to the executive secretary and board of selectmen, acting town accountant and acting deputy assessor.

Haddad, who said he will move to the area, said his strong suit is working with the budget and said he streamlined the process in Littleton by putting together a budget booklet.

While he likes his situation in Littleton, Haddad said it was time to move on.

"It's a great town and a great situation, but however I need to grow in the profession and move on to other challenges," he said.

Haddad said he fully understood the difference between a town administrator and town manager, who has considerably more authority.

He said while he would keep selectmen informed, they wouldn't have to be involved in the mundane day-to-day business of the town.

"I'm a hard worker and I'm dedicated. I hope the board has a tough decision to make this evening. I will always give 150 percent," he said.

Selectmen acknowledged that Haddad was younger and less experienced than Young, who served as town manager in Derry, New Hampshire before moving to Beverly as finance director 11 years ago. But they liked Haddad's desire to move up and his desire to face challenges head on.

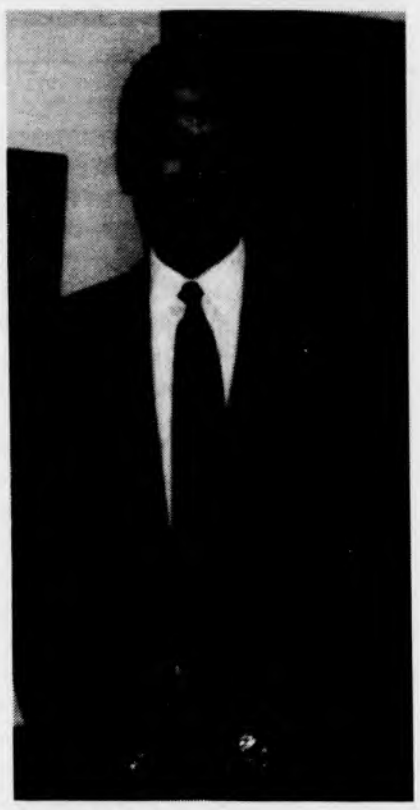
While both candidates were strong in the municipal finance area, Michael Sullivan said Haddad has "an extra level of creativity."

Selectman Diane Sullivan said she liked the fact that Haddad had been in Littleton for nine years and said he had a "proven track record" in his ability to get along with all department heads.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she sees Haddad as a "better fit for Cohasset" because Littleton is of similar size. She said she didn't feel Young's interpersonal skills were as strong as Haddad's.

Michael Sullivan and Selectman Nan Roth will form a subcommittee to negotiate a three-year contract with Haddad.

Haddad said Tuesday he will stay in Littleton through that



Mark Haddad

town's special town meeting July 28 and hopes to be on board by the first or second week in August. His wife is Angela and they have a son Philip, 4 months.

Interim Town Administrator Ed McCann said he would stay on until selectmen had the new town manager in place.

The switch to town manager was approved at the annual town meting over objections from a majority of selectmen and the advisory committee. The government structure committee worked with citizen petitioners in drafting the text of the town manager article.

Mosquitoes are back in force

Individual homeowners can help curb the mosquitoes by the following measures:

1) If you have a birdbath, shallow wading pool, pet's water dish, or any similar outdoor water container, change the water every two or three days. Mosquitoes breed only in stagnant water.

2) If the gutters on your house are clogged with leaves or debris so that water does not flow freely through the downspouts during a rain storm, clean the gutters.

3) If a stream or ditch runs through your property, make sure that the water is free-flowing. Remove debris, stones, brush, leaves, or other material which may clog the watercourse.

4) If you have a small pond (100 square feet or less), growth of mosquito larvae can be controlled by treating the water with a product containing Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti). Such products include Mosquito Dunks, Vectobac, Bionide (Bti), etc. These products are usually available at hardware stores or garden centers. Bti is not harmful to humans, pets, or other species which may feed on mosquito larvae.

5) If you have a larger pond on, or adjacent to, your property, it can be treated with the same larvicide by the Plymouth County Mosquito Control District, which can be reached at (617) 585-5450. The PCMCD will treat such areas with larvicide only if larvae exist in numbers sufficient to justify the application.

To supplement information already on file, the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee is trying to locate and map potential problem areas in the town where mosquitoes may breed. Please report any natural areas of standing water in your neighborhood by calling 383-9900, Ext. 121.

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Peter Plante graduates from St. Coletta's in Braintree

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

When Peter Plante was born 22 years ago with Down's syndrome and a variety of other handicaps, including severe heart defects, there was little thought given to what school he would graduate from.

But now that day has come to pass. Peter, who as an infant was the first baby to have a pacemaker implant, has graduated with eight of his peers from Braintree's St. Coletta's Day School.

The teachers, staff, and the student body of 71 will all miss him. He has been described as being "a very special person with quite a personality."

The youngest of six, Peter's schooling began in the special education program at the Osgood School where he did very well. But after a while he reached a point where he could go no further and transferred to St. Coletta's. St. Coletta's caters to those between the ages of 3 and 22 who have special needs and multiple disabilities ranging from moderate to severe. There is an extremely high student to teacher ratio, and it is not uncommon to have as few as two or three students per class. St. Coletta's School marks its 40th anniversary in 1997.

George Baker, who has been teaching Peter life and related skills for the past six years said, "Peter is a great guy who has made huge progress since he has been my student.

"He wouldn't break any speed records, but what he does is meticulous almost to the point of perfection. I'll miss him a lot.

"Peter is quite the charmer, always after the ladies," he said.

In testimony to this fact, Peter received the school Flirt Award that was presented to him at graduation in the crowded school gym.

Peter's mother Maria Plante, who has lived in Cohasset with her husband Patrick for the past 37 years said, "It's a happy-sad day for me. I'm very proud of Peter. He has made such great progress at St. Coletta's and the staff there are incredibly caring and experts at what they do."

Peter, who is also visually and hearing impaired, is slated to begin the Harbor Industries Program in North Weymouth, this month, however there will be a gradual transition into this program. There he hopes to continue from where he left off.

The sense of accomplishment and victory that arises from conquering personal handicaps and graduating from school, can easily outweigh, or at least be compared to, those of non-handicapped students graduating from traditional schools. There is another level of work besides learning math, history and English, that Peter has successfully confronted and accomplished. This includes skills that most of us take for granted in everyday life including people and communication skills.



Peter Plante gives his brother, Patrick, a kiss after his graduation from St. Coletta's in Braintree.

Tom Gorman photo

EEE packets available

Packets containing basic information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and general measures for mosquito control are available at three Cohasset sites: Town Hall (in a receptacle mounted on the large billboard), the Community Center, and the Paul Pratt Library.

This information has been provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Audubon Society, and the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee (CMCC). For further information call 383-9900, ext. 121, or leave a note in the CMCC mailbox in town hall

Stay away from construction

School officials said construction of the new school behind the existing Deer Hill School is underway. They urge citizens to stay away from the site for safety reasons.

Where to get R.T.F. stickers

Beginning Monday, July 14, R.T.F. stickers will no longer be available at the R.T.F. during weekend hours. Stickers may be purchased at either the town hall or at the new D.P.W. facility during regular business hours.

Old beach, RTF permits expired

Your permits have expired. Beach and recycling transfer facility permits are now available at the town hall Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday evening 4:30 to 7 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beach stickers are $7 per vehicle and $3 per vehicle for elders over 60. RTF stickers are $65, $25 for second vehicle, if application made at a different time, and $33 for a sole resident. You will need vehicle registrations or if not, a Massachusetts registration, proof of residency (tax bill or rental lease). You are encouraged to purchase both stickers through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope. RTF stickers may be purchased at the RTF.

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Goal: For summer playground to have a successful year!

Best day of your life: The day I got engaged (Gretchen), the day camp began! (Charlie), the days my children were born (Martha).

Biggest worry: Bad weather!

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: The Fourth of July.

Favorite movie: 'Grease' (Gretchen), 'Carlito's Way (Charlie), 'Sleepless in Seattle' (Martha).

Favorite TV show: 'ER' (Gretchen), anything on the Discovery Channel (Charlie), 'Full House' (Martha).

Pet peeve: Disrespectful people.

Favorite junk food: Phish Food ice cream (Gretchen), mint chocolate chip ice cream (Charlie), M&Ms (Martha).

Person you'd most like to meet: My grandfather (Gretchen), Jacques Cousteau (Charlie), Jacqueline Kennedy (Martha).

Best vacation: Aruba (Gretchen); skiing in Big Sky, Montana (Charlie), Disney World with my family (Martha).

Favorite book: 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' (Gretchen); 'Grapes of Wrath' (Charlie), 'Bridges of Madison County' (Martha).



PRUDENTIAL/HALLMARK SETS SALES RECORDS

Cohasset – Prudential Prime/Hallmark 100 Properties Ltd. reported a record-breaking volume of $50 million in sales for the first half of 1997 announced the firm's president, Chris Ford.

Number One Market Share

"Our year-to-date sales figures are 58 percent ahead of the same period for last year," stated Ford. "Our combined Prudential Prime/Hallmark 100 market share places us number one in the four-town market of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Scituate where our four offices are located."

Prudential Acquisition

"In May of this year we acquired the Prudential franchise for our marketplace and we are already seeing a dramatic increase in relocation activity and inquiries to our expanded web site on the internet," stated Ford. "We are also seeing the benefits of a national TV marketing campaign for Prudential Value Range Marketing."

Record Internet Inquiries

"During the first two weeks of June we had a total of more than 20,000 inquiries at our site www.hallmark100.com including over 400 inquiries from Asia and Australia!" reported Ford. "In the first week of July we had a $500,000 contract in Hingham resulting from an internet inquiry that originated in London!"

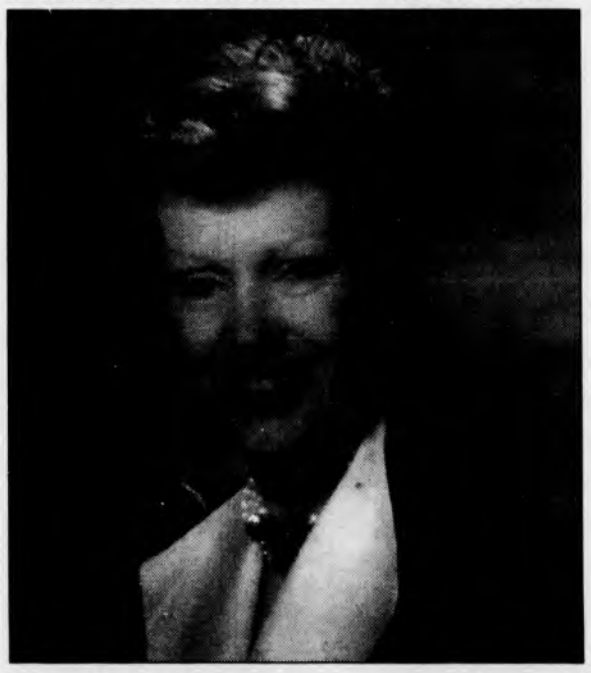
Meallo Named Number One!

Paula Meallo was named the number one sales associate for the first half of 1997 with a record six months sales volume in excess of five million dollars. "This is the highest six-month volume by an individual agent in the history of the company," stated Ford. "Once again Paula has demonstrated that her formula of quiet consistency combined with quality relationship building yields solid long-term results."

MARKET SHARE: 1ST HALF 1997

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DeWolfe New England	8%
Hingham Center	5%
Home Center	3%
Gallery 360	3%
Century 21	3%

MEALLO NAMED NUMBER ONE



*The above data represents only closed sales recorded with the Bay State Multiple Listing Service for property in the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Scituate between January 1, 1997 and June 31, 1997 as reported on July 1, 1997. The Bay State Multiple Listing Service neither guarantees nor is in any way responsible for the accuracy of this data. Data maintained by the Bay State Multiple Listing Service does not reflect all real estate activity in the market.

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HALEY MAKES HER DEBUT

For quite some time now, Ruthann Ardizzoni has been making headlines in all of the local papers, she is an outstanding gymnastic coach! Well, move over, Ruthann, Hayley Marie Ardizzoni is in the headlines this week! Hayley is the new daughter of Ruthann and Thomas Ardizzoni. She was born June 11 and weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sargent of Cohasset; her paternal grandmother is Mrs. Bruna Ardizzoni of Hanover. Can't you just imagine all of the fun they will have with Hayley? We'll bet that she'll be "on the mats" before she is a year old! Congratulations to all of you!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy belated birthday greetings go to Ricki (Troy) Aikau, all the way in Hawaii (still)! Ricki celebrated her 50th July 3, she and her whole family (including all the grandchildren) went camping for the long weekend — we trust that all had tons of fun, great surf, and a nice luau! We love you!

There were two other birthdays earlier this week that we cannot let go by without mentioning! My daughter, Kim Litchfield, had her birthday July 8, and Anita Bernstein celebrated hers July 9. Neither one wanted to give away their ages, so "mum's the word" — just be sure to give them your regards when you see them! It always means so much!

48TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

How is this for a celebration? JayJay and Tom Healy celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary with their son Bob and his wife Patti and grandchildren Bryan and Samantha. Bassing Beach was the spot, they all dined on steak, lobster and champagne, and we are willing to bet that it was one of their most memorable anniversaries ever! Please let us add our best wishes to your special day, we are glad to hear it was such a wonderful one! Here's to many more!

COLLEGE NEWS

Bridget Leung, daughter of Adolfo and Corinne Leung, graduated from Hampshire College May 17. Bridget's senior thesis, which Hampshire calls a "Division III" project, was entitled "Not Your Model Minority: Asian Gangs and Crime." At Hamphshire, Leung was executive director of the Asian Student Association for two years. She was also a resident assistant.

News from Colby College this week, telling us that two fabulous Cohasset gals "made the grade" for the spring semester. In order

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Brooke and Taylor Morley stay cool by enjoying soft serve at J.J.'s Dairy Hut.
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Obituaries

Thomas P. Gormley

Thomas P. Gormley, 80, of Cohasset, died July 7 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Born in Roxbury, Mr. Gormley was a resident of Cohasset for many years.

Mr. Gormley ran his own insurance company, the Thomas P. Gormley Company.

He was a member of the U.S. Equestrian Team, Ducks Unlimited, and the County Roscommon Associates of Boston. he was an avid horse show fan and rode and taught horse jumping contests locally and in Ireland. He also judged many of these competitions.

He leaves his wife, Ethel (Souther); 2 sons, Thomas Jr. of Cohasset and Joel of Marblehead; 1 sister, Mary Glynn of Sharon and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Gormley will be waked at the McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset Center. A funeral service will be held Friday, July 11 at 11am at Woodside Cemetery.

Donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Richard J. Jope

Richard J. "Rick" Jope, age 49, of Marshfield, formerly of Hingham, died on Wednesday, July 2 at his home in Marshfield after a year long bout with cancer. Born in Weymouth, he was raised and educated in Hingham. He was a graduate of Hingham high School and attended Marietta College in Ohio. Mr. Jope was a resident o Hingham until moving to Marshfield 14 years ago.

Mr. Jope was a supervisor with the Hingham Post Office for 20 years before becoming the postmaster in Cohasset a year ago. He was employed in that position at the time of his death.

For many years he coached girls softball in Marshfield. he was a computer enthusiast, avid golfer and enjoyed playing chess.

He leaves his wife, Cheryl A. (Berggren) Jope and two daughters, Jennifer R. and Jillian R. Jope all of Marshfield. he was the son of Frank L. Jope of North Conway, NH and the late Helen (Johnson) Jope. Brother of Frank J. Jope of North Conway, NH and Leslie D. Martineau of Maryland. He also leaves 2 nephews.

Visiting hours were held at the Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, 21 Pond St., Hingham on Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Hospice of the South Shore, P.O. Box 859060, Braintree, MA 02185-9060.

A private interment will be held at a later date.

The secret gardens of St. Stephen

St. Stephen's Church of Cohasset invites you to a garden tour featuring 10 private and historical gardens in Cohasset. The tour will benefit the South Shore Habitat for Humanity, for which St. Stephen's is sponsoring a house that will be built in Quincy.

The self-guided tour will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, rain or shine. Purchase your $10 ticket in advance at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Rte. 3A in Cohasset, or at the Children's Exchange, 64 S. Main St. in Cohasset Village. Tickets will be available on the day of the tour for $12 at St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

For more information call St. Stephen's Church, 383-1083.

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of "rank," Rebecca L. Golden, Class of 1998, is the daughter of Steven and Amy Golden. Becky is in the class of 1998, and majors in international studies and anthropology. Chloe J. Chittick, Class of 2000, is the daughter of Stanley and JoAnne Chittick.

Two brothers from Cohasset earned their degrees this spring; John Rondall Dukes, masters in business administration from Suffolk Graduate School, and Glenn Edgar Dukes, associate of science from Massasoit Community College and certified paralegal from Northeastern University. We extend our congrats to both of you!

DEER HILL GRADUATION

Deer Hill School held its graduation June 23, and two of its students received the highest honor that is awarded on that day — everyone is so proud of Martha Henderson and David Crowley-Buck, they were the co-winners of the Scholastic Citizenship Athletic Award. That award is a real tribute to these kiddos, and a wonderful way for them to begin their new adventures at Cohasset Middle School. Isn't it great to have a class with two outstanding leaders!

HONORS

Trevor Vincent Stockinger, a former resident of Cohasset and student at Cohasset High, graduated summa cum laude from Washington and Lee University June 5. He is the son of Bernadette and Sig Stockinger of Knoxville, Tenn. Trevor, an East Asian Studies major, also won the Department Award. He competed as honors thesis, "Reform and Reformation? Religious Policy in Post-Mao China." As a junior, he spent the year studying and interning in Beijing. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, the International Club, Chamber Singers, the Concert Guild and was a Rhodes candidate. Trevor will join the Foundation for Teaching Economies as director of development in Davis, Calif.

VOLUNTEERING

Melinda Cheel, a Class of 1998 computer information systems and arts major at Union College, has spent one year as a volunteer in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Schenectady. Melinda is a resident of 14 Margin Court and a 1994 graduate of CHS. That's quite an undertaking, congratulations!

That's the news for this week, hopefully you'll be in touch with me with news of your own! Just give me a jingle.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Recycling the old garage

That pinkish building in the town parking lot is stirring up some interest of late.

Tony Bramblett, 3 Grace Dr., presented an interesting proposal for recycling the old highway garage to selectmen this week.

Speaking for the drug & alcohol committee, on which he is a member, he suggested the garage be turned into a community facility and teen dance hall.

There would be a policy of no drugs or alcohol.

"It would be an asset to the community," Tony said.

Selectmen discussed a similar proposal weeks back. They think the building might make a better site for a teen center than the Independence Building on South Main Street because it has more space.

So this week, they gave Tony a warm reception.

"It's worth exploring," said Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan.

They plan to have a formal discussion on the proposal at a special D&A committee task force meeting July 23. At that time, Mr. Sullivan said they would explore establishing a subcommittee to investigate the feasibility of the project.

Selectman Diane Sullivan seemed particularly enthusiastic that this was something teenagers could design and set up so they could "create their own space."

We'll be watching as this idea is explored. It sounds like a positive use for an old garage. We wish Tony and the rest of the D&A committee luck with the proposal.

On a related note toCohasset parents, don't forget to fill out the CASA form on page 16. Modeled after the Safe Homes program, CASA means making a commitment not to allow underage drinking or drug use in your home.

Please take a minute to fill out the form and send it to or drop it off at the town hall on Highland Ave., attention: the Drug and Alcohol Committee.

— Mary Ford
Editor



LETTERS

JULY IS NATIONAL PARK & RECREATION MONTH

To the Editor:

The month of July is set aside each year as National Park and Recreation Month.

Recreators throughout the USA share common objectives and goals, the most universal, perhaps being, to encourage people to participate in leisure-time activities. More acutely stated, recreators would like to see everyone participate in new and unfamiliar, as well as the more familiar activities. Not everyone will be inclined to participate in new, or different activities, but those who do, should be well rewarded for their efforts.

Recreation can manifest in countless ways and as a discipline, recreation has no concrete boundaries or exclusions. The classical definition of recreation states a prerequisite condition, in that it must be the "constructive use of leisure time." Whether or not leisure-time pursuits must be "constructive," may at best be a philosophical question. "Constructive" in this sense may not refer to productivity, but rather, may mean to cognitively plan or structure time for leisure pursuits. That is, we do not need to perform constructively, but need only to provide some sort of format and time for our leisure pursuits.

Recreation can be a very relative and personal sort of endeavor and we must remember, that what may be recreation for one individual, could be a life's work for another individual. If there were any prerequisite conditions to recreation, it very well might be that the activity should provide us diversion from life's daily chores.

As a socially inclined species, man has an inherent need to socialize and recreational activity often satisfies this need, as well as other basic inclinations. We can recreate in group settings, or quietly alone and whichever format seems most appealing to us at a given time remains dynamic and relative to other factors. Often, we pursue recreational activity as an emotional, as well as physical diversion from our daily lives and in this respect, recreation can often be therapeutic.

It is important for us to understand that we must schedule recreation into the structure of our daily activities. Like many other good intentions that we all have, our time for recreating can often be displaced by other, seemingly more urgent and pressing aspects of our lives. Left to chance alone, many of us would be negligent, providing recreational time and opportunity.

We learn to recreate, largely through developed habit. That is, we develop the habit of seeking leisure activity, often at a very young age, from access and exposure to opportunity. In this sense, recreation is education. One of the most vital charges of public recreation is to provide all residents with equal access and exposure to leisure opportunity.

This particular charge is important as it relates to all aged residents, but especially vital regarding children's services. Through access and exposure to recreational opportunity, children develop the habit of recreating. That is, they learn to seek leisure-time activities through reinforced opportunity. Once learned and developed, the habit of pursuing leisure-activity, should serve us well for a life-time.

Recreation can be anything you desire it to be and may serve or not serve and purpose. It may be productive, or non-productive, provide, or not provide any source of exercise. However, recreation should provide us with gratification, enjoyment and diversion from life's daily activities. Keep an open mind to new and different sorts of activities, set aside structured and appropriate time for leisure activity. As the slogan says: "LIFE, BE IN IT!"

Jack Worley
Recreation director

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The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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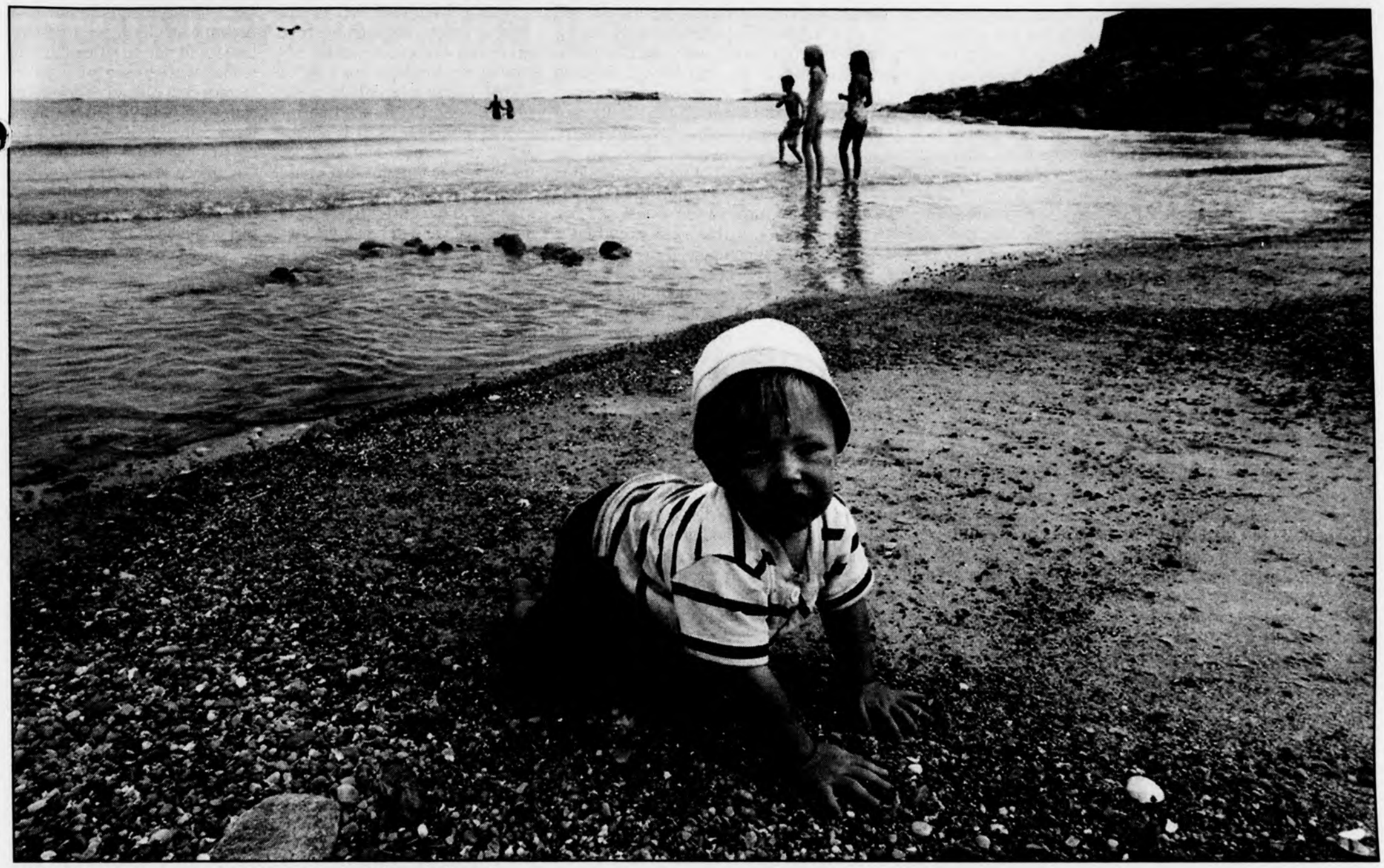
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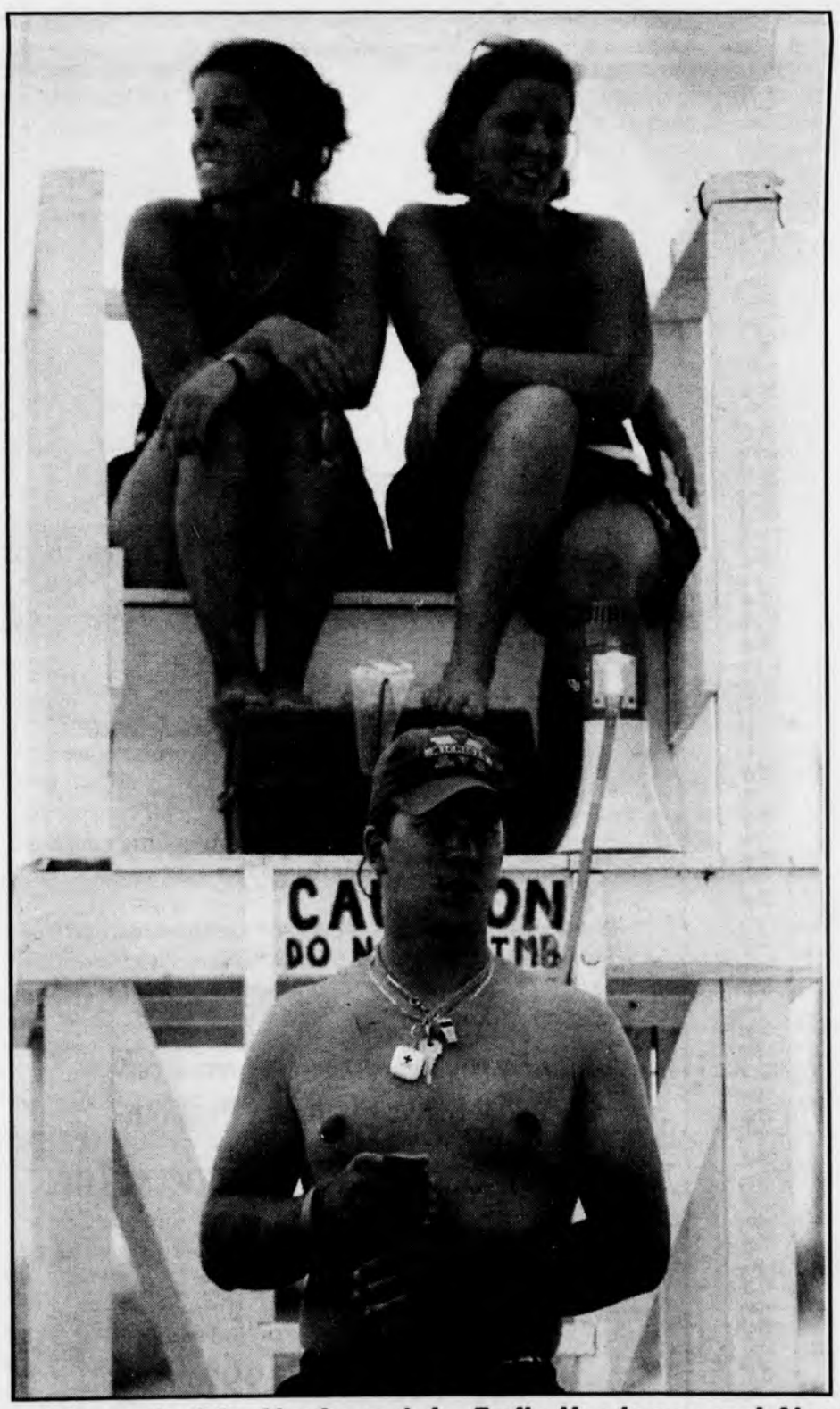
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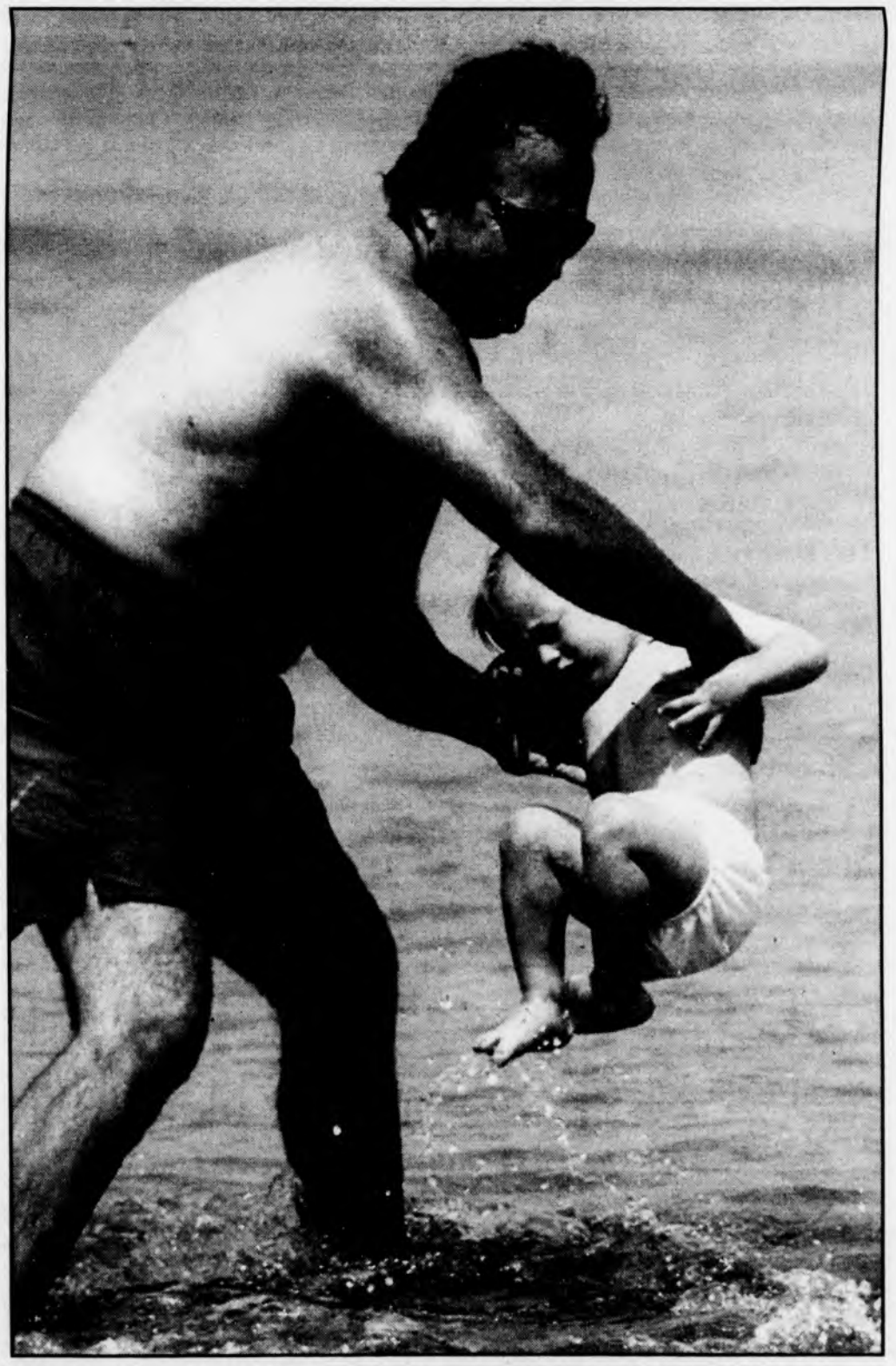
Cooling off at Sandy Beach



Eric Hiltz does some beach coming on Sandy Beach.



Lifeguards John Vanderpool Jr., Emily Henderson and Aimee Mitchell keep an eye on the water.



Michael Barry cools his son (also named Michael) off in the surf.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

District Attorney Locke's statement on Kennedy case

The following is a statement released at a press conference Tuesday by Norfolk County District Attorney Jeffrey Locke

Ten weeks ago following the publication of a story in The Boston Globe regarding Michael Kennedy, I announced that this office, together with the Cohasset Police, would conduct a preliminary review of allegations that Michael Kennedy had a sexual relationship with the babysitter of his children at a time when the young woman was under the age of 16. I indicated at that time that I would have no further statement during the pendency of that review.

Today, I am announcing the conclusion of that preliminary review.

We have conducted our review in conjunction with state police detectives, the Cohasset Police Department, and members of our victim-witness services unit. I have personally directed this effort in concert with First Assistant District Attorney John Kivlan and the chief of our sexual assault unit, Jeanmarie Carroll. We have attempted to conduct this review, as we do all criminal investigations, out of the public spotlight and in a manner which inspires a spirit of trust and cooperation. Despite our best efforts, there has been a barrage of media headlines fed by private parties out to advance their own personal agendas at the expense of the truth seeking mission of law enforcement. Those individuals, as well as the various reporters who encouraged such leaks, know who they are. I am satisfied that there were no unauthorized disclosures of this investigation coming from law enforcement officials that personally participated in this review.

In light of the extensive media disclosures regarding this case and the consequent public awareness of it, I believe it is necessary and proper to share some of the facts surrounding our review. First, it is important to realize the scope of the review that has been conducted by this office. By law, it is our duty and obligation to investigate and, where appropriate, prosecute violations of the criminal laws. Here, we considered potential violations of our sexual assault and related criminal laws insofar as Mr. Kennedy's alleged conduct involved sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 16. The victim in this case reached the age of 16 at the end of January 1994. It is important to note this date because although there have been media reports of various events and conduct by and between Mr. Kennedy and the victim occurring after that date, these events, while helpful in determining the nature and extent of their relationship, could not serve as a basis for criminal prosecution for statutory rape.

Our investigation has focused on two critical issues. First, whether Michael Kennedy engaged in sexual intercourse with the babysitter of his children at any time before the end of January 1994; and second, whether there is sufficient evidence admissible in a court of law to sustain such a charge.

In order to answer these two questions, attorneys from this office and investigators have conducted numerous interviews with persons who had some information or knowledge relating to the case. Among those interviewed were the victim, her father, and members of the Kennedy family. Mr. Kennedy declined our invitation to be interviewed. We also reviewed information developed by and through the media and followed numerous evidentiary investigative leads. Based on our review of all of the evidence, it is clear that the cooperation and involvement of the victim and her family in this case would be a critical component of a prosecution. However, without the willing involvement of the victim, there is no basis to proceed further. This is because when all is said and done we have not determined the existence of any independent, compelling and direct evidence demonstrating a sexual relationship prior to the end of January 1994.

We have considered whether or not to compel the victim's participation as well as that of others in a formal grand jury investigation. The victim, through her attorney, has made it clear that she would not willingly participate, and indeed, would seek to invoke her Fifth Amendment Right not to testify. More significantly, however, is our policy consideration regarding the appropriateness of compelling the victim in a sexual assault case to testify against her will. It has been and continues to be the policy of this office, and of most prosecutors' offices around the country, not to force a victim in a sexual assault case of proceeding and participating in the criminal justice process. In determining whether or not that policy should apply in the instant case, I have considered the victim's desires, her emotional well-being, and her current state of mind. I have also considered the intense public scrutiny that she would be subject to if this case were to proceed in court. Although we have reviewed the evidence in this case as we would in any case of sexual assault irregardless of the prominence of the parties involved, nonetheless, it is appropriate to estimate and measure the anticipated trauma that would occur to the victim were this case to proceed in court. I have determined that we will honor the victim's desires and not commence a grand jury investigation at this time.

To those who suggest that we have caved into the pressures of the Kennedy family in not going forward at this time, I respond that I will not sacrifice the emotional well-being of a young woman for political or prosecutorial gain. I have, however, informed the victim in private and do so here today publicly, that this office stands ready, willing and able to pursue this investigation should she and her family feel prepared to participate.

Thank you very much.

Kennedy affair Continued from page 1

Under the state statute the girl could change her mind over the next 12 years and decide to bring charges against Kennedy.

For his part, Kennedy issued a brief statement Tuesday, which read, "I deeply apologize for the pain I have caused. I intend to do all I can to make up for the serious mistakes I have made and to continue to obtain the help I need. I know it will be difficult, but I hope that in time the (baby sitter's) family will forgive me. I also hope that my wife and children will forgive me, and that I can someday earn and deserve their confidence again.

"There is nothing more I can say without contributing further to the pain I have inflicted on so many people, especially my wife and children."

Published reports indicate that Kennedy's wife, Victoria Gifford Kennedy, has moved out of their Cohasset home and has purchased a home in Milton.

Through the investigation, Locke and his team interviewed numerous people, including the baby sitter, her parents, Kennedy's wife and one of Kennedy's cousins. Sources close to Locke said it was critical for him to investigate and follow this through to the end.

"Otherwise, people would have thought he was letting a Kennedy off the hook," one source said.

In addressing that issue, Locke said in his statement, "to those who suggest that we have caved into the pressures of the Kennedy family in not going forward at this time, I respond that I will not sacrifice the emotional well-being of a young woman for political or prosecutorial gain. I have, however, informed the victim in private and do so here today publicly, that this office stands ready, willing and able to pursue this investigation should she and her family feel prepared to participate."

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80-foot flagpole on town common comes down

Aluminum replacement is planned, selectmen say

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't the first time that the flagpole in the town common has come down.

But Tuesday morning, it was a first for the DPW workers who helped fell the 80-foot pole like a tree.

A notch was cut out near the cement base and the pole was pulled over toward the church, DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield explained.

Selectmen directed Litchfield to remove the pole when a painter discovered a large area of dry rot near the base. The pole will be replaced by a white aluminum one at a cost of about $10,000. It's not clear how the town will pay for the replacement.

The original pole, which was 100 feet tall, was installed on June 11, 1915, in memory of George G. Crocker, according to historical commission records.

Crocker's great-grandson Davenport B. Crocker, who lives in town, said that his father, George G. Crocker III, was about 9 when the pole went up.

"My father raised the first flag," Crocker said.

According to town records, on March 22, 1915, selectmen voted to accept the gift of George G. Crocker Jr. of the pole in memory of his father who was born in 1843 and died in 1913. The elder Crocker, a lawyer, who summered on Jerusalem Road, served as president of the Massachusetts state senate.

He was also president of the Boston Transit authority and proposed the first subway.

"He turned the first shovel full," recalls Dr. Anne Wight Phillips, Crocker's granddaughter.

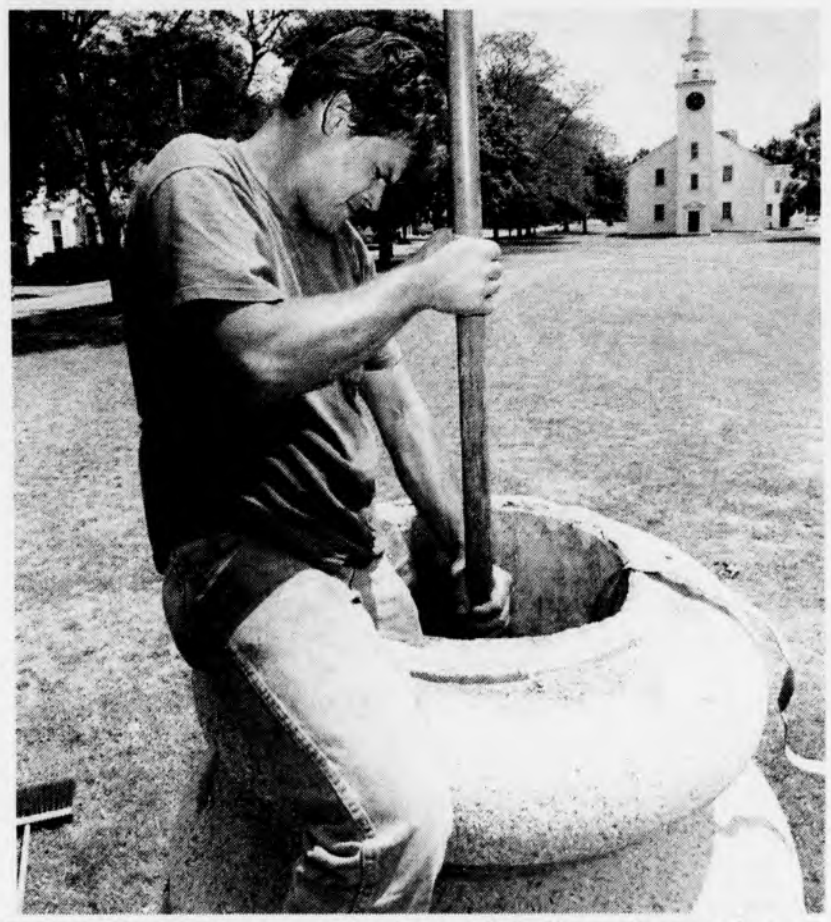
In about 1940, the pole was replaced with the 80-foot one, which was taken down yesterday, town historian David Wadsworth said. Town records say the original pole also suffered from dry rot.

Wadsworth said the 1915 pole wasn't the first one on the common. The first was further south in front of the town hall. It was installed in 1861 by W. B. Johnson.

Litchfield had hoped to salvage the top 25 feet of the pole to use in front of the new DPW garage off Cedar Street. But the pole shattered when it fell. Litchfield said the top also had dry rot.

DPW workers cut up the pole. Most pieces were taken to the dump but Litchfield kept a few pieces at the garage.

The base was cleaned out and the part of the pole in the ground was yanked out, Litchfield said.



Barry Butman cleans out the base of the flagpole after it was removed due to rot.

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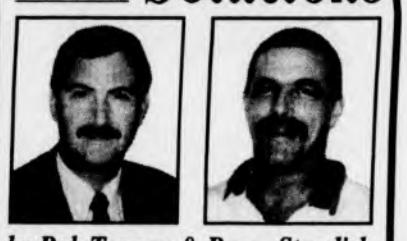


The town common flagpole on Monday before it was taken down.

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Melissa Manolakis, left, and Christina Rumble look over what's for sale at the annual Greek Taverna.



Nina Fuda in Greek costume greets visitors.

Public Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Norfolk Division

Docket No. 97P1628E1

Estate of JOHN F. HUBBARD late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK.

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will and codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed and that THOMAS H.P. WHITNEY, Jr., of BROOKLINE in the County of NORFOLK and F. DAVIS DASSORI of HINGHAM in the County of PLYMOUTH be appointed executors named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on August 6, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this twenty-third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

7/10/97

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THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Norfolk Division

Docket No. 97P1633GI

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To MILDRED L. COYNE of COHASSET in said County and all persons interested in the estate of MILDRED L. COYNE and to the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, a petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that some suitable person be appointed guardian with surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon on August 6, 1997.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

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Donna Rumble, at right, gives Phyllis Barkas a hug.

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C.A.S.A. was formerly entitled Safe Homes. In the past Safe Homes helped parents network a safe home environment. The need to reinstate a support network has become evident because of the presence of alcohol and drugs among our youth. Parents are concerned about the alarming increase in alcohol and drug use among our youth, and social acceptability of this use. Communicating and networking among parents has been proven to be effective in the past under Safe Homes. All parents of children in grades 6 through 12 are asked to participate in this program by taking a stand and by showing your concern for the health and well-being of young people.

Please read and fill out the form which is reprinted here and which will be enclosed in the C.A.S.A. mailing. Be sure to check off the box at the bottom and mail it back before August 31. Forms can be mailed to town hall/attn. the drug & alcohol committee. A booklet with the names of the participants will be mailed out in the fall to all parents with children in grades 6 through 12. Signing this form will be our first stand in making a commitment against substance abuse.

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Last Chapel and Derby Day exercises held last month in Hingham

Derby Academy's end-of-year ceremonies, Last Chapel and Derby Day Exercises, took place recently at the Hingham independent school. Last Chapel has a special focus on the awarding of certificates to those eighth-graders who are leaving the school. Derby Day is the graduation ceremony for the ninth-grade class and also includes the Derby Lecture, established by the will of Madame Sarah Derby and delivered this year for the 206th time.

At Last Chapel, held in Sarah Derby Hall, Trustee President Bruce Minevitz awarded certificates to the following students from Hingham and Cohasset: Natalie Cahill, Renee Courchesne, Christine Driscoll, Frederick Fawcett, Caitlin Gardiner, Adrianne Kriegstein, Patrick Lenehan, Laura Mangurian, Jason Riley, all of Hingham; Geoffrey McWilliams, Corinna Noering, Morgan Pierson, all of Cohasset.

Last Chapel also includes athletic, academic and art awards, and two speeches, the Ninth-Grade Address and the Faculty Address. The "Derbies" won this year's girls' intra-mural competition. Captain Christine Harlow of Kingston accepted the trophy. Spencer Balboni of Duxbury accepted the trophy as captain of the winning boys' team.

Academic awards for achievement were presented to the following students: James Simons of Cohasset won the James Hall/Hingham Historical Society History Prize and the Wheelwright Family Prize in English. Wiley Wakeman of Cohasset won the Coyle/Driscoll Art Award. Jackson Shafer of Duxbury won the Francis Ranieri Math Award and the Zildljian Music Award. Renee Courchesne of Hingham won the Susan Feins Science Prize. Timothy Gravel of Hingham and James Simons, the two academically top-ranked ninth-graders, were designated Parade Marshalls for the Academic Procession on Derby Day.

Student Council President Elliot Noon of Cohasset presented the ninth-grade gift to Headmaster Edward R. Foley. Timothy Gravel gave the ninth-grade address; the faculty address was given by Janet Evans-Fuller.

Highlights of Derby Day included the Upper School Musical "Grease," a luncheon honoring the class of 1997, the academic procession from the school's campus to the New North Church, academic awards, faculty recognition, the awarding of diplomas, the 206th Derby Lecture and an alumni/ae reception at Old Derby Academy.

Upper School students in Grades 7 through 9 received Honor Book Awards in recognition of having earned an A- or above in all academic subjects for the entire year. The recipients were Renee Courchesne, Caroline Curtis, Timothy Gravel, Adrianne Kriegstein, Patrick Lenehan, Andrew Mayer, Daniel Rizzotto, Pamela Wessling, all of Hingham; Charles Anderson, Kara Gaughen, Corinna Noering, all of Cohasset.



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—Legion coach Scott Arnold

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Cohasset American Legion team stays on the rise

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

In 1996, Cohasset American Legion coach Scott Arnold just wanted his first-year team to be competitive and win a couple games while laying the foundation for bigger and better years to come.

Mission accomplished.

This year, Arnold set a goal of getting his team above the .500 mark.

Only time will tell, but it looks like the Cohasset nine is well on their way to making their coach look like a suitable replacement for Jeanne Dixon.

"We're starting to come together as a team. I like the direction that the team is going," said Arnold, a war veteran and member of the local American Legion post who put together the team last year some young local baseball hardcore's would have something to do in the summer months.

As of the this week the squad was a respectable 4-6, with wins coming against Morrisette (2), Canton and Quincy.

One victory stands out in a particular, said Arnold.

"The game we won against Morrisette early in the season had to be the biggest win we've seen since we've been in existance," said Arnold. "To beat a team like them on their own field with all of the tradition they have had in American Legion ball was really something."

But for every Morrisette game their must be games against much larger towns such as Weymouth, a loss that Arnold said may have humbled his team a little bit.

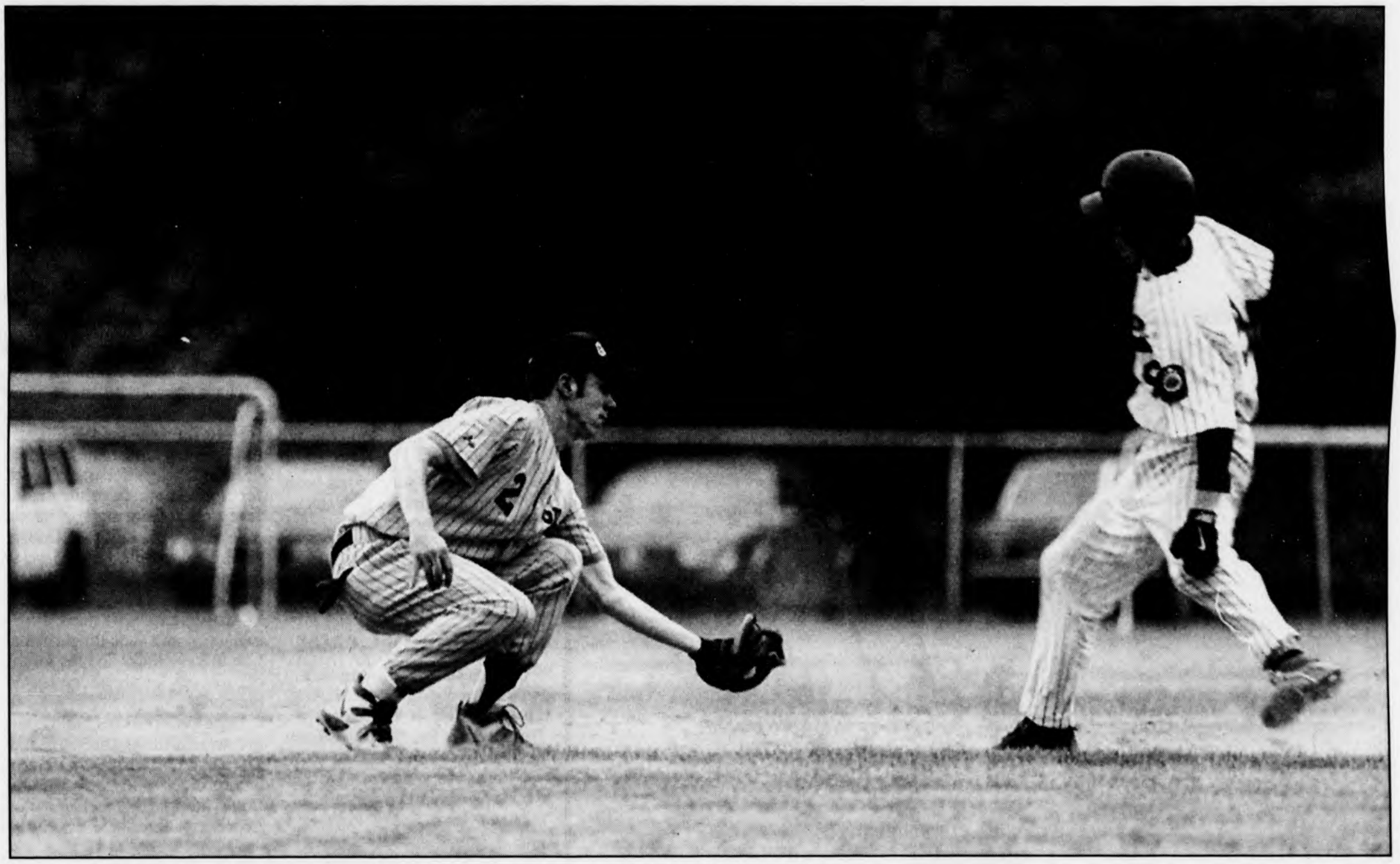
The team is made up of players from Cohasset and Scituate, all between 16- and 19-years-old, who use the 20-25 legion games as an extension of their high school sports season.

"It's a pretty intensive season," said Arnold, calling the legion ball "high caliber baseball in a short period of time," with as many as four or five games scheduled per week.

Arnold credited an improving pitching staff as a major impetus to the success of his team.

Cohasset High School sophomore Joe Pergola has picked up two of the wins, while Jared Connelly, a South

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Cohasset 2B Larry Flynn applies a tag to a Milton base runner in recent American Legion action.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

THE FISH STORY

MARK TRASK

Reeling in the big ones

"Honk!" a car roared by.

"Honk honk!" another.

We squinted in the afternoon sun to see the exact spot the quivering needle of the scale would stop at. Twenty-three pounds three ounces read the Chatillion. Then the tape measure, from the tip of the nose to the furthest reach of the wide tail, recording the length. Thirty-eight inches.

"So how did you catch it Frank?" I asked.

"I used a tube and worm," he recalled matter-of-factly.

"Whereabouts did you catch it?"

"Yeah right!" he retorted, "You don't think I'm going to tell you my secret spot do you?" We both laughed.

There were lots of laughs and successful smiles as the scale creaked under successive keepers this holiday weekend. Paul Hansell was busy cutting up pogies, flicking the shaved bits into the water at the marsh's edge when the sudden swirl of a huge bass right next to him put him in adrenaline overdrive. Next thing he knew his knife had become part of the chum slick. That was strike one of a triad of trouble for the well-known angler. Later that day while fighting a big bass, the pole Paul was using jackknifed and snapped under the strain. He could only watch in frustration as the tip slid down the taut line into the water. The pole failure only slowed him down.

Fishing is quite different Paul said when you've only got a foot pole and one guide to use. That was strike two. The third came when Paul's well-used (understatement) reel started skipping gears and had to come in to the workbench for repairs. Paul was undaunted however by this string of luck and was right out there

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Hockey squad seeks players

The Bay State Sharks are looking for a few good defensemen.

The bantam minor team of the Metropolitan Boston Hockey League is looking for a defenseman and alternates for the upcoming year.

The team plays a 40 game schedule, with weekly practices and four tournaments per year.

For more information, contact Greg Coady at (617) 826-2993.

South Shore Spartans Soccer Club tryouts

Tryouts for the South Shore Spartans will be held at the following times:

Boys U13 (born 8/1/84 or later) Thursday, July 10.

Boys U14 (Born 8/1/83 or later) Tuesday, July 15, and Thursday, July 17.

Boys U 15 (born 8/1/82 or later) Winter 97/Spring 98 season, Friday, July 18, Tuesday, July 22, Thursday, July 24.

All tryouts are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pine Street Field, Norwell.

For more information, call Douglas Price at (617) 659-0273 or 659-4068.

Hingham bay junior invitational regatta

The Hingham Yacht Club will host the 1997 Hingham Bay Junior Invitational Regatta, Thursday, July 24 and Friday, July 25. The regatta is open to all sailors ages 8-16. The fleets will include Optimist, N10's, Laser, Laser Radial, and Club 420's. The registration is limited to the first 300 sailors. The fee is $25. Questions call CO-chairpersons James & Paula Fitzgerald (617) 740-2897 or Tim and Laura Manning (617) 749-2515.

Hockey Skills Workshop

Hockey Skills Development Workshops is offering a high speed skills program for Mites and Squirts skating one day per week this summer at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham.

The program is directed by experienced college and high school coaches that truly believe skill development is a craft. All programs feature a positive learning environment, limited class sizes, and are focused towards skills actually used in playing the game. For further details, call (617) 769-7783.



Cohasset swim team members Jenny Chastain, Justin Golden, Chris Golden, Jessie Zerendow and Meghan Marr relax poolside after a recent practice.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Golf Scholarship Open Set

The new Widow's Walk Golf Course will be the site of this year's Knights of Columbus Golf Scholarship Open. Proceeds will be earmarked for the K of C scholarship fund, which over the past 30 years has donated thousands of dollars to worthy local high school students.

This year's tournament is scheduled for Aug. 8, with a tee time of 8:30 a.m. The format will be "Scramble," with a limit of 30 fivesomes. Cost is $100 per player, which includes a post-tournament dinner at the K of C hall, raffles, prize holes, and $500 and $250 credits to the Widow's Walk Pro Shop for the first and second place teams.

Tournament director John McNamara notes that "this is a chance to play charity golf on a new championship course, and with the excitement surrounding the course opening, we expect reservations to fill quickly." The par 72 course, designed by renowned golf architect Dr. Michael Hurdzan, is a unique blend of Scottish Links-style and classic American Golf Architecture. Course pro Bob Sanderson adds that "both the landscape and the unusually windy conditions will challenge all levels of players."

A deadline of July 15 has been set for applications, which can be obtained by calling McNamara at 800-848-9287.

Fun with the Community Center

Gymnastics Summer Camp with Susie: for ages 6 to 13, Aug. 18 to 22, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Daily, cost is $82.50; this is open to all abilities.

Gymnastics Mini Course: every Wednesday in August, starting Aug. 6, for boys and girls. Classes: Preschool — boys and girls mixed; Beginner through Intermediate, girls. Cost is $27 for session. Call for exact times.

Summer Fun Week for ages 4 to 6, Aug. 25 to 29; 9 a.m. to noon, nature walks, exploring, science projects, cooking and more. Cost is $82M, $92NM per week.

Circus Week for ages 3 to 5, July 22, 23, 24 and July 29, 30 and 31, two-week session of crafts, songs, games and stories. Cost is $99M, $109NM.

Lacrosse Lessons Available

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a full-contact, full-equipment lacrosse clinic this summer under the direction of Mr. Chuck Jaffee of Cohasset, for youngsters entering grades five and six during the fall of 1997.

Clinics will be held Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. through Aug. 18.

Participants will need a helmet, stick and pads for participation in this clinic. The fee for the eight-week opportunity is $35 per person.

Registration forms and details are available at the Cohasset Recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall. Early registration is advised due to a limitation in participation.

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Cash investments are an important part of your financial portfolio



By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Cash investments are not the little darlings of Wall Street. They haven't rocketed upward by 94 percent in the last two and a half years as the stock market has (for cash securities, five percent might be a good year). What's more, they lack the excitement (and risk) of other investments because their value is essentially known - it's easy to figure out the return on a Treasury Bill held to maturity.

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But those shortcomings are not necessarily reasons to exclude cash securities from your portfolio. Why? Because they are extremely safe hedges against all that could go wrong. And, while their steadfastedness will probably be a drag on your portfolio returns, they balance out the volatility of your stock holdings. Cautious investors value their stability, especially those who believe that a big drop in the stock market is inevitable.

Besides, if inflation booms and the Federal Reserve raises interest rates - as some strategists foresee - those boring money market funds, Treasury bills, bank certificates, and even corporate bonds might be your best friend. They will maintain your investment capital while giving you a little something to account for inflation.

A study by Neuberger & Berman best explains the trade-off. In return for giving up a bit of stocks' historically high returns, you can significantly decrease your portfolio's volatility - that is, the size and frequency of your portfolios' price movements. For instance, if you had invested in a Standard & Poor's 500 Index fund from 1960 to 1996, you would have received an average 11.09 percent annual return with a volatility of 14.55 percent (its average deviation in price from quarter to quarter).

But if you had stashed half of that money in one-month Treasury bills, keeping the other half in stocks, you would have cut the portfolio's volatility in half while your compounded annual return would slip to 8.76 percent - only a 21 percent decline.

Other ratios of equities to one-month Treasury bills produce different results, but the relationship is always the same; the higher the equity allocation the higher the volatility. According to the Neuberger & Berman study, a 70/30 allocation of stock to cash would yield 9.75 percent a year, while allowing for a volatility of 10.16 percent.

With the stock market constantly rocketing to new highs, however, most investors - from Wall Street to Main Street - aren't interested in lowering their risk. Instead, they have largely dumped cash safeguards and embraced the risks of the stock market, because they haven't witnessed any prolonged market slumps in awhile.

"The art of using cash [to hedge against market risks] has almost disappeared in the last few years, because [cash] has so miserably under-performed stocks and bonds" says Roy M. Blumberg, chief investment strategist at Josephthal, Lyon & Ross. While the S&P 500 rose 20 percent last year, most cash investments gained about a fourth of that.

What's more, any one who has had a glimpse of the Ibbotson Associate's graph, comparing the 1996 value of a dollar invested in 1925, knows that stocks are the best long-term bet.

A dollar put into large company stocks was worth about $1,371 at the end of the period, while a dollar in Treasury bills would have appreciated to $13.54.

So, no wonder the mantra of the stock market has become much like that of the lottery: You have to play to win. And no wonder investors' snub of cash investments and the pressure put on many money managers to stay fully invested (that means using cash immediately to buy stocks).

However, now may be the time to listen to the skeptical rumblings of those who believe caution is advisable. More than a few financial strategists are predicting that this year strong economic growth will spur inflation, and the Federal Reserve will hike interest rates to contain it.

"In the next six months, I believe [the stock market] is going down," says Peter Anderson, chief investment officer at American Express Financial Corp., which manages $160 billion. "My economic scenario sees renewed economic growth and then the Fed tightening [rates] not just once but several times."

This conviction has compelled some money managers in his firm to raise their cash positions recently. The firm's Diversified Equity and Income Fund, for example, raised its cash allocation to 21 percent from 11 percent at the end of May. An economic boom and higher interest rates wouldn't hurt short-term debt, like T-bills or commercial paper, because after each security reaches maturity you (or a money market fund manager) can buy another one whose return has been adjusted to account for higher rates.

Managers at Josephthal are also going back to cash. "In the last couple weeks we have added some cash equivalents to even our aggressive portfolios," Blumberg says. "We don't care if we are a little early [preparing for a correction]."

"Earning a little less won't hurt you in the long run like participating in a large decline will" he adds.

Understanding different "risks"

- Market risk- An investment may lose its value when traded on financial markets. The result? You could receive less than you paid for an investment when you sell it.
- Credit risk- The issuer of an investment may not live up to its financial obligations. The result? A default by the issuing corporation could make you lose your invested capital or expected interest payments.
- Inflation risk- The value of a long-term asset (a stock, for example) may not grow enough to keep up with inflation The result? Reduced purchasing power.
- Reinvestment risk- Interest rates may fall as an investment matures. The result? You may be unable to reinvest matured assets at a rate you have become accustomed to receiving.
- Liquidity risk- You may be unable to liquidate an "asset" when you want and at the price you want. The result? You may be forces to retain the asset , or decide to accept less than you wanted to receive for the sake of liquidity.

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South Shore athletes fired up for the Bay State Games

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

So what's an aspiring athlete to do?

It's the middle of the summer, school's out and all of the sports leagues are either filled up or too far away for you to take part and you can't get a decent game of hoop going down at the school yard, but you still want to find a way to get some time to work on your game.

What to do?

Hello Bay State Games.

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation, the Bay State Games is now in its 16th year. Established in 1982 to promote and nurture opportunities for personal development through amateur sports, the event now serves as one of the more visible opportunities for local athletes to show off their best stuff to friends, family and the occassional college recruiter.

The games kick off on Thursday, July 17 with opening ceremonies at the FleetCenter that include a parade of the more than 2,000 men and women who will compete this year.

Over 100,000 have taken part in the games since its inception and $122,000 in academic scholarships have been awarded since 1987.

Competition this year will be held among the thousands of athletes from all over the state in the following levels: junior, boys scholastic, girls scholastic, men's open, women's open and men's masters.

Events included this year are archery, baseball, basketball, juniors basketball, diving, fencing, field hockey, six-on-six field hockey, gymnastics, ice hockey, judo, lacrosse, softball, soccer, six-on-six soccer, swimming, synchronized swimming, shooting, tennis, table tennis, track & field, volleyball and wrestling.

"It's good competition, as well as a good way to be seen by scouts for some colleges," said 16-year-old Brian Maslanka, a senior forward from Abington who will be competing in the scholastic soccer competition for the Coastal squad in his first year as a Bay State games competitor.

"I'm was pretty excited to get picked for the team," said Maslanka, one of the leading offensive threats for the Greenwave soccer club. "A lot of people that I have talked to said the Bay State Games are great competition and a nice way to get in shape for the fall season."

Bill Dunn, a junior wrestler from Hanover agreed with Maslanka's assessment.

"Taking part in the Bay State Games has really let me work and improve a great deal of my wrestling technique," said Dunn, who will be in the games for the second year.

Last year, Dunn said he didn't do so well, winning one match but not placing in the final standings of the 135 lb. weight category.

According to Dunn, this year is going to be a different story.

"I've got a much better attitude and mental outlook this year. I'm more focused," said Dunn. "My goal is to place and I think that I'm going to be able to make it come true.

"It's good competition."

Besides the Bay State Games, Dunn also stays busy during the summer by wrestling with the Orange Crush wrestling squad out of Hingham.

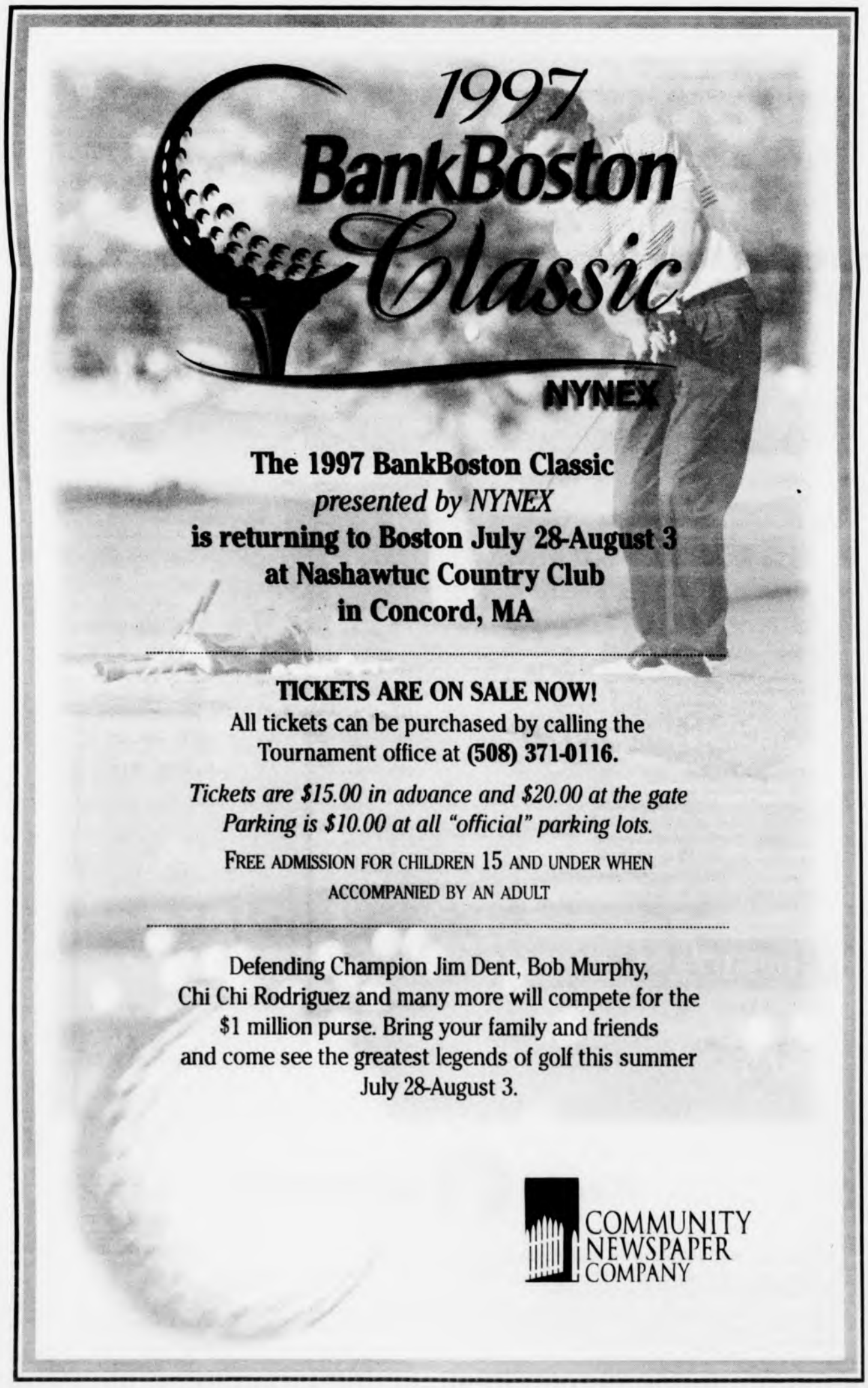
The South Shore is extremely well represented in participants at the games.

Abington- Josh Clifford (lacrosse), Russell Comer (soccer), Neilinder Khunkhun (table tennis), Vinnie Khunkhun (table tennis), Nicolette Martin (synchronized swimming), Brian Maslanka (soccer), Stephanie Morrissey (juniors basketball), Sergio Perez (judo), James Rooney (track and field) and Stephen Slonia (ice hockey).

Cohasset- Matt Belson (lacrosse), Lucius Caldwell (wrestling), Brandon DeVoe (lacrosse), Jimmy Figueiredo (wrestling), John-Paul Laugelle (wrestling), David Leahy (lacrosse), Kenneth Leahy (lacrosse), Brittany Novak (synchronized swimming) and Craig Sheerin (wrestling).

Hanover- Jason Antoine (baseball), Scott Bradley (ice hockey), Michael Byron (baseball), Greg Carr (ice hockey), Jay Craft (table tennis), Allison Crosby (Hanover), Bill Dunn (wrestling), Matt Dunn (wrestling), Jill Gilardi (field hockey), Michael Harding (table tennis), Gerard Hickey, Jr. (ice hockey), Anne Miller (synchronized swimming), Jonathan Peacock (basketball), Jessica Slyvia (basketball) and Michael Vickery (ice hockey).

Rockland- Michael Casagrande (ice hockey), Ivan Cheung (table tennis), Mike Cleaves (track & field), Bob Flynn (basketball), Melissa Marble (softball), Pauline Reichardt (synchronized swimming) and Michael Runetta (wrestling).



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RECREATION NEWS

Summer Basketball Camp

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a summer basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

The full week camp, for boys and girls ages 12 through 15, will be held Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18, at the Sullivan gymnasium. The fee for the five-day camp is $150.

Registration forms are available at the Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office.

Adult Evening Tennis Lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept ongoing telephone registrations for adult evening tennis classes for all levels of instruction by calling 383-6791.

Classes will be scheduled as follows: Beginners 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday; Intermediates 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday; Advanced 6 to 7 p.m., Thursday; and Beginners 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday.

Other classes will be scheduled as demand indicates.

All sessions are four weeks in duration and cost $35 per person, per session. Teaching will be Mr. John McGrory of Cohasset Recreation Department's tennis staff. Participants who do not own, or have access to a racquet, should indicate this at the time of registration. Non-residents will be accepted on a space available basis. Another evening will be made available should demand indicate.

Getting a Kick From Soccer

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for VIP Soccer Camp, for children ages 4 to 7 years old.

VIP soccer camp offers two programs for boys and girls, ages 4 to 7. ABC Soccer is especially designed for 4- and 5-year-olds and meets from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 21 to 25. The cost is $50 per week.

Also offered by VIP is a three-hour per day program, meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 21 through 25 for 6- and 7-year-olds. The cost is $80 for the week.

Both VIP programs will be held this year at the Front Field of Cohasset High School. For brochures and registration forms, come to the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall.

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the next day. What could be behind this single-minded determination? Paul put it best, "I'm seeing some big keepers."

George Duhaime trailered down from Needham and took a dozen anacondas (seaworms) aboard. Using the now famous tube and worm rig, he nailed a 24 pound, 34 inch striped bass within sight of Peggotty Beach.

Kerry decided to do some fishing and not let Dave have all the fun. In the last few weeks she's caught four keepers, each larger than the last. The last? 45 and 1/2 inches. Grant Emde and Keith Jackson are putting in their time along the shore. Amongst the schoolies they did find a nice 31 inch fish that liked their mackerel.

Commercial rod and reel season opened yesterday. It ought to be a short season with the quantity of fish and the sheer numbers of anglers chasing them. Cohasset Ted reports bringing a few to market on the first day where prices hovered around $1.75 a pound. Ted, I advised, you ought to switch to bluefish. Paul White was getting $2 a pound for filleted Horseshoe Shoal blues.

To the south Ronnie reports from Ferry Street that the South River was very active. Four keepers were winnowed from the schoolies swarming the Julian Street bridge. The Friend's First motored across the bay to Wellfleet where the fishing is doing as well as here. Three generations of anglers were good-naturedly ribbed about bringing a ringer angler so they'd finally catch one. A beauty it was, scaling at 37 pounds, and 43 inches in length. The beach at Fourth Cliff and the North River Mouth have been hot.

Ryan Fay and Mike O'Brien of Scituate hauled a couple dozen shiners over to the Bound Brook bridge and caught two fine largemouth bass for their efforts. Unsubstantiated reports have a local angler catching back-to-back largemouth bass in the seven pound range at the dam at Aaron River Reservoir. The reservoir is accessible through Wompatuck State Park and access keys are available at Park Headquarters.

Elsewhere, Pete Whorisky and Greg Donovan combined to capture a 35 inch linesider on a mackerel chunk. Adam must have been successful too. He was in purchasing a filet knife, a sure sign of success! Rusty Starmer and Ollie Nivaud had a career day. The largest of their keepers topped the 26 pound mark by 4 ounces. The Scituate Harbor jetty was the spot for Rick "Taxi" Tomlinson. He used a mackerel chunk to get his keeper.

A short reminder to all anglers. Take the time to clean up and bring out any litter you create. And maybe a little more. There is currently a bill in the State Legislature seeking to outlaw the use of plastic bagging that is so commonly used. I've been trying to imagine what it would be like to pack bloody pogies in paper bags! I think we have all come across a beautiful angling spot from time to time that was left befouled by a previous user. Wrappers, plastic, fishing line and beverage containers all belong in the rubbish, not decorating the rocks, beaches and waters we hold so dear.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

Legion ball, Continued from page 17

Shore League All-Star selection with Scituate, has also been impressive, including pitching a one-hitter only to be the hard luck loser to an opposing hurler who tossed a no-hitter.

John Lonborg and Matt Lewis have also spent time of the hill this year.

On the offensive side of the diamond, Arnold singled out Steve Martin, 3B Mike James and utility man Larry Flynn as some of the hitting heroes.

"Flynn has really been a jack-of-all-trades this year," said Arnold. "He's hit well and has shined wherever I've put him out on the field."

Overall, Arnold said the one thing that has really impressed him about the team is their dedication to the game.

"Not everyone can play every game, but I think we've had 100 percent attendance at just about every game so far," he said. "This is a pretty high level of competition and you are playing the best of the best night in and night out. I've been impressed with the way that the team goes out there and hustles and does their best.

"We can give anyone a match," added Arnold.

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South Shore Soccer Camp

Registrations for South Shore Soccer Camp have begun for boys and girls ages 8 to 18. This is the South Shore Soccer Camp's sixth year of operation in Cohasset. If you are interested in registering, it is suggested that you call the Cohasset recreation department, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall, or call 383-6791, to be assured enrollment. Brochures and registration forms are available at the recreation office.

South Shore Soccer will be offered to both boys and girls during the weeks of Monday through Friday, Aug. 4 to 8, and August 11 to 15. Should a camper wish to attend both camps, this is now possible. In order to choose the week of camp you desire, early registration is advised as both camps must be restricted in number.

Camp meets daily, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cohasset's Miliken Field. The cost for camp is $175 per week and discounts for multiple weeks and subsequent children are available.

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Gymnastics Schedule at South Shore Community Center

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10:05 a.m., disturbance family, Pond St.

11:00 a.m., fire, occupancy inspection, Atlantic Ave.

11:40 a.m., MV stop, Elm St.

1:42 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.

2:50 p.m., medical aid, Minot Beach.

2:54 p.m., general services, Norfolk Rd.

4:46 p.m., fire, structure, Country Way.

5:19 p.m., disturbance, gathering, Border St.

5:27 p.m., medical aid, King St.

6:01 p.m., threats (other), N. Main St.

7:16 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.

7:33 p.m., officer wanted, Forest Notch.

7:49 p.m., suspicious (other), Jerusalem Rd.

8:48 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.

9:46 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.

9:55 p.m., MV stop, Elm St.

10:14 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

10:36 p.m., open door/window, Ripley Rd.

Tuesday, July 1

1:01 a.m., MV stop, Church St.

3:51 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.

4:47 a.m., medial aid, N. Main St.

5:49 a.m., vandalism, Pond St.

6:56 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

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11:26 a.m., fire, occupancy inspection, Lamberts Ln.

11:50 a.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.

12:04 p.m., MV accident, Ripley Rd.

12:16 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.

12:46 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.

1:18 p.m., fire, occupancy inspection, Atlantic Ave.

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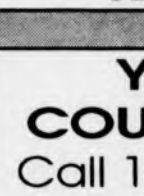
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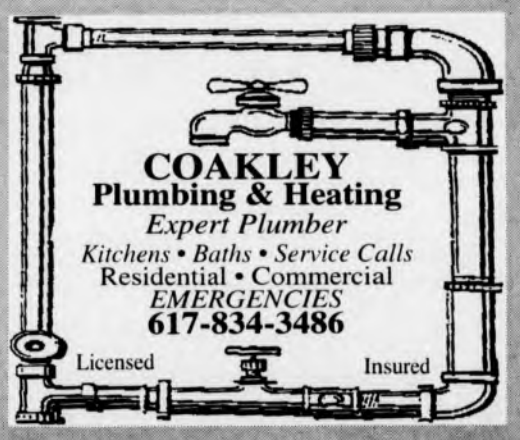
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Paint the town plein-air

Christopher Gallery, located at Jonathan Livingston Square, Route 3A, Cohasset, is announcing its next event as a community oriented group show including many of its artists.

A double feature event is planned for Saturday, July 19. The public is encouraged to see the many artists paint outdoors (plein-air) at several different locations throughout Cohasset from noon to 4 p.m. Location maps will be available at the gallery. There will also be an open house in the evening from 6 to 9 p.m. where collectors are invited to purchase the paintings and visit with several of the gallery artists.

A portion of all sales will be donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry by the Christopher Gallery and participating artists.

Artists painting the town plein-air will be T.A. Charron, Robert Farris Jr., Michael Graves, Lois Griffel, Tom Hughes, John Kilroy, John MacGowan, Clement Micarelli, Sergio Roffo, Douglas Smith, Timothy Thies and others.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Collectors, students and browsers are welcome to visit our ongoing selection of paintings by well-known artists including Francis Golden, Robert Douglas Hunter, Michael Lynch, Kevin Macpherson and William F. Reese.

For more information call 1-800-383-1801.

ASP Volunteers in Tennessee

Yes, 78 volunteers from Cohasset were hard at work in Campbell County, Tenn., with the Appalachia Service Project. Of that 78, there are 46 teenagers, eight college age and 24 adult advisors. Now in its 10th year of service, the Cohasset volunteers, split up into 12 work crews, are in the midst of repairing roofs, building out-houses and porches, and tackling various other repair and re-constructive projects for poor families in northeastern Tennessee. They left bright and early Saturday, June 28, and arrived late Sunday afternoon.

"When they return, they will be changed by this experience — I guarantee it," says project director, The Rev. Gary Ritts, minister of the Second Congregational Church, before they left.

In a letter to the parents, Ritts explained, "With that change will come a greater sense of justice/injustice, a stronger self-image and increased self-esteem."

They will be returning to St. Anthony's parking lot Sunday evening (July 6) around 9 p.m. If you have the chance to speak with any of the volunteers (78 this year, a total of more than 300 in their 10 years of service), listen carefully and you will hear some wonderful stories. Special thanks to all of you who have helped out over the years, by purchasing Thanksgiving pies, Santa pictures at Village Fair, Supersubs, stock in their Cohasset ASP and had your car washed this spring. Now they ask for your thoughts and prayers as they partake in yet another example of our small community's efforts of generosity.

Local Author Signing

Hull resident Claire Sylvia will speak and sign copies of her book, A Change of Heart, Sunday, July 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset.

In 1988, Sylvia received a life-saving heart and lung transplant, and soon began not only dreaming about her donor, but experiencing his cravings. Her taste in colors changed and her moods shifted dramatically. Sylvia chronicles these experiences in her book, and looks at the questions these events raised — Where does body end and spirit begin? Is it possible to live on after death in another person? How does one learn to accept this awesome gift?

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Beechwood Congregational

Soloist, David Norris, will be singing during church services on Sunday, July 13 and August 10. Sunday services are from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Beechwood Congregational Church is holding a yard sale on Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 432 First Parish Rd. in Scituate. Come for reconditioned furniture and treasures. Anyone wishing to donate items to sell can call 383-9131.

Grape Island sunset cruise

Enjoy a sunset cruise, Tuesday, July 15, sponsored by The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands Inc., from Boston's waterfront to Thompson Island, on Boston Harbor Cruises. Rain or shine, the boat will leave from Long Wharf (near the aquarium) at 6:30 p.m., (board by 6:15 p.m.) and return after 9 p.m. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a picnic supper; beverages and snacks are available on the boat.

Tickets: general public $15; senior $13; FBHI member $11; children 3 to 12, $9; under-3, free. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at dockside. Tickets sold at dockside will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For advance paid reservations, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with check to FBHI, 349 Lincoln St., Hingham, MA 02043 or call the FBHI office, (617) 740-4290.

Cohasset Farmers' Market

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market, located on the Common, South Main St., will be open Thursdays, 3 to 7 p.m., to Oct. 9.

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If you are interested in learning more about the program, come to the introductory session Tuesday, July 1, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the tobacco control program office in Hanover.

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Commuters flock to familiar boats, crews

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Many commuters jumped ship this week to get on board the Hingham Commuterboat, the newest competitor in the commuter boat battle being waged at the shipyard.

So far, the commuters — who have more choice than ever in boat service — seem to be the beneficiaries of what is becoming an increasingly convoluted wrangle over contracts and harbor rights.

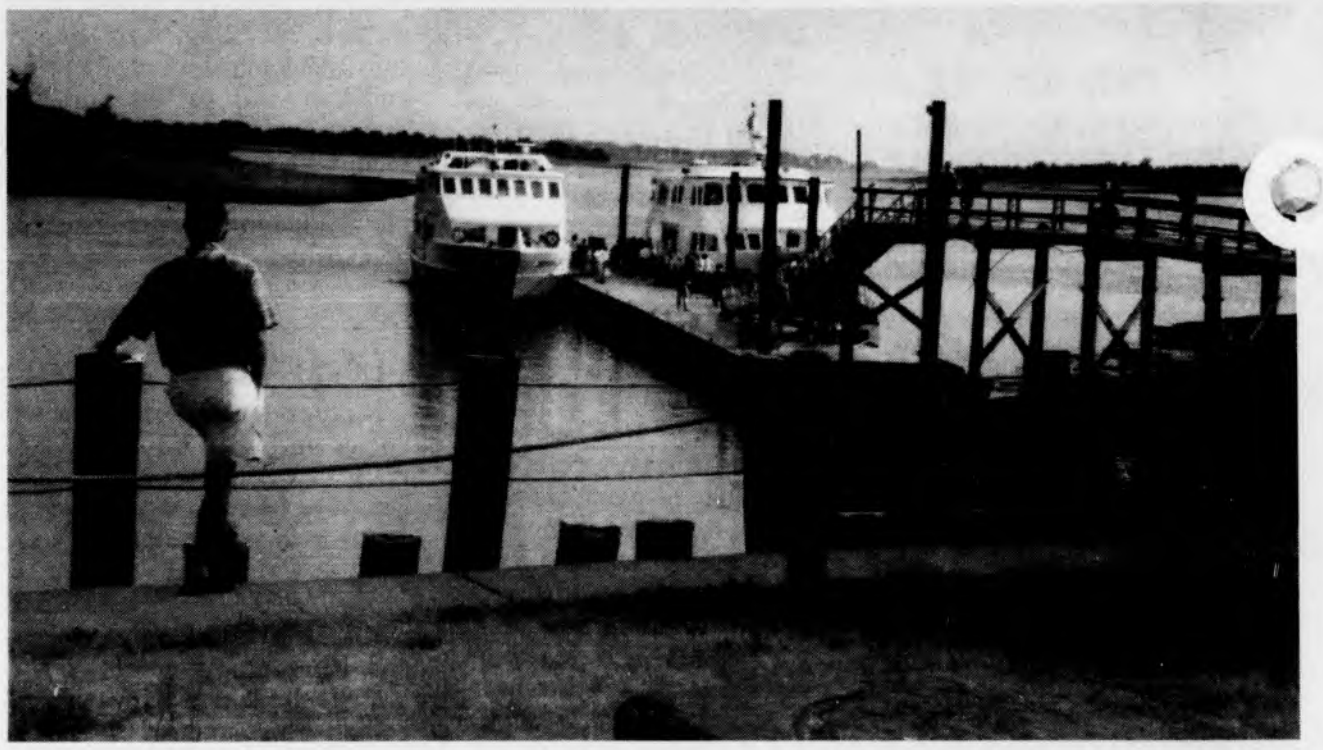
At center stage now is William J. Spence, who just last week launched the new Hingham Commuterboat service, an outgrowth of his Massachusetts Bay Lines. Mass. Bay Lines, an excursion and commuter boat company, has provided very limited commuter service from Hingham since Spence lost his MBTA subsidy five years ago.

Spence is leasing two boats and hired two crews from former competitor Boston Harbor Commuter Service which lost its contract to provide MBTA subsidized service July 1. BHCS owner, Dana Goodell, is suing the MBTA alleging it acted unfairly in awarding the contract to the low bidder, Boston Harbor Cruises.

The Hingham Commuterboat offers six shuttles in the morning and evening on the half hour. Harbor Cruises operates about 40 shuttles a day (20 each way).

Jim O'Leary of Boston Harbor Cruises, the new provider, isn't happy with the turn of events. Earlier this week, he watched as commuters, loyal to Goodell, turn right at the bottom of the gangway onto familiar boats rather than left onto his vessels.

O'Leary's numbers, which peaked last week with 150 riders on the 6:45 a.m. shuttle, dipped this week to 57 — there were even fewer passengers on the 6 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. boats.



A man watches Boston commuters choose between two rival boat companies at the Hingham dock this week.

Staff photo/Mary Ford

"It's a fundamental change in what was represented to us going in," O'Leary said. Harbor Cruises bid $4.9 million for the five-year contract with a certain number of passengers in mind, he explained.

"If the revenue is not there, we can't continue to run this level of service," he said.

In the meantime, the MBTA says its only issue is to provide the best service for the least cost. The T dismisses allegations that some of Boston Harbor Cruises' boats don't meet speed and capacity requirements.

"Again, it's early in the game," said T spokesman Brian Pedro.

But state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, who said his fax machine was jammed with concerned commuter comments last week, took the matter a step further.

In a letter to MBTA General Manager Patrick Moynihan, he asked Moynihan to take "necessary steps to enforce the terms of the contract."

Hedlund, who along with his staff has been riding different boats to monitor the quality of service, cited specific areas of concern including travel time, inadequate seating area, and lack of interior cabin space.

A group of commuters, who have formed BRASS (Boat Riders Alliance for Safety and Service), plan to meet with Hedlund this week to air their concerns.

Nancy Ristuccia of Marshfield, who co-founded the group with Barbara Robinson of Hingham, said the issue is not the thickness of the seats but safety issues such as inexperienced crews and ill-kept boats.

But for Spence, the brouhaha provided him with the chance to put capitalism at work.

"We saw an opportunity to expand our service and we took advantage of it," said Spence, a former state representative.

While the MBTA owns the float and ramps at the Hingham dock, Spence has rights to operate his service from there through an act of the legislature.

What seemed to baffle O'Leary of Harbor Cruises is how the expanded service can be operated profitably without a subsidy. He points out that at $10 million, Goodell's bid was double that of his company.

But Spence says comprehensive service providing mid-day and late night boats will always require a subsidy. He explained that the convenience of off-peak service is a crucial part of the package to keep riders on the boats.

"If you provide a 7:30 boat at night with only 50 people, you must have a subsidy. It's important to provide this service for the people that have to occasionally stay late," he said.

Spence said with the numbers his boats were attracting this week, the Hingham Commuterboat, which only provides service at peak times, is "absolutely viable."

Hingham commuter Dennis Bottone, a Boston lawyer, said he had no trouble making his choice. A Red Line commuter before moving to Hingham and discovering the boat nine years ago — Bottone said reliability is paramount to passengers.

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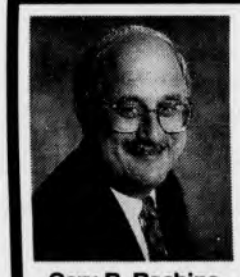


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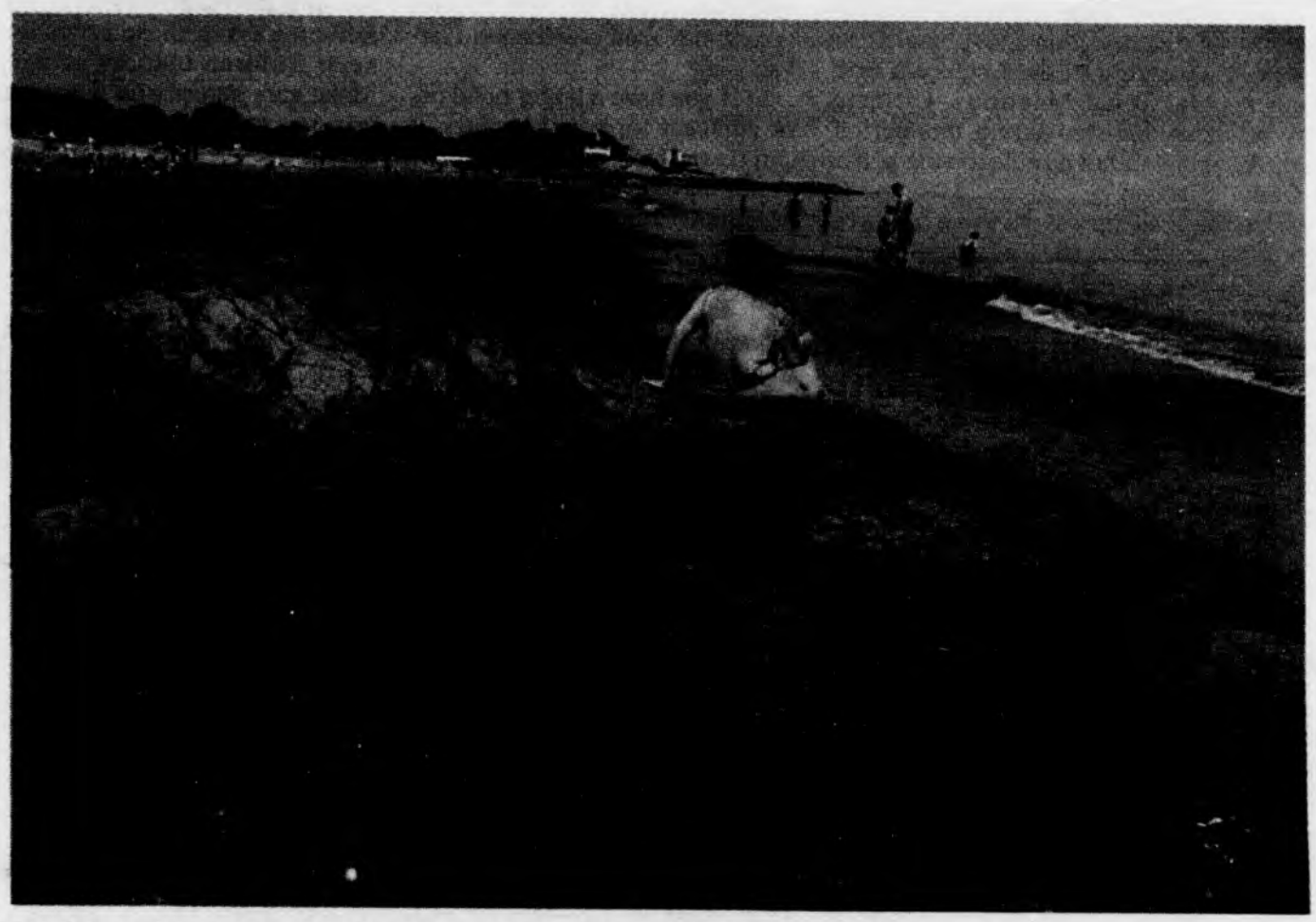
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Beth Bragdon enjoys the view from a rock outcropping on Sandy Beach.

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Sandy Beach is a popular spot

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

With more than a hundred tickets issued over this past weekend, Sandy Beach off Atlantic Avenue seems to be popular with residents and non-residents alike.

"Some may find it's worth it for a day and think $15 is not all that bad," said Police Chief Brian Noonan. The town requires residents to buy beach stickers for $7 ($3 for senior citizens) to park in the town-owned lot. Money collected from tickets and stickers goes into the town's general fund.

Showing it has a heart for children of working parents whose baby-sitters must use their own cars for the beach, the town recently started selling special "nanny" parking cards for the dashboard. They cost $7 and are not good on weekends or holidays.

The beach is owned by the Sandy Beach Association, governed by a board of six trustees. The association formed in 1917 to "hold the beach area for public use," according to the Narrative History of Cohasset Vol. II.

"A group of people got together to purchase the land which is held in trust for the benefit of the residents of the town," said trustee, Paul Corbett.

The cost of beach maintenance, lifeguards and upkeep of the bathhouse and bathrooms are covered through contributions. The beach association conducts a town-wide mailing asking for donations once a year, he said.

The town, which owns and maintains the 225-space parking lot, has issued more than 3,100 stickers to residents so far. The beach association sells a small num-

SANDY BEACH, PAGE 3

Lack of proof leads to host's acquittal

By Sarah R. Coffey
STAFF WRITER

Not guilty.

The words rang through the courtroom 10 times, as John Lennon of Cohasset was found not guilty on nine counts of providing alcohol to minors and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Lennon, an oil company executive, hosted a graduation party at his Surry Drive home June 22, 1996, to celebrate his son Michael's high school graduation from Thayer Academy in Braintree and his daughter Erin's graduation from college.

Driving home drunk from the party, Gregory Smith, 18, a recent graduate of Thayer Academy, died when his car smashed into a tree on Summer Street in Marshfield at 3:20 a.m., not far from his Emery Road home. Smith's blood alcohol level was .19 at the time of death, according to medical examiner James Weiner. The level is the equivalent of drinking 10 beers for someone Smith's weight.

One juror said she found Lennon not guilty because prosecutors never proved Lennon served or encouraged the teenagers to drink.

"If he had said to someone, 'Go get yourself a beer,' that would have changed the deliberation," said the juror, who refused to give her name. "There was no direct evidence he got those kids a beer. Most people figure that high school kids drink and if you leave a keg alone, they might get access to it. Hindsight is 20/20."

The juror also said Smith's death did not play a role in the decision.

The judge made it clear Lennon could not be convicted for merely being at the party. To convict, the jury would have to find evidence Lennon knew of the underage drinking, Judge Joseph Welch said.

The jury deliberated for three and a half hours, stopping after two and a half hours to ask Judge Welch for the definition of the word "delivery" of alcohol.

Judge Welch, reading from instructions he gave the jury earlier, explained that the word deliver, part of the charges against Lennon, meant to transfer alcohol from one party to another. The not guilty verdict was rendered less than an hour later.

Lennon showed little emotion after the verdict, rendered at 1 p.m. Monday after a week long trial in which guests at the party testified ast to what went on the night of June 22. Greg Smith's parents, Don and Donna Smith, emotional through

ACQUITTAL, PAGE 4

Ambulance bill chasing pays off for Cohasset

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER

Jane Henderson could hardly be called an ambulance chaser, but her job does require her to chase ambulance receipts. Since taking over as billing administrator for the fire department in 1992, Henderson has converted Cohasset's billing system from one of the most inefficient in the area to the most efficient one on the South Shore.

Things were quite different in 1992. John Nadeau was fire chief five years ago when he first reported a $150,000 ambulance billing backlog. Nadeau requested a part-time billing clerk but money was tight at that time.

Two Cohasset residents, Elaine Coyne and Henderson, volunteered in 1992 to wade through every ambulance bill from November 1989 through July 1991. The two women discovered that the town's average collection rate was about 32 percent, far below the industry average of 70 percent.

AMBULANCE BILLS PAGE 6

Army Corps joins Greenbush debate

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER

Opponents of the MBTA's plans to restore rail service on the defunct Greenbush line of the Old Colony Rail Road are celebrating the Army Corps of Engineers decision to hold an independent hearing next month to discuss the impacts of the project.

The hearing will be held Aug. 14 in Lombardo's function hall in Randolph, 6 Billings St., beginning at 7 p.m.

Opponents of the rail project from Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate successfully battled an attempt by the MBTA to hold a joint hearing with the corps. Hingham officials have been particularly diligent in their efforts to keep the hearing independent.

"The MBTA did its darndest to head off this indepen-

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COHASSET WEEK

Voter registration is ongoing

The Town Clerk would like to remind citizens that voter registration is an ongoing process.

Since July 1, 1994, new voters have been able to register without the need to come to town hall. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall, Registry, Post Office, Library, Department of Welfare, WIC, AFDC, Medicaid, Army Recruitment offices, and other offices that provide services to people with disabilities. Affidavits of registration are mailed to the clerk's office or sent electronically through the computer from the Registry. After certifying the affidavit, an acknowledgment notice is then mailed to the voter. The central voter registry maintains a statewide list of all registered voters in Massachusetts. This computerized listing is essential in prohibiting voter registration fraud.

In addition to broadening the opportunity to register to vote, the motor voter law also changes the way in which voters may be removed from the voting list. A voter may not be removed from the voting list on the ground that the registrant has changed his residence unless the registrant: Confirms in writing that he has moved to a place outside the registrar's jurisdiction registers in another city or town; or Fails to respond to a confirmation notice and has not voted in the second general election for Federal office after the date of the notice. Registration closes 20 days before an election and Annual Town Meeting (10 days before a Special Town Meeting). Citizens may register during this period, but will not be able to vote at that election.

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2) If the gutters on your house are clogged with leaves or debris so that water does not flow freely through the downspouts during a rain storm, clean the gutters.

3) If a stream or ditch runs through your property, make sure that the water is free-flowing. Remove debris, stones, brush, leaves, or other material which may clog the watercourse.

4) If you have a small pond (100 square feet or less), growth of mosquito larvae can be controlled by treating the water with a product containing Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti). Such products include Mosquito Dunks, Vectobac, Bionide (Bti), etc. These products are usually available at hardware stores or garden centers. Bti is not harmful to humans, pets, or other species which may feed on mosquito larvae.

5) If you have a larger pond on, or adjacent to, your property, it can be treated with the same larvicide by the Plymouth County Mosquito Control District, which can be reached at (617) 585-5450. The PCMCD will treat such areas with larvicide only if larvae exist in numbers sufficient to justify the application.

To supplement information already on file, the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee is trying to locate and map potential problem areas in the town where mosquitoes may breed. Please report any natural areas of standing water in your neighborhood by calling 383-9900, Ext. 121.

In spite of all these defensive measures, adult mosquitoes will inevitably appear. They are most prevalent during early morning and early evening, their natural feeding times. If possible, stay indoors during these hours and keep children indoors as well. Make sure screens on doors and windows fit tightly and that breaks are mended. If you need additional information, please call 383-9900, Ext. 121, or leave a note in the CMCC mailbox in town hall.

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Sat. 19	11:14	9.8	5:03	11:26	11.5	5:15
Sun. 20	——	——	5:52	12:04	10.3	6:05
Mon. 21	12:17	11.8	6:41	12:54	10.7	6:56
Tues. 22	1:08	11.9	7:30	1:44	11.0	7:48
Wed. 23	2:00	11.9	8:20	2:35	11.1	8:41
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Life's a beach

Sifting through the South Shore's sands



Sandy Beach lifeguard Aimee Mitchell scans the beach in Cohasset.

Staff photo/Fred Robertson

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

While a day by the sea may sound like a lovely escape from the daily grind, finding just the right beach to suit your fancy takes a little wading.

All over the South Shore, many beautiful expanses of golden sand and glittering blue waves await the office-weary. But often times, obstacles such as restricted parking and overcrowded beaches — made worse at high tide — stand in the way of the perfect day at the beach.

Fortunately, South Shore beach-goers seem to have cleaned up their act. Gone are the days of litter—laden stretches of sand, and broken beer bottles strewn along the shore. Beaches from Cohasset to Kingston now come equipped with trash barrels that sun and surf worshippers use to their advantage. Many towns also have beach associations helping to keep the South Shore's shores clean.

Several towns have also taken on sand dune restoration projects, including Rexhame and Duxbury beaches, which enhance the natural , but fragile beauty of the oceanside.

But clean, shipshape, spacious beaches don't come free — not if you plan to park and stay for the day. Most towns allow only residents with seasonal permits to park in beach lots, which are often cramped to begin with. A few towns charge daily parking rates, while other beaches have no parking at all.

Rexhame Beach off Route 139 in Marshfield is an exception to the inadequate parking standard. Beach-goers with no permit can pay for an all-day pass to park in the lot, which can hold more than 200 cars.



Another view of Cohasset's Sandy Beach.

Staff photo/Fred Robertson

Although it boasts one of the largest open parking lots in the area, the beach at Rexhame has plenty of space to accommodate the crowds that flock there.

"On the weekends it's more crowded, but you're not sitting on each other's laps," said loyal Rexhame Beach fan Joy Barnes of Whitman. "It's very secluded."

Barnes journeys 25 minutes from her home to spend the day with her children at the beach, the same beach she frequented as a child.

"It's a great family beach," she said. "The kids love it. The water's great. There are never any problems with the people around here."

The public rest rooms, lifeguards on duty and clean and not-too-rocky terrain are also reasons that keep her coming back year after year, she said.

Just down the road, Brant Rock Beach offers a different sort of haven for families who may have only an hour to devote to sun bathing. Located near a bounty of restaurants, shops and two ice cream stands, this rounded sliver of beach stretches out to sea with rock jetties that people enjoy exploring and admiring. Two-hour public parking in designated spaces along the sea wall can be nabbed early in the day. Other cars pay to park at a lot across from Brant Rock Supermarket. Restrooms are available at the "comfort station" next to the market.

Skipping over the town line to Duxbury, a long and winding King Caesar Road — off Route 3A — reveals sweeping seascapes worthy of a painter's canvas, leading to Powder Point Bridge. Hands-down one of the most exquisite views around, Duxbury Bay and Beach complement each other spectacularly.

Only beach-goers who are year-round or summer residents of Duxbury and hold beach permits have the pleasure of crossing this long, wooden landmark bridge — a popular fishing spot— to park at the beach. Out-of-towners are sent back to park at the foot of the bridge or, when that small lot fills up, to the public entrance on Canal Street in Marshfield for a fee.

"This is why I moved to Duxbury. It's a gorgeous town with a wonderful beach," said 28-year resident Jack Hamilton, who brings his grandchildren to the beach at least once a week when they visit during the summer. "It's a beautiful place to be."

The beach has a handicapped accessible ramp as well as life guards who patrol the area. With the proper permit, residents and non-residents alike can take their off-road vehicles for a joy ride along an exclusive four-wheel-drive trail from Duxbury to Plymouth.

A few exits down Route 3 South, follow signs to Gray's Beach in Kingston. While the beach itself offers little room to stretch out and relax, the surrounding park —maintained by the town's recreation commission — presents many recreational opportunities, including basketball and volleyball courts, picnic tables, benches and a playground area. The restrooms and concession stand are closed and parking is posted for residents only.

Around the corner from Cohasset harbor, Sandy Beach awaits its residents, who never want for parking in the generous lot. Speckled by small stones and nestled among large boulders, the beach lives up to its name. But loyal beach goers laud the safety and convenience of their favorite beach as primary reasons for spending the day.

"It's a well taken care of, safe place for kids," said resident Joanne Gavaza, who meets her children's play group at Sandy Beach at least one afternoon a week. "We can always get parking and space is no problem."

Other amenities at Sandy Beach include a bath house with showers, rest rooms and a pay phone, life guards and push cart vendors.

"It's definitely a family beach," agreed resident Judy Moore, who has returned to the beach for more than 20 years. "I can be confident that my children are safe at the edge of the water."

Minot Beach in North Scituate also tops the list of fantastic South Shore views with its rocky reaches and the famous lighthouse across the water. Locals love their beach even though high tide forces them up against the seawall.

Minimal parking for permit holders detracts from out-of-towners' enjoyment of the beach, but those who live within walking distance can take advantage of a railed walkway that stretches the length of the wall on Glades Road and flaunts the splendor of the ocean.

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ber of out-of-town stickers to non-residents. Corbett said the waiting list for those is extensive.

Martha Gjesteby, Old Pasture Road, has gone to the beach for years, first with her four children and now with visiting grandchildren.

"I love the beach, it's wonderful," Gjesteby said. "It's our treasure down there."

Jack Armstrong of Weymouth holds one of about 150 coveted annual out-of-town stickers for which he paid about $250 to the beach association, he said. The money is well worth it, Armstrong says.

"It's my vacation, I go down there a lot. I like the beach," he says. "It's a family oriented beach in a bucolic setting."

Armstrong noted that there beach parking lot is rarely full so there is room for a few out-of-towners. That was corroborated by town clerk Marion Douglas of Beechwood Street who was at the beach during last weekend's hot spell and was surprised to see a fair number of empty spaces.

Another public town beach in town is Black Rock Beach off Forest Avenue Extension. That's a walk-to only beach, explained Chief Noonan, because there is no parking available.



In the Swim

Here's a brief description of amenities offered at South Shore beaches

COHASSET:

- $7 resident beach parking permits
- No public parking
- Lifeguards on duty
- Bath house with restrooms
- Three pushcart vendors

DUXBURY:

- $35 resident beach parking permits; $80 resident four-wheel-drive vehicle permits; $160 non-resident four-wheel-drive vehicle permits
- Small public parking lot at foot of Powder Point Bridge; pay to park at Marshfield entrance to public section of beach on Canal Street —$5 weekdays, $8 weekends and holidays.
- Lifeguards on duty
- Bathhouse with restrooms on public section of beach
- Concession stand on public section of beach

KINGSTON:

- $25 resident beach parking permits
- Public parking at own risk
- No lifeguards
- Restrooms closed
- Concession stand closed

MARSHFIELD:

- $18 resident beach parking permits
- Public parking lots at Rexhame and Brant Rock beaches for daily fee
  Rexhame — $5 each weekday, $10 on weekends;
  Brant Rock — $5 each week day, $8 on weekends.
- Lifeguards on duty
- Restrooms at Rexhame and Brant Rock beaches
- No concession stands

SCITUATE:

- $20 resident beach parking permits
- No non-resident parking
- Lifeguards on duty
- No restrooms
- No concession stands

Lack of proof leads to party host's acquittal

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much of the trial, left the courtroom immediately.

"On behalf of John Lennon we feel justice was done," defense attorney Bernard Hamill said outside the courthouse. "This trial did nothing but split open wounds."

Outside the courthouse, Hamill extended his sympathies to the Smith family regarding the death of their son. "This was a very bittersweet victory because of the emotional toll extracted from this case from all parties," Hamill said.

The Smith family has filed a civil suit against the Lennons, expected to be brought to court next year.

"Hamill stated in his opening statements these were '11 kids from hell'," Don Smith said in a bitter statement following the verdict. "Is my son from hell?" He read a list of his son's accomplishments, including nominations to the Air Force and Naval academies, receiving his pilot's license when he was 17, and learning to scuba dive by himself.

"Is this a kid from hell? The Lennons are a family from hell," he said. "Is this someone who is sorry for our son's death? Is this a man who cares? The public will find out very shortly the truth."

The Smith family vowed to press onward with their wrongful death case against the Lennons, and to keep fighting to change the laws regarding a social host's responsibilities.

"That is the biggest problem," Donna Smith said. "The law is written for commercial businesses and not social hosts. I will do everything in my power to keep this from going on."

"Not guilty does not mean innocent," Don Smith said. "The level of proof is limited by the current standards of the law. It restricts the Commonwealth in many ways."

During closing arguments on Friday, Hamill argued Lennon could not be found guilty without at least some proof Lennon provided alcohol or encouraged underage drinking.

"These kids knew how to drink. They were used to drinking," Hamill told the jury. "These kids knew how to party. They came (to the party) with a flotilla of beer." Several witnesses testified during the trial they had brought beer to the party.

Hamill also objected to the prosecution telling the jury of Smith's death, saying the case had been tried like a wrongful death suit. The defense tried unsucessfully the first day of the trial to keep Smith's death from the jury.

"The only reason Smith was brought in was to inflame prejudice or passion," Hamill said. "They put on evidence as if this was a wrongful death case or vehicular homicide."

While Hamill insisted the Lennon's party was essentially a family gathering, Assistant District Attorney Jon Barooshian told the jury that Lennon perpetuated an attitude that was anything but a family party.

"This party is exactly what the legislature had in mind when they wrote this statute," he said.

THE PROSECUTION'S CASE

Six students admitted to bringing their own beer to the party and drinking it outside Lennon's house from Smith's black Chevrolet Blazer and Thayer student Richard Azulay's sport utility vehicle.

Eight student witnesses called by Barooshian and Assistant District Attorney Joseph Harrington admitted to drinking beer from a keg on the back porch of the house, in full view of a yard filled with adults. None said Lennon had encouraged or served them alcohol. The students also admitted to obtaining mixed drinks from an unattended downstairs bar after the bartender had left for the evening.

Dr. Arthur Scheller, a Celtics team physician and father of a 1996 Thayer graduate, admitted on the stand to playing a drinking game with his son, Matthew Scheller, and other Thayer students at the party.

Two of the Thayer graduates at the party, Azulay and Jake Borden, admitted to driving home drunk that evening. Azulay changed his testimony from his pre-trial hearing, when he said he didn't drink at the party.

Borden, a Duxbury resident and Yale student, testified he arrived at the party at 6:30 p.m. and left at 2:30 a.m. In the interim he consumed four beers from a keg at the party. He testified he was never served or invited to drink while at the party. He drove home drunk.

Dr. Scheller said he ran into Greg Smith on the street in front of the house at 9:30 p.m., where he saw Smith with a six-pack of Bud Light in his left hand.

Nathaniel Banchiere, another teen witness and Thayer graduate, told the court he had served Mrs. Lennon a beer during the party.

Banchiere said he had seen Smith serve himself from kegs of beer at the party and that Smith had been "rowdy and wild." Banchiere said he and Smith had been friends since the sixth grade.

Meghan Mullin of Westwood said she drank three or four beers from a keg on the Lennons' patio. She testified she saw Smith and Azulay carrying bottles of beer they had brought to the patio.

Two witnesses, Kerri Mulligan of Marshfield and Courtney Wilkinson of Duxbury, broke down in tears on the stand. Both were longtime friends of Smith.

Captain Alfred Knight and Officer Paul Catanoso of the Marshfield police department both testified they saw no cans of beer or alcoholic containers in Greg Smith's car at the time of the accident.

Catanoso called the Lennon household at 7 a.m. June 23, 1996 to tell them of Smith's death. Mr. Lennon told Catanoso he would wake the students up and have them call him. They never did.

THE DEFENSE'S CASE

A request by Hamill for a required find of not guilty was denied by Judge Welch.

Hamill said the case should be thrown out of court after prosecution witnesses testified that at least six teenagers brought their own beer to the party.

"The mere availability of alcohol in a gathering with adults and minors does not constitute a violation," Hamill said. He said the state had shown nothing but the mere presence of alcohol, with no proof of acknowledgment or knowledge of underage drinking by Lennon.

Barooshian said the state had met its burden of proof. "We've gone beyond mere presence," of alcohol in the house, he said.

Jed Sheehan, a 1996 Thayer graduate from Braintree, testified he brought 10 Rolling Rock bottles and Bud Light cans to the party, which he drank in Azulay's car. Sheehan admitted to bringing phony identification to the party.

Thomas Welby, a 1996 Thayer graduate from West Roxbury, also admitted to bringing a case of beer to the party and drinking it outside the Lennons' house, in the back of Smith's car, with Banchiere, Smith, and Azulay. He said he saw Thayer student Chris Sullivan outside the house with a 30-pack of beer.

Welby also admitted to stealing a bottle of liquor from the downstairs bar, but said he got sick in the Lennons' bathroom not from drinking the liquor, but from the chewing tobacco he placed in his mouth after consuming the alcohol. Welby also did not consider himself drunk after drinking two to three beers off the keg and three to four shots of Buttershots.

"I was still able to think clearly," Welby said.

Janice Crowley, mother of a Thayer graduate, said she saw two cars outside the house, with six boys drinking out of coolers placed on the tailgates.

Michael McFadden, a licensed alcohol counselor in Florida and Massachusetts, attended the party to celebrate his niece and nephew's graduation. McFadden said when he left the party at 10:30 p.m., he noticed a sports utility vehicle with the back open and a cooler inside. Four to five young people were standing around the cooler drinking cans of Budweiser, he said.

McFadden said he told the group "I hope that's Coca-Cola you have in those cans."

"They told me to 'mind your own business'," he testified.

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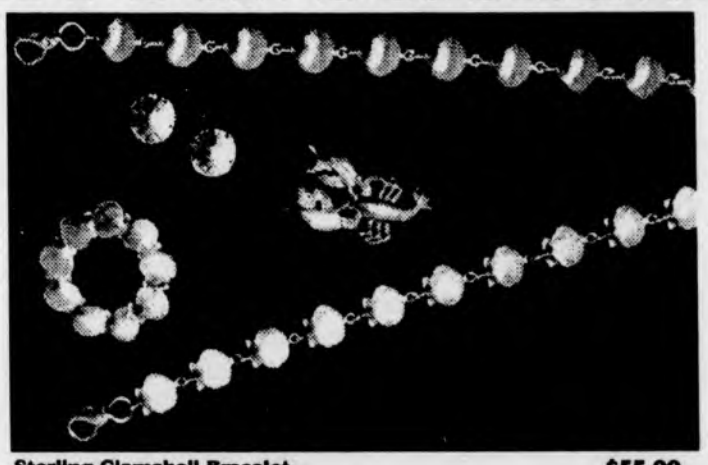
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MBTA agrees to some Greenbush mitigation requests

In a letter to selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan dated June 30, MBTA General Manager Patrick J. Moynihan has officially confirmed that the T will agree to some of Cohasset's mitigation requests.

Moynihan said that while the MBTA would not agree to all of Cohasset's mitigation requests, he believed the two parties agreed on most of the major issues.

The MBTA agreed to:

• perform a runoff/drainage analysis detailing the impacts restored rail service will have on the James Brook Flood Control Project. The study should be completed by labor day.

• eliminate the North Main Street drop off area.

• design an emergency egress/access for the Rocky Lane cul de sac in case a train ever breaks down and blocks the grade crossing.

• work with the Massachusetts Highway Department to install a traffic signal at the train station entrance on Route 3A.

• submit a list of federally approved grade crossing mitigation options to prevent train whistles from sounding at private way crossings.

• replace one-for-one all parking spaces eliminated to make way for the train.

• guarantee that there will not be a second station in Cohasset even though the Scituate board of selectmen have asked the T to reconsider its North Main Street station plans.

Sullivan also received a letter from MBTA right-of-way manager Kevin F. O' Connor stating that geotechnical boring along the Greenbush right-of-way will begin on or about July 21. The MBTA has commissioned NFE Inc., to drill 65 holes along the right-of-way to test the ground for stability.

Drilling is done with a 30-foot-high drill mounted on a pick up truck or all-terrain vehicle. Each boring takes 3-4 hours to complete. It will take workers 3-4 weeks to complete all boring work. Boring crews begin work at 7 a.m.

Army Corps joins Greenbush debate

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dent hearing but was unsuccessful," said Alexander Macmillan, Hingham's representative to the regional Greenbush Mitigation Committee and a vocal opponent of Greenbush.

"My prediction is that the outcome of this hearing will be that the MBTA's schedule will slip again," Macmillan added.

Macmillan said it was important to get state and federal regulatory agencies involved in the Greenbush debate. He said the MBTA only complies with state and federal regulations when it is forced to do so.

"They don't study alternatives," Macmillan said. "They spend their time trying to show that alternatives don't work."

Macmillan and other Hingham officials have said the MBTA wanted to hold a joint hearing so it could influence the corps' final decision on the project.

Andrew Brennan, manager of environmental affairs for the MBTA, said nothing could be further from the truth.

"This hearing is exactly what the MBTA has been asking for, which is full disclosure," Brennan said. "We wanted an opportunity for a hearing and we will be giving a 1/2-hour presentation."

Brennan also dismissed Macmillan's prediction that the Greenbush project would be delayed by the corps.

"I'm confident that this is a great project and I think the Army Corps of Engineers will agree," Brennan said.

The corps is involved in the Greenbush project because it has jurisdiction over federally protected wetlands and historic sites.

The Greenbush project will displace approximately 50,000 square feet of wetlands in Cohasset alone — 10 times the allowable limit — according to officials from the Cohasset conservation commission.

The MBTA also plans to run trains through Hingham's downtown area, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is also studying the projects potential impact on historic sites along the Greenbush line.

Much of the work to restore the Old Colony Rail Road has been paid for with federal funds, forcing the MBTA to comply with all associated regulations. Eighty percent of the costs of the Middleboro and Plymouth lines were paid for with federal money.

But MBTA officials have decided against using federal funds for the Greenbush line. Hingham officials claim the MBTA rejected the federal funds to avoid federal government regulations regarding historic places.

Brennan also rejected that assertion.

"We are already in the middle of a long historic review and we have been there for months," Brennan said. "This is a major public project and the Army Corps should hear everyone's concerns."

The corps does not normally hold an independent, public hearing on a municipal project. The corps usually solicits written comments from the public for limited period of time before issuing a finding.

Macmillan said he is optimistic the corps will require the MBTA to perform additional studies on the impacts of Greenbush.

"This project as it is currently proposed will cause severe environmental impacts and the MBTA is supposed to find alternatives," Macmillan said. "If the corps comes out of this project concluding that it can't be done without significant impacts, then the corps may require further study."

Macmillan added that another delay would push the project into a "gubernatorial election" year, 2000.

But Brennan said he is confident the project will pass muster with the Army Corps despite Macmillan's predictions to the contrary.

"He is a paid consultant for the town of Hingham and he's just saying what any paid consultant would say," Brennan said.

Cohasset selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he thought the corps hearing would be beneficial because it would serve as a check and balance on the MBTA. Sullivan said many Greenbush opponents fear state regulatory agencies are not properly monitoring the MBTA's plans.

"The corps is a federal agency and not part of the same state bureaucracy as the MBTA," Sullivan said. "Some people are afraid that the Department of Environmental Protection for instance might not be impartial with the MBTA."

Sullivan said it was sometimes necessary to be a little flexible with major public works projects. He added that people should not get overly confident that the corps will halt Greenbush.

"Some people see this hearing as a potential means to halt the project, but I'm not sure that will happen," Sullivan said. "It will be interesting to see how much the Army Corps will apply its rules and regulations to a major municipal project."

Whatever the outcome, Macmillan said it is critical that residents attend the meeting to voice their opinion on the project.

"Other than this, the only public hearing on the project will be on the final environmental impact report," Macmillan said. "At that point it will be difficult to make changes."

Lombardo's is located in Randolph just off Route 128 near the intersection of Route 128 and

PRUDENTIAL/HALLMARK SETS SALES RECORDS

Cohasset – Prudential Prime/Hallmark 100 Properties Ltd. reported a record-breaking volume of $50 million in sales for the first half of 1997 announced the firm's president, Chris Ford.

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"Our year-to-date sales figures are 58 percent ahead of the same period for last year," stated Ford. "Our combined Prudential Prime/Hallmark 100 market share places us number one in the four-town market of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Scituate where our four offices are located."

Prudential Acquisition

"In May of this year we acquired the Prudential franchise for our marketplace and we are already seeing a dramatic increase in relocation activity and inquiries to our expanded web site on the internet," stated Ford. "We are also seeing the benefits of a national TV marketing campaign for Prudential Value Range Marketing."

Record Internet Inquiries

"During the first two weeks of June we had a total of more than 20,000 inquiries at our site www.hallmark100.com including over 400 inquiries from Asia and Australia!" reported Ford. "In the first week of July we had a $500,000 contract in Hingham resulting from an internet inquiry that originated in London!"

Meallo Named Number One!

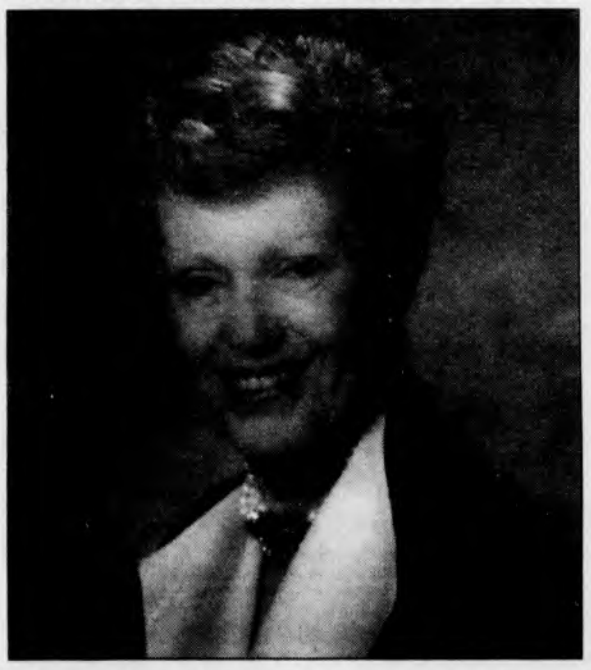
Paula Meallo was named the number one sales associate for the first half of 1997 with a record six months sales volume in excess of five million dollars. "This is the highest six-month volume by an individual agent in the history of the company," stated Ford. "Once again Paula has demonstrated that her formula of quiet consistency combined with quality relationship building yields solid long-term results."

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Cohasset: 1997 YTD

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Ambulance bill chasing pays off for Cohasset

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Selectmen finally allowed Nadeau to hire Henderson as a part-time billing administrator.

Now in her fifth year as billing administrator, Henderson has increased Cohasset's collection rate from 32 percent to an average 90 percent collection rate for the last five years.

Cohasset has billed $553,588.06 in ambulance commitments since 1993, and Henderson has collected $495,206.87, leaving approximately $58,000 in unpaid bills.. Henderson said she expects to collect at least another $20,000 of the $31,141 still outstanding for 1997.

She added that $26,800 has been sent to a collection agency, Credit Recovery Collection of Waltham, to try to obtain payment.

Henderson said things were "pretty out of control" when she started working in 1992. No one had the expertise to deal with the complicated world of insurance billing and hospital billing. Henderson said she had some computer and accounting skills, but learned the rest of her skills on the job.

Other factors contributed to past billing problems. In 1992 the town did not have an official ambulance billing policy to serve as a guide.

Selectmen approved a policy in 1993 that billed everyone for ambulance runs. Town employees injured on the job were billed but not charged. The fire department began charging for expensive services like oxygen.

The policy allowed Henderson to establish exactly who was responsible for a bill and how much was owed.



The Cohasset ambulance gets ready to answer a call.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Henderson is rather modest about her accomplishments, but she admits that she is responsible for the outstanding collection rate. She lists several reasons for the high recovery rate.

"The most important thing I do is conduct a daily audit of accounts," Henderson said. "Above all I contact people personally so they are answering to a person and not a computer system. The reason for the good collection rate is perseverance by me."

Henderson said she has established relationships with people at insurance companies and with people who use ambulances frequently because of chronic health problems.

"By establishing relationships with people at insurance companies, I know who to call," Henderson said.

Henderson also shuns ambulance collection agencies. She does all her own collecting until an account exceeds one year past due, when she turns it over to a collection agency.

Insurance billing can get extremely complicated when car accidents are involved. Automobile insurance companies will not pay directly to ambulance service providers. Instead. most insurance companies pay the insured, who is supposed to reimburse the ambulance provider.

But in at least 50 percent of auto claims, the insured will spend the money rather than reimbursing the fire department. Henderson said collecting money from people in car accidents who needed an ambulance is one of her biggest billing problems.

"I think it's like a form of fraud," Henderson said. "Insurance companies should just pay us directly."

Riding in an ambulance is an expensive proposition. Cohasset charges the maximum fee allowed by Medicare regulations: $218.97 plus $9.80 per mile.

An average ambulance trip from Cohasset to the nearest hospital with an emergency room, South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, is 12 miles, adding $118.60 to the bill.

Oxygen costs the patient an additional $40.34.

While Henderson downplays her role, selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said she deserves most of the credit.

"We obviously saw a problem before Jane arrived, but no one deserves the credit but her," Sullivan said. "It's a great example of someone taking over a problem, focusing their energies, making recommendations and changes, and coming up with innovative solutions."

Henderson said she is pleased with the way the system has evolved.

"Everyone is billed the same and every single run is billed," Henderson said. "There is no discrimination."

Henderson also sends out a survey to each patient asking them to rate their experience with the ambulance and EMTs. She says the EMTs and paramedics also deserve a great deal of praise for providing a service people want to pay for.

"We always ask the patients if they were satisfied with their service and the EMTs always get glowing remarks," Henderson said. "They really deserve a lot of credit."

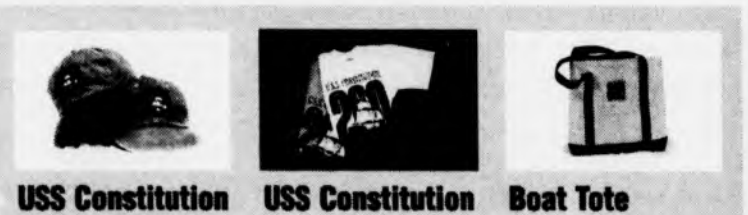
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Maritime Museum is open for the season

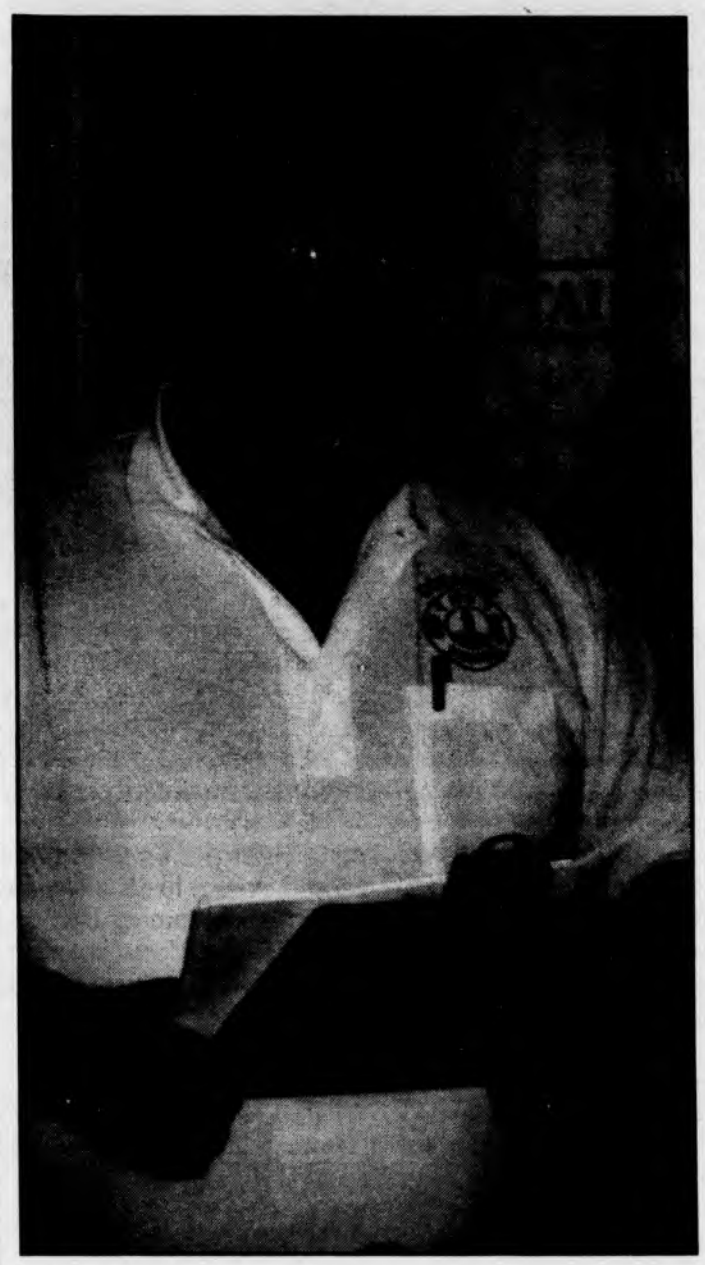
The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum, Elm Street, Cohasset center, is open for the season. Hours through September are 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. each day except Mondays. Admission is free and donations are accepted.

The museum features artifacts such as ship models, fishing gear, lifesaving materials, shipbuilding and shipwreck relics, as well as a collection of Native American stone tools relating to the history of this small New England village.

For further information call the Historical Society at 617-383-1434.

PICTURE THIS

MARK TRASK



Name: Mark H. Trask

Occupation: Cohasset fire captain.

Goal: Finishing putting my kids through college and retire in a nice location.

Best vacation: Pineapple Beach Cove, Antiqua.

Best day of your life: The days my children were born.

Biggest worry: That the socioeconomic house of cards we built will come crashing down.

Favorite holiday: Labor Day.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite TV show: I rarely watch TV.

Favorite movie: 'The Last Picture Show."

Favorite book: Anything by Tom Clancy and Anne Rice.

Favorite junk food: Corn muffins.

Most embarrassing moment: I've had plenty!

Person you'd most like to meet: Bill Gates.

Pet peeve: People who don't take fire safety seriously.

No water restrictions in sight

Although demand is at triple the normal rate, water department Supt. Richard Cohan says he is optimistic that there will be no water restrictions needed in Cohasset this summer.

"The reservoir water levels look pretty good," said Cohan. "At this time there are no restrictions on the horizon."

He explained there have been a few complaints about dirty water but that is to be expected because the increased demand stirs up the sediment in the pipes in different parts of town.

Cohan said recent improvements in the distribution system should keep the water flowing. The past two summers, ongoing construction caused some distribution problems but "that is mostly behind us," he said.

Cohan said the wet spring has helped keep the reservoir at a high level.

He stressed that residents should always practice conservation because water costs so much today.

Users are charged at a two-step rate. The first 2,000 cubic feet (15,000 gallons) is $4.07 per cubic foot and above that, the rate is $5.52.

EEE packets available

Packets containing basic information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and general measures for mosquito control are available at three Cohasset sites: Town Hall (in a receptacle mounted on the large billboard), the Community Center, and the Paul Pratt Library.

This information has been provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Audubon Society, and the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee (CMCC). For further information call 383-9900, ext. 121, or leave a note in the CMCC mailbox in town hall.

Stay away from construction

School officials said construction of the new school behind the existing Deer Hill School is underway. They urge citizens to stay away from the site for safety reasons.

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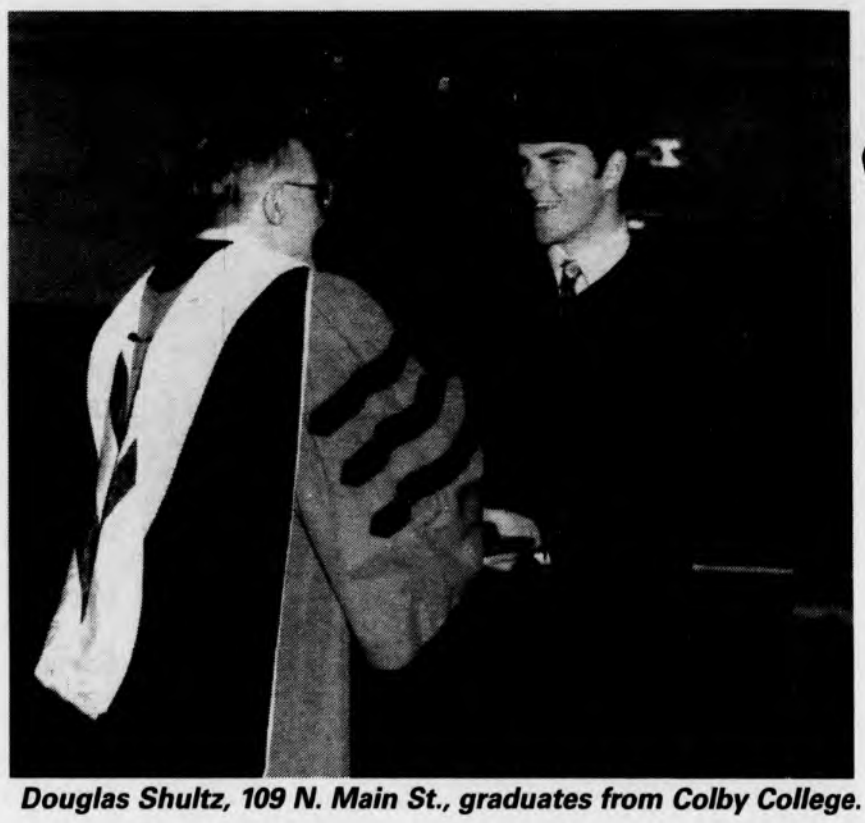
Elisabeth Schramm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin T. Schramm of 28 Atlantic Ave., Cohasset, graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., May 23. Elisabeth received a bachelor's degree in Spanish. She is a graduate of Cohasset Junior-Senior High School.

B.U. STUDENTS FINISH

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 4,103 students this spring! Receiving degrees were Cohasset residents Tara A. Gallagher, BS in communication disorders; Patricia A. Hart, MBA in health care management; Ana A. Mercurio, BS/BA in business administration and management; Marc A. Mercurio, BA in history; and, Charlotte N. Tilden, JD in law, cum laude. We congratulate all of you and wish you the best in your future endeavors!



Douglas Ellinger, 17 Surry Dr., receives his diploma from Colby College.



Douglas Shultz, 109 N. Main St., graduates from Colby College.

COLBY COLLEGE GRADS

Douglas R. Ellinger, son of George and Patricia Ellinger of Cohasset, received his bachelor of arts degree at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, May 25. Doug majored in administrative science, and achieved dean's list status. He is a graduate of CHS.

Douglas F. Schultz, son of Gerald and Regina Schultz, was also awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Doug majored in government and minored in environmental studies; he was on the dean's list, and also graduated from CHS.

XAVERIAN DIPLOMA

On Sunday, May 18, Xaverian Brothers High School held its Commencement Exercises for the 31st year and bestowed 158 diplomas to its graduating seniors. Todd C. Harrington, son of Cherylann Harrington of 159 Atlantic Ave., earned his diploma for all of his efforts. As this goes to press, he is undecided about his college plans.

DERBY ACADEMY NEWS

Derby Academy sends us good news this week, the second semester honors were announced and lots of Cohasset scholars were awarded. Headmaster's List certificates were awarded to Charles Anderson, Kara Gaughen, Corinna Noering and Jamie Simons; all achieved an average of A- or above! Second Honors, B or B+ average, went to Kristen Deane, Geoffrey McWilliams, Carter Noon, Elliot Noon, Katherine Schroeder and Wiley Wakeman. Congratulations to all of you for all of your efforts!

WATERCOLORS

Did you know that a number of watercolor paintings by JoAnne Chittick are on display in the Landmark Building at 160 Federal St. in Boston? The exhibit, which includes 12 works featuring familiar Boston buildings and scenes such as Faneuil Hall, doorways of Beacon Hill, Newbury Street facades and Copley Square, will continue until July 26. Everyone who knows JoAnne's work loves it and will want to see it, and those who don't, make an effort to see it, you'll be so glad!

Speaking of watercolors being wonderful, hats off to Mr. R.V. Laney. His watercolor, entitled "Taos Doorways," won first prize in that division in the Art Festival. Mr. Laney hasn't been an artist all of his life, but he has won first place for the last two years at the festival. He has studied under various artists in Maine, and he continues to do so. We cannot wait to see more of his work, maybe someday he will have his own one-man show! Wouldn't that be great!

HAT'S OFF TO PORTER

Congratulations go to Jim Porter of Cohasset. He was recently named vice president of account services at Dickinson Direct, a full-service direct marketing firm located in Braintree. Jim will oversee the management and growth of one of Dickinson Direct's five account teams, we wish him well in his new position!

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS

Attention to all senior citizens — did you know that every Tuesday and Thursday you can take water aerobics with Gini at the town pool? The classes began July 1 and are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. 'til 12:15 p.m. The cost is $2.50 per class. Gini suggests you bring water shoes, towel, a hat and of course, your bathing suit. Sounds like fun and great exercise!

One more thing — you can "swing and sway" with Sammy Kaye at the South Shore Music Circus July 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $14 per person. Call Cohasset Elder Affairs (383-9112) if you are interested, and they will have a bus if there are enough people who need a ride. It promises to be a grand time, don't miss it!

FARMERS' MARKET

Finally, don't forget the farmer's market — it gets better every week (something that is hard to do, it is always wonderful). It is on the Cohasset Common, from 3 'til 7 every Thursday!

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SENIOR SCENE MARY LONDEGRAN

No summer 'R&R' for local seniors

Have you been looking for something to do this summer? Everyone thinks that summer is the time for R&R, but not at the Cohasset Elder Affairs. Here's a few items that the office has planned for your summer fun. You can just drop in and pick up a schedule of things to do and places to go. So don't stay home when you can join in the fun things to do this summer.

Here is just a sample — July 16, the Boston Harbor Island Cruise and lunch at the Hingham Bay Club. The cost is $6.50 for the cruise and lunch is on your own! Call if interested, the cruise may be offered again in August.

July 23, it's "Swing and Sway with Sammy Kay's Orchestra" at the 2 p.m. matinee. The cost is $15 with a ride, if you need it.

July 30, a lunch is planned at Schooners in Hull after the band concert. Then Aug. 4, a trip to the Braintree Plaza for a cool day of shopping. The group will leave Cohasset at 9:30 a.m. and return about 1:30 p.m.

In August, it's down to Plymouth for a fun time on the Duck Tour, then lunch on your own. Anyone interested in line dancing at the Bernie King Pavilion in Hull on Nantasket Beach? It's free! Come along and enjoy the summer breeze and happy feet! This is planned for Wednesdays, if there is enough interest.

Aug. 20, at 9:30 a.m., board the bus for Caldor's in Braintree and lunch after at Bug-a-Boo Steak House. Then Aug. 27, at 9 a.m., off to Boston on the Harbor Express with lunch in town and fun sightseeing at old Faneuil Hall.

By the way, the Senior Pharmacy Program has been extended until Aug. 31. The income eligibility has also been increased to 150 percent of the poverty level, which is $11,835.

If you have any questions on this program or need help with other health insurance questions, please call Cohasset Elder Affairs at 383-9112.



Barbara Alger leads Cohasset seniors in Chi-gong at the South Shore Community Center.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Picnic at beach pavilion

South Shore Elder Services, Inc., cordially invites all seniors to attend its fifth annual picnic on Nantasket beach Thursday, Aug. 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by Joanne Sullivari, piano and vocals, sing-a-longs and line dancing.

All senior participants will be eligible for a free ride on the carousel, compliments of Friends of Paragon Carousel.

A boxed picnic lunch will be served at noon on the pavilion. The cost for lunch is $1.75.

If you would like to join us for our picnic, call our nutrition department at (617) 848-3910. All reservations must be made by Thursday, Aug. 14.

Family Fun Night Series continues at the Paragon Carousel

The Family Fun Night Series continues at the Paragon Carousel throughout the summer, with events every other Wednesday evening in July and August, from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, the carousel will host Carousel Crafts. Children can enjoy stenciling, coloring and other creative activities.

August 6, children are encouraged to come dressed in their pajamas and join storyteller Randy Zella. Zella is the host of the local cable show, "Snuggle Up With Me." Stories will begin at 7:10 and 7:40 p.m. This will allow children to take a ride on the carousel as well, and wish their favorite horse goodnight! Zella will be taping for her local show, which will air Friday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m., on Channel 3 in Hull.

The family night series will come to a close Aug. 20, with a family concert by local performer Dawna Hammers.

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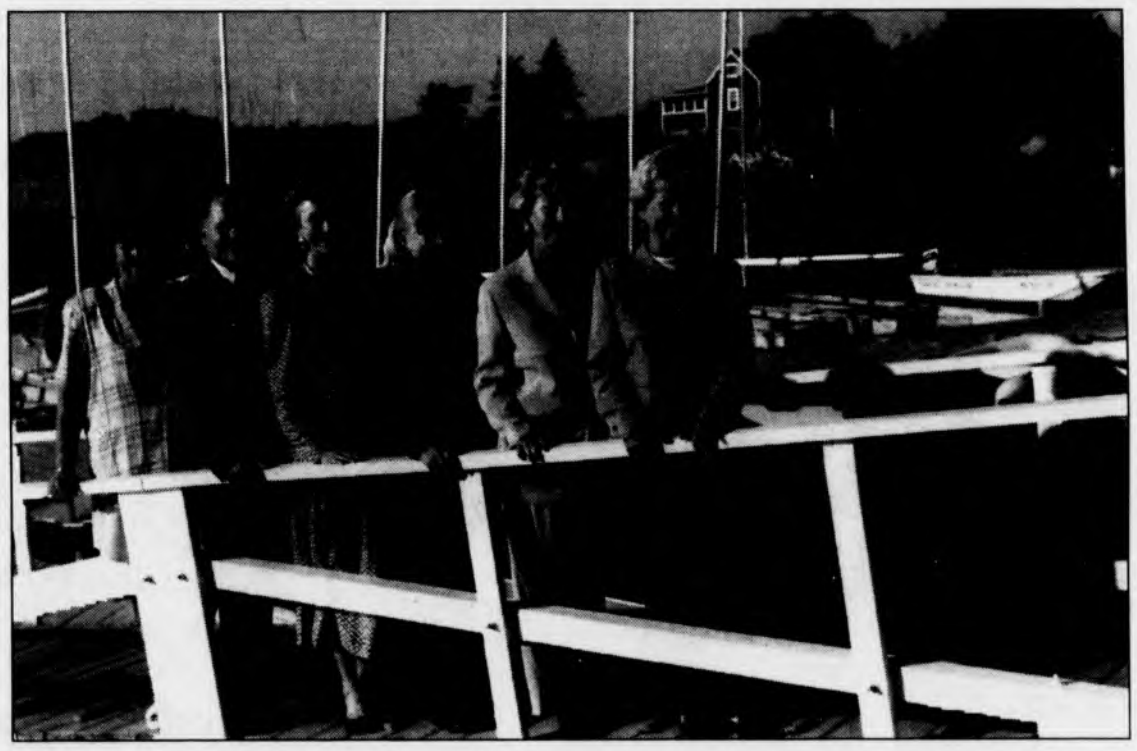
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Can't decide where in the world to visit this vacation? Perhaps a step back into the world of the French Impressionists is the way to go this year. But first, visit us at **SCITUATE HARBOR TRAVEL, 53 Cole Parkway, Scituate Harbor.** Our creative, courteous, and experienced travel professionals are available for complete travel planning, no matter where, when, why, or how you choose to see the world. For leisure or business travel, call the experts at **545-4281** or **800-354-2720.**

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Saving water

It's been hot, hot, hot — and dry, dry, dry — as local gardeners know only too well. This has been the second driest July on record (down 0.13 inches) and the third driest June ever (0.76 inches, which was down 1.86 inches.)

We desperately need two to three inches of rain to soak the ground and seep down to the roots of our thirsty plants. Trees and bushes are gasping for water as are our lawns and flowers.

The dry spell that began about May 20 is continuing into mid-July, according to Robert Skilling from the Hingham Weather Station. Total precipitation during that period has been just 2.02 inches compared to normal rainfall of 6.15 inches.

So even though it's quite a temptation to go out and turn on the sprinklers and hoses full blast, wash the car and fill up that pool, consider that conservation measures are needed for the benefit of all.

Dick Cohan, superintendent of the Cohasset Water Department, said there are no water restrictions in sight. But he notes it is always good to conserve water wherever possible if for no other reason than the fact that water costs so much.

Here's some interesting water trivia for you.

A human drinks a half gallon of water every day.

A 40-pound dog drinks one to 1-1/2 quarts a day in the summer.

A cow drinks 40 gallons a day.

A goat drinks four gallons a day.

A 10-pound cat drinks one cup a day.

A house plant needs a cup of water a week.

And, now that you've digested those figures, here are some suggestions for conserving water: install a low-flow shower head; put a displacement device in your toilet tank or buy an ultra low-flush toilet; attach low-flow aerators to your kitchen and bathroom sink faucets; turn off the water while washing dishes, brushing your teeth or shaving. Running water wastes five to 20 times as much water.

If you wash your car yourself, use a sponge and bucket and save more than 100 gallons of water. Carefully inspect all plumbing, including your water heater and sprinkler system, for leaks.

In the garden, adding compost to the soil improves the water-holding capacity. Check hose connections and repair leaky hoses. Ask about low water using turf when replanting your lawn and also, the experts recommend, raise those lawnmower blades. Longer grass helps shade the roots and cuts down on evaporation.

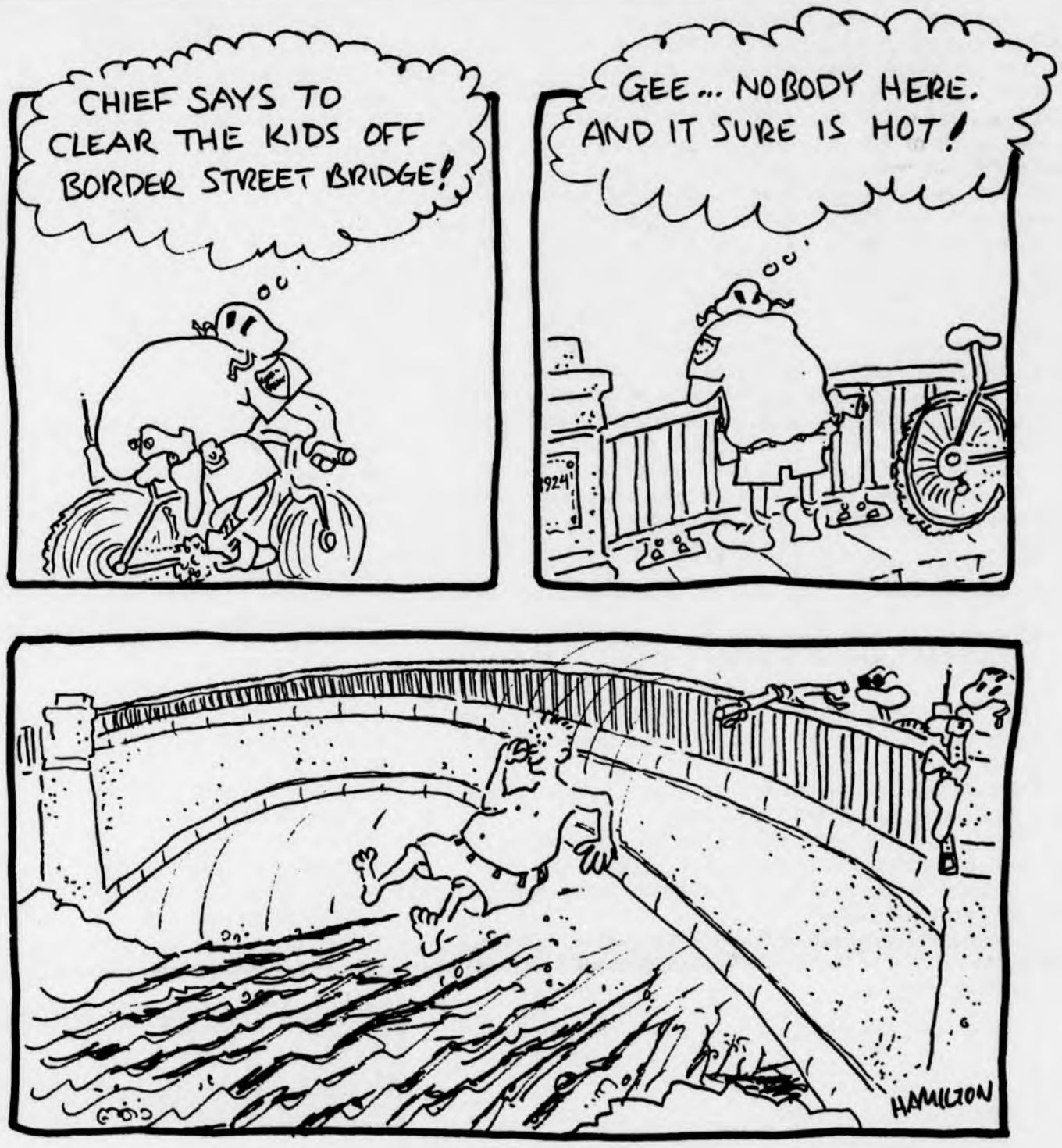
Preserve existing trees, water trees and shrubs with deep root systems longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants, and use porous paving material such as brick, decomposed granite or gravel in patios and walkways to keep water in the garden rather than the gutter.

And, they urge, don't over-water. Established lawns and shrubs and most vegetables and flowers need just one inch of water a week.

So, let's pull together and let those brown lawns serve as a badge of honor to show that we conserve water and care about our universe.

— Judy Enright

Judy Enright is editor of the Norwell Mariner, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.



LETTERS

Art Grant Is Appeciated

To the Editor:

On behalf of the students at Cohasset High School and the Arts Boosters, I would like to thank the South Shore Playhouse Associates for their generous grant to our effort.

We are fortunate in Cohasset to have dedicated teachers and talented students and parents, who want to see that the arts continue to thrive in our community and in our schools. This grant will help us in our effort and will be used wisely by the Arts Boosters.

The South Shore Playhouse Associates and the South Shore Music Circus are true assets to the town of Cohasset. The members of the Arts Boosters send our sincerest wishes for the best season yet in 1997.

Donna O'Donnell, president
Cohasset Arts Boosters

Restore commuter boat operator

To the Editor:

I was not surprised to learn this week that Robert Cerasolo, the State Inspector General, has "serious questions" about the new MBTA Hingham commuter boat line. Having ridden these boats a few times, it is clear to me and everybody else on board, that there are real problems. Cheese and crackers and dollar beers won't make them go away. (No boat I rode made the trip in under 45 minutes.)

This parting shot at Hingham from then Sec. of Transportation James Kerasiotes, is just the latest of many bad decisions. It is interesting to note that Mr. Cerasoli also challenged the controversial Greenbush rail project early last year. Referring to the low ridership numbers published by the MBTA, he responded, "I did the figures, and I figured that if we bought each of those people a Mercedes Benz, and gave it to them ... that we'd make out better."

The new Secretary, Patrick Moynihan, has inherited these problems from his former boss, who is watching closely from the wings. Let us hope that Mr. Moynihan restores the original boat operator and cancels the languishing Greenbush project which promises to spiral well above the projected costs.

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The resurrection of famed Old Ironsides

South Shore man masterminds restoration of the world's oldest fighting ship

By Patsy Murray
STAFF WRITER

When Charles Mason Deans boards the world's oldest warship on Monday, July 21, he will receive the same tribute as the captain of the USS Constitution.

Four peals of the ship's bell will salute Commander Michael Beck. And the bell will toll four times for the North Weymouth civilian who has charge of the $12 million restoration of Old Ironsides and who will supervise her first voyage under sail in 116 years.

Both men will proudly stand by for the boarding of the nation's commander-in-chief, if as anticipated President Bill Clinton accepts the Navy's invitation to join in celebrating the 199th anniversary of the Constitution's maiden voyage on July 22, 1798, and the approach of the 200th anniversary of her launching on Oct. 21, 1797.

The ship's bell will ring out eight times, a low continuous beating of the drum will resound, embellished with the fanfare of ruffles and flourishes. On shore a military band will strike up "Hail to the Chief" as the 42nd President of the United States of America steps aboard the 44-gun frigate commissioned by first President George Washington onto the "deck, once red with heroes' blood/Where knelt the vanquished foe."

It won't be at all surprising if, as they take their places on the top deck of the beautifully refurbished Constitution ,the two men find themselves recalling from their schoolboy days such a stirring line from Oliver Wendall Holmes' 1830 poem "Old Ironsides."

Holmes' three brief, emotionally devastating stanzas, roused the nation and shamed the Navy into changing its mind about destroying the legendary fighting ship it had condemned as unseaworthy.

It was the first of many resurrections to come for the prototype of a new speedy breed of Navy fighter launched from Hart Shipyard, just across Boston Harbor from the Constitution's present day berth in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

That latest revival began in earnest in 1991, when the Navy Historical Center Detachment was established to carry out the preservation of the gallant ship that survived 42 battles, most of them in the War of 1912, without an enemy ever stepping on her decks except to surrender.

Charles Deans, the man picked to head the detachment and to carry out the restoration, has never served a day in the military.

Raised and educated in Quincy, he went to work at an auto mechanic after graduating in 1958 from Quincy High School. And that's what he might have remained if he hadn't been blessed with a persistent mother.

A civilian government employee for many years, the late Alice Deans goaded her son into applying for the apprentice program at the Boston Navy Shipyard. He was accepted as a marine mechanic apprentice. The first step had been taken that transformed a boy who spent his days fixing cars into the man responsible for fixing up the oldest ship in the Navy.

Deans has been with the Navy Department now for 34 years. After the shipyard closed, he was assigned to the supervisor of shipbuilding. Charles Deans first clapped eyes on the ship that has become to him as dear as a family member and as close as a best friend when his fifth-grade class went into Boston to tour the Constitution. He didn't see her again until 1985 when, as quality assurance director, he took custody of the by-now seedy vessel.

The relationship deepened and flourished with the directive to oversee restoration of Old Ironsides as a national treasure.

"The ship," Deans said, "has benefited tremendously" from the creation of the historical center detachment. She became the focus of full-time attention as Deans put together a team to rehaul her from top to bottom.

Working out of the long three-story granite, circa 1830, Building #24, adjacent to the Constitution Museum, Deans and his crew of shipbuilding professionals have systematically restored the ailing ship to mint condition.

To begin the job, he was asked how many people he would need to document repairs and catalogue the ship's needs.

"I don't need anyone," he said. "We'll take care of it." Famous last words.

The search for information took researchers from Greenwich, England, to the Library of Congress, to the historical societies of Pennsylvania and New York, to the national archives — anywhere that a smidgen of data about the Constitution could possibly be found. The exhaustive investigation resulted in more than 13,000 pages of documents and more than 800 engineering drawings.

The sail plan followed by sailmakers Dave Mullins and former art teacher Liz Frost, who hails from Kittery, Maine and a family of shipbuilders, dates to 1817.

On her historic voyage a few days from now, the Constitution will rely for power on six sails, the most widely used configuration on a ship going into battle. Two of them — the flying jib up front and the spanker in the rear — were designed and manufactured in Building #24.

Only about 15 percent of the Constitution launched in 1797 remains, most of that original material below the water line. Seventy-five percent of the upper deck has been replaced and the ship has been completely recorked.

Don't expect, though, to find tarred hemp in the cracks or sealing rigging. Some concessions have been made to the role of the Constitution as a floating museum. It wouldn't do to have any of the million visitors a year slip on melted tar or have it drip on them from on high.

The Constitution's beautifully crafted woodwork and iron work was accomplished in Dean's own workshops. The detachment employs its own blacksmith, adept at the art of his forefathers. The woodworking floor contains highly specialized, even one-of-a-kind equipment. Twenty-eight miles of rigging (lines and rope), along with five miles of running rigging actually used to operate the six sails, as well as the safety nets used to protect the crew from falls, were manufactured on site.

Deans will have a crew of some 250 working the ship next Monday or providing technical support, with a sailing crew of 150. The ship's complement ordinarily comprises 54 civilians and 52 military sails.

Safety nets are not the only anachronisms aboard the Constitution. Those early 19th century sailors who manned the guns and manipulated the sails aboard Old Ironsides had no safety nets to protect them from an inevitably fatal fall onto the deck or into the sea.

Subtly tucked out of sight in wooden boxes, modern firefighting equipment protects the ship and its crew. A damage control team ready to respond to any emergency will be aboard for Monday's voyage to Marblehead. Behind a closed door, a state-of-the-art computerized security system monitors the ship.

The iron bars used as ballast in the Constitution's heyday have been replaced with 100 tons of lead, hidden under a wooden box on the overlap or, in ship talk, orlop, the lowest of the four decks on a warship.

However, no sailor will be banished down to those lower depths to clean the ballast as a punishment feared only a little less than flogging or keel-hauling.



North Weymouth resident Charles Deans' smile reflects the pride he has in the USS Constitution, whose $12 million restoration he has lovingly supervised.

Staff photo/Carey C. Marden

But there's nothing inauthentic about the Constitution's guns. Those diminutive sailors (most of them standing well under the 5'6" height required for a marine snipper who stood on a fighting platform half way up the mast to harass enemy crews) would feel right at home with the cannonades on the top deck and the 24-pound cannons a ladder flight down on the gun deck.

Two of the cannons were fired during the Constitution's traditional 4th of July turnaround, a procedure that allows the wooden ship and its masts to weather evenly as it lies month after month in its berth.

By now the preparations have been made and all that remains for Deans' detachment is to set sail on Monday.

But rest assured, the crew will know exactly what they are doing — each and every one of them.

They have been holding sail training for months, going out weekday mornings before 7 a.m. to practice for the day when they will unfurl 12,225 square feet of sail and let Old Ironsides ride once again with the wind.

The ship was taken on a brief practice run, under tow, last week. Among the invited guests was Della Fontana of Braintree, the mother of Charles Deans' friend, Mary Fontana of Weymouth. As a young girl, she was one of the thousands of school children who contributed to the penny campaign in the late Twenties to help refurbish the Constitution. Old Ironsides subsequently visited ports on both sides of the country, but was towed every inch of the way.

A similar penny campaign is now underway nationwide, initiated by the Charlestown American Legion Post. The other four sails being used for next week's voyage and much of the ship's rope was paid for with pennies of another generation of school children and awed visitors.

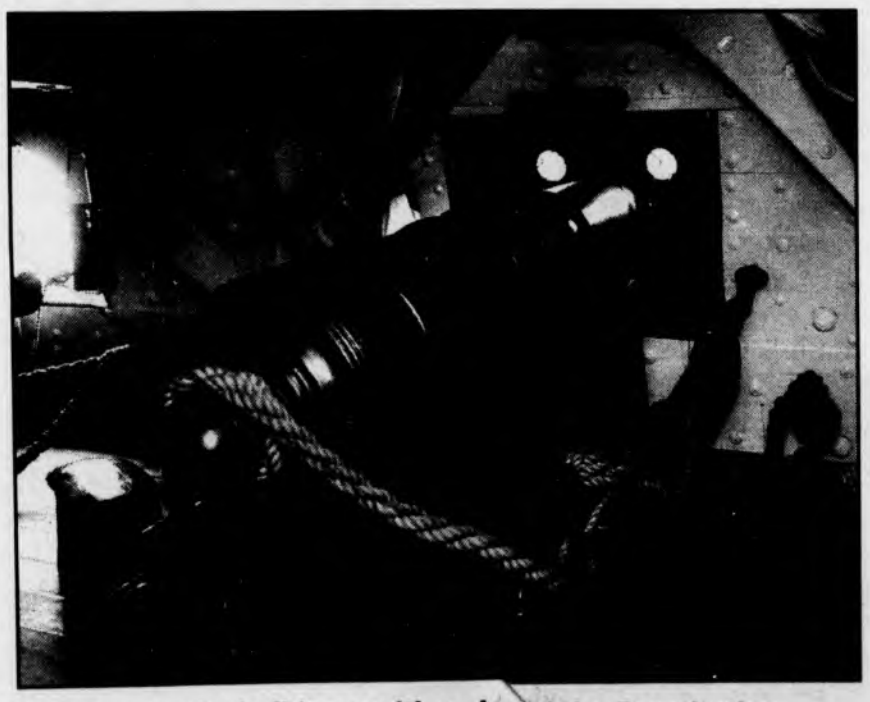
The President, an impressive array of top Navy brass and a plethora of politicians will sail with the Constitution on July 21.

But no one aboard the 200-year-old ship will radiate more pride than the former auto mechanic who has made his home in North Weymouth for the past 15 or 16 years.

Deans lives on Delorey Avenue with his wife, Liz. He has four children (the oldest son serves in the Army), three stepchildren and seven grandchildren.

Make no mistake about it, though, there's another intimate member of the Deans family.

"I believe all ships have spirits of their own and are unique," he said as a way of explaining the close relationship he has with the Constitution.



A cannon waits in firing position aboard the Constitution.

Staff photo/Carey Marden

Unity on the bounty

Scituate, Cohasset clammers to pay same fee

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

After three years of being stuck in the mud, a clamming fee dispute between Scituate and Cohasset has reached higher ground.

Officials from both towns have agreed to draft an accord that will allow Cohasset clammers to pay the same fee as Scituate residents to dig at the Bassings Beach clam flats. Selectmen will vote on the finalized agreement in two weeks.

"There always used to be a verbal agreement between Scituate and Cohasset up until the flats were closed, but there was nothing in the books," explained Cohasset Selectman Merle Brown, who will work with Scituate Selectman Richard Lane to hammer out the details of the agreement. "Cohasset clammers will be very happy about this."

The dispute arose in 1994, when the clam flats reopened at Bassings Beach in the south section of Cohasset Harbor after being closed for since 1978.

The area where the flats are open belongs to Scituate, and the town has been charging Cohasseters a $50 non-resident fee to dig for clams for the past three years, which has upset the neighboring town. Scituate clammers pay $20 to dig for mollusks.

Cohasset's flats are closed due to pollution and storm damage, which has forced willing clammers to pay more for digging privileges in Scituate. Flats at Little's Harbor and Whale Meadow — located across the channel from Bassings Beach — closed after the blizzard of 1978.

As part of the "inter-town cooperative," the town of Cohasset will continue its history of monitoring and patrolling the Bassings Beach clam flats, said Cohasset Town Administrator and Scituate resident Ed McCann.

"It's certainly not a give-away. Cohasset will be doing a service as well to the town of Scituate," he said.



Stafford Short heads out to the clam flats with his son Garrett.

Cohasset's harbor officials can more easily monitor the flats because they are much closer to them than Scituate, McCann added.

"It's an hour's ride from Scituate to the flats by boat. You can swim it in about 10 strokes from Cohasset," he said.

Cohasset officials, including Shellfish Warden Clifford Dickson, were instrumental in catching four North Shore men who illegally dug 726 pounds of clams — more than 10 times the legal limit — from the Bassings Beach flats in 1994, he said.

"It's good that we can be working together to come up with a good solution," said Brown. "We will be able to contribute (to law enforcement measures) a lot more now that we have the incentive."

While many glitches have to be worked out, officials are considering stamping "Bassings Beach" on Cohasset residents' clamming permits, since they will only be allowed to dig there. No other flats in Scituate are open at the present time, although there are flats in the North River. Officials are also considering limiting the agreement to a one-year trial period to see how it works.

Scituate Selectmen Chairman Joseph Norton said the town will not be entertaining opening negotiations to other towns.

Clammers are permitted to harvest up to eight quarts of mollusks larger than two inches in size during a day at the flats. Scituate's clamming regulations, which are based on state law, allow clamming activity once a week — either on Thursday or Sunday, the only days the flats are open.

Town Clerk Barbara J. Maffucci said 15 Scituate clamming permits have been sold to Cohasset residents since January and a total of 40 non-resident permits have been issued.

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Cohasset Harbor could be dredged in the fall

Federal money is likely

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

There was good news for recreational boaters and commercial fishermen alike this week. The harbor they share could be dredged as soon as this fall.

An important monetary hurdle was cleared yesterday when the U.S. Senate approved $1.5 million for the project.

That followed news earlier this week that a key House Subcommittee approved a $1.3 million federal appropriation for the project. The full House Appropriations Committee is expected to review the proposal today.

"If we make to Thursday, we're in good shape," U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, D-Quincy, said in a press release.

Former Selectman Peter Pratt, who has tirelessly lobbied for the project, said because of approval in both houses, it is very unlikely funding will be pulled when the bill moves through conference committee.

Pratt is so optimistic that he predicts there's a very good chance the money would be available in federal fiscal year 1998 which starts October 1. Then dredging could occur during the "environmental window" of October through February to avoid disturbing certain migratory fish populations.

> ***'We hope to get through the regulatory process and start in November of this year.***
> **– PETER PRATT.**

"We hope to get through the regulatory process and start in November of this year," he said.

And the project can't come soon enough.

The federal channel, which is getting narrower and narrower due to silt buildup, hasn't been fully dredged in 35 years. There has been periodic maintenance dredging of the harbor and federal channel since then but the last time a federal/town dredging project of this magnitude was undertaken in Cohasset was in 1939.

With the state's financial help,the town is responsible for dredging areas in the harbor while the Army Corps of Engineers, a federal agency whose civil mission is to develop and manage the country's water resources, will tackle the harbor channel which falls under federal jurisdiction.

A total of $300,000 — including a state grant administered by the Waterways Division of the state Department of Environmental Management — and a $100,000 town match are expected to cover the town's dredging costs.

Pratt says the town must still get through the regulatory process.

There is entangled environmental permitting process for the two projects — town and federal which piggy back onto one another— involving about a dozen agencies. There have been several powwows with state, town and regulatory officials since the project was proposed three years ago.

There are 90,000 cubic yards of silt in the federal channel, which will be dumped in the ocean because it does not contain pollutants. The 7,500 cubic yards in the inner harbor which do not pass environmental testing must be disposed of upland.

The Cohasset Navigation Act, the law changing the federal lines of jurisdiction in the harbor making the involvement of the Army Corps and federal funding possible, passed the Congress last fall.

In his press release, Delahunt said after touring the harbor with town officials earlier this year, he was shocked to learn that the project was not a higher priority for the Army Corps.

The congressman believed that the annual harvest volume of the town's lobstering fleet — a key statistical factor according to Corps criteria for establishing funding priorities — was erroneously reported in the required give-and-take among state and federal agencies.

Delahunt said he reviewed the project in detail with Subcommittee chairman, U.S. Rep. Joseph McDade, R-Pennsylvania.

Senator John Kerry pledged continued support.

"This is a positive next step toward restoring Cohasset Harbor, bringing more economic and recreational opportunity to the area," Kerry said. "Dredging the harbor helps the strong fishing community in Cohasset, giving fishermen better opportunities to support themselves and their families. Senator Kennedy and I will continue to fight for this funding as the House and Senate work toward a final budget package," Kerry said in a press release.

Cohasset Harbor is home to 45 fishing boats and is ranked tenth in Massachusetts in terms of tons of lobster landed, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Survey seeks residents' input on Osgood School reuse

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER

What is the best use for the Osgood School once it is vacated? That is the question facing the town, and the Osgood School Re-Use Committee, as construction on the new school is scheduled to begin soon.

The Osgood School could be ready for reclamation by the town as soon as next year if the new elementary school is completed on schedule in the fall of 1998.

The Osgood School committee is planning to survey Cohasset residents for their opinions on the best use for the building once the elementary students move to the new school. The survey could be distributed before the end of the month, possibly through a mass mailing.

Joanne Adkins, chairman of the reuse committee, said she wants to get a feel for what residents would like to have the building used for.

"Some of the things we'll try to determine is whether people want to retain the whole building or just a portion of it," Adkins said. "We'll also ask their opinions on usage. Should it be used for senior citizens or families. What about rental use versus home ownership? Should it be used for low-income housing?"

Adkins said the committee hopes to assess residents' opinions on a number of issues related to the reclamation of the property to the tax rolls.

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Boat riders want new subsidized service sunk

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

BRASS, made up of concerned boat commuters, wants to force a change in subsidized commuter boat operators at the Hingham Shipyard.

Nancy Ristuccia of Marshfield and Barbara Robinson of Hingham, the founders of the new activist group — Boat Riders Alliance for Safety and Service — plan to meet with state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, this week. They are circulating a petition asking that the state subsidy go to the Hingham Commuterboat, a rival operation to Harbor Cruises, which took over the MBTA subsidized service July 1.

"We're trying to get elected officials to recognize our concerns with more than just promises," Ristuccia said. "We need immediate action."

At issue is how to keep the standard of safety and service that Hingham boat commuters have come to expect.

Ristuccia said on one Harbor Cruises boat the seats are so high that a commuter complained that her legs went to sleep. Another commuter is circulating a humorous "top 10" list (a la David Letterman) with reasons to take the MBTA boat such as the free showers if you're on deck and no locks on the bathrooms for exhibitionists.

But despite the seats, the real issue is inexperienced crews and ill-kept boats, Ristuccia says.

Jane Daly, an owner of Harbor Cruises, disputes those claims. She concedes that some of the amenities may not be what commuters were accustomed to, but the company plans to change that.

"We've been asking commuters what they'd like to see and will probably undertake that in a more formal way," she said.

She said seats that are too high will be lowered or replaced with a different type of seating.

Daly said Harbor Cruises has overcome its performance problems that plagued it in its first week and is now "absolutely meeting the trip times" of 35 minutes.

Boat congestion with ships passing just beyond the dock is a concern which the MBTA needs to address, she said. During the interview three boats jockeyed for position, two outgoing and one inbound. Harbor Cruises and the Hingham Commuterboat are both running shuttle service at peak times.

"Our focus right now has been to operate smoothly and on time despite problems like this," said Daly pointing to the dock area.

BRASS contends that Harbor Cruises does not operate boats with two captains the way the Hingham Commuterboat does.

"It's like being in a plane with one person who knows how to fly," Ristuccia said.

But Daly points out that Harbor Cruises operates with a licensed captain and senior deck hand who is qualified to bring a vessel home.

The MBTA has maintained that the only issue is to provide the best service for the least cost. The T has dismissed concerns about Harbor Cruises. "It's early in the game," T spokesman Brian Pedro said last week.

Last month, Boston Harbor Commuter Services, which bid $10.5 million, lost the subsidy to provide the service when the MBTA awarded the contract to Harbor Cruises. Harbor Cruises bid $4.9 million. BHCS owner Dana Goodell subsequently leased two of his boats to William Spence of Mass. Bay Lines. The commuter boat and excursion company hired two of Goodell's crews and formed the Hingham Commuterboat which offers competing service at peak times.

Goodell, who has operated commuter boat service from Hingham for 13 years, is suing the MBTA alleging it acted unfairly in awarding the contract to Harbor Cruises. June 30, a superior court judge denied Goodell's request for a temporary injunction to nullify the T's contract with Harbor Cruises until a trial on the merits of the case could be heard. An appeal of that superior court decision is expected to be heard this week.

Daly doesn't think the appeal will succeed.

"We expect the appeals judge will uphold the superior court's decision," she said.

She said Harbor Cruises stands by its numbers and if there is an issue that drives the company beyond $4.9 million contract, it has to absorb the additional costs.

"If we were low, it's our problem," Daly said.

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LIBRARY CORNER

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An informal story time for preschool children will take place every Friday throughout the summer, at 10 to 10:30 a.m. continuing until August 22 in the children's room of the Paul Pratt Library. Children must be 3 1/2 years old. There is no registration required.

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Please note that the library will be closed Sundays during the months of July and August, however, it is now open Thursday evenings until 9 p.m. Open hours for the summer are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Wednesday.

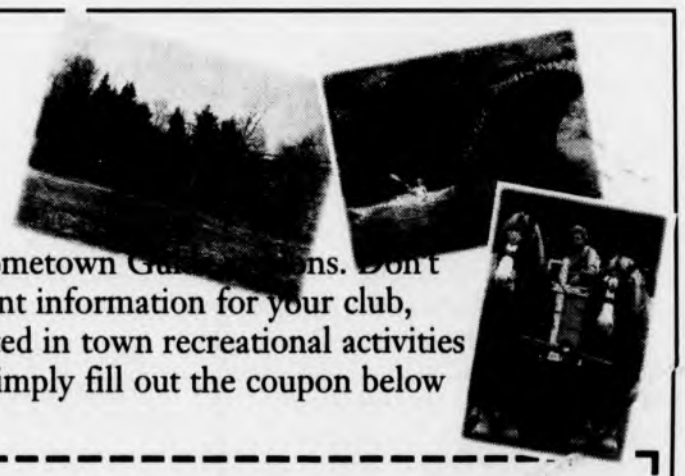
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There is now available to Cohasset Library card holders a free pass for the John F. Kennedy Library. The pass, which was donated by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library, admits four persons and is good seven days a week. It also allows a 15 percent discount on items purchased at the museum shop. Also available are free passes to the Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, Children's Museum and Plimoth Plantation. A pass for the New England Aquarium is not available during the summer, but will again be activated in September. Please call the library or come in to reserve your pass.

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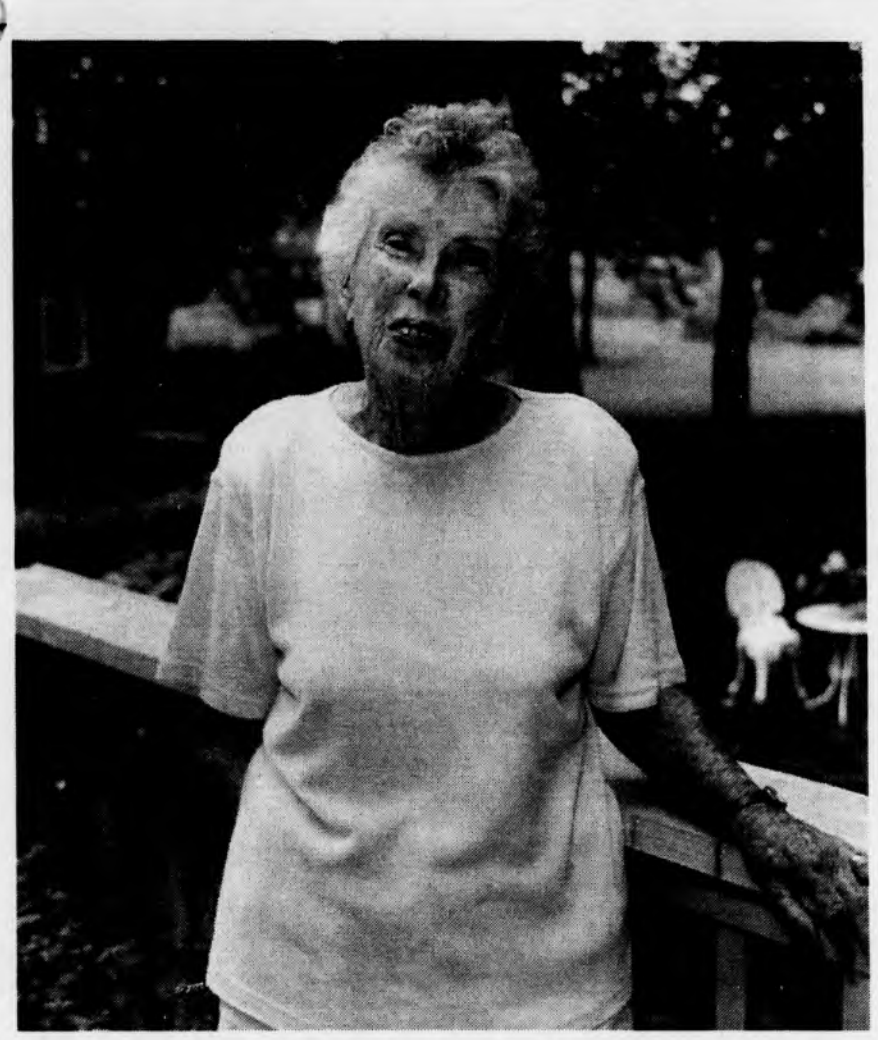
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- Ann Leonard

SPORTS

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Ann Leonard cleaned up once again in Senior Olympics last May, racking up a number of gold medals.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Ageless Leonard continues her quest for Senior Olympic gold

By Joe Reardon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Competing in her 15th Senior Olympics in May, 83-year-old Ann Leonard showed she's just as much an athlete as she was as a young girl growing up with her four brothers and one sister in Cambridge.

The personable Elm St. resident brought her medal count into the 90s by turning away the cold, bitter weather in Quincy's Veterans Stadium and winning five golds in the javelin, shot put, standing long jump, running long jump and softball throw.

For Leonard, slowing down in her golden years has never been an option. She believes the Senior Olympics are proof of just what people are capable of achieving.

"Its amazing to see the competitors get up and try," said Leonard. "Good for them.

"Even as the years go on you may lose something, but you have a basic philosophy that you're not going to sit and knit all day or watch the stupid television. What would I be doing if I didn't get into something like this?"

Leonard's performance this year is only one of a string of strong showings in the annual event. She has won medals in a variety of events, including the 60-yard dash, 3-mile walk, mile run, horseshoe pitching and basketball shooting.

"I just happened to get gold," she said.

Leonard prefers the walking events, but found she has been surprised at just how much she has enjoyed some of the others.

"Sometimes I like the running long jump if I can get a good run going," she said. "If you're good in something, that's usually your favorite."

Leonard stays active by taking one-hour walks through Webb Park in Weymouth and Hingham's Wampatuck Park with her daughters, Susan and Patty. Walking, Leonard said, is probably the best form of exercise because it can be done at any age and is inexpensive.

"All you need is a good pair of shoes," she said. "You just go out there and walk."

Leonard also stays fit by lifting light weights and taking part in other activities at the Beechwood by the Bay community center twice a week in Wollaston.

Leonard's healthy lifestyle stems from her younger years when she skated on the Charles River and Spy Pond in Arlington with her four brothers, Edward, Henry, Martin and William, and her sister, Mary. The memories she has of

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THE FISH STORY

By Mark Trask

Show me the big fish

The day's light was a mere glimmer on the eastern horizon as the group scrambled gingerly down the rocks that created the great seawall. Rods and buckets were held high out of harms way. The slimy black rocks were treacherous but the promise of that spot of shoreline was worth the hazard. To the north the strong beacons of Boston Light and Graves Light winked their silent message. Way down to the east Minot's Light answered dimly in the misty morning haze.

Mike waded out to a promising spot and his line hissed as he cast into the dark water. Shortly after, the others had taken up spots inside his and their baits splashed into the water. The water was very quiet, almost oily it was so smooth. Scarcely a ripple gave hint to what lay below. Overhead young gulls circled and swooped in the brightening sky seeking an easy meal.

There it was! The gentle bump and the line shivered for a moment on the surface. As Mike bowed the tip the line picked up speed and the reel positively screamed as he leaned back hard to set the hook! The fight was on. The fish ran hard to deeper water and suddenly reversed its course. Mike reeled frantically trying to gain on the suddenly limp line. Then the rod snapped around to his left and the drag screamed again as line was taken by the hard fighting fish. The anxiety of the fight became shouts to the others to look out, the fish was headed right towards them.

The fish ran into the dark shadow of the seawall, ensnaring the three other anglers. What a nightmare! Then just as suddenly the fish swung right and into clear water again. By now the fish was tiring and Mike was able to get it close and eventually gill it and maneuver it onto a rope stringer. All four anglers chortled and hooted with glee at the circumstances. Several hours later the wild striper swung from the scale at 21 and a half pounds and 39 inches.

Rory MacDonald and son Colt had a great week of fishing. Everyday each was able to harvest a keeper fish. Rory was smiling despite shredding his knee on a barnacle encrusted rock. Their biggest was a 17 pounder. Talk about cookie-cutter bass. Dean Harrold introduced his striper to a pogie chunk near West Shag rock. His striper went 39 inches, 23 and one-half pounds. Closer in shore Scott Coughlin set aside the fly-rod for a trip to Little Harbor. A 20 pound, 38 inch linesider gobbled his pogie chunk.

Robby Ross of Cohasset picked up his first keeper and it was a hefty 41 inch bass. He was

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Cohasset swim team opens season with a big splash

The Cohasset swim team opened its 1997 season July 11 with a meet against the Scituate Knights of Columbus, turning on the heat to defeat K. of C. 368 to 254.

Coaches Allison Hughes and Becky Golden are eyeing yet another winning season for Cohasset and are proud of the team's efforts. Returning and new swimmers alike are working hard to maximize their individual performances and team results. Congratulations to each and every team member on a terrific opener!

The results were as follows:

In the mixed eight-and-under medley relay, the team of Alexander Hunt, Lindsay Durkin, Bryce Rafferty and Nicholas Zappalu came in first; the team of Peter Ernst, Zak Markert and Reed Dickenson came in third; and the team of Samantha Lehr, Corey Faber, Megan Sacks and John Coffey came in fifth.

In the boys ten-and-under medley relay, the team of Noah Wilcox, Zak Markert, Parker Berg and Teddie Straughn came in first; the team of Joey Durkin, Jon Grimm, Dan McCarthy and Colin Regan came in third; and the team of Kevin Roach, Evan Sachs, Ben Flynn and Jon Lowe came in sixth.

In the girls 10-and-under medley relay, the team of Caitlin Sanchez, Jenna Larson and Rebecca Lehr came in second; the team of Miranda Lanzilotti, Ashley Faber, Lisa Musto and Callie Ernst came in third; and the team of Caitlin O'Connell, Chelsea Grossman, Charlotte Sida and Jen Hurray came in fifth.

In the girls 12-and-under medley relay, the team of Emily Simmons, Alexis Bugley, Yazzy Afshar, Courtney McDonald came in first; the team of Elisa Jerome, Julie Shea, Taylor O'Brien and Maura O'Brien came in second; and the team of Delia Regan, Kelly Hurley, Arianna Dedes and Ashley Cook came in forth.

In the boys 17-and-under medley relay, the team of Jeff Schneider, Derek Bugley, Justin Golden and Mike O'Hart came in second.

In the girls 17-and-under medley relay the team of Hillary Habershaw, Sarah Harkness, Allison Berg and Kristen Osterborg came in first.

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10-and-under Boys

Parker Berg, third; Noah Wilcox, fourth; and Colin Regan, fifth.

Girls

Becca Lehr, 2nd; Casey Anderson, third; and Rachel Garber, sixth.

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17-and-under Boys

Justin Golden, third.

Girls

Allison Berg, first; Jessie Zerendow, third; and Jen Meehan, fourth.

14-and-under Boys

Jeff Schneider, first; John

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Tennis camp for kids

Beginner and advanced beginner classes with individual attention available beginning July 14. Space is still available for most dates.

For more information and to sign up please call Christine, 749-9668, or Lizzie, 749-8406.

Summer Days Tennis Camp

There is still space available in Hingham's Summer Days Tennis Camp which will be held the weeks of July 21 to 25, July 28 to Aug. 1 and Aug. 4 to 8.

Beginner lessons will be from 9 to 10 a.m. and advanced beginner 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

HHS varsity tennis players will instruct four or five campers each, giving individual attention.

Campers should bring their own racquets; everything else, including cold drinks, will be provided.

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Two receive coaches' awards

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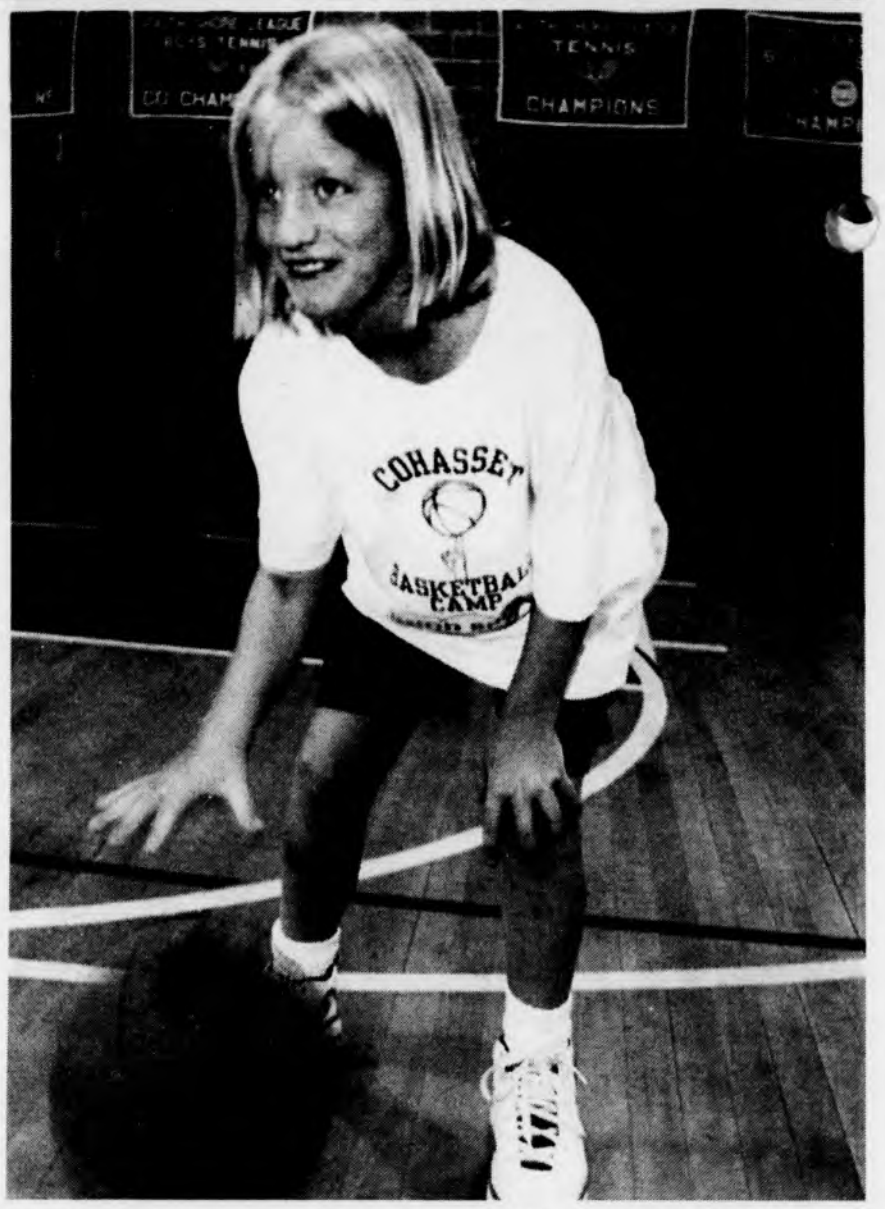
The recipient for boys' varsity lacrosse was eighth grader Morgan Pierson of Cohasset. Seventh grader John McLoughlin of Hanover was the recipient for JV lacrosse. Ninth grader Tim Gravel was the recipient for varsity baseball and sixth grader Peter Roy, for JV baseball; both boys are from Hingham.

The recipient for girls' varsity lacrosse was Adie Kriegstein and for girls' varsity softball, Renee Courchesne, both girls are eighth graders from Hingham. The recipient for sixth grade girls' lacrosse/softball was sixth grader Kate Lewis of Cohasset.

Derby recognizes girls athletic achievements

Derby Academy in Hingham held its annual Girls' Athletic Banquet to recognize the achievements of girls in grades 6 through 9 in field hockey, basketball, lacrosse, softball, aerobics and ice hockey.

The intramural and team captains were recognized for their leadership. For field hockey they included varsity captains Christine Harlow, Adie Kriegstein of Hingham and Corinna Noering of Cohasset; junior varsity captains Cameron Burnham of Duxbury and Pam Wessling of Hingham; and grade 6 captains included Laura Mangurian of Hingham and Jody Miller for the varsity team; Dorothy Billings of Hanover and Caroline Curtis of Hingham for junior varsity; and Lauren Cahill and Leigh Ann Gardiner, both of Hingham, for grade 6. Varsity lacrosse captains were Beatrice Ghita of Weymouth and Kate Smith of Rockland; varsity softball captains were Renee Courchesne of Hingham and Jody Miller and grade 6 lacrosse/softball captains were Nacie Carson of Marshfield and Anne Gaughen of Hingham.



Chelsea Grossman works on her dribbling skills earlier this week at the Cohasset basketball camp.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Lacrosse lessons available

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a full-contact, full-equipment lacrosse clinic this summer under the direction of Mr. Chuck Jaffee of Cohasset, for youngsters entering grades five and six during the fall of 1997.

Clinics will be held Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. through Aug. 18.

Participants will need a helmet, stick and pads for participation in this clinic. The fee for the eight-week opportunity is $35 per person.

Registration forms and details are available at the Cohasset Recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall. Early registration is advised due to a limitation in participation.

Getting a kick from soccer

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for VIP Soccer Camp, for children ages 4 to 7 years old.

VIP soccer camp offers two programs for boys and girls, ages 4 to 7. ABC Soccer is especially designed for 4- and 5-year-olds and meets from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 21 to 25. The cost is $50 per week.

Also offered by VIP is a three-hour per day program, meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 21 through 25 for 6- and 7-year-olds. The cost is $80 for the week.

Both VIP programs will be held this year at the Front Field of Cohasset High School. For brochures and registration forms, come to the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall.



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Protecting your retirement investment is no easy chore



By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

All retirement accounts are not created equal. You don't have to be a finance whiz to realize the benefits of tax-deferred growth in accounts such as a 401(k), IRA and Keogh. But the relationship between taxes and pensions have gotten trickier in the 10 years since the government created "success" taxes to penalize those who accumulate wealth beyond what the government thinks is reasonably required for a comfortable retirement.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Here are the rules. As the law stands under the Tax Reform Act of 1986, any investor who has accumulated more than $1.2 million (in today's dollars) in a tax-deferred retirement account by the time they are 65, could have to pay excess distribution taxes of 15 percent - on top of income tax - when they withdraw money. This is because under current law, any withdrawal or payment from all pension and retirement accounts that exceed $160,000 per year (that's the level in 1997; it's indexed to inflation) get whacked with this excess-distribution tax.

Why not simply take out less than that and avoid the tax? Remember that the minimum size of withdrawals from retirement accounts is mandated by a formula based on life expectancy; a retiree that has aggressively saved may be forced to make withdrawals that trigger the tax.

The sacred canon of personal finance is that savers should defer paying taxes during their working lives - when they are in a high income tax bracket - until after retirement, when they are in a lower income-tax bracket. Yet workers who build a nest egg so big that they trigger the success tax will find themselves at retirement in a higher effective tax bracket than they were while working.

What's more, if the retiree dies with too much money in the tax-deferred account, something called an excess-accumulation tax kicks in. This extra 15 percent penalty can push marginal tax rates to the point that more than 90 percent of the estate is carried away. The excess-accumulation tax is deferred if assets are transferred to a surviving spouse; the tax applies after both have died. The definition of "too much money" changes with age; it is currently any amount over $1.2 million for a 65-year-old, and $1 million for a 75-year-old.

"It's not just a pension but an estate planning issue" says Steven Lockwood, a New York pension attorney whose firm, Lockwood Pension Services, deals with success-tax problems

These two taxes contradict the widely held belief that investors should stash as much money as they can in their 401(k) and similar accounts. While the serious saver may still be financially secure in retirement, tax-deferred accounts may actually produce a smaller nest egg in the end than a non-tax-advantaged saving could have provided.

This may seem like a dilemma for the rich. But you don't have to be a millionaire to potentially feel their effects, according to a study on taxation of pensions by the Center for Economic Policy Research at Stanford University. Co-authors John B. Shoven and David Wise found that people with annual incomes as low as $25,000 to $40,000 are likely to get hit with the penalty tax thanks to the power of tax-deferred compounding and the stock-market's rallies of the 1980s and 1990s.

So, what can you do to protect your pension from the Internal Revenue Service? Shoven and Wise suggest that investors consider setting up a non-tax-advantaged retirement account in conjunction with their IRAs and 401(k) plans.

You'll need to calculate when you'll hit the ceiling that triggers the success tax, and limit your contributions to your IRAs and 401(k)s accordingly. Then, put your additional investments in the non-tax-advantaged retirement account. If you've already got too much in your tax-deferred accounts, re-allocate your investment assets both inside and outside the retirement plan, keeping in mind the tax repercussions.

For instance, you should avoid including high-earners like small-capitalization growth stocks in a tax-deferred account. Their growth in value might catapult your portfolio into the success-tax zone. Moreover, withdrawals from the account will be taxed as income at retirement (age 59 1/2); in a non-tax-deferred account only the dividend payments are taxed as income--appreciation is taxed at a lower capital gains rate. And small growth stocks typically don't pay out dividends.

So, if you were to keep your growth stocks in a non-tax-deferred account untouched until retirement, you would only pay a capital gains tax of 28 percent on their price appreciation when selling the stock - which would be less than the income tax you would have to pay on a withdrawal from a retirement account.

As you might expect, stocks with dividends pay-outs and corporate bonds (with their interest payments) belong in the tax-deferred account. They stand to gain the most from tax deferral. Normally the payments would be taxed as income, but in a 401(k) they can be 100 percent reinvested.

This tax-conscious allocation among funds can actually earn you money. Shoven and Wise found that putting equity-income mutual funds in your tax-deferred retirement account and growth stock mutual funds in your non-tax-deferred account (provided you don't accept dividend payments and incur capital gains) would perform better than two accounts that each mixed the two funds 50-50.

Because of the tax advantages explained above, the value of withdrawals after taxes from the - let's call it - efficient savings plan would be nine percent higher than those from the inefficient plan. And, if the excess-distribution tax kicked in, there would be a 15.7 percent difference inthe two plans. The key is to minimize taxes while preserving wealth.

If, you are at least 60 years old and worried about getting hit with the success taxes, there is still some thing you can do. Take advantage of the three-year moratorium on the excess-distribution tax (inserted into the 1996 legislation that raised the minimum wage), and withdraw the amounts over $160,000 that will keep your tax-deferred plan below excess levels in the future.

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Show me the fish,

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all smiles as it stretched the scale to 23 pounds. Meanwhile Ken McGrath was the victor in a battle with a 44 pound striper that inhaled his tube and worm rig near the western ledges. The Hassen crew did well in the same area to open the commercial season. Chummed pogies and chunks were used to bring in 40 keepers.

The Second Annual Beachcomber Bass Tournament will get underway August 2 and will run through the weekend of October 4. This tournament is held yearly to honor the memory of Sheldon Sladen, a well known local lobsterman and angler. Many have fond memories of Sheldon and often stories of how he helped others enjoy fishing can be heard in the store. Entry forms are available at Trask Tackle in North Scituate. A nicely designed T-shirt is produced by Goodwin Graphics for the event and are issued to each entrant. T-shirts are also available for those who would like to support the Tournament Fund. Last year's winner was Dana Infusino who took top honors with a 26 pound, 15 ounce bass. Each year the winner receives a trophy and the anglers name is inscribed on the big trophy.

As the summer has progressed it has become apparent to many that this a great year for fishing both weatherwise and in terms of the numbers of fish being caught. Increased grumbling about lines being cut by passing boats and crowded conditions around popular ledges certainly attest to that. Let us all respect each others right to the pursuit of happiness and display common courtesy on

Leonard's quest for gold,

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her siblings and the times they spent together as children are still fresh in her mind.

"We had a great family," Leonard said. "We were one for all and all for one. Maybe that's why I can't sit down now.

"I got to this point in my life because I've always been active. I had four older brothers and I did everything they'd do."

Leonard, though, probably would have been just as active on her own. She competed on her grammar school's track team and as a student at Saint Mary's School in Cambridge during her high school years, Leonard remembers taking the 10-minute walk from the campus to the gymnasium. Along with rest of the girls, she would practice her basketball shooting under the close scrutiny of the nuns, who were never shy about commenting on the girls' form in trying to put the ball in the net.

Leonard also delved into tap dancing as a youngster and practiced on the stage of the Metropolitan Theater, now the Wang Center.

"If we were good enough we got to be in a show," she said. "but that never materialized. Mary and I would come home and practice on the bricks in front of the fireplace."

One interesting aspect of Leonard's life has been the strong resemblance to legendary actress Katherine Hepburn she has carried with her through the years. The inevitable stares and double-takes have been backed up by humorous stories from Leonard.

Leonard was on a date in a Boston restaurant several years ago when she noticed a man a few tables over staring at her. She felt uncomfortable until he came up after and apologized to Leonard, explaining he thought he was in the same restaurant with Hepburn.

"I've been mistaken for her for years," Leonard said with a laugh. "It's fun sometimes."

But it's Leonard's sense of humor that has kept her going at full tilt over the years. She's a strong believer that it's just as easy to dwell on the good things about your life and the people around you than the negatives.

"Life is what you make of it," she said. "Have some laughs along the way, it's good for you."

Sports briefs

South Shore Soccer Camp

Registrations for South Shore Soccer Camp have begun for boys and girls ages 8 to 18. This is the South Shore Soccer Camp's sixth year of operation in Cohasset. If you are interested in registering, it is suggested that you call the Cohasset recreation department, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall, or call 383-6791, to be assured enrollment. Brochures and registration forms are available at the recreation office.

South Shore Soccer will be offered to both boys and girls during the weeks of Monday through Friday, Aug. 4 to 8, and August 11 to 15. Should a camper wish to attend both camps, this is now possible. In order to choose the week of camp you desire, early registration is advised as both camps must be restricted in number.

Camp meets daily, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cohasset's Miliken Field. The cost for camp is $175 per week and discounts for multiple weeks and subsequent children are available.

South Shore Soccer Camp represents top-flight training, delivered by top college and high school coaches and players from the New England area.

Hockey squad seeks players

The Bay State Sharks are looking for a few good defensemen.

The bantam minor team of the Metropolitan Boston Hockey League is looking for a defenseman and alternates for the upcoming year.

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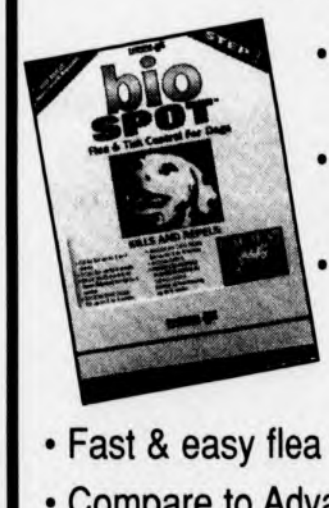
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Swing north for family-oriented golf vacations

By Jim Woodworth

Ah, summer. It's vacation time, and you know exactly what you want to do.

You've had the clubs out of the closet since February. You've added a new pair of shoes and a few boxes of shiny new golf balls to your bag.

You've been working on your swing every weekend at local courses. Oh heck, admit it: you took a sick day or two to work on that swing. And it's paid off. Tiger Woods has nothing on you.

Now, you're going to take your family and your new, improved game for a week or two of fun in the sun. You plan on hitting the links while the rest of your family members swim, hike, shop and otherwise entertain themselves. In New England, that can mean just one thing:

Time to head for the hills

And when it comes to golf vacations, there's no better hills than those found in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Long known as a haven for skiers, the small towns and mountains of northern New England are also home for an impressive collection of golf resorts during the warmer months, with Maine's Sugarloaf /USA course topping the list of must-play courses.

Following is just a small sample of some of the best courses and resorts the commonwealth's neighbors to the north have to offer.

Sugarloaf/USA

Think of skiing if you must when you hear the name, but also know this: Sugarloaf USA's golf course has been named the best in New England by no less an authority than Golf Digest.

Also weighing in with high praise for this mountain wilderness course in western Maine are Golf Illustrated, Golf Week and Golf Magazine.

So what's all the fuss about? A par-72, Robert Trent Jones Jr.-designed course with challenging terrain in a beautiful mountain setting, for starters. The mountain views are nothing short of spectacular, with Sugarloaf's signature 11th hole grabbing the spotlight.

It is at this par-3, 200-yard hole that players face the unique challenge of hitting their ball over the Carrabassett River to the green 128 feet below the tee.

The rest of Sugarloaf's holes range from par 3 to par 5.

Call (800) THE-LOAF for more information, or visit Sugarloaf/ USA's Web site at www.sugarloaf.com.

Killington/Mt. Snow/Sugarbush

Vermont's hills come alive in summer with the sound of clubs smacking balls on three distinguished courses featuring designs by Robert Trent Jones Sr. (Sugarbush) and Geoffrey Cornish (Mt. Snow and Killington).

These three resorts combine with Sugarloaf to form the American Skiing Company's Golf Resort Group. All four courses offer vacation packages starting at $89 per day.

Sugarbush offers golfers a feeling of solitude and serenity as they play the fairly long (6,500 yards) course while surrounded by a scenic view of the Green Mountains. The course features dramatic elevation changes, a dozen doglegs and tight, tree-lined fairways.

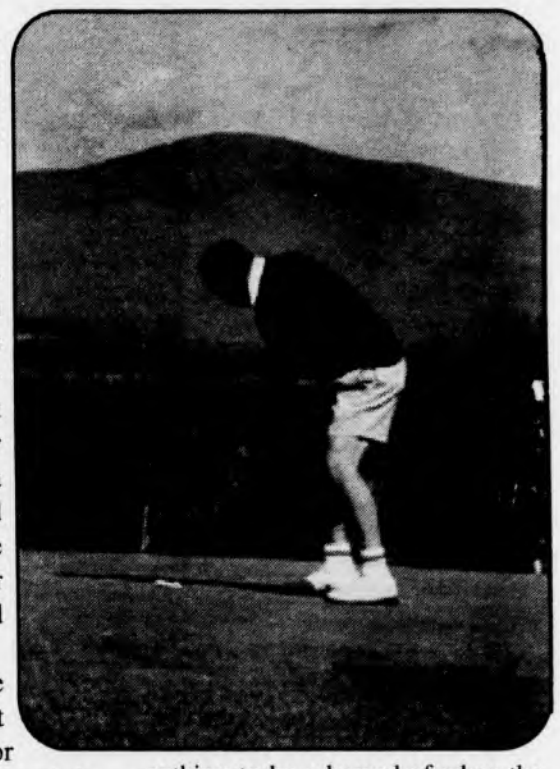
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Mount Snow Golf Club has been host to numerous PGA and LPGA tournaments, and features water hazards on 11 holes. While the front nine is open and the back nine features hilly terrain, the entire course features spectacular mountain scenery.

For more information, call 888-97-GOLF-4, or check out the Mount Snow Web site at www.mountsnow.com.

The final course in this Vermont mountains trio is Killington, which features dramatic elevations and a panoramic view of the mountains. The 6,300-yard course is a great test of golf skill, no matter what level, and features a covered driving range and practice area. Also on the menu: a full range of other recreational activities and a vibrant night life.



Check out the Killington's Web site at www.killington.com, or call 888-97-GOLF-4 for more information.

The Balsams

The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel in Dixville Notch offers Golf Digest's top-ranked course in New Hampshire coupled with a top historic hotel.

Steve Barba, president and managing partner at The Balsams, notes the resort has 27 holes, a far cry from the six holes the resort started with more than 100 years ago. Donald Ross designed an 18-hole course for the resort in 1912, while a nine-hole executive course was added later.

Barba says the 18-hole course is actually built on the side of a mountain, giving players views of Vermont and Canada.

The resort's signature hole is 18, which has a vertical rise of 1,800 feet from tee to green.

For more information, call (800) 255-0600, or visit the resort's Web site at www.thebalsams.com.

Samoset Resort

This course is consistently ranked number two in the state of Maine by several golf publications, but that's nothing to be ashamed of when the top course is Sugarloaf.

Located on the coast in the scenic town of Rockport, golfers get something here they aren't able to see at Sugarloaf: a beautiful view of the Atlantic Ocean. The resort has benefited from a $2.5 million renovation of its golf facilities, including a $1 million clubhouse that houses a video golf simulator.

The renovation included four new holes, replacing four of the resort's weaker holes, according to Michael Lynch, marketing director at the Samoset Resort.

The course is a championship par 70 featuring four sets of tees, while Rockport and surrounding communities offer a full slate of recreational activities for the whole family, as well as some of the best seafood found anywhere. Lynch points to the activities in neighboring Camden and Rockland as popular attractions for families, adding, "Of course, there's always the shops and boutiques."

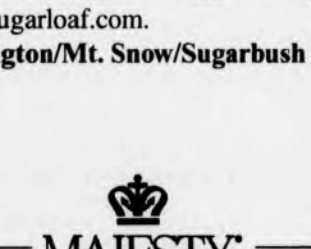
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By Judy Enright

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Want adventure? There is plenty here. Our Star Princess Cruise, for instance, offered white water rafting near Denali National park, helicopter flights from Skagway onto a glacier, travel to lunch via seaplane from Juneau Harbor to mention a few. There's so much to do and, if you're like we were, you'll want to experience every single thing because you don't know when you'll ever return.

Our entire trip — a 15-day sea and land cruise — was arranged through Princess Cruises on the Star Princess out of Vancouver, B.C.

We set sail for Seward in a downpour of confetti and streamers on the most glorious late May afternoon. The sun is shining and there's scarcely a cloud in the sky.

The ship is a virtual floating city and offers every amenity from live entertainment and gaming to dancing and dance lessons, formal dinners, a captain's cocktail party, gift shops and more. Our favorite hideout was a spectacular forward lounge with windows all-around where we spent many a teatime ogling the passing glory of the Inside Passage.

The Star Princess crew excels at service. Donnelly said that on her Regal Princess trip, a woman left a camera on the bus after a land tour. Donnelly reported the loss that night and in the morning, the woman had her camera back — in the next city. This attention to detail and caring makes the cruise line so popular and the cruises such a success.

Food and drink is plentiful on the ship and available at any hour of day or night. The crew on our voyage was Greek. The two waiters for our table of six exemplified the graciousness of the staff. They were at your elbow every second anticipating every need.

Two Canadian pilots come on board and direct us through the Johnstone Strait and Queen Charlotte Strait along the north coast of Vancouver Island, we learn from the daily Princess newsletter. We later pick up an American pilot and cruise through Nichols Passage to arrive in Ketchikan, our first port.

The double inside cabin I booked was spacious and well-equipped with closets, a safe, a private bath with shower but it had one drawback. I couldn't tell from my room whether it was day or night or what was going on outside. My friends, who had an outside cabin with a lovely window looking out on the fabulous views, had to alert me to every happening — such as docking in Ketchikan, the salmon capital of Alaska. The next time, even though it's much more costly, I will definitely opt for an outside cabin and I would recommend the same for anyone.


Photo courtesy of Princess Tours

Ketchikan was a fascinating introduction to land-cruising with its gold rush era buildings and native totem poles. We happened upon a Memorial Day parade while on our way back to the ship from the Tongass Historical Museum and Totem Pole and were reminded of home.

Juneau was next — the state's capital and the most amazingly beautiful city with snow-capped mountains as a backdrop. And even though you could see the snow, it was hot — and humid in Juneau.

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Crowley-Buck, second; and Jodi Roach, fourth.

Girls

Hillary Habershaw, first; K. Osterborg, fourth; and Julie Shea, fifth.

12-and-under Boys

Alex Berg, first; Scot Faber, cond; and Tommy Anderson, ourth.

Girls

Courtney MacDonald, second; Elisa Jerome, third; and Laura Kondrat, fourth.

FREESTYLE

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8-and-under Boys

Nick Zappolo, second; Reed Dickenson, third; and Jon Coffey, fifth.

Girls

Lindsay Durkin, second; Michelle Madge, fifth; and Samantha Lehr, sixth.

10-and-under Boys

Teddie Straughn, first; Dan McCarthy, second; and Colin Regan, third.

Girls

Jenna Larson, first; Casey Anderson, second; and Callie Ernst, third.

50 YARD

12-and-under Boys

Rob Lehr, first; Scot Faber, second; and Bryan Bilton, third.

Girls

Kate O'Brien, first; Emily Simmons, third; and Maura O'Brien, fourth.

14-and-under Boys

Chris Golden, first; Matt Farley, second; and Jodi Roach, fourth.

Girls

Carly Carter, third; Molly Kirk, fifth; and Kate Grimm, sixth.

17-and-under Boys

Derek Bugley, first; Mike O'Hart, third; and Brian Hurley, fourth.

Girls

Gemma O'Brien, first; Jen Chastain, third; and Kristen Osterborg.

BUTTERFLY

8-and-under Boys

Bryce Rafferty, second; Peter Ernst, third; and Nick Zappolo, fourth.

Girls

Alyssa Campbell, first; Lindsay Durkin, third; and Abigail Markert, fifth.

10-and-under Boys

Zach Markert, second; Joey Durkin, third; and Noah Wilcox, fifth.

Girls

Becca Lehr, first; Jenna Larson, fifth; Alex Coffey, sixth.

12-and-under Boys

Rob Lehr, first; Tommy Myers, second; and Tommy Anderson, third.

Girls

Kate O'Brien, first; Courtney MacDonald, second; and Taylor O'Brien, fifth.

14-and-under Boys

Chris Golden, first.

Girls

Sarah Harkness, first; and Kristen Osterborg, third.

17-and-under Boys

Justin Golden, second.

Girls

Allison Berg, first; and Jen Meehan, third.

BREASTSTROKE

8-and-under Boys

John Coffey, first; Corey Faber, third; and Alexander Hunt, fourth.

Girls

Abigail Markert, first; Alyssa Campbell, fourth; and Vanessa Plante, sixth.

10-and-under Boys

Jon Grimm, first; Dan McCarthy and Zach Markert, tied for second.

Girls

Ashley Faber, first; Amanda Barrow, fourth; and Emilie Shea, third.

12-and-under Boys

David Crowley-Buck, first; Bryan Bilton, second; and Tommy Myers, fourth.

Girls

Yazzy Afshar, first; Taylor O'Brien, second; and Elisa Jerome, fourth.

14-and-under Boys

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Girls

Sarah Harkness, first; Kate Grimm, fourth; and Kellie Straughn, fifth.

17-and-under Boys

Derek Bugley, second; and Brian Hurley, third.

Girls

Jessie Zerendon, fourth; and Krista Nicynski, fifth.

BACKSTROKE

8-and-under Boys

Alexander Hunt, second; Peter Ernst, third; and Bryce Rafferty, fourth.

Girls

Caren Garber, second; Michelle Madge, third; and Alyssa Campbell, fourth.

10-and-under Boys

Parker Berg, second; and Noah Wilcox, third.

Girls

Casey Anderson, second; Caitlyn Sanchez, third; and Marissa Lanzilotti, fourth.

12-and-under Boys

Alex Berg, first; David Crowley-Buck, second; and Michael Ernst, sixth.

Girls

Kate O'Brien, first; Alexis Bugley, third; and Emily Simmons, fourth.

14-and-under Boys

Jeff Schneider, first; and Matt Farley, second.

Girls

Cara Foley, second; Carly Carter, fourth; and Marissa Mellow, sixth.

17-and-under Boys

Mike O'Hart, second; and Brian Hurley, third.

Girls

Hillary Habershaw, second; and Jen Chastain, fourth.

In the boys 10-and-under free relay, the team of Zach Markert, Dan McCarthy, Teddie Straughn and Parker Berg came in first; and the team of Jon Coffey, Jon Low, Joey Durkin and Colin Regan came in third.

In the girls 10-and-under free relay, the team of Rachel Garber, Jenna Larson, Casey Anderson and Becca Lehr came in first; and the team of Ashley Faber, Miranda Lanzilloti, Lisa Musto and Callie Ernst came in third.

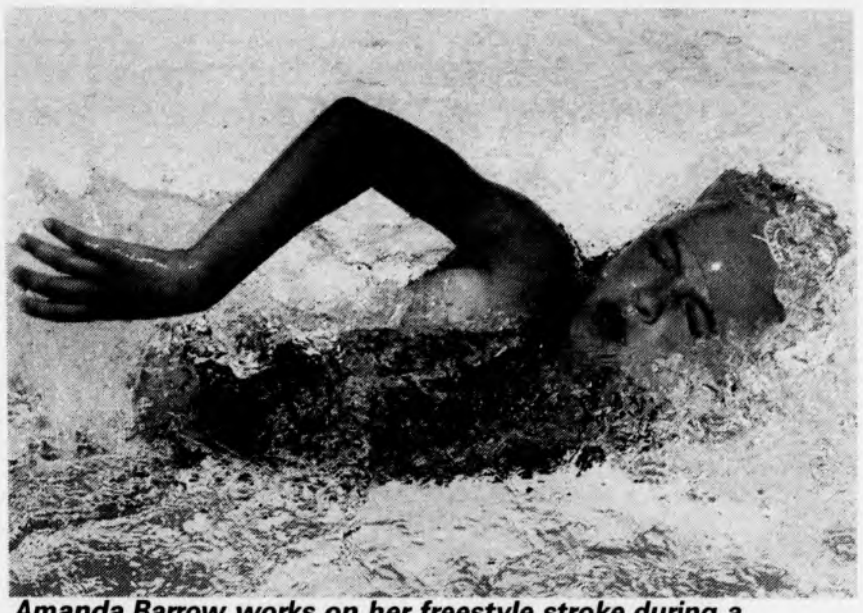
In the boys 12-and-under free relay, the team of Rob Lehr, Bryan Bilton, Tommy Anderson and Alex Berg came in first; the team of Nate Wilcox, David Crowley-Buck, Scot Faber and Mike Ernst came in second; and the team of Tom Myers, Reed Smith, Craig Blackburn and Terry Hurley came in fourth.

In the girls 12-and-under free relay, the team of Emily Simmons, Julie Shea, Courtney MacDonald and Kate O'Brien came in first; the team of Laura Kondrat, Tess Foley, Delia Regan and Maura O'Brien came in third; and the team of Caroline Carr, Alicia Sanchez, Krista Nicynski and Martha Henderson came in fourth.

In the boys 17-and-under free relay, the team of Mike O'Hart, Derek Bugley, Justin Golden and Jeff Schneider came in first; the team of John Crowley-Buck, Judi Roach, Matt Farley and Chris Golden came in third.

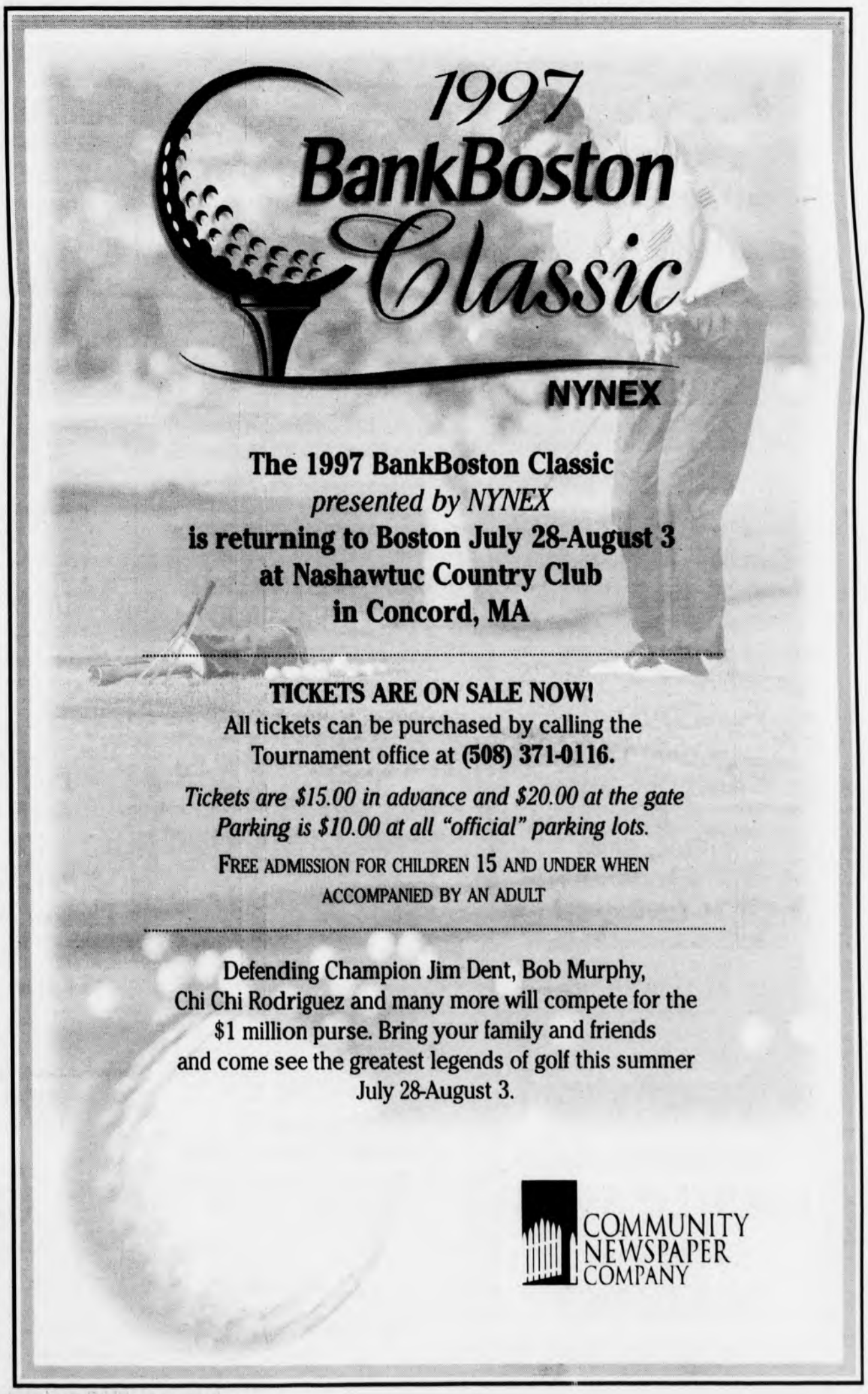
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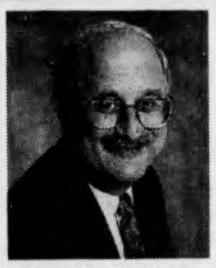
In the mixed 8-and-under free relay, the team of Michelle Madge, Reed Dickenson, Abigail Markert and Caren Garber came in first.



Amanda Barrow works on her freestyle stroke during a practice last week with the Cohasset swim team.

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Tuesday, July 1

7:48 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.

8:27 p.m., arrested, Timothy J. McCulloch, DOB: 8/22/53, charges: operating an uninsured MV, warrant arrest, operating an unregistered MV/trailer.

8:59 p.m., suspicious auto, Windy Hill Rd.

9:24 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

9:46 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.

10:41 p.m., suspicious (other), Beechwood St.

Wednesday, July 2

12:25 a.m., suspicious (other), Doane St.

1:18 a.m., suspicious auto, Pleasant St.

6:27 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

7:30 a.m., MV stop, Square.

10:46 a.m., suspicious (other), Lantern Ln.

12:40 p.m., disturbance gathering, Elm St.

5:15 p.m., assault, Atlantic Ave.

5:28 p.m., suspicious person, Beechwood St.

5:52 p.m., traffic control, Pleasant St.

8:07 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:27 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:08 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:36 p.m., larceny, Mill Bridge.

11:44 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:51 p.m., general services, Beechwood St.

Thursday, July 3

1:02 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Rd.

5:44 a.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.

6:18 a.m., noise complaint, Jerusalem Rd.

8:58 a.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.

9:15 a.m., parking violation, Nichols Rd.

10:00 a.m., summons service, Surry Dr.

11:56 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood at King St.

12:34 p.m., MV accident, 3A at Pond St.

2:39 p.m., assist citizen, Border St.

2:49 p.m., medical aid, Oceanside Dr.

2:53 p.m., MV violations, Northbound on Rt. 3A.

4:52 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

5:23 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

6:43 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

6:53 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

7:42 p.m, public service, Hull St.

7:54 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

8:53 p.m., MV stop, Border St.

10:44 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

10:47 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

Friday, July 4

12:43 a.m., noise complaint, Yacht Club.

8:03 a.m., annoying phone calls, N. Main St.

11:21 a.m., info, directions, to Chart House.

12:18 p.m., vandalism, Highland Ave.

1:00 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.

1:36 p.m., medical aid, Government Island.

4:22 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.

4:41 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

5:58 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

6:16 p.m., animal complaint, Hull St.

7:31 p.m., parking violation, Jerusalem Rd.

7:58 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

8:07 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

8:37 p.m., fire, outside, Atlantic Ave.

8:58 p.m., Mv stop, Hull St.

9:05 p.m, fire, misc., Atlantic Ave.

9:07 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

9:35 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

9:37 p.m., officer wanted, Summer St.

10:34 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

10:53 p.m., officer wanted, S. Main St.

11:35 p.m., notification, N. Main St.

11:39 p.m., noise complaint, S. Main St.

Saturday, July 5

1:45 a.m., assist citizen, Lighthouse Keepers Parking Lot.

1:48 a.m., suspicious (other), Howard Gleason Rd.

3:34 a.m., assist citizen, Pond St.

10:05 a.m., animal complaint, Pond St.

11:08 a.m., medical aid, Bates St.

11:40 a.m., medical aid, Howard Gleason Rd.

1:20 p.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.

2:23 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.

2:31 p.m, animal complaint, S. Main St.

3:45 p.m., disabled auto, Jerusalem Rd.

3:46 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.

4:51 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:02 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

7:21 p.m., MV stop, Summer St.

7:27 p.m., parking violation, Hull St.

8:11 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

8:18 p.m., medical aid, Mordecai Lincoln Rd.

9:33 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.

9:50 p.m., parking violation, Border St.

10:20 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.

Sunday, July 6

1:04 a.m., suspicious auto, Sohier St.

1:38 a.m., assist citizen, Sandy Beach.

4:08 a.m., disturbance gathering, Howard Gleason Rd.

9:44 a.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.

9:48 a.m., investigation, Elm St.

1:40 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

3:02 p.m., medical aid, Wampatuck Ave.

3:47 p.m, notification, Jerusalem Rd.

3:59 p.m., notification, King St.

5:07 p.m., medical aid, King St.

5:24 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

7:05 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.

10:10 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:24 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:07 p.m., disturbance gathering, Lighthouse Ln.

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COHASSET BUSINESS

Harbor loses one hardware store and gains another

Joseph's moves to Cohasset, Satuit Paint and Hardware opens on Front Street

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Contrary to rumors circulating town, Joseph's Hardware II, has not gone out of business — it's just moved its hammers and and nails over the town line.

Business owner Barron Joseph has relocated his five-year-old Scituate business to Cohasset in the former Barn at Bound Brook on Route 3A.

"It's a beautiful building and a better location," said Joseph, who owns a store in Norwell and co-owns a Boston store with his brother.

Despite Joseph's move, the landmark hardware store on Front Street has no vacancy. A new business has already moved in.

Michael Sheskey, owner of the Coffee Corner and the Cleaning Corner, has taken over the building with partner Doug Smith. The two have named the business Satuit Paint and Hardware.

Joseph expects his new store, located near the soon-to-open Shaw's supermarket, will do well its new location.

"The traffic on 3A is phenomenal," he said. "It's conducive to doing business."

Joseph's Hardware II closed its doors in Scituate a few weeks ago. The Cohasset store has already opened for business, though a grand opening is planned for the next two weeks.

"Scituate Harbor is a nice place to do business. But it's becoming touristy and it's not able to support two hardware stores," said Joseph, who has been in the hardware business for 15 years.

True Value Hardware also operates out of Scituate Harbor, just off Front Street at 188 Mill Wharf Plaza.

But Sheskey said he thinks the new business will thrive in the harbor, despite the competition around the corner.

"I think if you're just pleasant to the people, offer good service, a good product and a good price, you can make things work," he said.

Although the shelves of Satuit Paint & Hardware are not yet fully stocked, Sheskey and Smith are keeping the store's doors open to customers looking for supplies. They plan to have the store fully operational within the next few weeks and a grand opening date by Labor Day weekend, he said.

Joseph said many of his Scituate customers have already patronized his new store and he expects more customers to come through the door once they learn of his new location.

"They've kept our spirits up," he said. "We know our customers will follow us."

Sheskey and Smith are confident they can attract a core of local customers to their new store as well.

"It's a new ball game for us, but we've hired some very knowledgeable people," Sheskey said. "I think once we stock up our inventory, we'll get that loyalty back."



Joseph's Hardware

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Resident receives Partners HealthCare award

Partners HealthCare System has named Cohasset resident Laura Fortier to a clerical support staff honor roll recognizing high standards, service to patients and customers, and overall contributions to Partners' success. Fortier is an employee of Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Those honored include employees from Partners' administrative units and from Brigham and Women's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, McLean Hospital, The North Shore Medical Center and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, all of which are part of the Partners' network.

In thanking the honorees at ceremonies held to recognize them, Partners President and Chief Executive Officer Samuel O. Thier, MD, noted their hard work and dedication and highlighted the contributions they make every day to the network's achievements.

Partners, founded in 1994 by Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital, is developing a comprehensive health care system that includes primary care and specialty physicians, community hospitals, specialty facilities, community health centers and other health-related entities. The system's mission is to serve the community through patient care, teaching and research.

Doctor elected to environmental board

Dr. Robert J. McCunney of Cohasset, director of environmental medicine service, Massachusetts Institute of Technology medical department, is the first vice president of the American College of Occupation and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), an international organization of 7,000 occupational physicians.

McCunney took office at ACOEM's 82nd annual membership meeting May 15 during the American Occupational Health Conference (AOHC) in Orlando, Fla. AOHC is the world's largest meeting of occupational health professionals.

Dr. McCunney earned his medical degree from the Jefferson Medical College in 1976, master's degree in public health from the Harvard School of Public Health, and master of science degree from the University of Minnesota. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine, certified in occupational medicine.

A prolific contributor to medical literature, Dr. McCunney is editor of "A Practical Approach to Occupational and Environmental Medicine," published by Little, Brown, and editor of ACOEM's publication, "A Manager's Guide to Occupational Health Services." He is the founder and editor of the monthly newsletter, "Occupational and Environmental Medicine Report."

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College president, Sister Janet Eisner, SND said of Finnegan's selection as a degree recipient, "Mr. Finnegan exemplifies the mission of Emmanuel in his life and work. He is an outstanding leader in the greater Boston business community who reaches out to serve the community in so many ways. He consistently gives of himself to our society."

Prior to his joining USTrust in 1993, Finnegan was the executive vice president of the Bankers Trust Company of New York. Known as a turn-around specialist in banking circles, he also served as president of the Bowery Savings Bank in New York, as CEO of Worcester Bancorp, and as vice chairman of Shawmut Bank. He is a former trustee of Emmanuel College and is currently a trustee of Northeastern University, where he also serves as vice chairman of the executive committee. He is chairman of the board for the Massachusetts Community and Banking Council, is a member of the board of Fine Host Corporation and the Metropolitan Housing Partnership, and is a member of the executive committee and a trustee of Catholic Charities, as well as a trustee of the Mass. Multiple Sclerosis Society and St. Mary's Women and Infants Center. He holds a B.A. from Northeastern University and an M.B.A. from Babson College. He is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking and Boston Technical School.

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Resident opens enchanting eatery in North Scituate

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

In Homer's, "The Odyssey, the heroic mariner and his crew find themselves entrapped and enchanted by a goddess named Circe, who cooks them a "delicious, outstanding" feast.

"It's one of my favorite parts of the book," said Cohasset resident Maura Bulman, who grew up in Scituate.

Bulman hopes to cast a healthy spell on North Scituate this month, when she opens a coffee and sandwich shop called Circe's Grotto.

In the morning, she plans to offer fine coffees, bagels, scones and coffee cakes. By midday, the menu will expand to include fresh sandwiches.

"It's going to be back-to-basics healthy food, like roll-ups and fuccachia sandwiches," explained Bulman, who planned to open her shop yesterday. "I'm not really a health nut, but I don't like the taste of a cold cut sub either."

Bulman envisions a 10-seat food shop at Gannett Marketplace, 344 Gannett Road, similar to the eateries she patronizes in the city.

"I go to Cambridge and Boston a lot, but I'm not a city person. I like what they have to offer — which I can't get around here," she said.

While the offerings will resemble that of the metropolitan scene, the atmosphere will not, she said.

"One reason I wanted to open my own business is that I hate when people who work in shops aren't friendly," she said. "I go out of my way to go to the places where they say hello and smile. I think we're losing that. And I think it's important."

In her own odyssey, Bulman has come full circle to open her first business.

"I have a most interesting and varied resume," she said, smiling.

A Spanish and journalism teacher at Marshfield High School for nine years, Bulman has a bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree. Throughout her career, she has held jobs as a flight attendant, waitress, caterer and fisherman.

She has always wanted to carry out her own dream in the food industry, however.

"It's something that's always been in the back of my head," she said. "And now's the time. I never see myself doing one thing forever."

Before she went to college, Bulman asked her parents to help her open a restaurant in Scituate harbor instead of paying her college tuition.

Three higher education degrees later, she found herself sitting on the curb in front of a vacant builder's office on Gannett Road watching the cars go by.

She liked what she saw.

"There's a good traffic pattern here," she noticed. "People are driving through here before leaving to go to Boston. Trucks are making deliveries all through this district. It's an untapped resource."

Although she had originally favored Scituate harbor as the launching pad for her endeavor, she decided North Scituate village would better suit her needs.



Maura Bulman of Cohasset plans to open Circe's Grotto in North Scituate this month.

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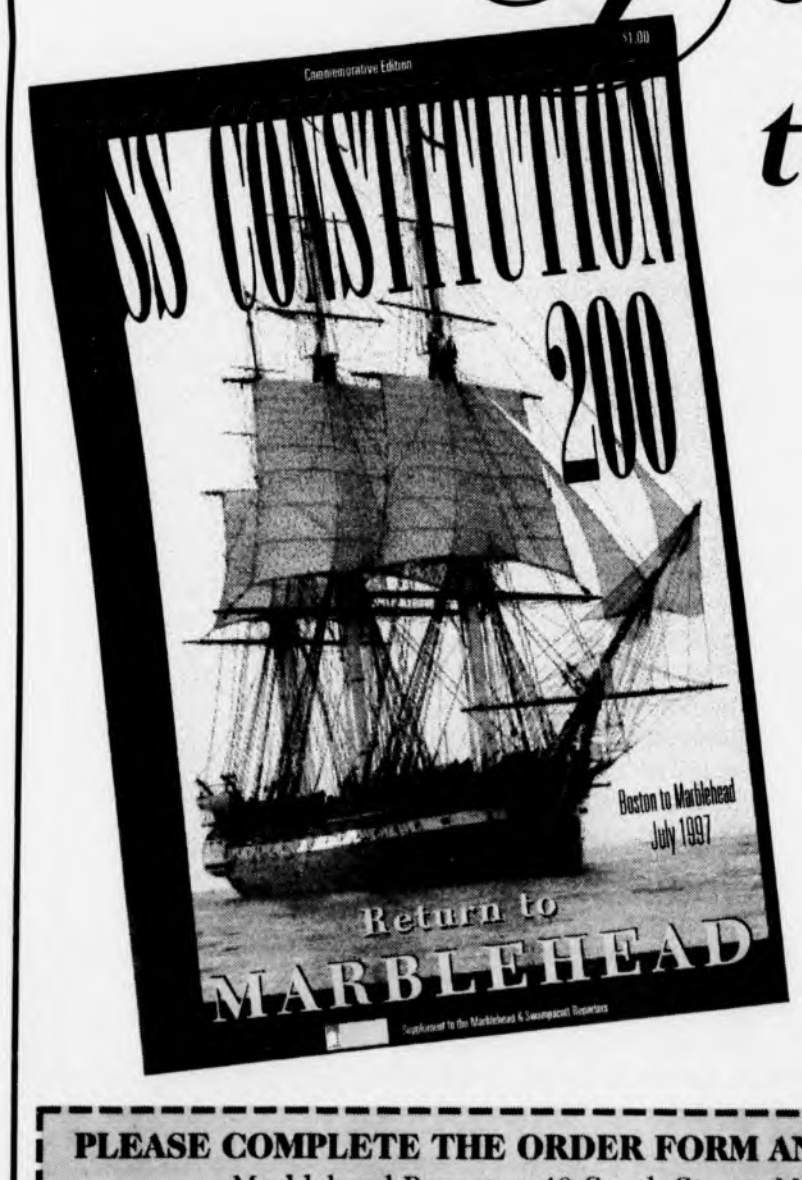
"The harbor has a lot going on and the businesses sort of compete against each other," she said. "There's a lot going on in North Scituate, too, but I think I'll be offering something that is not exactly the same as anything else here."

Carpenters are now working on tranforming the interior of the building space to accommodate Bulman's vision. She has all kinds of ideas for the future of Circe's Grotto, such as a delivery service and a night-time coffee house.

"I'm really excited. It's like being a freshman all over again," she said.

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The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. It will take place rain or shine; in case of rain, listen from your parked car. Printed programs, recital schedules and the new brochure describing the Cohasset Carillon will be available in the program stand at the church courtyard on Highland Avenue, and will also be distributed on the Cohasset Common, and at the entrance to Stagecoach Way (the pedestrian walk between Hunneman Realty and the former Village Fare Restaurant on Main Street). Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers. Following the recital, a tour of the tower and carillon will be offered to all interested persons.

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Health board is scolded for breaking trust

By David Tibbetts
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Selectmen lambasted the board of health Monday night for promising to work as a team with the sewer department, then apparently reneging on that promise.

The selectmen were referring to a letter dated July 11 that the board of health sent to the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs complaining that it hasn't been included in the wastewater facility plan discussion.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan and other selectmen lashed out at the health board for sending the letter without talking to selectmen and sewer commissioners first.

Sullivan said the health board and sewer commissioners met with selectmen two weeks ago and promised to work as a team. The health board pledged to bring its complaints to sewer commissioners and selectmen before contacting state agencies, Sullivan said.

He said the letter violated the entire sense of trust forged between the three groups.

"We need to get both boards in and ask the health board what is the purpose of this letter and what did they expect as an outcome," Sullivan said. "This shows bad judgment on the part of the board of health and it shows they didn't review the sewer information."

Selectman Diane Sullivan was less diplomatic.

"This is somewhat resolved because MEPA has approved the plan," she said. "We'll be able to handle this in spite of this miserable letter. I was appalled that a town board would send this letter after our ef-

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Painting the town Plein-Air

Town is artists' inspiration

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

The multi-faceted idea, "Paint the town Plein-Air" was the brainchild of Adele Kilroy, the director of the Christopher Gallery on Route 3A.

Her idea was to have more than a dozen artists set up from noon to 4 p.m. in shop in the town's village as well as down by the harbor. She thought it would be an opportunity for the public to watch them at work and ask any questions they have.

"It also opens up the door for these artists, who may be familiar with each others' works, but have never met, to meet each other in person for the first time," she said.

Her idea went further to include a gallery open house, from 6 to 9 p.m., where the artists' work would be displayed and placed on sale,

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Tom Hughes chooses a color for his painting of a Cohasset scene.

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Harbor dredging to be postponed one year

Officials say money for project is assured

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The Army Corps of Engineers needs more time to get organized for Cohasset Harbor dredging, so the project must be put off a year, officials learned last week.

The town must also re-test silt samples from the inner harbor, a complicated, time-consuming process.

But $1.34 million in federal funding for the project is virtually assured.

U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, D-Quincy, met with local officials and the Army Corps at town hall Friday to report on the project's status.

Former Selectman Peter Pratt, a prime mover behind the project, explained that the money would be available in federal fiscal year 1998 which starts October 1.

But dredging must occur during the "environmental window" of October to February to avoid disturbing certain migratory fish populations.

So although the money is there, the Army Corps needs more time to design and put the project out to bid.

"It was an extremely productive meeting," Pratt said.

"The bottom line is that is has been confirmed by Delahunt and (Senator John) Kerry that they are in 100 percent agreement that the town will get the money in federal fiscal year 1998, which starts Oct. 1.

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COHASSET WEEK

Eastern Edison installs new poles

Eastern Edison is planning to install two new support poles on Route 3A in the vicinity of Bergson's Ice Cream. The two stub poles will be used to anchor two existing poles across the street with metal cables. Eastern Utilities representative Jim Huxley said work to widen that section of Route 3A would make the poles less stable, requiring the stub poles for stability. Selectmen approved the request 5-0.

Papa Gino's gets new manager

Ed Meighen of Dorchester has been named the new manager of Papa Gino's in Cohasset. Meighen has served as a manager for the pizza chain for the last 10 years, working at restaurants in Hanover and the Harbor Light Mall in Weymouth. Selectmen approved the changeover 5-0. Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan asked Meighen if he could "keep it (Cohasset Papa Gino's) a little cleaner" in the future.

Selectmen also approved 5-0 a change in the company's board of directors, new stockholders and the issuance of stock. Papa Gino's has changed its corporate name from Papa Gino's Acquisition Corp., to Papa Gino's Inc.

Selectmen reappoint board members

At their July 21 meeting, selectmen reappointed several people to local boards and announced a number of openings.

Jeff Waal and Susan Cope were reappointed to the conservation commission.

The arts lottery council needs five new members because five of the seven current members have served the maximum number of terms allowed. Allison Moskow, Susan DeMichele, E. Sine Pounder, Harold E. Coughlin and Paula M. Kozol must all vacate their positions when new members are appointed.

Jacquline Hart, Gail Parks, David Buick and Mary Jane Larson were reappointed to the Cohasset Commons Historical Commission.

Helen Nothnagle, Linda Ingram, and Frances F. Andrews were reappointed to the seven-member commission on disabilities. Nothnagle was reappointed to only a one-year term. Acting Town Manager Ed McCann said he wanted to even out the number of people reappointed each year to three member one year and two members each of the following years.

There is one vacancy on the council on elder affairs. T. Gerard Keating was reappointed, but Austin F. O'Toole told selectmen he did not wish to be reappointed.

There is one vacancy on the Government Island Study Committee because James "Russ" Bonetti does not wish to be reappointed.

Peter Wood, Gail Parks, Lorren Gibbons and John F. Bertolami were reappointed to the harbor study committee. Wood was reappointed for only one year to even out reappointments in the future.

Rebecca Bates-McArthur, Ellen M. Freda and David Wadsworth were reappointed to the historical commission.

Judith P. Volungis was reappointed to the registrar of voters.

Lobster Lab proposals are in

The town has received one response to its request for proposal seeking bidders to help the town construct a lobster laboratory at the Hagerty Property. The Cohasset Lighthouse Keeper's Corporation submitted the only proposal. Acting Town Manager Ed McCann said the town would now try to negotiate a favorable program with the Lighthouse Keepers. Town Counsel Paul DeRensis also cleared up some confusion about whether the new town manager would be in charge of securing deeds and leases for town buildings. DeRensis said the town manager would be in charge of operating an managing buildings, but selectmen, as the local licensing authority, would be in charge of leases and deeds.

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

July 1997	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 24	2:53	11.6	9:11	3:28	11.1	9:37
Fri. 25	3:49	11.1	10:04	4:22	11.0	10:34
Sat. 26	4:48	10.5	10:59	5:19	10.9	11:34
Sun. 27	5:49	10.0	11:56	6:18	10.7	——
Mon. 28	6:52	9.5	12:37	7:18	10.5	12:55
Tues. 29	7:56	9.3	1:40	8:18	10.4	1:55
Wed. 30	8:59	9.1	2:43	9:16	10.4	2:53
Thurs. 31	9:56	9.2	3:40	10:09	10.4	3:48

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Smoking bans attempt to snuff out smoking

By Paula Woodhull and Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITERS

While the major tobacco companies and the U. S. Surgeon General do battle over regulating the cigarette industry, local boards of health have been on a mission of their own in search of new ways to curtail smoking.

Almost every town on the South Shore has already banned, or is in the process of banning, cigarette vending machines. But that's about where the similarities in fighting the war against smoking ends.

There is an enormous disparity from town to town when it comes to banning or eliminating smoking in restaurants. Many local communities are reluctant to impose too stringent a regulation for fear it will hurt business. And officials are feeling the heat from restaurateurs.

But communities like Hingham, for example, are pushing ahead to snuff out smoking.

Hingham has one of the most stringent smoking bans on the South Shore. Like Cohasset, the town has a smoke-free policy in municipal buildings and vehicles and bans cigarette vending machines and displays.

Both towns have also instituted a 75 percent smoke-free policy in restaurants and only allow smoking in designated areas at worksites. Neither town allows advertising, samples or single sales of tobacco products.

"The board of health is mandated to protect public health," said Bruce Capman of the Hingham Board of Health.

"Smoking is a big health issue for both non-smokers and smokers alike. We deal with it as a public issue, which the board takes seriously."



Staff photo/Chris Bernstein

Capman said society in general has dictated a change in smoking policy.

"Fifteen or 20 years ago, 80 percent of the population smoked," he said. "Now it's the other way around. Now let's prevent kids from picking up the habit."

Dawn Sibor, director of the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program, which serves 14 South Shore communities, said most of the regulations already in place involve selling to youth and not having vending machines accessible to them.

"If they're not there, hopefully kids won't start smoking," she said.

The South Shore Collaborative has just published an updated, expanded guide to smoke-free dining in more than 200 restaurants from Avon to Weymouth.

The guide is available at local restaurants, health care facilities and tourist information centers and is the collaborative's latest strategy in its anti-smoking campaign.

Where there's smoke

With so much attention put on smoking in the last several years, including the impact of second-hand smoking, more and more groups are leading the charge to eliminate smoking in public places.

When smoking regulations came out in 1994 in Hingham, Capman said the town was 25 percent smoke-free. By 1995, it was at the 75 percent smoke-free level.

Capman said there was tremendous opposition in Hingham when smoking regulations first came out. Now there are some restaurants which have opted on their own to remain smoke-free.

The Town of Marshfield, however , has taken a less stringent approach. The town bans smoking in public buildings — such as the library and town hall — but requires only the state minimum (25 percent smoke-free) when it comes to smoking in restaurants. And, according to health board chairman Gerry Maher, the pressure to change doesn't necessarily come from townspeople.

"It's definitely not from the business owners either," he said, noting that pressure tends to come from such organizations as the South Shore Collaborative and other smoking coalitions. "We've been asked to step up the regulations, but we have no plans to do so."

If that does happen, he said the board will invite business owners to participate in the process. But for now, the board is content with the town's regulations.

"Our goal is to stop teenagers from smoking, not adults," he said.

"We don't want Marshfield to

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Group launches all-out war

Organizations like the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative, which includes Scituate, have emerged since the state imposed an additional 25-cent tax on every pack of cigarettes back in 1993, launching an all-out war on smoking.

The cigarette tax went into effect when voters approved an initiative petition on the statewide ballot known as Question 1.

Alarmed over the health care costs associated with smoking, voters decided to increase the state tax on cigarettes by 25 cents a pack in order to fund the Health Protection Fund.

This fund would finance a statewide plan to educate the public about the risks of smoking and second-hand smoke and would help pay for public health tobacco control programs such as the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative.

The state decided it would use the classic carrot and stick approach to advance its anti-smoking agenda. Health boards that showed an interest in curbing smoking by enacting smoking regulations would be eligible for grant money dispersed by the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program.

In 1996, more than $70 million from the state's tobacco control program went to fund anti-smoking efforts and about $7 million went directly to nearly 200 health boards in the state.

The explicit goal has been to reduce cigarette smoking by 50 percent by the year 2000 using a variety of methods, including a steady drumbeat of anti-smoking advertising, legislative initiatives, local health board regulations, public education and health fairs.

Regulatory Update

Town	Municipal Buildings	Municipal Vehicles	Vending Machines	Permit Required (fee)	Displays	Restaurants	Worksites	Non-Criminal Disposition	Other
Abington	Smokefree	No Policy	Lock-out required	Yes ($25.00)	Limited	State minimum	No Regulation	No	No free samples, single sales
Braintree	Smokefree	Smokefree	Banned Aug. 1, 1997	Yes ($100.00)	Banned Aug. 1, 1997	25% Smokefree	No Regulation	Yes	No free samples, single sales
Cohasset	Smokefree	Smokefree	Banned	Yes ($20.00)	Banned	75% Smokefree	Designated areas only	Yes	No free samples, single sales
Duxbury	Smokefree	Smokefree	Banned	Yes ($20.00)	Banned	State minimum	No Regulation	No	No free samples, single sales
Hanover	Smokefree	Smokefree	Under Consideration	Under Consideration	Under Consideration	State minimum	No Regulation	No	
Hingham	Smokefree	Smokefree	Banned	Yes ($20.00	Banned	75% Smokefree	Designated areas only	No	No advertising, samples, single sales
Holbrook	Smokefree	No Policy	Under Consideration	Under Consideration	Under Consideration	State minimum	No Regulation	No	
Hull	Smokefree	Smokefree	Banned	Yes ($20.00)	Banned	50% Smokefree	No Regulation	Yes	No free samples, single sales
Kingston	Smokefree	Police/Fire Smokefree	Banned	Yes ($20.00)	Limited	State minimum	No Regulation	Yes	No single sales single sales
Marshfield	Smokefree	Smokefree	Under Consideration	Yes ($20.00)	Limited	State minimum	No Regulation	Yes	No single sales
Norwell	Smokefree	No Policy	Banned	Yes ($20.00)	Limited	60-75% Smokefree	Designated areas only	Yes	No free samples, single sales
***Pembroke**	Smokefree	No Policy	Banned	Yes ($35.00)	Banned	State minimum	No Regulation	Yes	No free samples, single sales
Plymouth	Smokefree	Smokefree	Banned	Yes ($20.00) ventilation	Under Consideration	Smokefree or proper	Designated areas only	Yes	No free samples, no single sales
Rockland	Town Hall Smokefree	No Policy	Under Consideration	Under Consideration	Under Consideration	State minimum	No Regulation	No	
Scituate	Smokefree	Smokefree	Banned	Yes ($10.00)	Limited	50% Smokefree	Under Consideration	Yes	No free samples, single sales

*Pembroke does not belong to the South Shore Collaborative.

Smoking bans

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turn into a Gestapo-style state. If you smoke it should be your right to do so," added Maher, who is a non-smoker.

Those who smoke, some suggest, should also not be treated as second-class citizens. Smokers are often made to feel ostracized, often forced to sit by the kitchen or a dark corner in restaurants.

Norwell's Pat McKinley, who operates Strawberry Fair Restaurant in Queen Anne's Corner, said she consistently has people who leave her establishment because the town has strict regulations governing smoking in restaurants. Two years after the regulation was imposed, she said every week one or two parties will come in, discover it's smoke-free and leave.

"The jury is still out for me," she said. "I can't put my finger on how much business I've lost.

"Most people can get through lunch without a cigarette, but it definitely affects my dinner business. A lot of people want to have a cocktail, a fine meal and then relax over a cigarette."

Right now, McKinley views the smoking restrictions as another obstacle, another challenge "along with bad parking and traffic congestion in the Queen Anne's Corner" for her to overcome in order to be profitable.

The biggest issue with eliminating smoking in restaurants is that diners can go to other towns where smoking is allowed, he said.

"But I haven't seen any indication of that in Hingham restaurants," Capman remarked. "Hingham hasn't been hurt more than any other town."

But Thomas Harrington, owner of MacArthur's restaurant and president of the Hingham Restaurant Association, said Hingham's 75 percent smoke-free policy has caused problems for local restaurants, especially those located on the borders of other towns which have less stringent policies.

"Hingham's policy causes competition and problems with being able to satisfy our customers," Harrington said.

He said there doesn't seem to be a pattern in non-smoking and smoking situations.

"Sometimes a smoking room will be half empty while we're turning away people from the non-smoking section because it's already filled," said Harrington, "and vice versa."

In his opinion, Hingham's policy is not a plus for the restaurant business, and he'd like to see the state implement consistent regulations.

Harbor dredging to be postponed

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"But the project will have a physical start in September 1998."

Due to disagreements among federal agencies about testing protocol, such as water temperature, the town must perform a third round of testing silt samples in the inner harbor.

The town is responsible for dredging about 7,500 cubic yards of silt from the Parker Avenue boat ramp, Cox's Point, Lawrence Wharf and the area between Cox's Point and the Yacht Club.

"There is a disagreement among the three agencies — the Army Corps, Environmental Protection Agency and Dept. of Marine Fisheries — in interpretation of the results," Pratt said. "But the good news is only a portion of the testing will have to be redone."

Pratt said at issue is the need at the federal, political level to make sure that this doesn't happen again.

"We need one set of marching orders," he said. He said engineers will work out a joint letter to be signed by the three agencies and overseen by Delahunt to make sure protocols are clearly established.

Another issue which must be resolved is the two private sector, commercial encroachments, Pratt said.

He explained the Army Corps said the Chart House and Cohasset Marina docks are encroaching on federal waters. The town must figure out what its legal enforcement powers are, he said.

Pratt said the delays and retesting are a hassle but "that's the price you pay for using someone else's money."

The federal channel, which is getting narrower and narrower due to silt buildup, hasn't been fully dredged in 35 years. There has been periodic maintenance dredging of the harbor and federal channel since then but the last time a federal/town dredging project of this magnitude was undertaken in Cohasset was in 1939.

With the state's financial help, the town is responsible for dredging areas in the harbor while the Army Corps of Engineers, a federal agency whose civil mission is to develop and manage the country's water resources, will tackle the harbor channel which falls under federal jurisdiction.

A total of $300,000 — including a state grant administered by the Waterways Division of the state Department of Environmental Management — and a $100,000 town match are expected to cover the town's dredging costs.

Delahunt shepherded money for the project through at the federal level when he discovered flaws in the reporting system among state and federal agencies, which set national priorities for federal assistance to coastal navigation improvements.

"I am forced to conclude that local communities cannot necessarily trust that they are being credited fully for the volume of shellfish they are actually landing — which is a key part of the formula that sets national funding priorities," Delahunt said in a press release.

Cohasset Harbor, ranked 10th in the state in 1995 for catching lobsters, landing 570,000 pounds last year. With 39 lobster men fishing out of the harbor, Cohasset is ranked 11th in size of ports out of 40 in the state.

Harbormaster John Winters said delaying dredging will have an adverse effect but it's a fact of life.

"It's not possible this year. that's straight from the Army Corps and they rule the roost," he said.

Chart House ordered to move its docks

Selectmen have denied a request by the Chart House to implement corporate officer changes. Selectman Diane Sullivan said the Chart House was going to have to move its docks and floats out of federal waters so dredging could begin before she would approve the corporate changes.

Sullivan said she was annoyed that the Chart House hadn't done anything to move the floats and docks. She added that she wouldn't approve their licenses for renewal next year unless the docks are moved.

"We should send them a letter telling them to move the docks or we'll move the docks and charge the Chart House," Sullivan said.

The Army Corps of Engineers has tried to contact the Chart House about moving the docks, but to date has received no response.

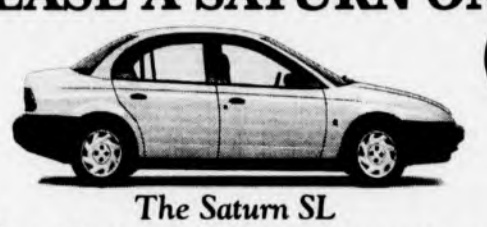
Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said the Chart House would either have to show that it has a state chapter 91 license to place the docks in those waters or it would have to move the docks.

"If they don't have a chapter 91 license, then they have an illegal structure," DeRensis said.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said selectmen would send a certified letter to the Chart House ordering them to produce a valid permit or move the docks.

"We'll send a certified letter to their corporate lawyer and let them decide what to do," Sullivan said.

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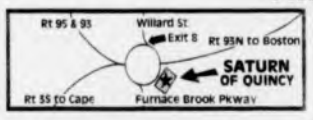
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Train mitigation committee limits communication

New board members sought

By David Tibbetts
STAFF MARINER

Members of the Cohasset Greenbush Mitigation Committee have decided to let only one of their members answer questions from the press: selectman Diane Sullivan.

Former mitigation committee Chairman Dean Rizzo was criticized by selectmen for continuing to lobby for a downtown train station while he served on the committee. In an article that appeared in the May 22 Mariner, Rizzo and several downtown business people felt a downtown station should be reconsidered. (Plans are underway to restore the old Greenbush railroad line through Cohasset to allow for better commuter access on the South Shore.)

Selectmen called Rizzo in and informed him that as far as they were concerned, the downtown station was a dead issue. Rizzo was told to stop lobbying publicly for a downtown station or step down from the committee.

Rizzo resigned from the committee last month.

When asked if the incident with Rizzo had anything to do with the decision to have only one member speak to the press, Sullivan answered, "No, I don't think so."

Mitigation committee member Michael Dick informed selectmen at their July 21 meeting that he agreed with Sullivan and mitigation members Martin Corry and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln that only one member should speak for the committee to reporters.

"We agreed that rather than have individuals talk to the press and give personal opinions, we would let one member speak for the committee," Dick said.

Sullivan said committee members wanted her to serve as press liaison because she was the newest member of the group.

Rizzo, a member of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and employee for the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, served as business representative to the committee.

The mitigation committee is looking for new members to help them with issues related to Greenbush. The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce informed selectmen it does not wish to send another member to serve on the mitigation committee.

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> — MICHAEL DICK, MITIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER.

Sullivan said she would like to see someone with civil engineering experience on the committee.

"It's important to get people who know the issues," Dick said. "All points of view have been represented even if those who represent certain points of view feel they haven't been adequately represented."

After the meeting, Dick would not answer any questions related to the mitigation committee. He directed all questions to Sullivan.

In other mitigation committee-related business, Dick submitted a working request for proposals (RFP) document to selectmen for a consultant to the committee.

Sullivan said the mitigation committee is looking for a professional consultant to look at all Greenbush issues and advise the town. Sullivan said the consultant would work directly with the mitigation committee, and the mitigation committee would update selectmen.

Town meeting would have to allocate funds to pay for the consultant.

Real Estate taxes are due

Real estate taxes are due Friday, August 1. Please remember, town hall closes at 1 p.m. on Fridays.

The treasurer/collector's office will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, and Thursday, July 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Health board

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forts to work together."

She also referred to the letter as "backstabbing."

The health board was unable to submit its proposed $13.5 million wastewater management plan to town meeting because of a conflict with state regulations. The plan would have placed all septic systems under the town's jurisdiction. Homeowners would have paid a user fee similar to a sewer bill.

Town meeting did approve the sewer commission's plan to provide $3 million in state loans to replace septic systems in areas of town near water supplies, specifically the Lily Pond and Nichols Road area.

The health board plans to pursue a town-wide plan again sometime in the future when funding can be acquired.

In the letter, the health board complains that the sewer department has not included it in discussions about the wastewater facility plan approved at town meeting.

"While the (environmental impact) report states that long discussions between the sewer commission and the board of health took place, it is the board's position that these discussions were rather minimal and generally took place at the board's request," the letter states. "The board feels that it possesses valuable information and has well documented opinions about areas which could benefit from connections to the municipal sewer. The board is concerned that possible future modifications to the facility plan will not include its' input."

The letter goes on to state that references to health board regulations in the facility plan are inaccurate or non-existent.

The health board also criticized the areas to be sewered as "somewhat convoluted." The letter states that there is no evidence showing that Border Street and Parker Street areas should be sewered because of their possible affect on nearby shellfish beds.

"On the other hand, the Whale Meadow area, which is closed to shellfishing because of high bacteria counts is not being sewered because of David Gray's report in which he concludes that the bacteria counts may be of animal origin," the letter states. "This conclusion is based on inference, not hard data."

The letter goes on to say that septic failure along Route 3A is not adequately addressed in the EIR. It concludes by saying that the health board should be included in all wastewater planning, including sewer plans.

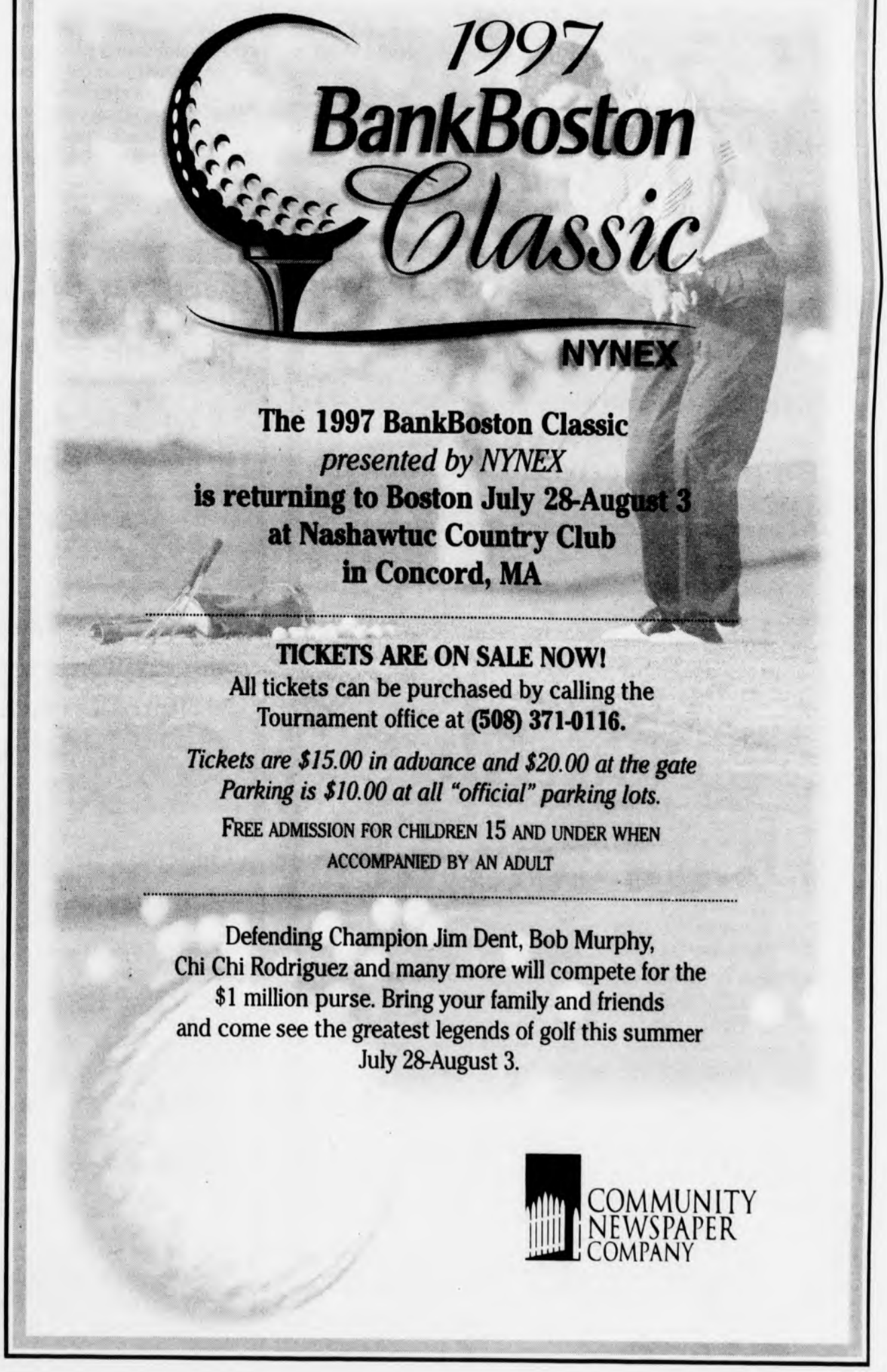
The letter is signed by Dr. Joseph Godzik on behalf of the board of health.

Michael Sullivan expressed great disappointment at the health board's actions.

"We had them in and they agreed to get along and do the same approach, then they send off a letter to a state official after they verbally agreed to discuss such matters with us first," he said.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she wanted the health board to come in and sign a written agreement promising to work as part of a team with other town agencies.

Selectmen will have the health board and sewer commissioners in at their next meeting.



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Fitness Center at high school takes first step forward

By Kerry Herlihy
CORRESPONDENT

The new flooring for the high school's fitness center has been ordered and will be installed in August. The $4,000 rubber padding is 3/4 inches thick and will protect the floor and the equipment. This is a big step in the development of the new fitness center but much more is still needed in terms of equipment which leaves the future of the fitness center in the hands of those willing to help with the funding.

The estimated cost to develop the new facility at the high school is $100,000. Eric Kupperstein, who plans to move to Cohasset, donated $2,000 worth of quality equipment to the center. The PSO and the Police Patrolman Union each donated $1,000 towards the center. However, the new center is still in desperate need of funding.

The fitness center as it stands is now located in the previous senior lounge. Due to education reform, study halls have been cut, therefore the senior lounge will have no use. The space allows room to establish the intended model of the center; aerobic floor, cardiovascular station and weight training area. Ideally the space will comfortably hold 25-50 people exercising simultaneously.

Health education coordinator, Mike Gill, sees the focus of physical education moving away from team sports.

"Our vision is to gear physical education towards personal wellness and fitness as opposed to its traditional format of teamed sports. Of course team sports should play a part in physical education but they should be taught as a result of personalized training," Gill said.

> ***'Teamed sports are not for everybody. Instead of excluding those who do not thrive in the team setting, we should be offering an alternative where everyone can succeed.***
>
> — MIKE GILL, SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION COORDINATOR.

"Teamed sports are not for everybody. Instead of excluding those who do not thrive in the team setting, we should be offering an alternative where everyone can succeed," he said.

Financial donor, Eric Kupperstein, is a world-class power lifter. His interest in drug-free lifting, youth fitness and sports motivated him to make a donation to the proposed project.

"I started to work out when I was in eighth-grade for football. However, it did a lot more for me than just prepare me physically, it gave me a sense of discipline and self-esteem," Kupperstein said.

He believes that once students start to pay attention to their bodies, they learn to respect and take care of themselves. This awareness will hopefully prevent them from doing anything to counteract their success.

The long-term goal of the fitness center is to make it available to the Cohasset community. The center could be open to students during the day. After school it could open up for athletic teams, faculty and town employees. Between 5 and 9 p.m., the center could be open for use by the public.

Keeping the center open Saturdays and during the summer would not only keep people on track with their fitness, but give people, particularly students, an alternative activity, proponents say. A membership plan would then be created in order to keep the facility open after hours.

With the adoption of the 90-minute block schedule which takes effect this September, the physical education department will be able to devote a large portion of class time on fitness.

"The timing to develop a quality fitness center couldn't be better. Physical education is undergoing tremendous change throughout the country. We are in the process of restructuring our curriculum to incorporate fitness as a major part of physical education," said Clark Chatterton, physical education teacher and athletic director at the high school.

The center currently has a universal machine, free weights, leg press, squat rack, basic stationary bikes, a nautic track, and two rowing machines that are being lent to the center for one year by Concept II Rowing for research purposes. "We don't want to fill the room with outdated equipment. We are looking for commercial models with which we can obtain service contracts. But without funding, we will be working with what we have," Gill said.

Due to the lack of cardiovascular equipment at present in the fitness center, the curriculum changes in physical education will be gradual. At this point, a 90-minute period focusing on fitness will be spent on some free weight work and maybe an aerobic class.

Gill talks about the importance personalized training has on individuals and why we need to provide our students with a quality fitness environment.

"Enhanced learning, improved concentration, greater self-control and self-confidence, as well as the promotion of healthy, positive, and lifelong attitudes toward physical activity, are well-documented benefits of quality physical education in schools. Exercise should be a way of life [illegible] with a new and improved fitness center all of this becomes possible," he said.

"Organizations or private citizens with an interest in the project will hopefully support the goal of preparing our students to be physically and emotionally fit for life," Gill said.

If interested in assisting with the fund-raising, call Mike Gill at 383-6107. Donations my be sent to the Cohasset Schools Fitness Center, c/o Gill, 143 Pond St., Cohasset, 02025.

Arts lottery council needs members

Selectmen said this week that the arts lottery council which distributes state moneys for the arts needs six new members. Interested citizens should call the selectmen's office at 383-9900 or stop by the office, which is on the second floor of town hall.

Selectmen seek to remove buildings

Selectmen would like to remove at least two of the town's dilapidated buildings by September. Selectman Nancy Roth said she would like to town to act quickly to remove the metal shed at the Hagerty site, the old highway barn in the town parking lot and the West Corner fire station in North Cohasset. Selectman Merle Brown said the Hagerty shed may have to wait until the beginning of the year so the town can advertise for demolition companies to remove the building. Town meeting would also have to approve the demolitions.

Town common flagpole update

An anonymous donor has offered to pay for a new flagpole on Cohasset Common. Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said three companies have submitted bids to replace the pole. The donor has offered to pay the low bidder the full cost of purchasing and installing a new pole. Sullivan said the town would have to go with an aluminum pole rather than a wooden or fiberglass one. Wooden poles of that size are difficult to find and bow in the wind over years of use. Fiberglass poles deteriorate in direct sunlight. Sullivan said aluminum poles can be painted any color, an outfitted with rubber coatings to prevent banging noises. The cement base will have to be repaired because it is cracked and fractured.

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Best day of your life: A day skiing in Toas, New Mexico where the weather and conditions were perfect.

Best vacation: A sailing trip to Maine with my family.

Biggest worry: That kids won't learn how to sail.

Favorite book: Anything by Dr. Seuss.

Favorite movie: National Lampoon's "Christmas Vacation."

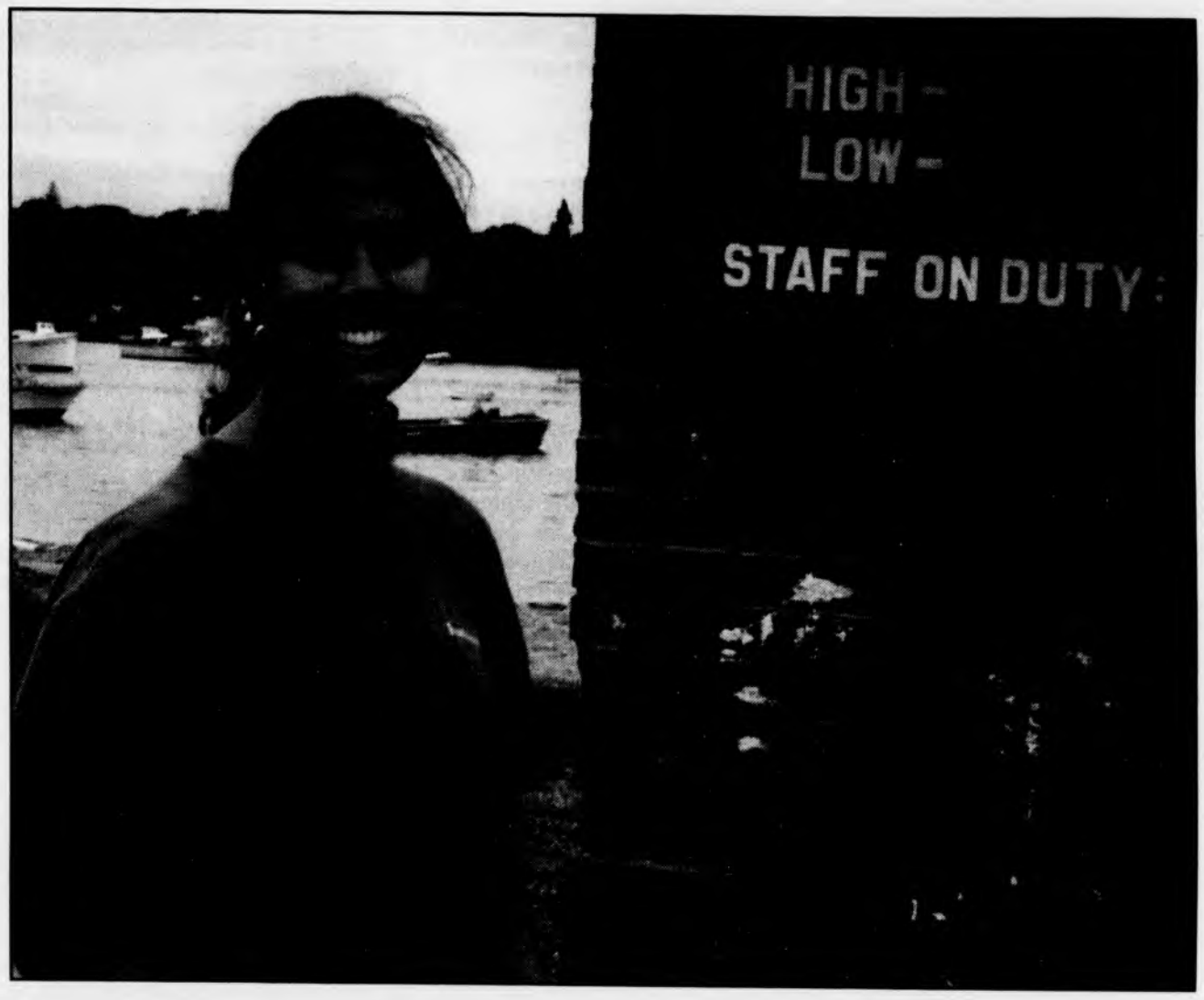
Favorite TV show: "Seinfeld."

Favorite junk food: Pringles.

Pet peeve: Life jackets that aren't buckled.

Person you'd most like to meet: Michelangelo.

Most embarrassing moment: I do stupid stuff all the time, so it just doesn't bother me.



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ALLISON KORNET COACHES CREW

Allison Kornet is back in town for the summer, she is coaching crew at Community Rowing on the Charles. One of her oarsmen is Cohasset's Patrick Gaughen, whose Junior Four boat placed first at the Independence Day Regatta in Philadelphia. Allison earned her Masters in English (Teaching of Writing) from Georgetown last year and has been free-lance writing and coaching on the Potomac. She has been a regular contributor to "New Women" magazine since her stint there two summers ago, and her most recent article appeared in the May/June issue of "Psychology Today." Later in August she heads out to Los Angeles to teach at Harvard-Westlake, an independent school in North Hollywood.

Abi Kornet, now 6' 1/2" tall, rowed varsity crew this spring at Northfield Mt. Hermon. She also had a lead role in the spring comedy, "The Actor's Nightmare."

BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

Three area boys are very excited for the end of this month to get here, we'll tell you why — they will be attending the 14th Annual Boy Scout National Jamboree in Fort A.P.. Hill, Va. Will McArthur and Alex Schmidt (both of Troop 28, Cohasset) and David Krueger (Troop 78, Norwell), along with Wayne Schmidt, Assistant Scout Master who is on the staff, will be part of the 35,000 scouts who will form a tent city. The theme for this Jamboree will be "Character Counts, Be Prepared for the 21st Century." The gents will leave July 26, make stops in Gettysburg, Washington, D.C., Quantico FBI Center, then continue on to Virginia, to arrive July 28, and return Aug. 6. They will have tons of things to do, there is shooting, archery, cross-country biking, propelling, fishing, aquatics, merit badge center and more. And, while there, they are going to try to break the Guiness Book of Records for the largest fire bucket brigade! Hopefully, we will hear all about it upon their return!

HAT'S OFF TO BRETT MACQUARRIE

Let's all give Brett MacQuarrie a big round of applause this week, he has earned it! Brett is a 1997 graduate of Northfield Mount Hermon School — he is a student leader, he has received the 1997 Thompson Blanket Award for outstanding sportsmanship and leadership in athletics. He served as co-captain of the varsity soccer team, participating in the 1996 New England Prep School Tournament. A member of the 1997 Northern New England league champion varsity lacrosse team, he earned All-League lacrosse honors. He was co-captain of the Southeast Team in the 1995 Bay State Games.

Brett was a member of NMH's "As Schools Match Wits" TV quiz show team, he studied advanced placement economics and has volunteered through the Appalachia Service Project. He also earned academic honors for all three terms this year. Brett will attend Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., in the fall. His mother and stepfather are Jane and Chris Kyricos of Cohasset. His father is Stephen MacQuarrie of Wellesley.



Lisa Figueiredo (center) watches as Kristina Licare and Samantha Burgoon play a game at Summer Playground. *For more photos, see page 11.*

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

HONORS ARE NOTED

Congratulations go to Caroline Klier, a Junior at Stonehill College, who was recently named to the dean's list for the spring 1997 semester.

Thayer Academy announced its honor roll for the third term, and we have some students to give accolades to: Ashley Wilfand, Class of '98, and the daughter of Robert and Wendy Wilfand, made the honor roll. Also, Jeffrey Schneider, class of 2001, received an effort award, as did Leigh-Anne Walsh, class of 2002.

ASP VOLUNTEERS RETURN

The town is still a-buzz with various stories from the 78 volunteers who went to Campbell County, Tenn., with the Appalachia Service Project. Even adults who we have talked to, said that their lives will never be quite the same again, that the impressions made on them left indelible marks! All ages state how wonderful an experience and feeling comes from doing such good for others — and lets them all know how lucky we are to be here — again, thanks go to the project director, The Rev. Gary Ritts. It surely makes you realize how fortunate we are to have Gary and his family in our town and a part of our lives! Oh, be sure to ask any of the volunteers about their adventures!

BAY STATE GAMES

By the time you read this, you may also know the results — but, let's be proud of the Cohasset athletes who participated in the Bay State Games, which started last Thursday — they are: Matt Belson (lacrosse), Lucius Caldwell (wrestling), Brandon DeVoe (lacrosse), Jimmy Figueirdo (wrestling), John-Paul Laugelle (wrestling), David Leahy (lacrosse), Brittany Novak (synchronized swimming) and Craig Sheerin (wrestling).

Music circus registration for Little Red Riding Hood

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold the Music Circus registration for Little Red Riding Hood Thursday, July 24, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 7 p.m. at the recreation office, first floor, town hall. Tickets are $5.25.

The Music Circus children's show registrations will be open to children in the playground program. The show date for Little Red Riding Hood is Thursday, Aug. 7.

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Carillon concert presented by Liesbeth Janssens

The fifth recital in the current Sunday evening summer series will be presented by Liesbeth Janssens Sunday, July 27, at 6 p.m. on the 57-bell Taylor carillon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset. Ms. Janssens makes her home in Temse, Belgium, and is a graduate of the Jef Denijn Royal Carillon School in Mechelen. She is secretary of the Flemish Carillon Guild, the organization which will host the meeting of the World Carillon Federation in Mechelen in the summer of 1998. She has participated in two Dutch carillon playing competitions, and has given recitals in Belgium, The Netherlands, Austria, Germany, New Zealand and at the Bok Tower in Florida.

The recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. It will take place rain or shine; in case of rain, listen from your parked cars. Printed programs, schedules of coming recitals and the new brochure describing the Cohasset Carillon, will be distributed on the Cohasset Common and at the entrance to Stagecoach Way, the pedestrian walk beside Hunneman Realty on Main Street. A program stand containing all materials may be found on Highland Avenue at the entrance to the church courtyard. Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers to all listening locations. Following the recital, a tower tour will be offered to all interested persons.

For further information, telephone St. Stephen's Church at (617) 383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., or phone the carillonneur of St. Stephen's, Sally Slade Warner, at (508) 475-2599; or the assistant carillonneur, Mary Kennedy, at 383-9599

Historical and architectural walking tour

The historical and architectural walking tour series will continue Sunday, July 27, at 3 p.m. This walking tour will be of the Lincoln National Register Historic District. The tour group will meet in front of Old Ship Church at 90 Main St. and will view historical and architectural highlights of Hingham Square. Included on the tour will be Old Ship Church, Memorial Bell Tower, St. Paul's Church, Old Ordinary, New North Church, The Community Center, Derby Hall and Loring Hall. The tour group will also spend a lot of time in the shady confines of the Hingham cemetery to stay as cool as possible if it should be a hot day.

The tours are free and open to all interested. For more information call Rick Desmarais, 749-2463.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy V. Graham

Dorothy V. Graham, 75, of Cohasset, a retired secretary for the Town of Cohasset Assessors Office, died Wednesday, July 9, at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth after a brief illness.

Miss Graham was born in Lynn, daughter of the late Winthrop L. Graham and the late Ola (Litch) Graham, and moved to Cohasset when she was 12. She lived in Cohasset for 63 years.

She worked for the Town of Cohasset for 42 years.

Miss Graham leaves three nephews, Douglas Graham and Robert Graham, both of Plymouth, and David Graham of Oregon; and a niece, Eleanor Graham of Alaska. She was the sister of the late Winthrop "Bud" Graham.

A funeral service was held July 12 at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Miss Graham's memory to the Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 Joslin Place, Boston 02215.

John H. Dean

John H. Dean, 86, former chairman of the Cohasset school committee, died July 18 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Jamaica Plain.

Mr. Dean graduated from Harvard College in 1934. He was captain of the Harvard football team and was elected to the Harvard Hall of Fame for his performance in track and field during his senior year.

After attending Harvard Law School for two years, he went to the New York office of Halsey-Stuart, a Chicago-based bond broker.

During World War II, Mr. Dean served with the Navy in both the Atlantic and Pacific. After the war, he remained in the Navy's selected reserves until retiring in 1963.

Mr. Dean served as president of the Municipal Bond Club of Boston and became a member of the luncheon group, Longtable Syndicate. He was vice president and trustee of the former Cohasset Savings Bank and a director of the Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance and the Danbury Insurance Company.

He served on the Cohasset School Committee for five years, two as chairman. He was a member of the Cohasset Golf Club, Cohasset Yacht Club and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth (Webster) Dean; two sons, Charles W. Dean and John S. Dean, both of Cohasset; a daughter, Emile E. McBride of Chevy Chase, Md.; and several grandchildren.

A memorial service was held July 22 at St. Stephen's Church.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to charity.

Tax relief program may be reconsidered

The tax relief through work program may be revived for the next annual town meeting. Selectmen would like to look at the program again to provide tax relief to needy and/or elderly residents. Tax relief programs provide tax abatements in exchange for municipal work. Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the program would have to be revived because of the added tax burden from Proposition 2-1/2 overrides to pay for the sewer project and the new elementary school. Selectmen plan to have the new town manager explore the possibility of creating a program.

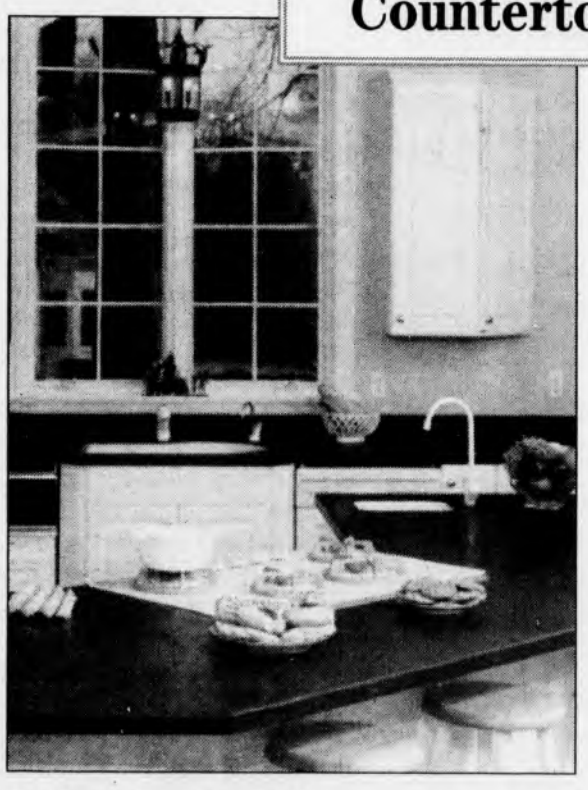
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Old Ironsides & us

Ay, tear her tattered ensign down!
Long has it waved on high,
And many an eye has danced to see
That banner in the sky.

That ensign. no longer tattered, waved on high again this week as the USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides," unfurled her sails and sailed under her own power for the first time in 116 years.

And many an eye (an estimated 100,000 pairs of them), not a few of them brimming with tears, danced to see the banner wave on the voyage from her berth in Charlestown to Marblehead and back.

"This has been perhaps the greatest experience of my life; I'm just grateful I could be part of it all," said Seaman Craig Cole, age 20.

"Patriotism seems to be going to the dogs; I hope the Constitution can help bring it back," said Hosiah Towery, age 87.

"The thing I like about this ship is that there is nothing negative about her. She has had tough times but always came through," said Deck Captain Joe Wilson, a black man from Mississippi.

Indeed, it was a microcosm of America, young and old, black and white, immigrant and native son, who banded together to sail Old Ironsides from Boston to Marblehead — and to save the old girl from a watery grave.

It was the Boston Brahmin Yankee, Oliver Wendell Holmes, who penned the words quoted above in 1830 and helped rally a rescue of the then-33-year-old veteran of the nation's wars from rotting at her dock.

It was Cong. John Fitzgerald, the son of an immigrant Irishman, who stepped in to save the craft on her 100th birthday when she was in danger of sinking from neglect at a dock in Portsmouth, N. H.

It was an Armenian immigrant, Moses Gulesian, who led the public protest in 1905 when the secretary of the navy proposed that the 108-year-old Constitution be used for target practice.

And it was the pennies, thousands of them, collected by the nation's school children, that enabled the restoration of the 128-year-old ship in 1925.

And its the pennies of school children and one million tourists a year that have helped to make the $12 million restoration a reality in 1997 in time for the 200th anniversary of Constitution's launching.

Can you draw any conclusion from all that?

Joe Wilson can.

"I think it shows that, when we all pull together, look what we can do," he said. "It's what America is all about."



LETTERS

Response to Journal smoking story

To the Editor:

In response to the recent articles appearing in the Mariner newspapers. Dr. Maher makes reference to smokers having a right to do so. Let's not forget that nonsmokers have an equal right not to be subjected to secondhand smoke, which has been classified as a Class A. Carcinogen, in the same group as asbestos. We agree with and applaud Dr. Maher's desire to keep cigarettes out of the hands of teenagers in Marshfield and would also stress that our goal is not to "stop" adults from smoking if they wish to, but rather to be there to help them when they desire to stop. A free smoking cessation and quitter's support group are continuously offered at our offices in Hanover for that reason. We would also like to assure the public that we do not use "Gestapo-style" methods, but treat all smokers with respect and dignity and would be happy to supply Dr. Maher with a list of former clients, both smokers and nonsmokers, who would attest to our style.

We would suggest that Ms. Woodhull and Ms. Meyer speak to Jim Wells, owner of Abbadessa's in Hingham and Richard Stilphen, owner of Piasano's in Kingston and DiNero's in Cohasset. These restaurants are completely smokefree, have been for a number of years, and have not suffered from a lack of patrons. In fact it is not unusual for customers to wait for a considerable amount of time to dine in Paisano's on any given evening. Mr. Wells has told us that not only has his clientele increased, but his cleaning costs have decreased. He feel strongly that the smoking ban is not a "rights" issue, but a health issue — the health of his loyal customers and that of his employees.

The Massachusetts Restaurant Association attempted with their bill mentioned in the article to wrest the power of determining health regulations from the very board elected or appointed to do so in each town — the board of health. This bill would also have required all restaurants to have at least 40 percent smoking areas, regardless of the wishes of the boards of health. It is important to remember that when there is secondhand smoke in the air, your risk of getting lung cancer can increase by 34 percent. In a study conducted by the University of California in 1993, it was found that waitresses have a 3 1/2 to 4 times greater risk of developing lung cancer and 2 1/2 times the expected heart disease mortality rate.

We are excited about the idea of a new tobacco collaborative forming in our neighboring communities and would look forward to working with them in our quest to "make smoking history on the South Shore."

Linda Shultz, Cohasset
Max Armour, Duxbury
Dawn Sibor, Hingham
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(Ed's Note: Dr. Gerry Maher is chairman of the board of health in Marshfield. The story appears on page 3 of this week's Cohasset Mariner).

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Hometown guides are coming

The Cohasset Mariner is compiling a hometown guide which will include all clubs and organizations. Please drop us a note indicating officers of your club or organization, how you can be contacted and any other relevant information. Items should be sent as soon as possible to the Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043 or faxed to 741-2931. Any questions, call Mary Ford at 741-2933.

Kids get in the swing at Summer Playground



Sara Libby and Chelsea Uhl fly on the swings at Osgood School during the Summer Playground program sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department.



Ryan Daly waves good-bye before leaving from the Osgood School for free swim at the town swimming pool. Alec Livingston, at right, can't wait.



Sinclair Dean jumps rope during Summer Playground at the Osgood School.

Bill Carbone, Andrew Lovallo and Brendon Ford start a fashion trend during Summer Playground.



Lauren Albanese plays the hand game, chick-a-chick-a-boom-boom.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Schools to make auditorium wheelchair accessible

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

The school auditorium may not be wheelchair accessible now, but it will be by September.

A state official from the Office on Disability, Jim Dougan, has written a letter to the school department advising it that the high school is inaccessible to wheelchairs. Dougan recommended that school officials move all public meetings held in the high school somewhere else until the situation is corrected.

In response to Dougan's letter, the school committee held its July 17 meeting in room 10 next to Superintendent Steven Hart's office because it is accessible to wheelchairs. The restroom near the superintendent's office can accommodate handicapped needs, Hart said.

"We have done what Jim (Dougan) has requested, which is why we are meeting in this room," Hart said at the meeting.

Dougan noticed the problems with wheelchair accessibility when he attended a school committee meeting June 19. The meeting Dougan attended was held in the high school's audio-visual lab so it could be aired on live cable.

Dougan said all meetings held in the high school should be moved to a location that provides accessible parking, a clear and accessible path of travel, an accessible entrance and an accessible bathroom.

Hart said the school department will renovate parts of the high school auditorium to make it accessible to wheelchairs by the time school starts and well before October's town meeting.

Hart said the gymnasium is already accessible to wheelchairs, but something will have to be done with the bathrooms. Annual town meetings have traditionally been held in the gymnasium.

Hart said a unisex bathroom will be installed on the first floor of the high school by September.

A wider door to the left of the main door and to the right of the auditorium will be in place by September as well, Hart said. Ramps and railings will also be installed to improve access.

Workers will also extend a small, asphalt ramp which leads to the ground level to improve wheelchair access.

Other town officials said the town has tried to accommodate people with disabilities.

Building commissioner Robert Egan said the high school has made several changes to accommodate a girl with cerebral palsy who will attend the school next year.

Egan added that the girl also has a professional aide who can help her navigate difficult areas.

Hart said the school department will do whatever is necessary to make the school "program accessible" for the girl and other handicapped individuals.

The state has exemptions that allow schools to move programs to accessible areas for handicapped students in certain cases.

School committee Chairman Maureen Jerz said the schools have always tried to make buildings program accessible.

"We will do whatever we have to make areas accessible," Jerz said. "We have a lift in the junior high wing to accommodate a student in a wheelchair. In this case, questions were raised that if the building was not accessible, should our meetings be held there?"

Jerz said the school department is also planning to move some biology and chemistry classes from the inaccessible second floor to the first floor so the girl in the wheelchair can take sciences.

Bids solicited for water main relining project

The Water Commissioners have advertised for bids to complete the Water Distribution System Improvement, Phase IIIA. Bids must be received by noon July 24 at the offices of the Town Manager in Town Hall and will be opened immediately after receipt at noon at Town Hall.

"This project, when completed, will increase water flows and water pressure for our water customers throughout the Town of Cohasset," said Water Commission Chairman Robert Kasameyer. "Fire flows and fire protection will also be improved. We hope to get this project underway and complete it this summer."

The project includes the cleaning and lining of water mains on Pleasant Street, Depot Court, a large section of Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue, and replacement of water valves at Summer Street and at the intersection of Ripley Road and Depot Court. Fire hydrants will also be replaced along the length of the pipes being cleaned and relined.

Cleaning and relining pipes is necessary to remove accumulated sedimentation which reduce the inside volume of the pipe and reduce the flow of water by increasing head loss due to friction.

This project, estimated to cost about $500,000, was authorized by the Cohasset Special Town Meeting April 5, 1996, and in the 1995 Town Meeting, and is based on the 10-year plan of water system improvements outlined in the Water System Report prepared for the Water Commissioners by Tutela Engineering Associates.

LETTERS

Domestic violence is no private matter

To the Editor:

One way society undergoes change is through lessons learned from public figures. When Red Sox player Wil Cordero returns to court this week, there will be another opportunity for the public to learn about the issue of domestic violence.

In 1992, it was widely reported that 63 percent of males, ages 11-20 who are serving time for homicide, killed their mother's batterer. Last month, as Wil Cordero's history of domestic violence was being reported in newspapers around the country, a young Rockland man was sentenced to prison for killing his father after years of witnessing domestic violence in his home.

The June arrest of Cordero involved a 15-year-old witness — his stepson. Fortunately for him, society is changing. Thus, the cycle may be broken.

The legal system is more willing to recognize domestic violence for what it is — assault and battery. Even more importantly, the court of public opinion is also challenging the belief that it is a private matter. As men suffer serious consequences for these acts of family violence through criminal charges, damaged reputations, and threats of job loss, there will be fewer children affected by family violence. None of us — friends, neighbors, employers — should continue to condone domestic violence through our inaction.

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Upgrades to Hingham commuter boat fleet are slated

But riders still want old service back

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The commuter boat war in Hingham took a new turn this week when Harbor Cruises said it would invest $2 million to upgrade its service.

However, concerned boat riders say they wonder why they have to be part of the learning curve for the new company which took over July 1.

Boat Riders Alliance for Safety and Service (BRASS), a grassroots commuter group, planned to meet with local legislators at the Hingham Shipyard Wednesday evening after the Journal went to press.

"At this meeting we're going to present our petition saying we're not happy and we'd like the subsidy to go to the Hingham Commuterboat," said Nancy Ristuccia, a founder of the group.

Last month, Boston Harbor Commuter Services lost the five-year MBTA contract to provide the subsidized commuter boat service to Harbor Cruises. BCHS has since joined forces with Mass. Bay Lines to provide competing service at peak times under the name Hingham Commuterboat.

James O'Leary, a partner in Harbor Cruises, said riders surveyed last week said upgrades in seating, ventilation and restrooms were needed. Harbor Cruises will make $500,000 in improvements to existing boats and will spend $1.5 million to add a new vessel.

The company has also retained the services of maritime expert Barry O. Fuller Sr. For 15 years, Fuller was the general manager and CEO of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority.

Ristuccia says upgrades planned by Harbor Cruises come too late.

"Why should commuters suffer through their learning process when we had safe, reliable service on board?" she asked.

Meanwhile, on Monday a state Appeals Court judge upheld a Superior Court decision denying BHCS' request for a temporary injunction to nullify the T's contract with Harbor Cruises until a trial on the merits of the case could be heard.

BHCS owner Dana Goodell, who operated the subsidized service for 13 years, is suing the MBTA alleging it acted unfairly in awarding the contract to Harbor Cruises.

Goodell's attorney, Kevin Moloney, said he will now take the matter before the full appeals court, a panel of three judges. He explained this step takes more time and involves more in-depth review.

O'Leary said the judge's denial of the appeal sent a strong message.

"In our mind, this reaffirms we were within the guidelines established by the MBTA," he said.

O'Leary said Harbor Cruises is attracting about 50 percent of the boat commuters. Most are carrying tickets for both carriers and whichever is available they use, he said.

"We feel we are holding our own," he said.

State Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said there is little likelihood BRASS will succeed in getting the T to award the subsidy to Goodell.

"That would open them up to all sorts of legal action," Hedlund said.

"The fault is not entirely with the new operation," he said. "The T is to blame for this unfolding. These guys found themselves winning the bid with no time to right their fleet.

"Harbor Cruises appears to be making corrections to that and I think they are sincere in their attempt to get the service where it could be as good as or better than before," he said.

Brian Pedro, MBTA spokesman, said the boat contract was won "fair and square."

"Harbor Cruises is adhering to the contract and making $2 million in improvements without being asked," he said. "In America, how could anyone take that away?"

Pedro pointed out that the new service hasn't even been on board a month.

But that's not important to Paula Leaverton of Scituate. Leaverton, who is pregnant, is on a shortened work schedule, so she takes Harbor Cruises home at 2:30 p.m. because there is no choice in carriers at off peak times. She arrived in Hingham, Monday 20 minutes late.

"I was late picking up my daughter at day care," she said.



Boat riders disembark from a commuter boat at the Hingham Shipyard. BRASS, a group of concerned commuters, planned to present a petition to state legislators urging the subsidy be awarded to the Hingham Commuterboat, Wednesday evening (after the Mariner went to press).

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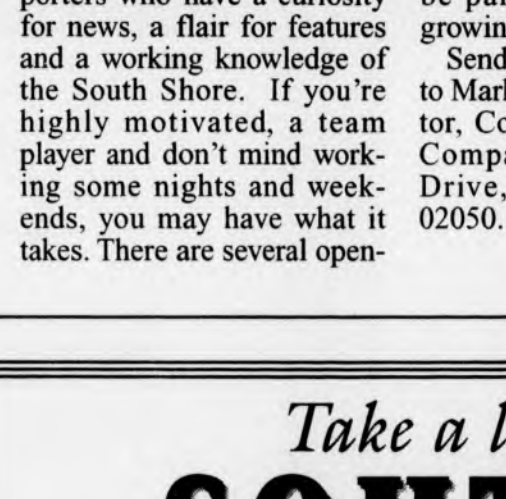
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Painting the town Plein-Air

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wet paint and all.

"This way," she said, "someone can end up owning a piece of artwork that they watched being created earlier in the day."

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry.

Under a sky of scattered cotton ball clouds, a blustery breeze buffeted the town Saturday where the first Plein-air exhibition/demonstration took place. Even Claude Monet would have been impressed to witness the local artists, as well as other artists from around the country capturing the moment, painting the picturesque scenery that belongs to this part of New England alone.

Some stood behind their traditional French easels supporting pouchade (sketch) boxes that act as a canvas support as well as a carrier for their equipment. Others were behind modern camera tri-pods with bags or buckets by their sides filled with neatly organized tubes of paint and brushes. The idea was the same either way, in their own unique styles, in open air, to use their skills to put down on canvas what they see and feel before them.

John Kilroy, a local artist who quit his 10-year career as a commercial artist 12 years ago to paint strictly what he termed "fine art," painted the old Gaffey yachts building in the harbor where the Mill River Marine Railway is now housed. In the parking lot of Kimball's by the Sea he spoke passionately about his work as an artist.

"The idea of recounting and responding to what's going on as well as maximizing time and effort is exciting," he said.

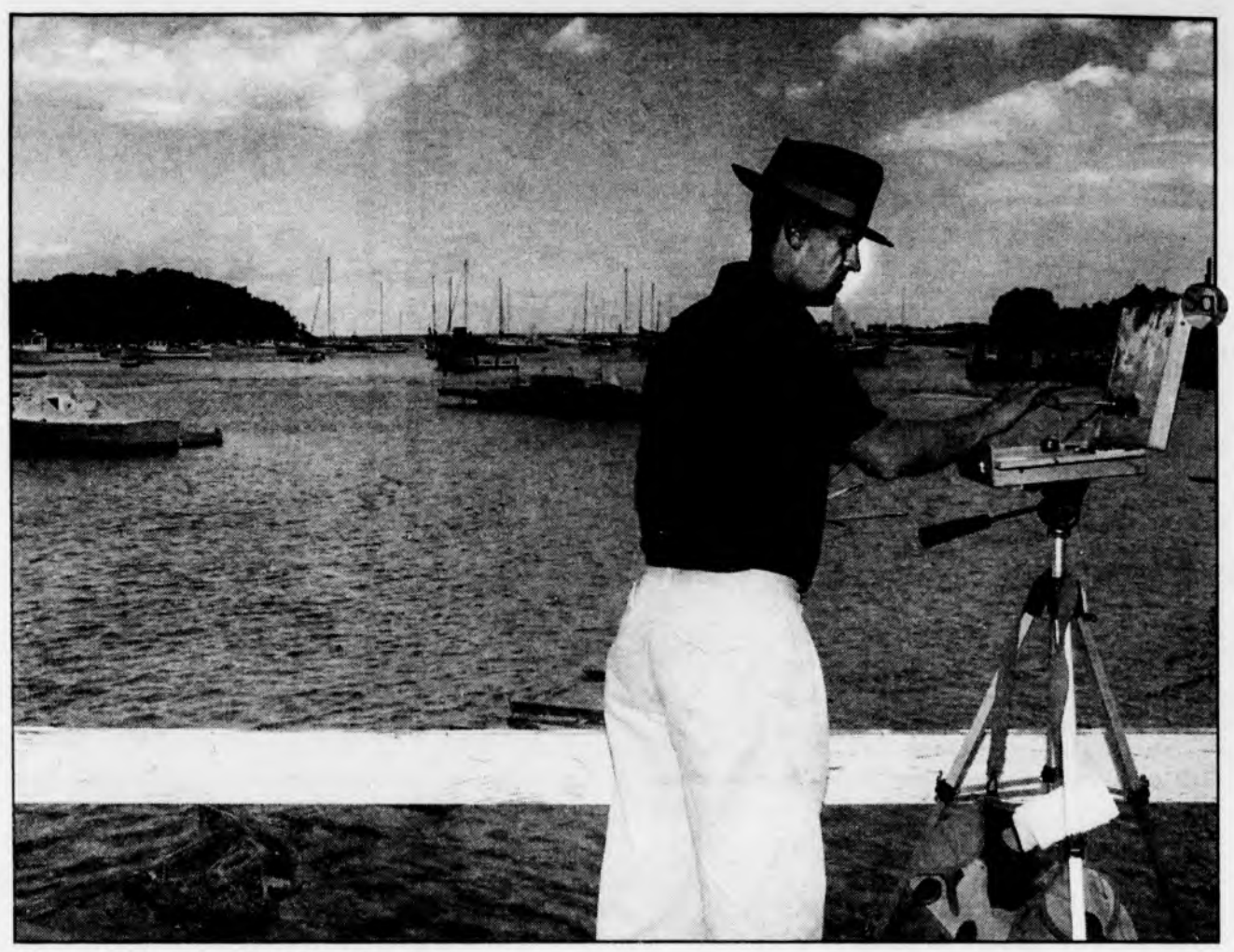
He also expressed concern about the direction the field of art has turned.

"There are so many artists who have gone commercial, painting from a photograph or a photographic image projected onto a canvas and when that happens there is something lost in the translation. It's like computer-generated music, there's no life in it."

In France, the invention of the "Tube Paint," in the mid 1800s, allowed artists, for the first time, to leave their studios and paint outdoors, spawning the French Impressionistic period from which some of the greatest artists, including Monet, Manet and Renee, emerged. The genre on Saturday was of this nature — the paintings were by no means precise yet truly grasped the essence of what was being seen.

On the other side of the Gaffey's, Douglas Smith could be found, with brush in hand, stroking away behind his easel. From Old Lime, Conn., the artist who has been painting for the past 25 years said he sometimes would use his Plein-air pieces as field sketches and work up a larger version back in his studio. He agrees completely with Kilroy's interpretation of what is going on in the art world and said that "the experience of being there, on site, somehow gets translated onto the medium and there's no substitute."

That evening the normally quiet rooms of the gallery were filled with a festive atmosphere. Champagne, French wines and cheeses were available for those a little parched or experiencing pangs of hunger from the day's activities. For the most part, the work created that day, quickly framed, and hanging on a wall, consisted of oils on canvases painted at various locations around the harbor, "The Rip" under Gulf's Bridge, and the dilapidated Gaffey building. The artists who painted that day, spoke amongst themselves and with the numerous guests who were in attendance.



Douglas Smith paints the Harbor.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Kilroy's final product consisted of an unmistakable image of the Gaffe building. Contained within its thickly applied strokes of color one could sense, not only the feel of the day, but also the underlying beauty of the yacht house. Its title read "Still Worth Saving."

John MacGowan, Lois Griffel and T.A. Charron, three of the artists who painted with each other in a group that day, stood off to the side admiring their work from afar.

Charron, who is known more for his graphite drawings than his paintings, said, "Everyone sees things differently and because of this everyone will have a different interpretation of any given subject."

He also said that he sees himself belonging to a semi-underground movement where he and the others are "getting back to basics and producing art that has a sensation and experience that can not be matched by commercial art."

All three had a good laugh recounting the single time that each of their easels were blown over by the strong gusts and eddies during the four-hour period.

"Paintings are like a bagel with cream cheese on it," MacGowan had said. "When one falls on the floor you can only hope that it lands right side up."

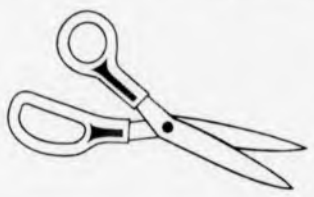
At one point Griffel almost lost her painting off the bridge into "The Rip" where the three had set up.

At the gallery, at the event that was scheduled to end at 9 p.m., by 11:30 p.m. there were still guests enjoying themselves and the "fine" art around them. Three paintings had sold and the others will be donated to the food pantry if they do not sell within the next 30 days.

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SPORTS

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Cohasset team swims to another big win

On July 18, the Cohasset Swim Team continued its winning season with a resounding victory over the South Shore YMCA Sharks.

Excitement ran high as two pool records were broken. Kate O'Brien set a new 12-and-under girls I.M. record at 1:06.73. Allison Berg set a new girls 17-and-under 50-yard butterfly record at 0:31.53.

Come cheer the team tomorrow (Friday) at noon as they face Scituate Yacht Club at home.

Last week's results were as follows:

In the girls 8-and-under medley relay, the team of Caren Garber, Abigail Markert, Alyssa Campbell and Lindsay Durken came in first, the team of Vanessa Plant, Devin Smith, Samantha Lehr and Megan Sacks came in second and the team of Maura Regan, Mary Previte, Grace Steele and Anna Speed came in fourth.

In the boys 8-and-under medley relay, the team of Peter Ernst, Reed Dickenson, Bryan Rafferty and Nick Zappolo came in first, the team of Jon Coffey, Ben Flynn, Austin Lanzillotti and Fletcher Smalzel came in second and the team of Jon McCarthy, Cliff Musto, Nathan Porter and Cameron Cunningham came in third.

In the boys 10-and-under medley relay, the team of Noah Wilcox, Zach Markert, Parker Berg and Teddie Straughn came in first, the team of Colin Regan, Joey Durkin, Zach Etkind and Willie McCarthy came in second and the team of Dan McCarthy, Jon Grimm, Jake Previte and Kevin Roach came in fourth.

In the girls 10-and-under medley relay, the team of Jenna Larson, Casey Anderson, Becca Lehr and Rachel Garber came in first and the team of Miranda Lanzillotti, Emilie Shea, Callie Ernst and Lisa Musto came in second.

In the boys 12-and-under medley relay, the team of Parker Berg, David Crowley Buck, Bryan Bilton and Tommy Anderson came in first and the team of Nate Wilcox, Chris Flynn, Tommy Meyers and Mike Ernst came in third.

In the girls 12-and-under medley relay, the team of Alexis Bugley, Yazzi Afshar, Kate O'Brien and Courtney McDonald came in first, the team of Laura Kondrat, Taylor O'Brien, Elisa Jerome and Emily Simmons came in third and the team of Tess Foley, Arianna Dedes, Caroline Carr and Julie Shea came in fourth.

In the boys 17-and-under medley relay, the team of Jeff Schneider, John Crowley-Buck, Justin Golden and Derek Bugley came in first.

In the girls 17-and-under medley relay, the team of Hillary Habershaw, Cara Foley, Allison Berg and Gemma O'Brien came in first.

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Shiny, happy faces were the order of the day at the Cohasset Basketball Camp.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

THE FISH STORY

MARK TRASK

What cool weather means to hot fishing

The three H's, hazy, hot and humid, have gone on vacation, much to everyone's relief. The cool northwesterly that replaced it has monkey wrenched many fishing trips, however, and new locations have had to be explored as the brisk breeze whipped up the formerly placid surface. Dave Alexander ventured out Saturday, and Sunday was ruing the experience.

"I got beat to hell," he said. Sunday was going to be a relaxing day of flounder fishing in closer calmer waters, as he departed with his seaworms.

Bob Clemens was leading the Jackson clan into the fray. Barnacle Bill has been laid up with back trouble at the worst possible time, the opening of the commercial season. Bob had a fine striper for the scale. Measured off at 43 inches, it weighed an even 31 pounds. Tube and worm? I asked, as I ID'd the picture?

"No," Bob whispered conspiratorially, "mackerel chunk!"

"He laughed at my mock surprise.

"Chunks are good right now," he said, "I had one spool me to the point I could see the brass of the spool through the remaining line."

"Shall we weigh in that one?" I needled.

"Nope, it's still swimming around out there on the Grampuses.

Frozen mackerel have been in good supply and have been a good bait for shore bound bait chuckers. Tom Lemaire took advantage of the mirror-like conditions last week and rowed out to Sutton Rocks a few hundred yards outside Cohasset Harbor. Nestled right amongst the ledges, he tackled a tough-fighting 41-inch bass that inhaled his mackerel. Back inside the harbor, youngsters wielding freshwater-sized gear tested their skill, casting from the low tide beach off the Charthouse parking lot with great success on mostly schoolie bass.

Sunday, one shopper commented he had never seen so many people fishing along the shore. He had just come from the Scituate Harbor jetty, where anglers were cheek to jowl in the beautiful weather. Another commented the big Plymouth Harbor jetty was similarly adorned, unspoken testimony to the fun of catching striped bass, a fish that has little reservation about coming in close to feed.

Some boating anglers are now starting to use deeper running lures, umbrella rigs and 9er bars. Trolling lures are being incorporated inline to gain greater depth. Deep running hoochy-style squids, Jawbreakers and Rapalas are seeing more and more use. Giant parachutes jigs, some as big as a pound, are being bounced off the

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Striped bass return in a big way

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

They're baaaaack!

Just when you thought it was safe to go in the water this summer, huge, hungry striped bass have swarmed the area causing fishers of all ages to run and grab their rods and reels in hopes of catching a keeper.

"This is the best fishing in 30 years," said Scott Sinclair of J & B Tackle in Marshfield. "It's unreal and truly has to be seen to be believed. The striped bass have been out there for awhile in pretty good numbers but now there are 30-inch-plus fish all over the place. Just about anyone can go out for a couple hours and bring home a big fish."

Over the last two years, Massachusetts recreational fishers have hauled in a record 3 million stripers per year with even more expected this year.

And while there are many skilled fishers using a variety of bait and tackle to nail these hard-fighting and easy-eating fish, the main reason for the striper abundance is conservation measures enacted in 1989 by states along the Atlantic seaboard from Maine to North Carolina.

Those measures included size restrictions and bag limits for recreational fishers.

Massachusetts had one of the toughest size restrictions at 36-inches and allowed only one fish to be kept per day.

Most of the others states had size restrictions in the 34-inch range and allowed two fish caught per day.

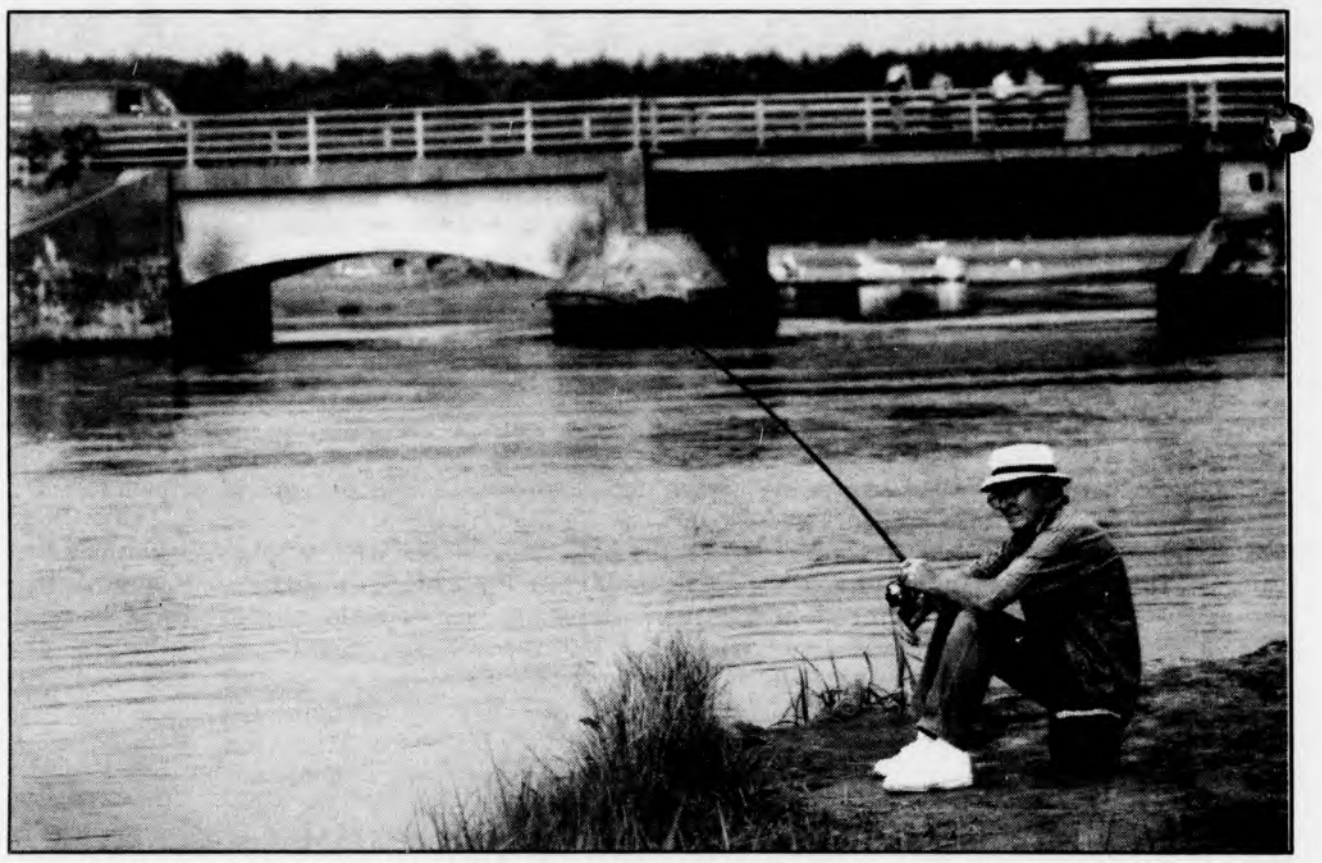
There were also tougher commercial fishing quota regulations put into place in 1989.

Slowly the population of striped bass began to increase thanks to these steps. By the mid-1990s, the once-depleted stripers were back in full force.

Last year Massachusetts reduced its size restrictions on recreational striped bass fishing to 34-inches.

And last April the state lowered its size restrictions to a once unheard of 28-inches. However, the one fish per day regulation is still in place.

"If we didn't have those restrictions in place for all those years, there would be no stripers right now," said Bill Bois, owner of North River Bait and Tackle in Pembroke. "All the credit has to go to those officials for saving the fish."



Dale Michaels tries his luck from the banks of the North River.

Staff photo/ Chris Bernstein

Paul Diodati, the state's director of sport fisheries, said the conservation measures have been a great success.

"We've gone beyond all our expectations for the return of striped bass," he said. "And the credit has to go to all the states that participated. In many cases, states went above and beyond the basics with regard to size and bag limits. And we're seeing record numbers of stripers because of this."

Diodati supports the new 28-inch size limit for Massachusetts.

"The harvest levels will probably increase," he said. "But we will still be well within the bounds of the stock and won't wipe them out."

Striped bass are anadromous (capable of swimming in both salt and fresh water) and head towards New England to feed after the spring breeding season.

Striper season runs until the early fall.

Mackerel, pogies and seaworms are some of the bait used to catch stripers.

Some of the best spots on the South Shore to land stripers include:

- The North River, which runs from Norwell through Marshfield and into Scituate.
- The South River, which runs from Scituate to Duxbury.
- Brant Rock and Rexhame Beach in Marshfield.
- Humarock Beach, Minot Beach, and Pegotty Beach in Scituate.
- Duxbury Bay, Kingston Bay and Hingham Bay.

"This is an excellent year for stripers," said Peter Belsan of Belsan Bait & Tackle in Scituate. "We have people of all ages getting great fish all over the place. And a lot of them do 'catch and release'. But every once in a while, someone will really get a big one."

Marshfield's Tim Swider, 38, is one of those lucky fishers.

Last Thursday, Swider, who works for Scituate Concrete and Pipe, hauled in a 48-inch, 40-pound striper at Herring River in Scituate.

"This was a fish of a lifetime," Swider said. "I probably won't keep another fish for the rest of the year but this was one I had to keep."

Swider, who has been a serious fisher for the last 12 years, was fishing in the late afternoon when the striper struck.

"I had already caught and released a couple good-sized fish when this fish hit and began taking a lot of line," he said. "I knew I had a big one and I let it take more line and tire itself out a bit. I kept walking down the shoreline to stay with it."

Thirty minutes later, Swider reeled the fish in close to him.

"I could see where he took the line and then I saw his tail and it was about four feet away," he said. "I really couldn't believe it. It was huge."

Swider took the fish home and filleted it.

"I gave half of it to my mother, a quarter of it to my father-in-law and kept the rest," he said. "I marinated it in a little Italian dressing and threw it on the grill. It was delicious."

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Catherine Reedy, Maria Santos and Marie McKenzie have joined the Scituate office of Prudential Prime/Hallmark 100, Ltd., announced Chris Ford, the firm's president.



Maria Santos

Catherine, a member of Jack Conway's Scituate office for the past ten years, has been repeatedly recognized as that firm's number one performer. From 1994 through the first half of 1997 Catherine has ranked number one among all area agents for units sold in the town of Scituate. Catherine holds the prestigious GRI designation and has served on the public relations committee of the Plymouth County Board of Realtors. Catherine previously worked as a registered nurse in the area of obstetrics.

Maria Santos joins Prudential/Hallmark after four years as a top producer for Conway's Scituate office. Maria was named the "top lister" for that office for 1996 and the first half of 1997. Maria previously earned the "Excel Award" from RELO, the international network of relocation specialists. Maria holds the GRI designation and previously worked for ten years as the director of employee relations for a Cambridge hospital.

Marie Sabadini-McKenzie was a realtor in Weymouth for three years before joining Conway's Scituate office in 1996. Marie has sold property in almost every South Shore town and specializes in condominiums and sales to single women. Marie holds the GRI designation and previously worked for NYNEX in the area of finance management.

"I am very pleased that these three superior agents have chosen to join our team at Prudential Prime/Hallmark 100," stated Ford. "Clearly they see that the local strength of Hallmark 100 combined with the national name recognition and relocation strength of the Prudential Real Estate Affiliate Network bring an added dimension to their careers and their ability to provide superior service to their clients."

PERSONAL FINANCE

Financial stocks can fare well when interest rates are higher



By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Financial companies, as a group, are currently performing very well in the market. Many banks have spent the last two years cutting costs amid a tremendous wave of acquisitions. Some have cut their operating costs recently by incorporating new technology into their businesses and by merging management with other banks. But many of these actions are in preparation for a possible (some would say eventual) rise in interest rates.

Perhaps no group feels the threat of higher interest rates more than financial companies. Rising rates have been known to squelch their profit margins and erode the value of their assets. But fleeing from financial stocks at the first sign of interest rate hikes can be a mistake, say some analysts. Certain companies' balance sheets may be solid enough to withstand a rate increase.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Investors dumped stocks from this group in 1994, when the Federal Reserve raised borrowing rates in order to quell inflation. And at the beginning of this year – after a spectacular two-year run – investors got the jitters again when Wall Street predicted that rates would most likely go higher this year.

"The knee-jerk reaction is for investors to sell," says Joseph Morford, a bank analyst at Alex, Brown & Sons Inc. in San Francisco. "A lot of banks have done much to buffer themselves against interest rates." For this reason Bank America, Washington Mutual, and Silicon Valley Bank shares are still worth buying, he says.

Financial stoc ks have more than recovered from the drop of their stock at the beginning of the year; in fact they are at record-breaking highs. Bank shares, for example, are trading at an average of 14 times this year's estimated earnings. That price-to-earnings (p/e) ratio is about 70 percent of the average for the entire market, according to Morford, compared with an average of 60 percent over the last ten years (Banks stocks usually trade at a discount to the market in general). "We are entering somewhat uncharted waters here," he says.

The Standard & Poor's Diversified Financial Index jumped about 30 percent from the beginning of April to the beginning of July. Why? For one thing, many economic prognosticators don't see interest rates rising more than a quarter of a point this year, which is not enough of an increase to have a strong impact. And, of course, the market in general has been going gangbusters, which has helped buoy the stocks.

But the group's ascent has put them in an even more precarious position if the threat of inflation and interest rates rears its head again; which is always a possibility (not even the professionals can predict with certainty when inflation may blast off).

For the majority of financial companies, higher interest rates pose a threat.

Higher borrowing costs make it more expensive for almost all companies to do business and, thereby, tends to diminish earnings across the board.

A steep rise in borrowing costs affects banks, brokerage houses and mortgage companies in a specific way. Banks are forced to offer higher rates on deposits and borrowed funds, causing interest costs to rise.

'A lot of banks have done much to buffer themselves against interest rates.'

Joseph Morford
Bank analyst
Alex, Brown & Sons, Inc.

Higher rates also reduce the value of securities that the banks hold (bond yields rise in conjunction with rates, thereby, lowering the value of the bond). So, finding financial companies that are strong enough to get through a possible hike in rates is the name of the game.

Fannie Mae, the mortgage company backed partially by the U.S. government, is among the financial stocks least likely to be effected by rising rates, says Leland Montgomery at Worth Magazine. Fannie Mae purchases new mortgages from banks and thrifts and then packages them into mortgage-backed securities for sale to individual and institutional investors.

To protect itself against interest rate swings, Fannie Mae matches the size and maturity of the debt it sells with that of the mortgages it owns.

So that, theoretically, the interest paid on the mortgages is translated into the interest payments on the Fannie Mae bonds. And the arrangement has helped the company clock earnings growth in the double digits over the last 10 years, which is impressive.

So far, the economy has been growing steadily but not fast enough to alarm the Federal Reserve's policy committee into raising rates. Time will tell. But the companies that have developed strategies to see them through any near-term rise in rates should continue to gain.

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Cohasset team swims to win

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50-YARD FREESTYLE
BOYS
10-and-under

Teddie Straughn, first; Zach Etkind, third; and Joey Durkin, fifth.

100-YARD I.M.
17-and-under

Justin Golden, first.

14-and-under

Jeff Schneider, first; and John Crowley-Buck, second.

12-and-under

Alex Berg, first; David Crowley-Buck, second; and Bryan Bilton, third.

FREESTYLE
8-and-under

Nick Zappolo, first; Reed Dickenson, second; and Cameron Cunningham, third.

10-and-under

Noah Wilcox, first; Teddie Straughn, second; and Will McCarthy, third.

12-and-under

Mike Ernst, second; Nate Wilcox, third; and Tommy Anderson, fourth.

14-and-under

David Crowley-Buck, first; Tommy Anderson, second; and Bryan Bilton, third.

14-and-under

John Crowley-Buck, first; and Matt Farley, fourth.

17-and-under

Derek Bugley, first; and Mike O'Hart, second.

BACKSTROKE
8-and-under

Jon Coffey, second; Peter Ernst, third; and Ben Flynn, fourth.

10-and-under

Noah Wilcox, first; Will McCarthy, second; and Parker Berg, third.

12-and-under

Alex Berg, first; Tommy Meyers, second; and Mike Ernst, third.

14-and-under

Jeff Schneider, first; and Matt Farley, second.

17-and-under

Derek Bugley, first; Jody Roach, second; and Chris Flynn, third.

50-YARD FREESTYLE
GIRLS
10-and-under

Becca Lehr, first; Casey Anderson, second; and Callie Ernst, third.

100-YARD I.M.
17-and-under

Allison Berg, first; Elisa Jerome, second; and Maura O'Brien, third.

14-and-under

Gemma O'Brien, first; Kristen Osterborg, third; and Alexis Bugley, fourth.

12-and-under

Kate O'Brien, first; Taylor O'Brien, second; and Julie Shea, third.

FREESTYLE
8-and-under

Megan Sacks, first; Alyssa Campbell, second; and Vanessa Plante, fifth.

10-and-under

Jenna Larson, first; Callie Ernst, second; and Rachel Garber, third.

12-and-under

Courtney MacDonald, first; Emily Simmons, third; and Julie Shea, fourth.

14-and-under

Gemma O'Brien, first; Carly Carter, third; and Kelly Straughn, sixth.

17-and-under

Cara Foley, first.

BUTTERFLY
8-and-under

Alyssa Campbell, first; Anna Speed, second; and Megan Sacks, third.

10-and-under

Becca Lehr, first; Rachel Garber, second; and Alex Coffey, third.

12-and-under

Courtney MacDonald, first; Laura Kondrat, second; and Yazzi Afshar, third.

14-and-under

Hillary Habershaw, first; Kristen Osterborg, second; and Carly Carter, third.

17-and-under

Allison Berg, first; Kristen Osterborg, second; and Brook Baker, third.

BREASTSTROKE
8-and-under

Caren Garber, first; Lindsay Durkin, second; and Abigail Markert, third.

10-and-under

Casey Anderson, first; Lisa Musto, third; and Emilie Shea, fifth.

12-and-under

Kate O'Brien, first; Yazzi Afshar, third; and Elisa Jerome, fifth.

14-and-under

Kate Grimm, first; Cara Foley, second; and Brooke Baker, fourth.

17-and-under

M. Duffy, first; Marissa Mello, second.

BACKSTROKE
8-and-under

Lindsay Durkin, first; Vanessa Plante, second; and Caren Garber, third.

10-and-under

Amanda Barrow, first; and Miranda Lanzilotti, fourth.

12-and-under

Alexis Bugley, first; Emily Simmons, third; and Laura Kondrat, fourth.

14-and-under

Hillary Habershaw, first; Brooke Baker, third; and Kellie Straugh, fourth.

17-and-under

M. Duffy, first; and Kate Grimm, second.

In the boys 10-and-under free relay, the team of Parker Berg, Zach Etkind, Zach Markert and Teddie Straugh came in first and the team of Dan McCarthy Colin Regan, Noah Wilcox and Willie McCarthy came in second.

In the girls 10-and-under free relay, the team of Casey Anderson, Caren Garber, Jenna Larson and Becca Lehr came in first and the team of Callie Ernst, Melissa Crowley-Buck,

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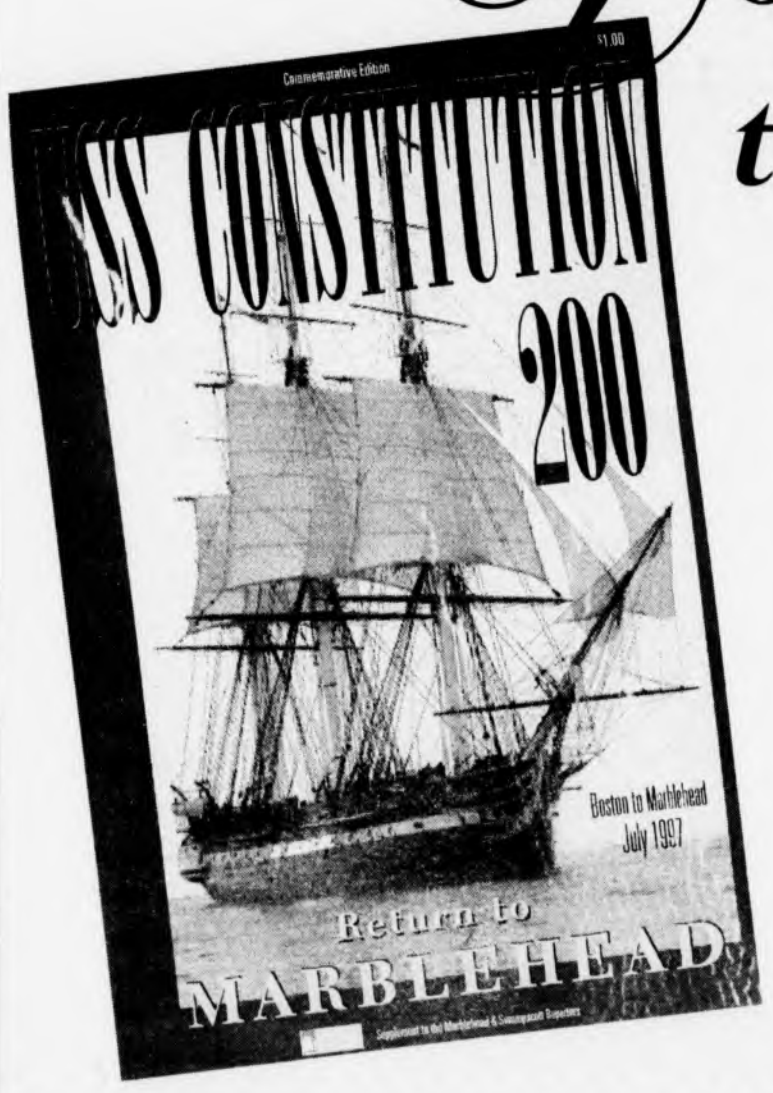


Hillary Habershaw works on her butterfly stroke at a recent practice of the Cohasset swim team.

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Cohasset diving team flips to first place

The 1997 Cohasset Diving Team season has begun.

On Friday, July 11, the Cohasset Swim Center hosted the Scituate Knights of Columbus, Scituate Yacht Club and Duxbury Yacht Club.

CDT twisted and flipped forwards and backwards to first place.

Results for 12 years and under girls: first place, Ashley Faber; second place, Gillian Weber. Boys, first place, Alex Hernan; second place, Mac Chase. For the 17 years and under girls, second place, Jen Meehan; third place, Amanda Cellucci; boys, first pace, David Crowley Buck and second place, Chris Flynn.

Under the tutelage of Dawn Meehan returning and new divers are polishing up old dives and learning new ones.

Last week's divers of the week were: Gillian Weber, Katherine Whorisky, Brooke Baker and Chris Flynn.

This week's divers of the week are: Melissa Crowley Buck, Mia Lieb-Lappen, Emile Shea, Kelsey Bell and Marissa Mello.

Keep up the good work.

Bike to help fight MS

The Boston Herald, The River 92.5 FM and Plymouth Savings Bank have joined forces to help the National Multiple Sclerosis Society promote Oceanside Bike Fest '97, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20.

Oceanside Bike Fest '97 is a one-day bike tour that begins in Duxbury and takes cyclists along the rocky shores of Scituate, Cohasset and through the area's forests and parks. Whether you are an avid or recreational cyclist, we have a route designed especially for you — 25, 50 or 100 miles!

Multiple sclerosis is a disease that attacks your nervous system, wearing away the control you have over your body. Symptoms may range from numbness to paralysis and blindness. MS is a devastating disease because it is so unpredictable. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be foreseen.

Funds raised from Oceanside Bike Fest '97 will help the Massachusetts Chapter continue to provide a wide range of comprehensive services to the approximately 7,000 families in Massachusetts living with MS.

For more information about Oceanside Bike Fest '97, call the MS Society at (508) 291-2169.

Adult evening tennis lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept ongoing telephone registrations for adult evening tennis classes for all levels of instruction by calling 383-6791.

Classes will be scheduled as follows: Beginners 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday; Intermediates 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday; Advanced 6 to 7 p.m., Thursday; and Beginners 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday.

Other classes will be scheduled as demand indicates.

All sessions are four weeks in duration and cost $35 per person, per session. Teaching will be Mr. John McGrory of Cohasset Recreation Department's tennis staff. Participants who do not own, or have access to a racquet, should indicate this at the time of registration. Non-residents will be accepted on a space available basis. Another evening will be made available should demand indicate.

Sports Fax 837-4540

Cool weather, hot fishing

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bottom to entice bass. Some, however, are attracting the ever-present dogfish. One lobster man reported almost every trap had small bass or dogs or both in them. Apparently, he surmised, seeking an easy meal.

Tommy Lagrotteria was pulling a trawl recently and found a huge sea turtle on the buoy line. A quick call to the coast guard and a diver disentangled the turtle to go on its way.

Best method for catching bass in the July doldrums seems to be chumming. Dave and the gang are running through pogies by the hundreds. Squirrel nods with a Confucian solemnity and speaks but one word: chum.

The third annual Heritage Days Shark Tournament is coming up Aug. 1 and 2. If you want to see some of these huge denizens of the deep, make a date to be at the Mill Wharf Saturday afternoon, Aug. 2, at 4:30 p.m., for the weigh-in.

Catch one that is hard to carry!

Cohasset team swims to win

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Caitlin Sanchez and Emilie Shea came in third.

In the girls 17-and-under free relay, the team of Allison Berg, Hillary Habershaw, Cara Foley and Gemma O'Brien came in first.

Congratulations to the following team members in the 8-and-under and 10-and-under groups, who have worked hard to share crucial seconds off their times. Their hard work is bound to result in big wins!

8-and-under: Roxanne Tehranian, Mike Grimm, Christopher Kuppens, and Wesley Ulmer.

10-and-under: Evan Sachs, Dominique Asnault, Kelsey Bell, Catherine Calorio, Katie DeWaal, Chelsea Grossman, Caroline Henderson, Mackenzie Holway, Courtney Hurley, Molly Kirk, Kate Kuppens, Sarah Lambert, Jen Murray, Caitlin O'Connell, Mary Silvia, Charlotte Sida, Corey Steffans.

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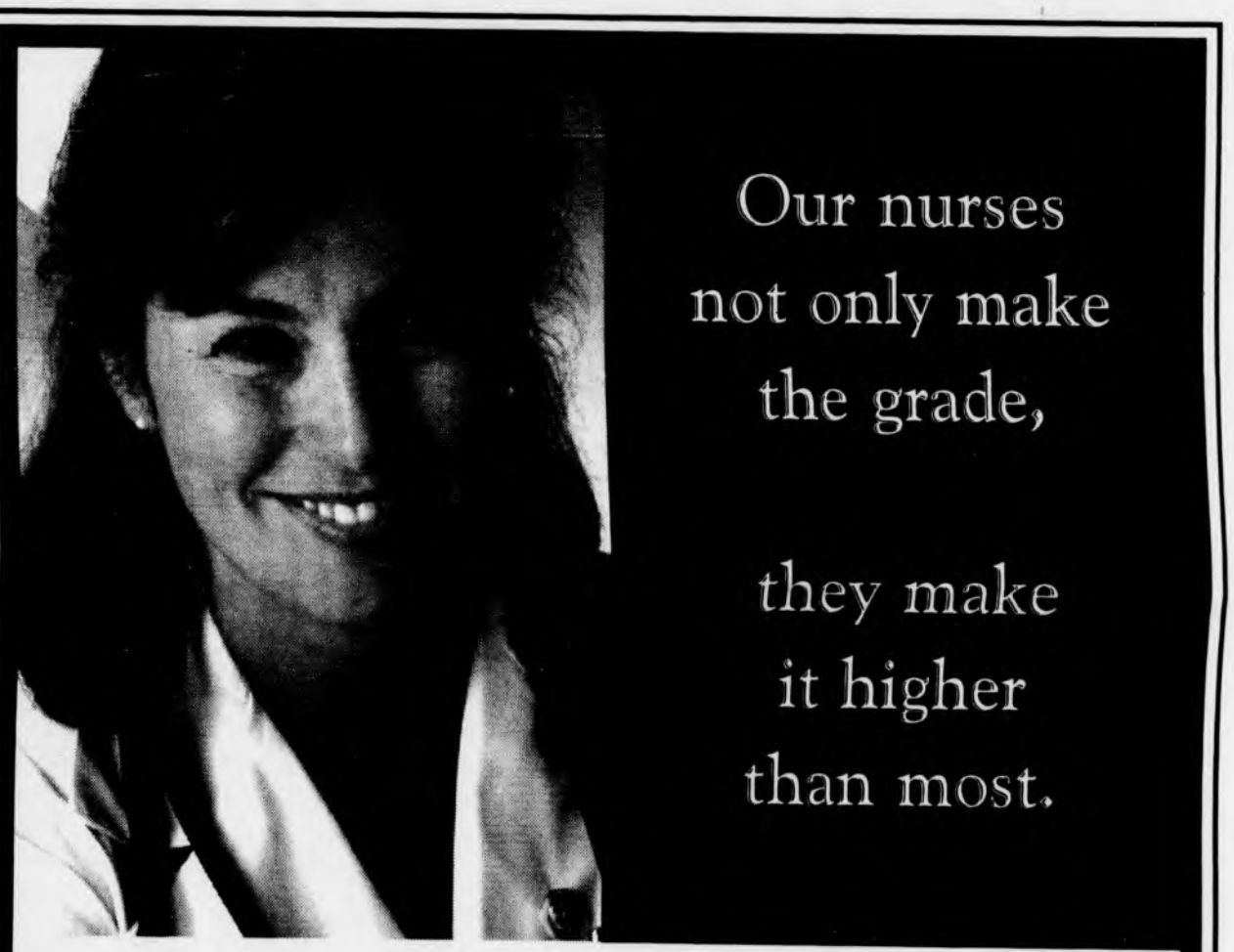
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POLICE LOG

Monday, July 14

7:42 a.m., MV stop, Schofield Rd.

8:33 a.m., general services, Beechwood St.

8:36 a.m., MV violations, Schofield Rd.

11:20 a.m., missing person, Sohier St.

11:28 a.m., open door/window, King St.

11:35 a.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.

12:37 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

12:58 p.m., assist motorist, Tedeschi Plaza.

1:09 p.m., fire hazardous materials spill, Wheelwright Farm.

1:35 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.

2:30 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.

3:22 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.

3:22 p.m., assist citizen, Elm St.

3:32 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.

4:15 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.

5:46 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., arrested: Goodfellow, Edward Rd., 19 Leland Rd., Marshfield., DOB: 3/13/70, charges: warrant MV viol.

9:46 p.m., MV stop, Government Island.

10:39 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

10:58 p.m., suspicious auto, Pleasant St.

11:14 p.m., info, general, Border St.

11:52 p.m., MV vehicle stop, West Gate Ln.

Tuesday, July 15

1:00 a.m., general services, Howard Gleason Rd.

1:36 a.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.

9:04 a.m., fire (misc), Hull St.

10:18 a.m., vandalism, Little League Field.

12:43 p.m., assist motorist, Tedeschi Plaza.

1:06 p.m., info, general, Schofield Rd.

4:43 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

8:16 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.

9:53 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.

10:27 p.m., noise complaint, Jerusalem Rd.

10:33 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.

11:05 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.

Wednesday, July 16

6:50 a.m., malicious destruction, Linden Dr.

7:38 a.m., general services, Beechwood St.

8:33 a.m., officer wanted, S. Main St.

10:08 a.m., medical aid, Forest Ave.

11:09 a.m., vandalism, Jerusalem Rd.

9:53 p.m., suspicious auto, S. Main St.

Thursday, July 17

7:34 a.m., suspicious person, Jerusalem Rd.

10:30 a.m., animal complaint, Heather Dr.

10:55 a.m., disturbance general, Cohasset Plaza.

11:46 a.m., MV accident, Brook St.

12:00 p.m., larceny, Jerusalem Rd.

3:44 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.

3:55 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

4:37 p.m., threats (other), Atlantic Ave.

4:42 a.m., MV accident, Crocker Ln.

5:07 p.m., general services, Margin Ct.

6:00 p.m., violation restraining order, Hammond Ave.

7:28 p.m., animal complaint, Margin St.

8:20 p.m., suspicious person, Sandy Beach.

Friday, July 18

1:33 a.m., MV stop, Government Island; arrested, Paul J. O'Leary, 19 Arrowwood Rd., Cohasset, DOB: 2/24/67. Charges: Disorderly person, resisting arrest.

6:58 a.m., medical aid, King St.

7:00 a.m., burglary/B&E, Sohier St.

7:03 a.m., vandalism, Sohier St.

10:12 a.m., summons service, Elm St.

11:15 a.m., general services, Cedar St.

12:16 p.m., larceny, Sandy Beach.

3:26 p.m., MV violations, N. Main St.

4:06 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.

4:33 p.m., general services, Margin Ct.

5:18 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

5:45 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.

5:50 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:53 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

9:27 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.

9:35 p.m., disturbance gathering, Sohier St.

9:56 p.m., MV accident, Border St.

10:18 p.m., disturbance gathering, Lighthouse Ln.

10:40 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:50 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.

11:00 p.m., MV stop, Border St.

11:29 p.m., open door/window, Cushing Plaza.

11:39 p.m., disturbance gathering, Lighthouse Ln.

Saturday, July 19

12:42 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

12:50 a.m., MV stop, Border St.

12:55 a.m., assist citizen, Beechwood St.

2:00 a.m., suspicious auto, KoKo Island Lot.

7:32 a.m., assist citizen, Margin Ct.

9:29 a.m., burglary/B&E, King St.

10:35 a.m., assist citizen, Howe Rd.

10:59 a.m., fire/auto, CJC Hwy.

11:15 a.m., fire/outside, CJC Hwy.

11:49 a.m., assist motorist, Doane St.

12:33 p.m., investigation, Lighthouse Ln.

1:05 p.m., threats (bodily harm), Brook St.

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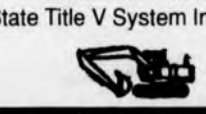
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Piano recital features 'Peter and the Wolf'

A piano recital by the students of Florence Jerome was held recently at Mrs. Jerome's home on Beechwood Street. Family and friends of the students were entertained by a solo piece by each student and also by the tale and music of "Peter and the Wolf" by Serge Prokofiev, arranged by Wesley Schaum.

In an orchestral version of "Peter and the Wolf" each principal character is represented by its own melody played by one particular musical instrument. However, with only the piano being used the individual melody and its interpretation by each performer was more important than ever.

Abby Murphy narrated the story and the musical pieces for the story were performed by Kyle Dattola-Harris (Peter and the duck), Nick Murphy (Grandfather and the wolf), Nils Sceery (the bird and the cat) and Mrs. Jerome (the hunters).

Individual piano solos in the recital were as follows: Selections from "Peer Gynt Suite , #1" (Grieg) by Nils Sceery; The Merry Farmer (Schumann) by Kyle Dattola-Harris; Old Time Rock and Roll (Jackson, Jones) by Nick Murphy; Selections from "Carmen" (Bizet), Toreador's Song and Habanera by Abby Murphy.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Jerome held a small reception for the students and their guests.



At right: Shown are the piano students and some of their guest after the recital. From left to right, row one, Nils Sceery, Kyle Datolla-Harris, Ivan Sceery and Laura Andrews; row two, Abby Murphy, Stephen Davis, Nick Murphy and Mrs. Jerome.

Weddings & Engagements



Erin Hunt and Joseph Delaney

Hunt/Delaney

Brian and Jackie Noonan of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter Erin Hunt to Joseph Delaney, son of John and Beverly Delaney of Plymouth.

Erin is a graduate of Cohasset High School and has her associates degree in science. She is a supervisor at RLI Vision in Cohasset.

Joseph is a graduate of Plymouth High School and is self-employed. He is a carpenter and does remodeling.

A September 28 wedding is planned.

Fahey/Sandell

Mrs. June Fahey of Cohasset announces the engagement of her daughter Jacquelyn M. Fahey, to Mason E. Sandell. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Sandell of Cohasset.

Miss Fahey, daughter of the late Joseph C. Fahey, is a graduate of Cohasset High School, Duke University, and Boston University School of Law. She is an associate at the firm of Shearman and Sterling in New York City.

Mr. Sandell is a graduate of Cohasset High School, Dartmouth College, and is studying for a master's degree in business administration At Columbia University.

A June wedding is planned.

1997 annual fall perennial and bulb sale

Believe it or not, it's that time of year again to start thinking about fall planting. The Norfolk County Conservation District is sending out its fall brochure, "Let's Get Growing," which briefly describes and lists the following: crocus, hyacinths, Dutch iris, daffodils, narcissus and tulips of all colors. Perennials offered are foxglove, basket of gold, cone flower, columbine, sedum, silver mound, dwarf bleeding heart, Peony, hosta, bearded iris, and groundcover packysandra and myrtle.

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August 6, children are encouraged to come dressed in their pajamas and join storyteller Randy Zella. Zella is the host of the local cable show, "Snuggle Up With Me." Stories will begin at 7:10 and 7:40 p.m. This will allow children to take a ride on the carousel as well, and wish their favorite horse goodnight! Zella will be taping for her local show, which will air Friday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m., on Channel 3 in Hull.

The family night series will come to a close Aug. 20, with a family concert by local performer Dawna Hammers. The concert will take place across the street from the carousel at The Bernie King Pavilion and will immediately be followed by a sing-a-long at the carousel.

All events are scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m. at the carousel, except for the family concert, which will take place across the street at the pavilion. All events will take place rain or shine. Family night activities are free for all ages.

Rides on the carousel are additional; a single-ride tickets is $1.50 per person, a ten-ride ticket can be purchased for $13.50.

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Cabaret dance camp

The South Shore Community Center offers a theatrical way to wrap up summer vacation with a few openings left.

Summer Cabaret Dance Camp, under the direction of Leslie VanDyk of The South Shore School of Performing Arts, will be held Aug. 25-29, ages 7 to 10 in mornings and ages 11 to 18, afternoons.

Children and teens will learn tap and jazz steps, act and sing in contemporary musical numbers with a final performance at week's end, August 29, at 6:30 p.m. for family and friends.

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Sergio Roffo works on his landscape during 'Paint the Town Plein Air' sponsored by the Christopher Gallery in Jonathan Livingston Seagull Plaza off Route 3A. See story, page one.

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Museum passes are available

There is now available to Cohasset Library card holders a free pass for the John F. Kennedy Library. The pass, which was donated by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library, admits four persons and is good seven days a week. It also allows a 15 percent discount on items purchased at the museum shop. Also available are free passes to the U.S.S. Constitution Museum, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, Children's Museum and Plimoth Plantation. A pass for the New England Aquarium is not available during the summer, but will again be activated in September. Please call the library or come in to reserve

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Beloved horse put down after Route 3A accident

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A beloved horse nicknamed Scooby was euthanized on the side of Route 3A Tuesday evening as firefighters, police officers, animal lovers and a local veterinarian fought back tears.

The dramatic scene took place on the Hingham/Cohasset line across from the entrance to Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home as the last of the southbound rush hour traffic passed by.

The six-year-old gelding suffered a fractured left hind leg following a accident when the riderless animal apparently bolted across the state highway colliding with a Ford pickup truck.

According to witnesses at the scene, Terrie Carlson, a Hull teenager, was riding Scooby in Whitney Woods when she fell from the horse.

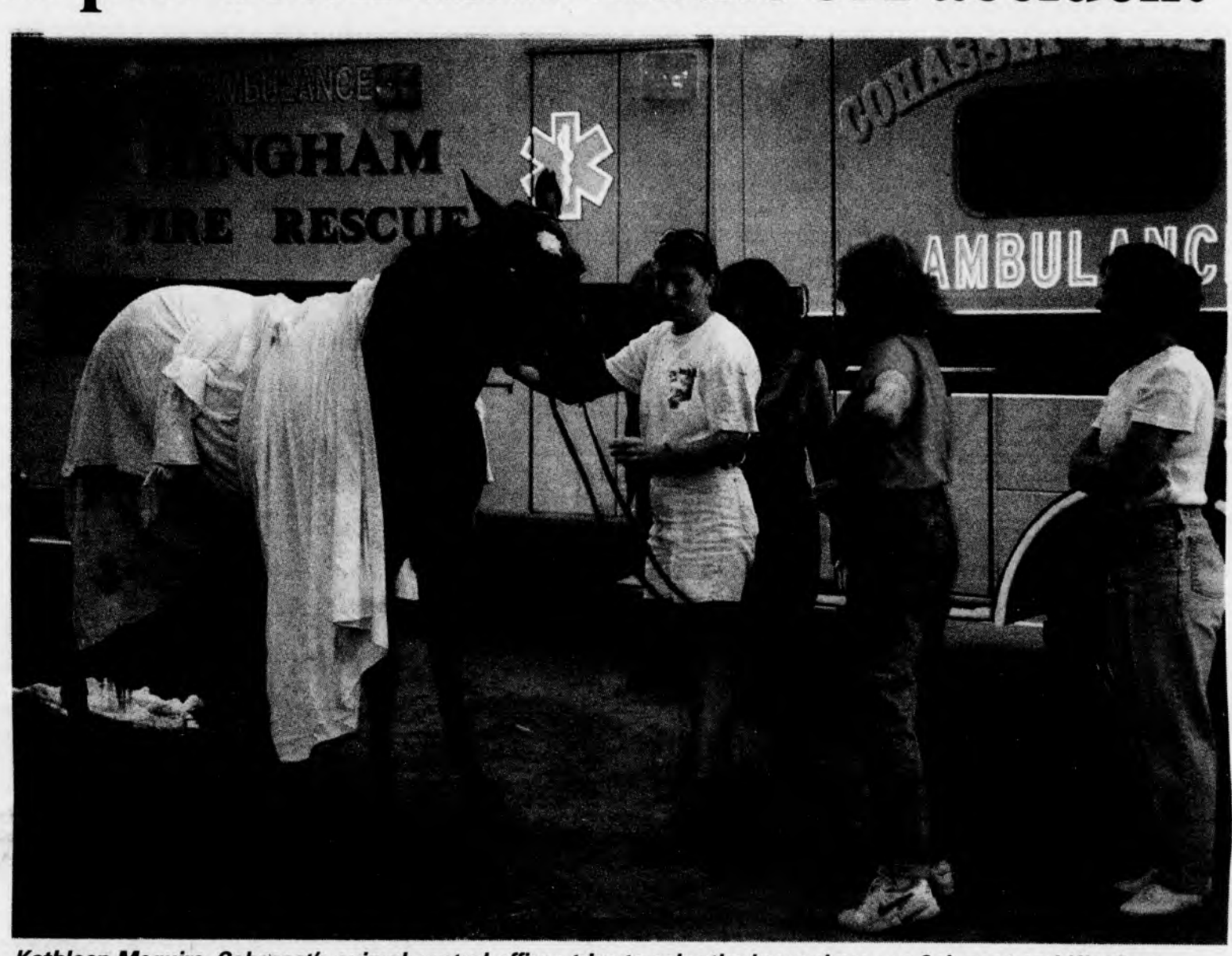
"I was inside and heard the screeching of brakes and a thud and I came outside with my cell phone," said Phil Veinot of 196 Chief Justice Cushing Way. Veinot said someone had already called 911 and a nurse, who was passing by, was tending to the horse.

"I got some towels for her to use a compresses on the cuts," he said.

Carlson, the owner and rider, was apparently uninjured after she fell. She was hysterical and fainted when she was told the horse's leg was broken, witnesses said.

The driver of the truck, Greg Porell of Norfolk, was on his way to meet relatives in Cohasset. Police did not cite Porell because the accident was not his fault.

"The front end of the truck had extensive damage," said Hingham Police Officer Brian Aiguier. The truck was towed by Bare Cove Auto Towing.



Kathleen Maguire, Cohasset's animal control officer, tries to calm the horse down, as Cohasset and Hingham ambulances block the view of the scene from Route 3A rush-hour traffic.

Staff photo/Mary Ford

"Witnesses behind Porell saw the riderless horse enter the roadway," Aiguier said. Porell had bruises on his hands but was wearing his seatbelt which prevented more severe injuries.

Roberta Rogalski of S. Pleasant Street in Hingham, a friend of Carlson's was on the scene helping out.

"I am beyond devastated," she said.

Rogalski, who has owned horses for 24 years, explained that a horse's natural instinct is to run for home. The horse was heading toward the stables on Side Hill Road across Route 3A from Whitney Woods.

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Questions linger about school accessibility

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER

Kara Johansen is an honors student at Cohasset High School who wants what every other student gets: equal access to a quality education.

Kara is confined to a wheelchair because of cerebral palsy, but her mind works fine.

Her father, Fred Johansen, says school and town officials are not making the high school accessible to disabled persons so Kara can obtain an equal education. Johansen is angry because he feels the school department continues to discuss ways to accommodate Kara rather than ways of making the schools accessible to disabled persons as required by law.

Johansen's voice rises and becomes angry when he speaks of the way the schools have "accommodated" Kara.

"I want my daughter safe, and all children and every person in Cohasset who wants to use the public facilities of this town should be able to," Johansen said. "But Kara is a victim of their poor planning, disingenuousness and lies."

Johansen cites a number of incidents that he believes shows a lack of commitment by the school department to address issues of accessibility and safety for disabled persons. He also says a number of individuals outside Cohasset have seen a similar pattern.

One such incident began on June 24 when an inspector from

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McCann leaves with a smile

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER

Ed McCann could take a well-earned rest now that he's ready to step down as acting-town manager on Aug. 4. He could, but he won't.

McCann, who is 63 but "going on 43," is planning to hit the ground running Monday morning so he can give more attention to his consulting practice. And now that McCann is leaving Cohasset, he's able to step back and look at his work over the past several months, while offering the town a little advice for the future.

> ***'Now that the town has a town manager form of government, the selectmen have to work to make sure he's used in the proper way. Some peripheral tasks, such as parking clerk and procurement officer, should be delegated to other people.'***
> — ED MCCANN, ACTING TOWN MANAGER

"When I accepted the acting town administrator's job, I thought I would be here for three months but that ended up turning into six months," McCann said with a distant gaze.

McCann sat in his office leaning back in a chair easily during his final week on the job, reminiscing about the last six months.

"Of course, I lived in Scituate, so Cohasset was a natural move for me," McCann said.

McCann was working in his consultant business when he got the call to serve

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COHASSET WEEK

Ammo depot, annex cleanup

Unsafe structures at the former Naval Ammunition Depot and Annex in Hingham and Cohasset will be addressed under the terms of a $1,360,897 contract recently awarded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the U.S. Small Business Administration. The work, which will be accomplished by J & W Company, Inc., of Leominster, will begin in late summer and take about nine months to complete.

The contract calls for demolition of a large concrete dock and closure of eight bunkers at the former ammunition depot, currently operated by the Town of Hingham as Bare Cove Park. At the former ammunition depot annex in Hingham and Cohasset, now part of Wompatuck State Park, six magazines will be demolished and three others closed. In addition, two barricade sidings will be removed.

The remediation of the site is being accomplished under the authority of the defense environmental restoration program, which provides for an expanded effort in environmental restoration. It emphasizes the identification, investigation, and prompt cleanup of hazardous and toxic waste, unexploded ordnance, unsafe buildings, and other structures and debris at current and former military facilities.

All work will be accomplished under the supervision of a Corps of Engineers inspector to assure compliance with contract requirements.

Voter registration is ongoing

The Town Clerk would like to remind citizens that voter registration is an ongoing process.

Since July 1, 1994, new voters have been able to register without the need to come to town hall. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall, Registry, Post Office, Library, Department of Welfare, WIC, AFDC, Medicaid, Army Recruitment offices, and other offices that provide services to people with disabilities. Affidavits of registration are mailed to the clerk's office or sent electronically through the computer from the Registry. After certifying the affidavit, an acknowledgment notice is then mailed to the voter. The central voter registry maintains a statewide list of all registered voters in Massachusetts. This computerized listing is essential in prohibiting voter registration fraud.

In addition to broadening the opportunity to register to vote, the motor voter law also changes the way in which voters may be removed from the voting list. A voter may not be removed from the voting list on the ground that the registrant has changed his residence unless the registrant: Confirms in writing that he has moved to a place outside the registrar's jurisdiction registers in another city or town; or Fails to respond to a confirmation notice and has not voted in the second general election for Federal office after the date of the notice. Registration closes 20 days before an election and Annual Town Meeting (10 days before a Special Town Meeting). Citizens may register during this period, but will not be able to vote at that election.

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Sun. 3	——	——	6:00	12:14	9.4	6:07
Mon. 4	12:22	10.4	6:39	12:53	9.5	6:48
Tues. 5	1:02	10.4	7:17	1:31	9.6	7:29
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Supermarket wars heat up as summer cools down

Customers seek best buy in area

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

With the area's third supermarket poised to burst onto the scene next month, Scituate Marketplace and Cohasset's Stop & Shop are bracing themselves for new competition from Shaw's.

The new Shaw's market has been under construction just a few miles away in Cohasset's Cushing Plaza for more than a year, with a grand opening date set for Aug. 24. The approximately 45,000-square-foot market will be the 121st location in the Shaw's chain and will cost the company between $8 million and $9 million to build.

Shoppers at Scituate Marketplace said they would certainly try the new Shaw's to compare prices and selection.

"Where I shop depends on where the better deal is," said Scituate Marketplace shopper Walter Wojciechowski, a Scituate resident. He added that he would not mind driving the extra five miles to Shaw's in Cohasset for lower prices.

Nancy Riley, a regular customer at Scituate Marketplace, said she would also try the new Shaw's.

"I'll give it a look," said Riley, who shops at Scituate Marketplace because of its location in her own town. "I like the location. It's an easy store to shop and the personnel couldn't be nicer."

Scituate Marketplace, which replaced Purity Supermarket on Front Street last year, has found a niche with Scituate shoppers, said store manager Michael Smith.

"I think (Shaw's opening) will hurt us a little bit, but we're a locally-based store with loyal customers," said Smith.

During an in-store survey in February, Scituate Marketplace officials calculated the market's customer base at almost 13,000 shoppers — with about 90 percent hailing from Scituate.

"The store is small enough that people enjoy it and can easily shop it," he said. The nine-aisle supermarket measures 24,000 square feet.

Smith said people shop at Scituate Marketplace for convenience, customer service and the store's fresh perishables department.

"It will be difficult to compete with Shaw's for groceries, but we're more than just a grocery store," Smith said. "Our perishables department is so much better. We have high quality produce and beef that our customers really like."

Smith added that the staff's willingness to find any product a customer may need keeps shoppers coming back to their hometown store.

"We're very receptive to our customers' needs. Any product they want, we go overboard to get it for them," he said.

Although Smith said he feels confident Scituate Marketplace will not lose too many customers to Shaw's, he realizes people will give Cohasset's newest market a try.

"I don't think the area can support three supermarkets," he said. "But we're the guy that's not the big guy. We're the one that wants to be here more than the big supermarkets. We hope our customers want us to stay as much as we want to."

Cohasset Stop & Shop customers are also open to shopping at the new Shaw's.

"Like everyone else, you compare. We've been looking forward to Shaw's," said Helen Drohan of Hull, who shops regularly at the Cohasset Stop & Shop and described the shopping experience there as comfortable. "I like Stop & Shop. It's clean and has good meat and produce departments. But Shaw's is going to be near where we are and I imagine we'll find a lot more things we didn't know about."



Local shoppers say they will try out the new competition for Stop and Shop and Scituate Market Place, Shaws which is slated to open later this month.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Drohan said that after shopping at Stop & Shop for six years, she wasn't sure if Shaw's would change her mind. "Stop & Shop is a nice store. There's no doubt about it. The people are very nice and I know where everything is."

Sally Sisson, who recently moved to Cohasset, said she shops at Stop & Shop because it's the closest food store to her house.

"I don't think the prices are that good, although I think they've made an attempt in the past month to lower them," she said. "But I'll try Shaw's. Their name brands are good."

The 185 Stop & Shop stores in the country — all along the east coast — always keep a careful eye on their competitors, including Shaw's, said spokeswoman Terry Vanderwater.

"It's good business sense to not take anybody or anything for granted," she said. "When there's more competition, the consumer always wins. Customers should go in and check us out."

Vanderwater said Stop & Shop has maintained its reputation as the number one supermarket chain in the country with the leading market share despite the competition.

"I think there's always a curiosity factor," Vanderwater said of the new store opening. "It is our job to make sure we continue to offer quality products and services so (our customers) remain with us."

The 48,700-square-foot Cohasset Stop & Shop on Route 3A — located one mile from the new Shaw's — offers customers an excellent value with double coupons, specials and the Stop & Shop card, she said. The store was redone a month ago to enhance customers' shopping experience, she added.

"It's our goal to save the customer more money, time and eliminate hassles more than any other supermarket company," Vanderwater said.

Shaw's spokesman Bernie Rogan said the new supermarket's location off Route 3A is an ideal site for a food retailer, despite its proximity to the other two markets. In other towns in New England, he added, Shaw's and Stop & Shop are directly across the street from each other.

"I think the customers should welcome the opportunity for competition," Rogan said. "Even our competition will have to reduce their prices to compete with us. Therefore, the customer benefits."

Shaw's will offer 30,000 to 40,000 items in its Cohasset location, with better pricing, a higher level of service, more variety and a nicer shopping environment, he said.

"I think the principal thing customers will be able to learn is that good food doesn't have to cost a lot of money," Rogan said.



'Even our competition will have to reduce their prices to compete with us. Therefore, the customer benefits.'
— BERNIE ROGAN, SHAW'S SPOKESMAN.

Super Stop & Shop will still be the largest supermarket in the Scituate/Cohasset area.



Scituate Marketplace has a found its niche, company officials say.

Registry says special needs buses have safety problems

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER

This latest problem with buses is not the first time the state has come down on Cohasset schools.

Last summer, the Registry of Motor Vehicles sidelined all buses because of various safety problems.

In this latest incident, Paul Harkins of the Registry inspected bus 38559 on June 24 and determined that it could not be used for transportation because it contained a number of safety violations

Harkins said the van had no back up warning alarm, the stop arm flashing lights did not work, the yellow pre-stop flashers did not work, the right front tire needed to be replaced and the van was leaking water.

Harkins told school Superintendent Stephen Hart of the violations, and informed him that the bus would have to be repaired and reinspected. Harkins also told Hart that the registration was about to expire on July 1.

Harkins concluded the letter by saying that the van had been inspected by Wilder Bros. in Scituate on July 2.

On July 7 two state troopers from the State Police Vehicle Services unit responded to a complaint by Fred Johansen that his daughter, Kara, was being transported in a unsafe bus.

Trooper Paul Van Schaick visited the school on July 7 to investigate Johansen's complaint.

In his report, Van Schaick said he observed bus 38683 leave the high school with a student on board. Van Schaick stopped the bus and asked the driver, Francis Powers, to produce her license and the vehicle's registration.

According to Van Schaick, the bus registration had expired on June 30 and Powers' license to drive a school bus had expired on June 24. Van Schaick also observed that Powers was not wearing a seat belt. Powers admitted to Van Schaick that she had transported other pupils earlier in the day.

An assistant to Hart, Guido Risi, approached Van Schaick and said he had new registrations for the buses in the school building, the trooper said. Another trooper called in the registration number and determined that the vehicle was not registered.

Van Schaick also observed several other violations on the bus, including items lying around unsecured, and inappropriate lettering.

However, this was not the bus that Johansen had called to complain about. The bus he was concerned about was bus 38559, the same one that had been inspected by the Registry.

Van Schaick states in his letter that the bus was also unregistered even though Harkins' report stated that it had been inspected on July 2.

Van Schaick listed a number of problems with bus 38559 including an empty fire extinguisher, an inoperative oil pressure gauge, a broken windshield washer, an inoperative front red flashing light, an inoperative rear red flashing light, an improperly wired lights monitor board, a blocked emergency exit, a red light out in the stop arm, and iron bars lying around loose.

Van Schaick told Hart that the bus was unsafe to transport students plus it was unregistered.

"Mr. Hart's response was to engage me in conversation about my harassing him," van Schaick reported.

Van Schaick concluded his letter by agreeing with Johansen's concerns that Kara was being transported unsafely.

"I find much merit in Mr. Johansen's accusations that there were safety problems encountered during the transportation of his special needs daughter and that a total commitment to safety involving the transportation of Cohasset's special needs students is in question as evidenced by a cursory inspection of the Massachusetts State Police Vehicle Service's Unit," Van Schaick said in his report.

Hart said he delegated the task to someone else and it didn't get done, but he accepts full responsibility for the mix up.

Hart said the Registry is incorrect about the July 2 inspection date. Bus 38683 was inspected on June 25 and received an inspection sticker valid until Nov. 30.

Bus 38559 received an inspection sticker on June 27, also valid until Nov. 30.

Hart said Francis Powers is responsible for renewing her own driver's license. The school department checks all bus drivers' licenses just prior to the start of the school year in September.

Hart said some of the inoperative lights were caused by a faulty circuit breaker, while the iron bar is a wrench used to operate the bus lift manually. Hart disputes the inoperative oil pressure gauge and broken windshield washer.

Cabaret dance camp offered

The South Shore Community Center offers a theatrical way to wrap up summer vacation with a few openings left.

Summer Cabaret Dance Camp, under the direction of Leslie VanDyk of The South Shore School of Performing Arts, will be held Aug. 25-29, ages 7 to 10 in mornings and ages 11 to 18, afternoons.

Children and teens will learn tap and jazz steps, act and sing in contemporary musical numbers with a final performance at week's end, August 29, at 6:30 p.m. for family and friends.

Cost is $75 for members and $80 for non-members. Join with a friend for a fun and creative way to break summer doldrums. Call SSCC 383-0088 to register.

Kids pet show

The children's section of the Paul Pratt Library will sponsor a Pet Show on Cohasset Common on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children may pick up a registration form for their pet or pets in the children's room at the Library beginning on Aug. 1. Each pet to be shown — dog, cat, bird, duck, rabbit, iguana, tortoise, et al. — must be registered. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded in special categories. Refershments will be provided by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library. Watch for more news about the pet show in this column.

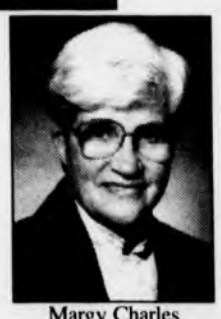
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Questions linger about school accessibility

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the Registry of Motor Vehicles received a complaint about a bus used to transport special needs students, vehicle 38559.

Paul Harkins of the Registry inspected bus 38559 on June 24 and determined that it could not be used for transportation because it contained a number of safety violations (see separate story).

Johansen said this is just one example of the type of "disingenuousness" he has encountered with school officials.

Johansen said the buses are just a symptom of the wider disregard for accessibility. He said the school department only makes changes when "it's back is against the wall."

But School Superintendent Stephen Hart says that's not true.

Hart admitted that there are still accessibility issues at the high school, but the system is making an effort, he said.

"I'm not denying we need to do things," Hart said. "But we have made changes to the physical structures of the schools to accommodate Kara."

Hart points to a wheelchair lift in the high school, ramps at the Osgood school, aides, a wheelchair van and modifications to the bathroom at the Deer Hill school to accommodate Kara.

He added that he will do whatever is necessary to meet ADA accessibility requirements through renovations and accommodations such as moving programs to accessible locations.

One problem at the junior/senior high school has been the lack of a handicapped accessible bathroom.

Jim Dougan of the state Office on Disability inspected the high school on June 10 and uncovered more than 30 violations, many of them in the bathroom Kara must use next to the superintendent's office.

Dougan also attended a school committee meeting on June 19 and determined that the meeting, held in the high school, was inaccessible to people in wheelchairs and would have to be moved. School committee meetings are now held in an office in the superintendent's wing.

Hart said he is confident the meetings are now being held in an accessible location.

A visual inspection of the bathroom used by Kara also confirms that work is being done to make it accessible to disabled persons.

But Johansen said his daughter has been in the high school for several years, and the bathroom should have been made fully accessible several years ago.

Several of Kara's former aides said that school officials would have renovated the high school bathroom sooner if they were serious about addressing accessibility.

Kerri Ann Conley has worked as an aide for Kara for more than one year. She said the bathroom was "ridiculous."

"The first time I used it with Kara was on May 29 and I could not get her wheelchair into the stall," Conley said. "I had to carry her into the stall and put her on an unsafe commode."

Conley said the situation in the bathroom was intolerable. The chair, a tall, vinyl covered aluminum chair wrapped in duct tape, was too wobbly for Kara to use.

Conley said she tried to talk to director of special needs Lynn Sylva, but "she was always out."

Sylva was contacted by telephone for this report, but she deferred her comments to Hart. Sylva could not be reached for further comment.

Conley also ran into a problem during a fire drill when teachers directed her and Kara to a doorway that led to a set of steep stairs.

Another former aide, Gina Achin, also worked with Kara at school and found the situation with the toilet intolerable.

"That bathroom was the most unsafe thing I've ever seen," Achin said. "The wheelchair wouldn't fit and I had to carry her in. It just seems like they're not doing the things they're supposed to be doing. The toilet should have been addressed three years ago when Kara first came to the (junior/senior) high school."

But Hart points to the current work to repair the bathroom as proof of the school's commitment to work on accessibility issues.

"Changes are being done and the toilet near my office is accessible," Hart said.

But Johansen is still unhappy with the school department's performance.

"More attention to the law needs to be paid," Johansen said. "Whether it's school buses, accessibility, drivers— before someone says what the law is they should say they don't know and get some help before someone is hurt."

Family fun night at Paragon Carousel features local storyteller

Children are encouraged to come dressed in their pajamas for the next Family Fun Night at the Paragon Carousel. On Wednesday, Aug. 6, Randy Zella, host of the local cable television show "Snuggle Up With Me" will entertain children with selected stories. Zella will be taping for her local show which will air Friday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. on Channel 3 in Hull.

Stories will begin at 7:10 p.m. and 7:40 p.m. This will allow children to take a ride on the Carousel as well, and wish their favorite horse goodnight! Stuffed animals and pillows are more than welcome during storytelling.

There is no charge for the storytelling. Rides on the Carousel are additional; a single ride ticket is $1.50 per person, a ten ride ticket can be purchased for $13.50. Family Fun Night will take place rain or shine.

The Family Fun Night series will come to a close August 20 with a free family concert by local performer Dawna Hammers. The concert will take place at 7 p.m. across the street from the Carousel at The Bernie King Pavilion, and will immediately be followed by a sing-a-long at the Carousel.

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Horse put down after Route 3A accident

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"Police asked me to bring a trailer down but a horse that badly injured won't get in a trailer," she said. "They didn't realize that the vet comes to the horse."

Rogalski said she concurred with Dr. Dana Pantano, a veterinarian with South River Veterinarian Service out of Marshfield, who was called to the scene that the horse should be put down.

"We have to do the right thing, we owe it to them," Rogalski said. "We are their caretakers and we owe them that respect to use our common sense when it's time to put them down."

Linda Beris, a close friend of Carlson's, said Carslon suffered some bruises when she fell but that was all. Beris said the horse stopped to wait a minute for Carlson but then "must of heard dinner bells in his head" and ran home. She said Carlson and Scooby would have celebrated their "first anniversary" on Wednesday. She said the location of the break in the Scooby's leg made it impossible to stabilize in order to transport him.

Cohasset animal control officer Kathleen Maguire praised the firefighters for using the ambulances to block the view of the scene from cars passing by.

Maguire who helped steady the horse for the veterinarian said she did the best she could to help.

"People always ask me what my most unusual call has been," she said. "I think this is going to be it for a while."

A fund to help Carlson buy a new horse has been set up at the Rockland Trust Bank, Hull 02045.



Dr. Dana Pantano, a veterinarian from Marshfield, tends to Scooby, a six-year-old gelding injured in a Route 3A accident Tuesday evening.
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AUGUST 8

Hearing set for Greenbush rail

A public hearing will be held Aug. 14 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to hear comments from the public regarding the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's proposal to place fill in 5.11 acres of wetlands and waterways for restoration of the commuter rail service on the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad line in Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate. The 7 p.m. session will take place at Lombardo's Conference and Function Hall, 6 Billings St., in Randolph.

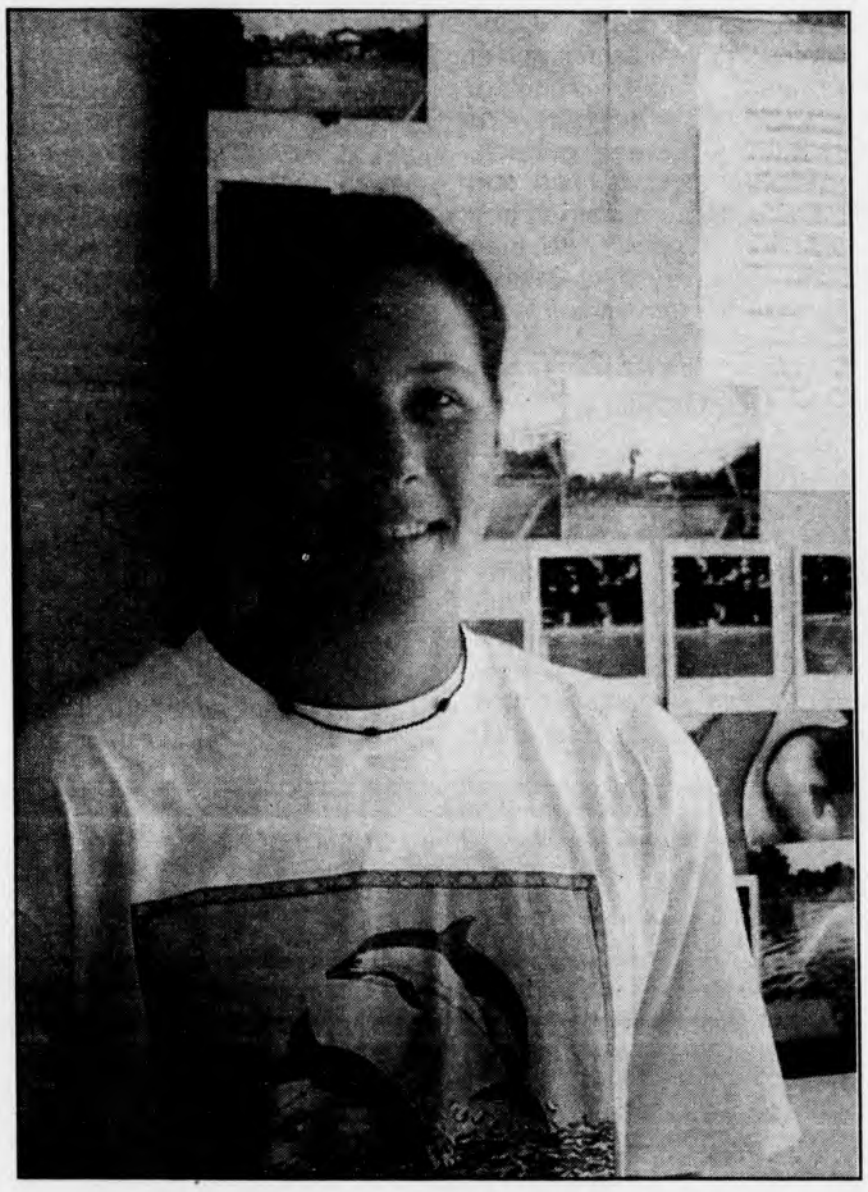
Sign-in for the hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. After following established protocol (i.e., a presentation by the applicant, followed by comments from public officials), speakers will be called upon in the order in which they registered. Depending on the number of people who sign up to speak, a time limit may be imposed to allow all who wish to speak an equal opportunity to do so.

Both written and oral testimony will be received. In addition to making an oral presentation at the hearing, stenographers will be available to take statements from those who wish to have their comments placed on the record. Written statements may also be submitted for 10 days following the meeting or until August 24.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Ted Lento at the New England Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 424 Trapelo Rd., Waltham, 02254-9149, (617) 647-8863.

PICTURE THIS

ASHLEY WILFAND



Name: Ashley Wilfand

Occupation: Lifeguard and swim instructor at the Cohasset Swim Center.

Goal: To do my best at everything I do.

Best vacation: The Caribbean.

Best day of your life: I live everyday as if it were my last.

Biggest worry: That I won't be able to help someone if they are in danger.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite TV show: 'E.R.'

Favorite movie: 'Beaches.'

Favorite book: Any good mystery novel.

Favorite junk food: Pepparoni pizza.

Most embarrassing moment: Dropping my food in front of everyone in the school cafeteria.

Person you'd most like to meet: Martin Luther King, Jr.

Pet peeve: People who pull out in front of you and then drive too slow.

Aug. 12 concert canceled

The Cohasset Recreation Commission regrets to announce that the band concert scheduled for Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m., town common, had to be canceled due to reduced funding for the summer concert series.

During the winter the commission will investigate other methods of funding concerts for the 1998 season.

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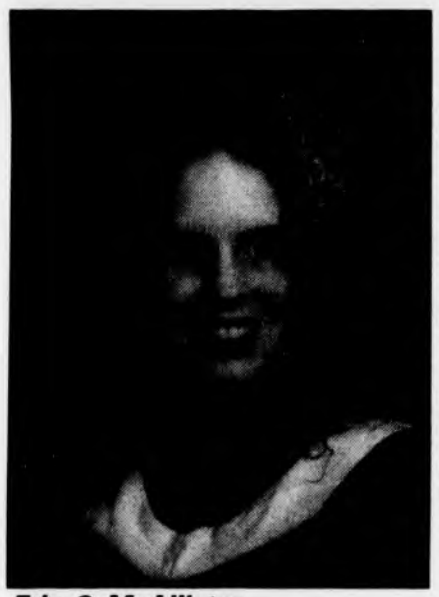
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Erin C. McAllister, UMass Amherst graduate.

MCALLISTER FAMILY NEWS

Remember Dawn McAllister, a graduate from Cohasset Junior/Senior High School? She and her husband, Bob Lynch, (who reside in Scituate) became the proud parents of twins June 20! Their names are Ryan Robert Lynch and Erica Grace Lynch. Ryan weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs., and Erica 6 lbs. 6 ozs! What an exciting time for the whole family, including maternal grandparents, Don and Jaye McAllister of Cohasset, and paternal grandparents, Walter and Lorraine Lynch of Boston. Congratulations to all of you, what fun you will have with those babies!

More McAllister news, this time Erin C. McAllister is the headliner. She graduated cum laude May 25 from UMass/Amherst with a BA in communications and minors in computer science and film studies. Erin has just secured a position as a portfolio administrator in Mutual Funds Division at State Street Bank. Erin is a graduate of CHS, and the daughter of Don and Jaye McAllister. Everyone is extremely proud of her accomplishments and wish her the best of luck in her new career!

COOL DAY OF SHOPPING

Cohasset Elder Affairs has planned quite an August; if any of you seniors are looking for something to do check the lineup! Aug. 4 they go to the Braintree Plaza for a cool day of shopping (leave at 9:30 a.m. and return about 1:30 p.m. They are planning to go to Plymouth for a fun time on the duck tour. Anyone interested in line dancing at the Bernie King Pavilion on Nantasket Beach? Its free! Go and enjoy the summer breeze and Happy Feet! Aug. 20 at 9:30 a.m. board the bus for Caldor's in Braintree and lunch after at Bug-A-Boo Steak House, the moose talks to you! On Aug. 27 at 9 a.m., they are off to Boston on the Harbor Express with lunch in town and fun sightseeing at old Faneuil Hall. Finally, don't forget Tuesdays and Thursdays, air conditioned lunches! Call 383-9112 for more details on any events listed!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CLARK

Be sure to extend Happy Birthday greetings to Clark Chatterton when you see him this week, his birthday was July 29. Here's hoping your day was a splendid one, Clark!

RECENT COLLEGE GRADS

The Colorado College sent a news release about Matthew Banks, the son of Barre and Amy Banks. Matthew was awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Colorado College, he majored in political economy and minored in environmental issues. Matt served as class president both his junior and senior year. He led the class of '97 into the commencement exercises and performed the tassle turning ceremony. Matt has been chosen to participate in a seminar this summer on environmental economics at the Political Economy Research Center in Bozeman, Mont. Matt is a 1993 CHS graduate.

Jennifer Noon was one of nearly 1,000 students receiving a bachelor of arts degrees during commencement exercises at Dartmouth College June 8. Jennifer, the daughter of Nicholas and Constance Noon, majored in genetics, cell and developmental biology and received the degree with high honors (magna cum laude). Congratulations to you!

HONOR ROLL

Alexander Gaston, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gaston III, has been named to the Holderness School's spring semester honor roll. This winter and spring Gaston also worked in the school's on-campus student jobs program, was elected a crew leader in that program for next year, sang in the school chorus, earned a varsity letter on an Eastern alpine skiing team that claimed a New England prep school championship, played varsity tennis, and worked for two weeks in southwestern Pennsylvania as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity! Wow!

DEAN'S LIST

Two Cohasset residents have recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the spring semester. Students recognized for this honor are Jemilah Y. Afshar and Andrea E. Mercurio, and we congratulate both of you for your efforts!

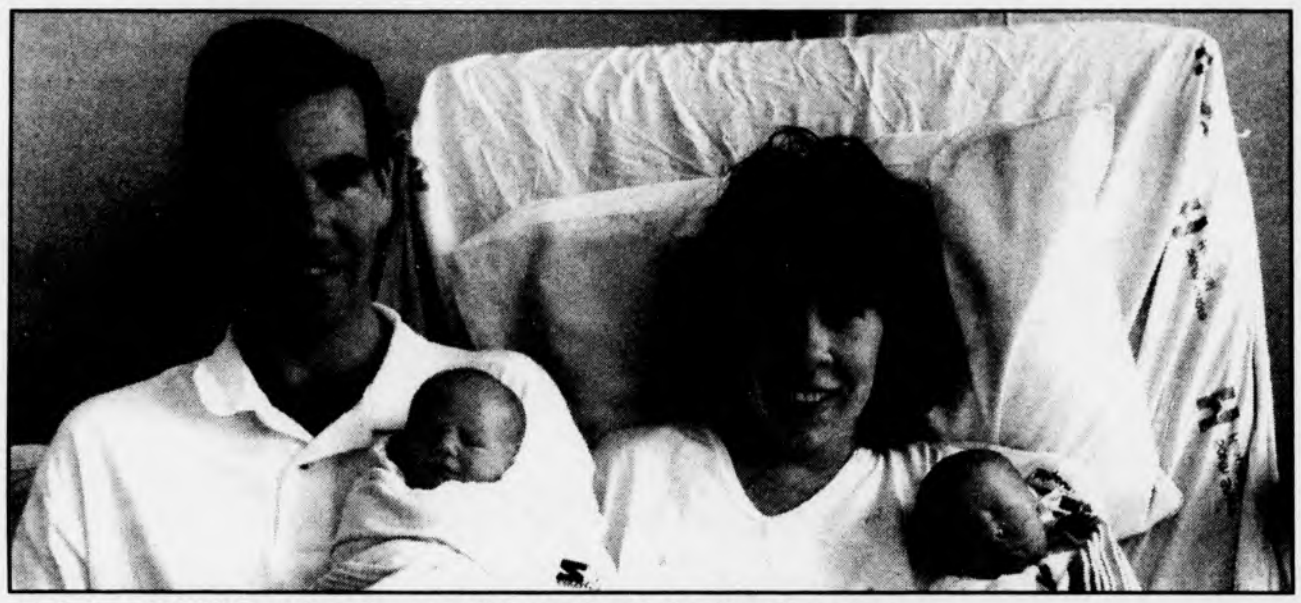
HEADED FOR TABOR

Cameron Nugent, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Nugent, will be entering Tabor Academy this fall as a member of the freshman class. Tabor is located in Marion. Cameron is currently participating in Tabor's "Orientation at Sea" program, which brings 12 to 14 students, Tabor faculty, and Tabor student crew members together for six days of sailing, exploring and learning along the coast of Maine. This program exposes incoming students to the ocean with a general introduction to oceanography, marine biology and related environmental issues. Hopefully we will hear more about Cameron's experiences upon his return!

CALL FOR NEWS!

Okay, folks, have any news that you want to share with us? You must, summer is chock-a-block full of newsy items! Please call me with yours!

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Bob Lynch holding Erica Grace and Dawn Lynch holding Ryan Robert.

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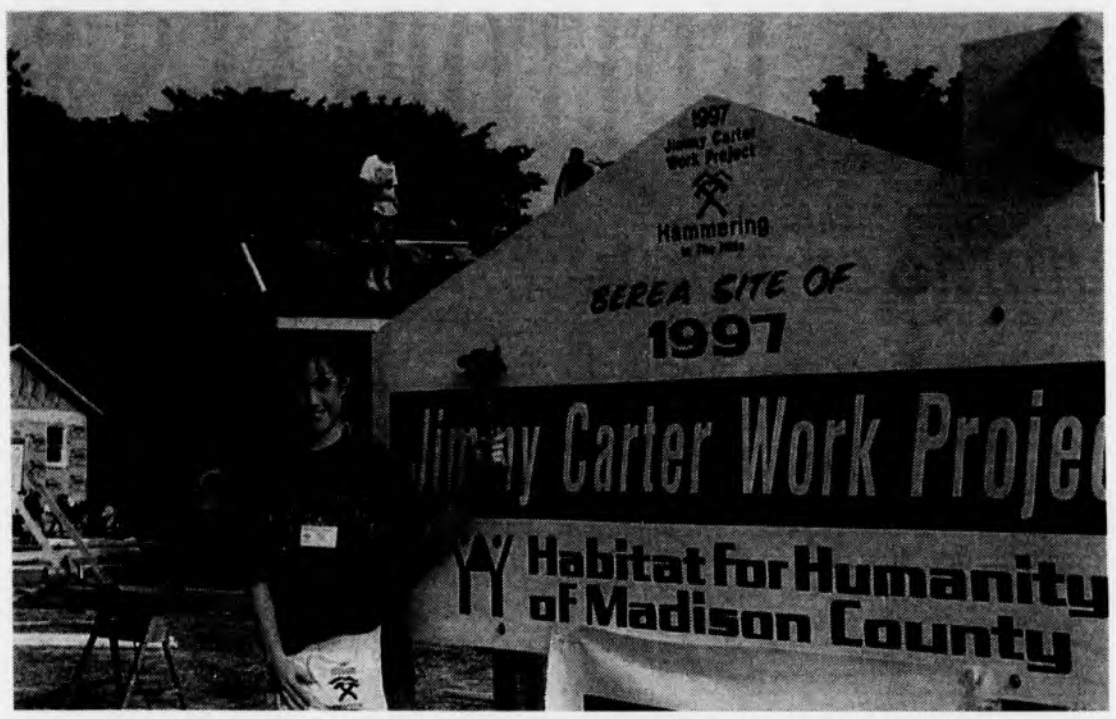
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Resident helps Habitat for Humanity in Kentucky

Tammy Maitland of Forest Ave. recently participated in the 1997 Jimmy Carter Work Project (JCWP), sponsored by Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI). Over 2,000 volunteers from around the world built 50 houses alongside former President and Mrs. Carter during the week-long build in seven Appalachian communities, hosted by seven Habitat for Humanity Affiliates. The host affiliates in Kentucky are Daniel Boone Habitat for Humanity (HFH), Hyden; Lee County HFH, Beattyville; Madison County HFH, Richmond & Berea; Morehead Area HFH, Morehead; Phelps Area HFH, Phelps; and Sandy Valley HFH, Pikeville. In Tennessee, Appalachia HFH, Robbins, is a host affiliate.

HFHI is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing around the world. Founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, HFHI is now working in partnership with people in need in need in more than 1,200 cities in 40 countries. Utilization of volunteer labor, donated materials and contributions along with no-profit, interest-free loans enable HFHI to make housing more affordable. JCWP is the premiere annual event of HFHI, and the catalyst for the broader building project, Hammering the Hills.

Hammering the Hills is a joint Appalachian Building project resulting in new houses for 150 families in need. Houses for the $7.75 million home ownership project are being constructed this summer through the Habitat for Humanity 1997 Jimmy Carter Work Project and the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises Partnership Fund.



Tammy Maitland of Forest Ave. with Habitat for Humanity in Kentucky.

Sixth carillon concert Sunday

Lynnette Geary, assistant carillonneur at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, will give a recital in the continuing series of concerts on the Cohasset Carillon in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, Sunday, Aug. 3. Ms. Geary will play a varied program of transcriptions, arrangements and original music for the carillon. She replaces Herbert Colvin, carillonneur of Baylor, who was originally scheduled for this date, but who has recently sustained a broken arm resulting from a fall. Mr. Colvin's recital has been postponed until the 1998 season.

The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. It will take place rain or shine; in case of rain, listen from your parked car. Printed programs, recital schedules and the new brochure describing the Cohasset Carillon will be available in the program stand at the church courtyard on Highland Avenue, and will also be distributed on the Cohasset Common, and at the entrance to Stagecoach Way (the pedestrian walk beside Hunneman Realty on Main Street). Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers. Following the recital a tour of the tower and carillon will be offered to all interested persons.

For further information, telephone St. Stephen's Church at (617) 383-1083, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., or the church carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner at (508) 475-2599, or the assistant carillonneur, Mrs. Mary Kennedy at (617) 383-9599.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Commuter boats come of age

All the noise over the switch in subsidized commuter boat companies may have a positive effect on the marine transportation system after all.

The 300 or so commuters, who turned out for a rally on the dock last week despite a long day at the office, finally got the MBTA's attention.

As T spokesman Brian Pedro points out — if one political sign equals 15 votes — then one boat rider may represent many more with the same feelings.

The T says it isn't about to void its contract with current provider Harbor Cruises, as commuters would like, but it is looking at formulating a timetable for improvements at Hewitt's Cove. A bigger dock, covered gangway, restrooms and expanded parking will be a big boon to commuters and the companies that provide the boat service.

As state Sen. Robert Hedlund said there is one thing that everyone can agree on: expanding the parking at the commuter boat dock could double the ridership overnight.

And that's good news for commuters and the environment. Taking another 1,500-1,800 cars off Route 3A would alleviate much congestion and automobile emissions from the state highway.

Mr. Hedlund, pointing to the thousands who ride to work on state-of-the-art on boats in New York and Seattle, says the potential for commuter boats here has not been reached.

"Boats are proven to be an attractive way to commute and are under utilized here," he said.

When compared to the Red Line, commuter boats seem like luxury transportation.

But as Mr. Hedlund told the T, any step back regardless of the type of transportation would irk commuters.

"*They (MBTA) can't tell me if the Red Line suddenly had* slower, more uncomfortable trains, they wouldn't hear about it," he said.

Here at the Journal, we heartily endorse a multi-modal solution to the transportation problems in the area.

The $200,000 from the state's deficiency budget to be used for design work for commuter boat improvements is great news.

Maybe down the road, expanded service could provide enough business to keep rival boat companies viable, reducing or even eliminating the need for subsidies.

— Mary Ford
Editor

Hometown guides are coming

The Cohasset Mariner is compiling a hometown guide which will include all clubs and organizations. Please drop us a note indicating officers of your club or organization, how you can be contacted and any other relevant information. Items should be sent as soon as possible to the Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043 or faxed to 741-2931. Any questions, call Mary Ford at 741-2933.

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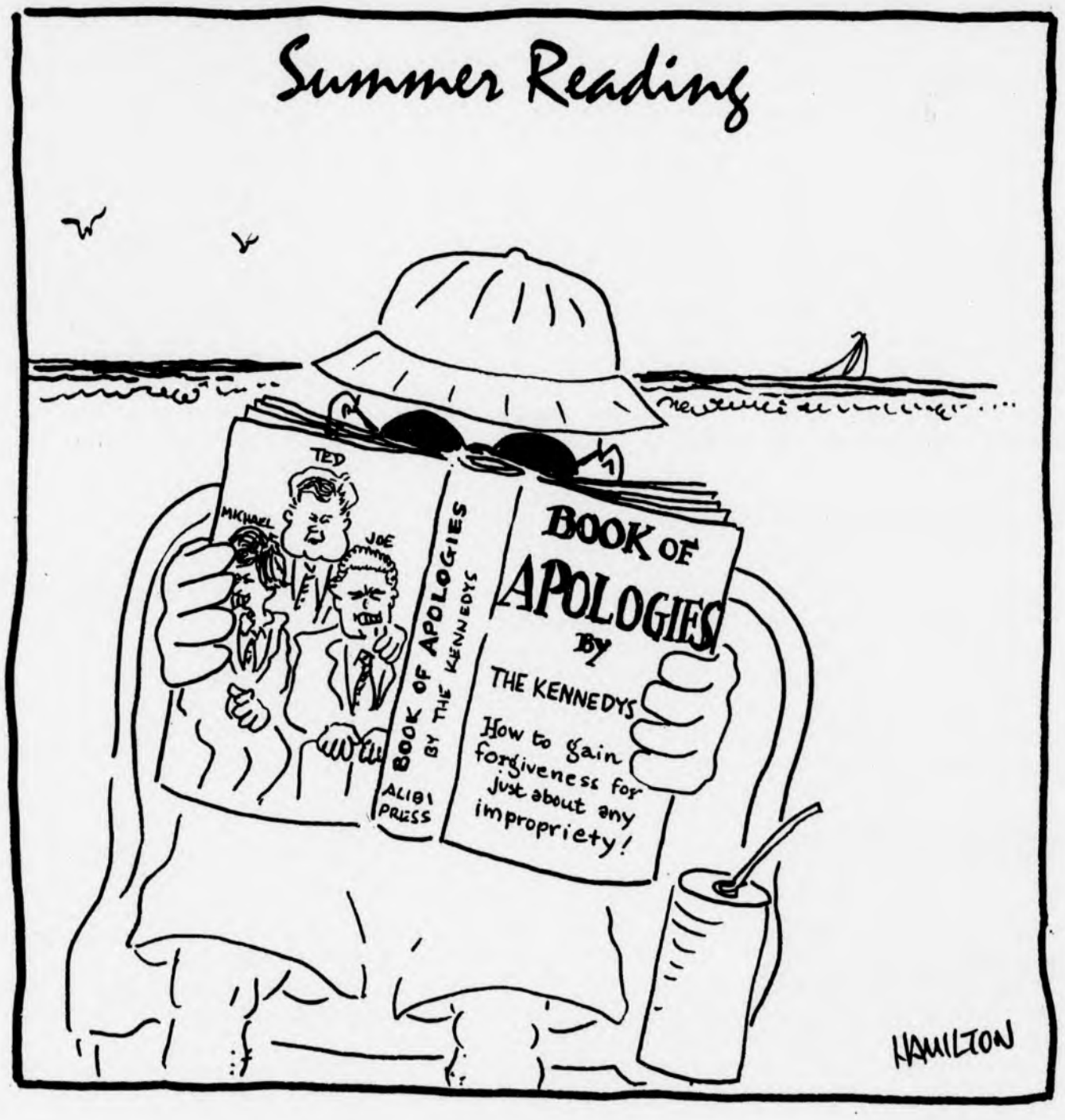
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LETTERS

I am not 'just a girl in a wheelchair'

To the Editor:

In response to the article in the paper on July 24, I am not "just a girl in a wheelchair." I am Kara Johansen, a person with dignity and respect just like anyone else.

All of my life I have lived in Cohasset. I began my school career in kindergarten at the Osgood School and I am now a student at the high school. I am an honor roll student who attends regular, mainstream classes and plan on attending the college of my choice to study law because I am tired of fighting for my rights in my home town. I may have cerebral palsy but I am still a person with feelings and dignity like yourself, but I'm trapped in a body that won't work right.

My aids are not at school just to push me around through difficult areas. Their main job is mostly to be my voice (since I am non-verbal) and help with my personal needs. They are not part of the alleged "accommodations' from the school, but a necessity for me to live.

Besides my alleged "accessible" bathroom (which isn't really accessible by law because there are no bars and my chair won't even fit into the stall), my lift only works in the junior high area, and I am beginning my sophomore year in the high school area. What accommodations have been made?.Keep in mind I have never asked for any special accommodations, nor have I received any. I just want access to areas that everybody else in school has. If things were accessible to begin with, I wouldn't need any accommodations.

The words "accessible" and "accommodations" seem to have been misused many times. I have been in the Cohasset school system for 10 years, so when Mr. Egan and Mr. Hart say they made these alleged accommodations for my "anticipated arrival," I wonder why they are "anticipating" my arrival when I have always been here and they knew I was coming because I have been here, I am here, and I will be here.

I also feel I am entitled the right to be transported in safe buses as any able-body does. Is it fair that my bus has an empty fire extinguisher, blocked emergency exits, bald tires and brakes that are practically gone? These safety features are just as important in my bus as they are in every other bus.

I wish you could have followed me around for a day and seen all of my alleged accommodations and my bathroom. I couldn't even undress inside the stall, or shut the door for that matter, because my chair couldn't fit in the stall door. Would you like to have to do that in a public restroom or have your child have to do that? I deserve the same amount of privacy as the next person, disability or no disability.

Even though my support system for accessibility issues at the school failed me, my teachers haven't. I want to say thank you to them for treating me as Kara Johansen, the individual, not as "that girl with cerebral palsy in the wheelchair."

Kara Johansen

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

Greenbush towns unite to resolve train-related issues

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

The town of Hingham is hoping to join with Scituate, Cohasset, Weymouth and Braintree to discuss common issues relating to proposed rail restoration along the Greenbush corridor. The right-of-way would pass through all five towns.

"We have found some common ground, particularly in the area of air quality," said Hingham Selectmen Chairman Martin Crane at Tuesday's board meeting. "It might be beneficial to pool our resources, whether in obtaining information for the Army Corps of Engineers or for mitigation purposes in the future (if the rail line is approved).

A public hearing will be held by the Corps at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at Lombardo's Conference and Function Hall in Randolph to hear comments from the public regarding the proposed restoration.

Crane said the purpose of the five-town group he is proposing is to consider what is in the best interest of all the towns which would be affected by rail restoration.

Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan emphasized that the towns would work together on common issues, but separately on matters which are unique to each town, such as the layover facility proposed for Scituate.

"The group will meet to discuss areas of mutual concern in presenting a common front to the MBTA," he said.

According to Macmillan, the boards of selectmen in Scituate, Hingham and Cohasset and coordinators from Braintree and Weymouth have shown an interest in participating in a group discussion.

He said one of the group's goals is to take a look at the MBTA's Environmental Impact Statement as it deals with air quality issues as well as how it addresses other concerns.

"'Has the MBTA dealt with all of these issues?' is what we'll be asking," Macmillan said.

Crane emphasized that the coordinators will represent both sides of the train issue, for and against, to better come to an evaluation of common concerns.

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> — ALEXANDER MACMILLAN, HINGHAM'S GREENBUSH COORDINATOR.

Macmillan confirmed that the group is not an effort to oppose Greenbush but an attempt to address mitigation measures and other issues.

"Other communities, including some along the new Plymouth-Middleboro rail line, have not always been happy with how their mitigation agreements with the MBTA have been carried out," Macmillan said. "They've found it would have been better to work with other communities, which provides a position of strength."

Macmillan pointed out that it is more cost-effective for towns to band together when hiring consultants to evaluate Greenbush-related issues which pertain to all the towns, instead of communities footing individual bills for those services.

Michael Weymouth of Water Street is coordinating the activities of Concerned Citizens Against The Train, a group of individuals who are interested in the air quality issue.

They have published three advertisements relating to air quality.

"It's one issue all the towns have in common," Weymouth said. "Our goal is to make the public aware of it."

Weymouth stated that the MBTA has not included important information on air quality in its equations.

Concerned Citizens Against The Train will be distributing 5,000 packages of information to residents in towns which would be affected by the restoration of rail service to encourage them to attend the Army Corps of Engineers hearing.

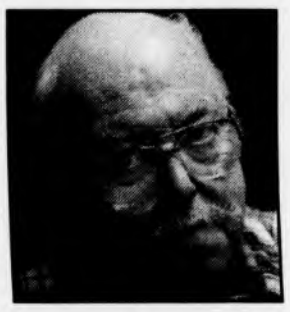
"We want to convince the Corps to hold an independent study on air quality," said Weymouth. "Greenbush restoration would also change the character and nature of Hingham."

"In effect, the Environmental Protection Agency has handed us a smoking gun and is basically saying don't build any more diesel rail.

"We can't be passive. Our group is comprised of private citizens trying to make the public aware of air quality issues," he said.

HENSHAW
TOM HENSHAW

Inventing the Kennedys time and time again



If I were the Kennedy family, I wouldn't let Joe play with guns

Sure as hell, he'll shoot himself in the foot, something he's already doing quite well without a firearm.

No sooner does Joe let it slip that he'd like to be governor than an ex-wife pops out of the closet railing against his application for an annulment.

Which Joe calls "Catholic gobbledygook," a phrase that's not likely to get him more votes out of Sacred Heart Parish.

That furor hadn't quite died down when word filters out of Cohasset, of all places, that brother Mike is fooling around with the babysitter.

And she's underage as well.

That's something that's only supposed to happen in places like Hull or Rockland.

Of course, Joe is not responsible for what brother Mike does — except in the pages of the Boston Herald.

I got the distinct impression from the last Herald article that Joe was at Mike's bedside all the while telling him what to do and how to do it.

The latest shot was fired into Joe's foot just the other day when his son Matthew suffered burns while he and his father were setting off fireworks at the family compound in Hyannis.

Shooting off fireworks is just as illegal in Hyannis as messing around withan underage babysitter in Cohasset.

Other than that, Joe, how's the campaign going?

In spite of all the power, the money and the women, I'm still glad I wasn't born a Kennedy.

The little black cloud that hovers over members of the family and their friends is not canceled out by the charmed life they lead.

With all the auto accidents, rape trials, divorces, drug busts and bouts with alcoholism, I've never seen where any one of them has spent a night in the can.

If you're a Kennedy and you're caught with your fingers in the cookie jar, all you have to do is lower your eyes, scuff your toe in the ground and confess.

"I recognize my own shortcomings, the faults in the conduct of my private life," said Ted Kennedy in 1991. "I realize that I alone am responsible for them, and I am the one who must confront them."

Whereupon, the electorate not only forgave him for his sins but reelected him to the Senate by a landslide three years later.

"I take responsibility for it," said Joe Kennedy after his son got second degree burns from the illicit fireworks. "We shouldn't have done it. I'm just glad Matthew is going to be OK."

We'll see how that plays with the electorate next year..

When a Kennedy fails to shoot himself in the foot, there always someone around to do it for him, whether the gun is firing real bullets or not.

Ted Kennedy shows up in a speedboat off Hyannisport with an unidentified blonde and a frantic APB goes out to all paparazzi like she was Andrew Cunanan in drag.

The USA Network produces a made-for-cable-movie based on rumors that Bobby Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe once had an affair and, despite denials, it passes untested from fiction to history.

Book author Ed Klein writes that Jackie Kennedy Onassis lost her virginity to John P. Marquand Jr. in a Paris elevator and Pocket Books publishes it as "The Love Story of Jack and Jackie Kennedy."

Enough already. The Kennedys can shoot their foots off by themselves.

LETTERS

Flagpole should be wooden

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my dismay at the possibility of replacing the wooden flagpole on the Town Common with an 80-foot aluminum one. Our beautiful town common was recently placed on the National Registry of Historic Places, an honor which we should not take lightly. With the recent sailing of the USS Constitution, I am reminded of the importance of preserving not only a historically-significant sailing vessel, but also the ideals and values upon which our country was founded. Preserving the authenticity of a ship, or a building or a place, helps us to preserve our past and better understand our future. Aluminum has no place on a historical building, ship or flagpole. Can you imagine replacing one of Old Ironside's masts with aluminum, simply because, (as I've been told), it looks like wood? And if we agree to an aluminum flagpole, will it then be O.K. to use aluminum siding on the Unitarian Church? It took years to restore Old Ironsides. Surely we can wait a few months to replace our flagpole with a wooden one like the original.

Jane Lanzillotti
41 N. Main St.

21st-century transportation needed

To the Editor:

It becomes clearer every day that the MBTA does not have a clue on how to run a 21st-century ferry service.

One only has to ride the Harbor Express from Fore River to Logan and Boston to experience what a ferry service should be. Modern catamarans for a smooth ride, jet propulsion for speed and minimum wake, quiet, comfortable interiors and a system of simple bow docking for easy loading and fast turnaround. All the present providers can offer are vessels based on old designs and inefficient operations. And the latest news is that $2 million is going to be put into a vessel that will only provide more of the same outmoded service.

Sen. Hedlund's position on spending available money is right on. The Commonwealth should scrap the present contract and enter into a public-private partnership with Harbor Express to build a 21st-century fleet to handle the growing commuter needs, not only from Hingham but from other locations as well. And, best of all, the vessels can be built right in Massachusetts, at Gladding-Hearn in Somerset.

This is the kind of equipment and operation that is being used all over the world; and it is time for Massachusetts to bite the bullet and get with it. Let's solve South Shore commuting the right way, with 21st-century transportation going over a route that is essentially free.

G.P. Foster
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Hingham

Old highway garage could get new lease on life

By Dave Rogers
CORRESPONDENT

Two Cohasset teens hope to turn a run-down, road-sign mausoleum into a lively, substance-free, dance club.

Anthony Bramblett, of 3 Grace Drive, and Jami Butman, 17 Spring St., are in the midst of a project that will turn a vacant Department of Public Works garage into a social haven for area teens.

"The school wasn't offering enough dances and we felt kids were getting kind of bored," said Butman. "We thought that this would be a good place for kids to come every weekend."

"We're developing this as an alternative to going out into the woods and smoking pot and drinking," said Bramblett.

The Cohasset High School Juniors are pitching their campaign with the assistance of the town's Drug and Alcohol Committee.

Aikens Quote

The Town Counsel has yet to approve the project, but Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan seems optimistic.

"My feeling is that the more activities you can provide for the youth that are constructive and productive, the better off the town is as a whole," said Sullivan.

Bramblett and Butman said that most of the work concerning the project will be done by teenagers and not parents.

"We want to show the community that kids actually can do something," said Butman, CHS Student Council President.

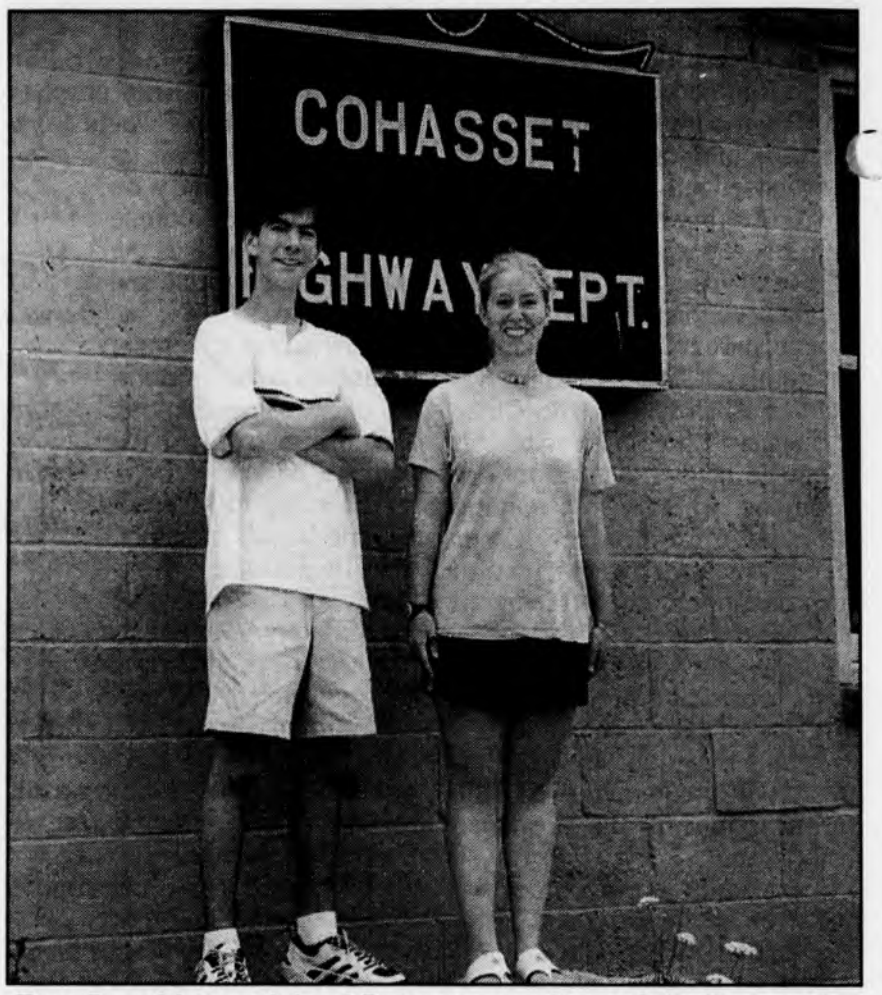
The proposed club will be different from the teen center on South Main Street, according to Butman.

"The current teen center is geared toward younger kids—6th and 7th graders," said Butman. "This is a place for older kids to go dancing and hang out."

The Garage, as it is presently named, will be cleaned out by the DPW for Sept. 1, according to Bramblett. Bramblett is counting on private donations, fund raising and (eventually) the club's revenue to pay for expenses. The two teens are also hoping for volunteer help from the community.

Although the Garage is currently littered with sign poles, tin cans and other debris, Butman and Bramblett are aiming to open the club by early next Spring.

A dance will be held Aug. 22 at Town Hall to support the Garage Project.



Tony Bramblett and Jami Butman, members of the Drug and Alcohol Committee, would like to turn the old highway garage into a teen dance club.

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Parents asked to commit to C.A.S.A.

The Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee with the support of the police, the Cohasset schools and the selectmen will mail an informational brochure to the parents of children in grades 6 through 12 entitled C.A.S.A. (Cohasset Against Substance Abuse).

C.A.S.A. was formerly entitled Safe Homes. In the past Safe Homes helped parents network a safe home environment. The need to reinstate a support network has become evident because of the presence of alcohol and drugs among our youth. Parents are concerned about the alarming increase in alcohol and drug use among our youth, and social acceptability of this use. Communicating and networking among parents has been proven to be effective in the past under Safe Homes. All parents of children in grades 6 through 12 are asked to participate in this program by taking a stand and by showing your concern for the health and well-being of young people.

Please read and fill out a form, available at town hall. Be sure to check off the box at the bottom and mail it back before August 31. Forms can be mailed to town hall/attn. the drug & alcohol committee. A booklet with the names of the participants will be mailed out in the fall to all parents with children in grades 6 through 12. Signing this form will be our first stand in making a commitment against substance abuse.

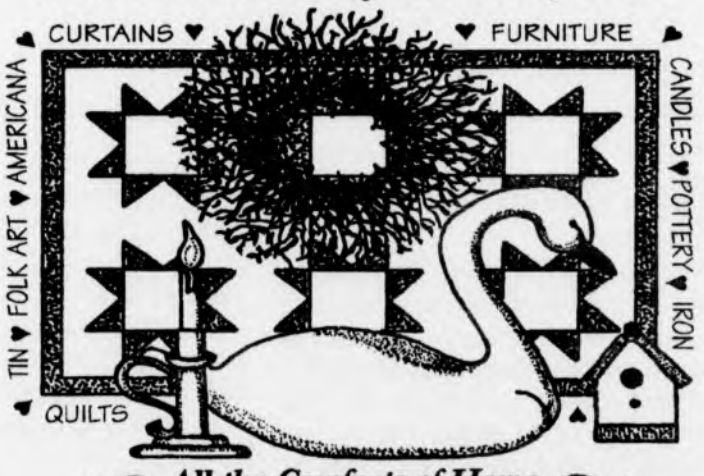
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SPORTS

COHASSET MARINER

Summer fun abounds at the Cohasset Sailing Club

By Mark McElhinney
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Nestled away on Government Island lies an invaluable amenity for the residents of Cohasset which binds this community firmly together. The Cohasset Sailing Club provides recreation, training and fun to both adults and, in particular, juveniles. Legislated in the club's by-laws of 1960 is its basic purpose, "to educate and train citizens of Cohasset, particularly the young, in seamanship and to develop in them qualities of self-reliance and to promote their health and well-being."

One point of historical interest is the club's connection to Minot's Light. The granite blocks were constructed on land one level at a time, then transported to the spot where the lighthouse now stands. There is a replica of the top of the 85-foot structure beside the clubhouse. The light was fueled by whale oil, and there is an explanation for its blink, which has a pattern of 1, 4, 3, representing the message I Love You.

Co-founder Herb Towle can be proud to survey the club that he helped form and see the many advances that have been made since the year of inception in 1960.

"In 1955," the founding father recollects, "Mrs. Stanton asked me to join the recreation department, and seeing the need to fill this void, other residents and I went to a town meeting to get permission to start the club." With the permission of the town, land on the east end of Government Island was granted, housing only a small brick shed. "The townspeople and I set about generating funds to buy equipment, raising $4,800 which paid for five sailboats."

In time to come, an anonymous donor would pay for the construction of the clubhouse, and it would be named after The Rev. Ed Atkinson. From the beginning, the CSC had one head instructor and two assistants, with 125 children joining in the first year. The membership of the club now has expanded to 250, boasting a fleet of two 420's, two Lasers, one Flying Scot, six Turnabouts and 10 Mercuries.

Sitting on the deck of the clubhouse, overlooking the calm waters being challenged by the determination of the novice seafarers, Herb spoke of an individual from Beverly who found the club's offer to be the best deal in the Mass Bay area. The stipulations to joining are that prospective applicants must be either residents or summer residents of the town and be at least 10 years of age. A family charge of $100 is mandatory plus an additional $85 for the junior training program, lasting 10 weeks.

Herb does not take all the credit as there have been many involved in the club's development, once telling Joe Lee, "I'm the father of this club but you're the grandfather." Lee is the mentor of sailing lessons on the Charles River for the nominal sum of $1 per year.

Lyn Congdon Previte, formerly social director, recently promoted to vice-commodore, has been associated with CSC since her early youth. Indeed, she comes from a strong pedigree of sailing, her father being an accomplished seaman having the Ray Congdon Trophy named in his honor.

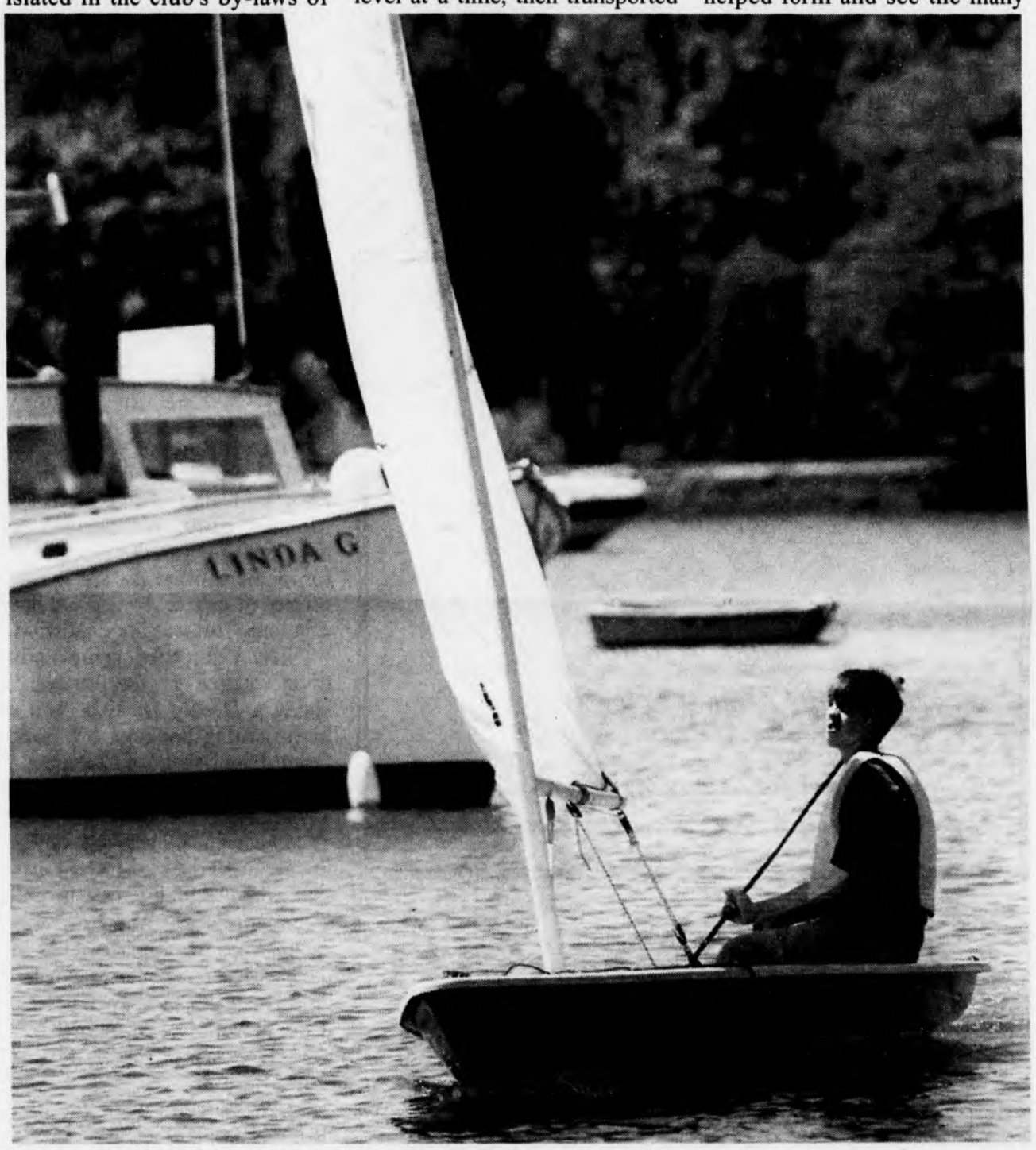
Her enthusiasm for the sport is evident, "I can remember doing this since I was 3 or 4. What the training program offers young people is learning about the tides and winds and being able to cope with these elements competently. We think it is very important to utilize this natural resource, and not to waste it. What better way for kids to spend their free time? We want to instill, primarily, a love of sailing as well as prepare them for competition."

An aspect that is important to the club is competition, both within the club and competing against other clubs, illustrated by the full calendar til the end of the season in August. On Sunday nights, the Stanton Series pitches parents and children against each other, and through Aug. 25 there will be a women's sailing program costing $160 for the eight-week session. It is open to the general public and is determined on a first-come, first-served basis. Experience is preferred as the course is designed to sharpen sailing skills given by the world class sailor Betsy Allison.

Lyn stresses that the sailing club performs a vital function in the community, with all of the staff volunteering their efforts for free, except the instructors who are paid. "We are really lucky with a great staff here, because it's so important to have people who can create an interest for the kids. The instructors have a great relationship with them. We pay the instructors for their work, but on our pay they won't be able to retire," she adds in jest.

Much of the necessary finance is generated by fund-raisers in order to purchase new equipment. Lyn says, "we'll do anything to raise much-needed funds, operating on a hand-shak-

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Roman Buick tacks around Cohasset Harbor

Photo/Alan Chapman

Gold rush comes to an end at 1997 Bay State Games

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

With the conclusion of the six-on-six soccer championships last weekend in Medford, the 21st version of the popular Bay State Games has come to a close, but not before some impressive hardware made it's way back down Route 93 to the South Shore.

One of the bigger winners was a budding gymnast from Abington by the name of Scott Viafore who dominated the junior competition in pulling a gold in the vault, second place finishes in the high bar and all-around competitions and a third place medal on the rings.

Also making the grade from Abington was James Rooney, a 17-year-old who took home the gold in the scholastic shot put competition.

Rockland hockey wonder kid Michael Casagrande continued to burn up the ice, including scoring two goals and three assists against the team from the Northeast.

Other winners were Timothy Baker, who took a second place in the compound release & scope and a fifth place finish in the men's open hammer throw for Brian Doherty.

On the same line as Casagrande for Jim Reynolds' Southeast squad was Hanover baseball and hockey star Greg Carr, who performed well in the tourney.

Also making Hanover proud was the high school synchronized swimming duo Allison Crosby and Anne Miller, who took ninth in the scholastic team competition and fifth in the duet.

Before the games, Hanover wrestler Bill Dunn said he was physically ready and mentally prepared to move into the upper reaches of the 135lb class at the games this year.

Dunn more than backed up his actions by taking a third lace finish in his second year as a participant in the games.

Wrestling was also big in Cohasset, as Nathan Caldwell took fifth place in the open heavyweight class and Craig Sheerin earned a bronze in the scholastic 95lb division.

Not to be left out, Duxbury came up with three gold medal efforts, including a daily double from 15-year-old L. Bates Gregory, who won the 1m and the 3m scholastic diving competitions.

Joining her in the winner's circle were Brian Mulligan, a first in 1m diving and a second in the 3m and 16-year-old Julie Spolidoro, who took top prize in the girls scholastic 3,000m run.

Also standing out for their home town were Boston College forward Mickey Curley in helping his Coastal team to victory with 23 points against the Southeast squad and lacrosse player Ian Franke, who scored four goals in the tournament.

The Bay State Summer Games is presented by the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation, which promotes personal development, education, physical fitness, teamwork and mutual respect through amateur athletic competitions, prograns and Olympic-style events.

THE FISH STORY

MARK TRASK

Human nature can be pretty funny sometimes. This week was one of those times. Tuesday, a young gentleman came into the store and after selecting a few items spoke up, inquiring about whether we had heard about the big bass. Immediately, the store fell quiet and all ears were his, as if in the E.F. Hutton commercial. He continued on that he had heard a huge striper had been caught down off Marshfield, weighing more than 80 pounds. I looked at the big striper hanging over the door and commented that the bass would be twice the size of the 46-pound mount! Then everybody fell into a chatter, marveling at how the stripers had come back and about how the old three-way-tie record had finally been broken.

Later that same day, two other customers inquired about the new world-record bass. Nope, we hadn't any details. Then we got a phone call from a person seeking information. He stated he had been calling every bait and tackle shop in Southeastern Massachusetts to get information on where the big striper had been weighed and where it was now. After we told him we had no information, he related how Bill Bois over at the North River store had received more than 40 phone calls about this mythic fish.

The next morning, a local painter (and frequent angler) burst through the door, asking what was the story on the huge striper he had been hearing about the last day and a half. He had to know. Haven't heard anything reliable, we told him. Two days later, people were still casually asking about the now 86-inch fish.

Sounds like a tale about the fish that wasn't, caught by the fisherman that wasn't, and it wasn't down off Marshfield. The record-catching rod and reel wasn't and apparently, the bait wasn't either. The great fish wasn't weighed in at a tackle shop that wasn't and it wasn't photographed. But the story WAS, and was fun for a while.

Now for fish that were.

Big fish honors went to Jim Klix and his able mate Hobbes. Jim was overnighting alongside a ledge east of Cohasset (which shall remain nameless at his request), drifting fresh pogie chunks and having reasonable success catching sub legal and small keeper-size stripers. After several hours of releasing small ones, he decided to change his tactics and hooked on a whole pogie. The change produced a striper that taped at 52 inches and weighed just over 40 pounds. That's a nice fish that was.

Don Schneider is quietly having a superb summer of bass fishing. Every day in the late afternoon, Don picks up a couple fresh pogies or a vacpak of three frozen pogies and sets out to fish his favorite spots along the shore. Invariably when asked the next day, he was into the fish, often getting a keeper, rarely getting skunked. Recently, he admitted he found someone else fishing his favorite spot. Ever-chivalrous, he matter-of-factly stated it was time to check out some n spots.

Traveled up to Kehoe's the other day to pick up some items. The parking lot at the ramp there was jammed with trucks and boat trailers. Mute testimony to the amount of fishing going on in the Boston Harbor and around the islands and outer ledges.

Alexine Daniels and Grandpa were playing in the backyard, and Alexine had a 33-incher on the line. She got it right over to the shore when the line snapped. She'll never forget that thrill. Crabs made fine bait for them. Zap and Jimmy waded into the fray this week. Zap came in the following day, had five hookups, but nothing to show for his efforts. The knot let go twice, and the line got cut three times. Sort of like a day of three-putting. Doug Cameron convinced Mom, Sue to spend a day fishing at Cunningham. Not likely he'll repeat the invite. Sue and Doug hooked up on twin stripers using frozen pogie chunks. Doug's fish was a respectable 18-pound, 14-ouncer. Sue's weighed in at 20 pounds.

Tim Sullivan was our guest for a BBQ weekend, and his flight back to Dallas didn't leave till Monday early. We decided to take him down to the Bridgwaye for dinner. What did he have? Striper of course. Never had had it before. Tim was very satisfied.

Nick Welz tried some early bonito action at the Vineyard. Using a Deadly Dick, he had a hard-running hookup at Wasque Point. Bluefish. Andy Fitzgerald of Duxbury was in to weigh his 19-pound, 15-ounce striper. When he left, he was still chirping about all the bass he had seen that day. Meanwhile up in Needham, Josh Abraham was casting into the upper reaches of the Charles. His hook was loaded with Uncle Josh's Carp Bait, and it works well. The 26-inch, 9-1/2-pound carp put up a "megafight"!

Mike Cangemi made the best of his time visiting Scituate. He caught four keepers within 20-30 minutes, fishing within 10 feet of the shore at the Glades. Mike will be regaling his friends back in Baltimore with stories about the 18- to 26-pound, 4-ounce bass he caught on 8-pound test line! Pogies pieces fooled them again. Jane Higgins caught and released her first keeper. Chris Norton kept his. The 21-pound, 10-ounce, 40-inch bass dined on mackerel chunks.Tournament time is upon us. The Beachcomber begins Aug. 1. Signup forms and T-shirts are available at the shop. The shark tournament goes this weekend. Check with the Mill Wharf for weigh-in times. The shark weigh-in is a good chance to see the behemoths of the deep up close.

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The Cohasset Sailing Club is sponsoring its annual clambake for members and guests from 7 p.m. to midnight on Aug. 9.

Cohasset's own Dan Anderson will provide the clambake and "Bottom of the Fifth" will provide the entertainment for the evening.

The menu will include New England clam chowder with oyster crackers, steamers with drawn butter , native corn, sweet sausage, coleslaw, rolls, chilled watermelon and a choice of a select steamed lobster or a sirloin steak.

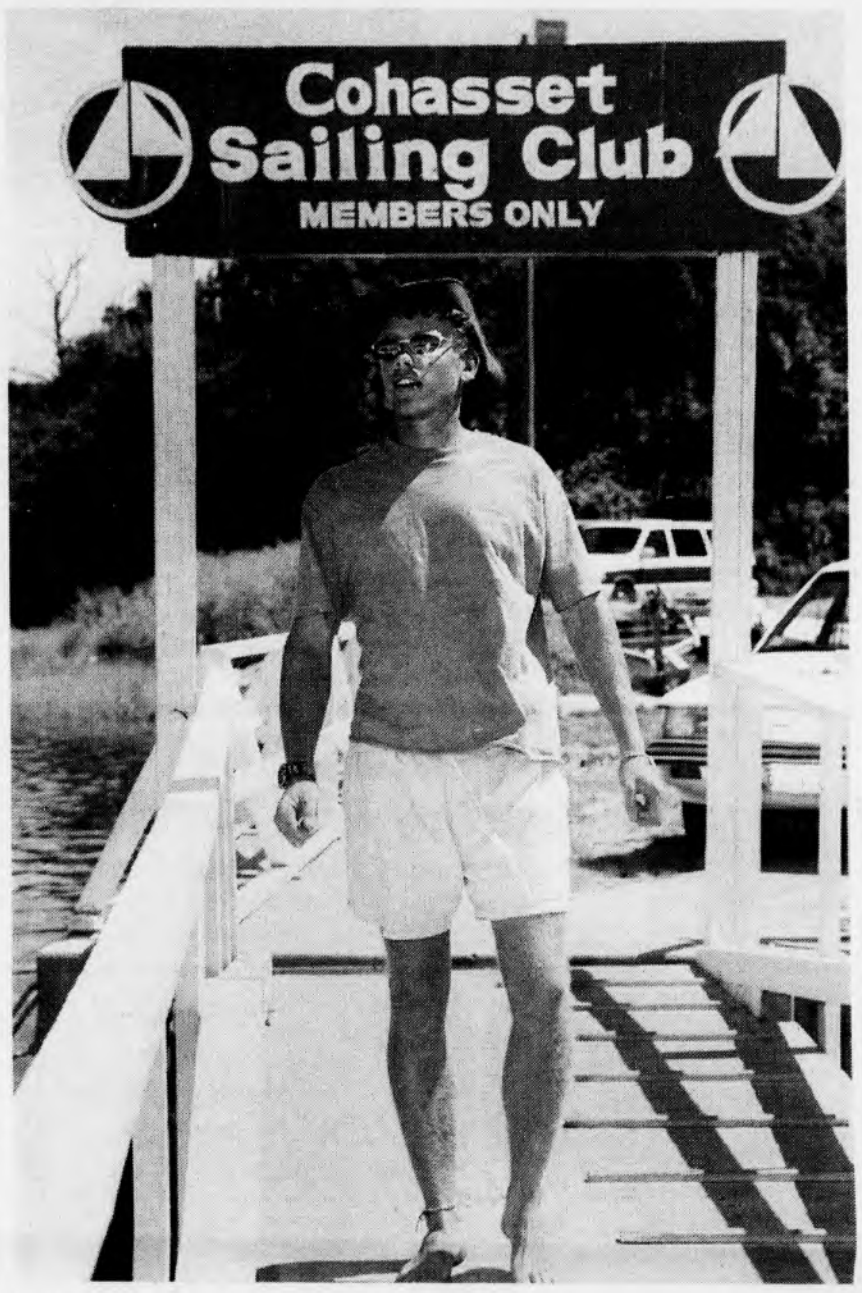
The cost for the dinner is $28 and participants should bring their own beverages.

The festival will be held rain or shine and attire for the evening is casual.

Tickets must be purchased no later than Aug. 7. Payment may be brought to the sailing club and left with an instructor in the office or left in Lyn Previte's front step mailbox, 38 Summer St.

Checks must indicate the number of lobster or steak dinners desired.

For more information, call Lyn at 383-9723.



Instructor John Lacks heads to boat dock

Photo/Alan Chapman

Summer fun

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ing basis. It is all worth it, because we even have families who are members of other clubs come here for the training we provide." Some past pupils of CSC have graduated on to impressive nautical careers with one being a captain on a schooner in Marblehead as well as a couple of instructors at the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

On the entertainment front there will be a lobster festival Aug. 9, beginning at 6 p.m. Local caterers will serve up clambake and Lyn assures me that the main feature will be the, somewhat unfamiliar, cooler dancing. Members and friends are welcome and an invitation has been extended to members of the yacht club. There exists a healthy rivalry between the two clubs and as Herb Towle confides, "not many people know this, but when we first formed the sailing club, the yacht club members were very good supporters and they gave us a lot of encouragement."

As it comes time to leave, it is also a time that the youths finish up their sailing lessons, and one becomes conscious of the smiling faces and the sound of laughter as everyone converges on the clubhouse. For this, it is quite clear that the Cohasset Sailing Club brings so much to its inhabitants.

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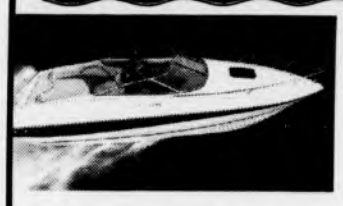
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McCann leaves with a smile

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as temporary town administrator. He accepted with the condition that he did not want the job permanently.

The last six months roared by in a blur for McCann.

"I came in at a hectic time," McCann said. "We were working on the warrants for the annual and special town meetings, and we had the annual report to get out. It was a bit chaotic."

McCann credits the staff at town hall with getting the warrants and annual report done on time.

"We got through town meeting with no major wrinkles, even though we were working in a pressure cooker," McCann said. "The article to change the form of government dragged out a bit."

Despite the bruising schedule, McCann sounds like he wouldn't have it any other way. McCann is a veteran of town and state government and seems right at home with the challenges inherent in a town administrator's position.

McCann has worked as a town manager in Scituate and Holden; he's worked in state government; and he spent 10 years working in the hotel and hospitality business.

"I've always had an interest and love for working in local government," McCann said.

But now that he is preparing to leave, McCann has the luxury of being able to vent a little and he couldn't resist the opportunity to offer the town a little advice for the future.

"Now that the town has a town manager form of government, the selectmen have to work to make sure he's used in the proper way," McCann said. "Some peripheral tasks, such as parking clerk and procurement officer, should be delegated to other people."

McCann said he has worked in other towns that have switched to town manager. While those town officials also resisted the idea at first, none of them were sorry after the changeover happened.

With the town manager in place, McCann feels the next big task facing the town is to expand government services.

"I remember sitting in this office on my first day looking at the traffic coming into the treasurer's office," McCann said. "The only time people come to the treasurer's office is to pay a bill, but we send them to the farthest corner of the second floor. From a customer service point of view, it should be the first thing they see. Don't make it difficult to collect money."

McCann said the voters of the town are eventually going to have to step up to the plate and pay for expanded services.

"As the population ages, we'll have to examine ways to provide services to people on fixed incomes," McCann said.

But the biggest issue the town must grapple with is finding ways to regionalize services with neighboring towns, McCann said.

"The problem is we've got a provincial New England state of mind," McCann said. "But why can't we regionalize some services like plumbing inspector, electrical inspector, animal control. They don't all need duplication of staff. It works for the South Shore Regional School."

McCann said Cohasset at some point needs to sit down with Hingham and Scituate to find ways to regionalize services for efficiency and money savings. And with the imminent demise of county governments, town's really have little choice, McCann said.

But those are just a few of McCann's thoughts and they're issues for the new town manager to grapple with.

McCann did say the achievement he is most proud of was helping the town work out its differences with Scituate over clamming rights.

"I lived in Scituate but worked in Cohasset, so I was able to bridge a long-standing gap," McCann said. "This is an example of two communities working together to develop a regional program — and it worked. That's my parting shot to the town."

McCann said he is ready to cut another notch in his belt and store his experiences in Cohasset fondly in his memory.

"Cohasset has tremendous community spirit," McCann said. "We saw issues with the drug and alcohol committee pleading for — and getting — community support to restructure and reenergize."

McCann points to other issues that have rallied the community as evidence of Cohasset's spirit: the anonymous donor who has offered to pay for the flagpole on the town common; the annual arts festival; the restoration of the Greenbush line.

"I've enjoyed working with the people of the town and the day-to-day staff," McCann said. "Our state legislators are wonderful people. It's been good and it's a spirited community filled with spirited people."



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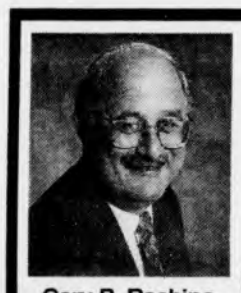
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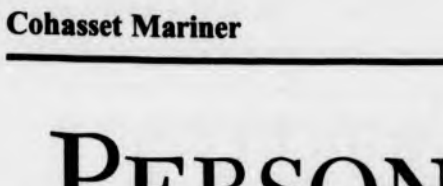
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Eliminating the middleman in auto insurance

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Here's one way you may be able to save on your car insurance; say "so long" to the car insurance salesman. As nice and as helpful as he may be, your insurance company pays him a percentage fee for his services. And guess who inevitably pays the charge? Sure, the insurer passes it on to you.



A handful of direct-response insurers, like Geico, Progressive Insurance, USAA and Amica Mutual, have changed that. Instead of using a salesperson, they employ trained customer-service representatives to sell policies over the phone. The result can be a less expensive sales effort that will often save customers at least 10 percent (not to mention the convenience of doing it all by phone.).

"That is the future of insurance sales," says Hal Katz, president and chief executive officer at Interstate Auto Insurance Co. in Baltimore. "The agency business will become almost obsolete."

To be sure, in the last decade or so the popularity of this practice has grown. From 1984 to 1993 direct-response companies' share of the auto-insurance market increased twice as much as that of other insurance providers.

A number of insurance companies that typically have relied upon agents are starting to develop direct-response divisions; Progressive Insurance is one such company. Katz's Auto Insurance is another that currently spends a lot of money to train its own representatives and then spends more money to advertize its new service.

While the start-up expenses are formidable, says Katz, the rewards are potentially great for the company as well as the customers. Once people have signed up and start renewing their polices through the company, the profits will outweigh the costs (under the old system, insurance agents charge a fee to renew policies as well.)

While direct-response insurance has gained popularity, it is by no means a new concept. It's been around for years, mostly catering to specific groups, like war veterans, government employees and senior citizens. Geico, which expanded its service from active and retired government employees to include all drivers decades ago, boasts that its policies tend to be 15 percent cheaper than comparable ones sold by agents.

Investment guru Warren Buffett foresaw the enormous cost advantage of direct-marketing insurance in 1951 when he bought shares of Geico for himself. And last year, his company, Berkshire Hathaway, bought out the 50 percent stake it didn't own.

Unfortunately, many direct-response companies still don't offer auto-insurance nationwide and to the general public.

The companies often narrow their market to specific groups of people in order to control their marketing costs as well as to keep their risk-pools low. USAA, one of the nation's top five largest insurers, sells auto policies just to military personnel and their families. And ITT Hartford limits its customers to members of the American Association of Retired Persons. Then there are a slew of companies that operate only within a region or a state.

So, how do you find the direct-response company that fits your profile? Consumer Reports Auto Insurance Price Service will send you a list of the 25 cheapest policies that fit your driving profile and desired coverage for a $12 fee. While Consumer Reports only offers the service to drivers in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, California and Florida, a customer representatives said the company expects to sell to Massachusetts residents in the next six months.

Progressive Insurance can also help out. It will tell you the price of comparable policies from other insurers when it quotes you a policy price. For example, a 26-year-old driver from New York with a 1985 Honda (and no previous financial or insurance problems and no accidents) would be offered a 6-month Progressive policy for $1,329. And she would be told that State Farm offers a similar policy for $997; Allstate offers one for $890. In this case, the direct-response company wouldn't have the best price.



And while direct-response has its advantages--the potential discount in price being the foremost--those benefits may not always outweigh what a salesperson can offer.

An independent insurance agent (someone who doesn't sell for only one company) will do the shopping around to get competitive prices from more than one insurer.

Salespeople may also be better able to explain differences in coverage and can match the correct policy to your needs (some offer a more personal approach than ordering by telephone).

"The jury is still out: Can everybody buy insurance over the phone and feel comfortable with it?" says Katz. If policy rates are 15 percent lower, everyone may learn to love it.

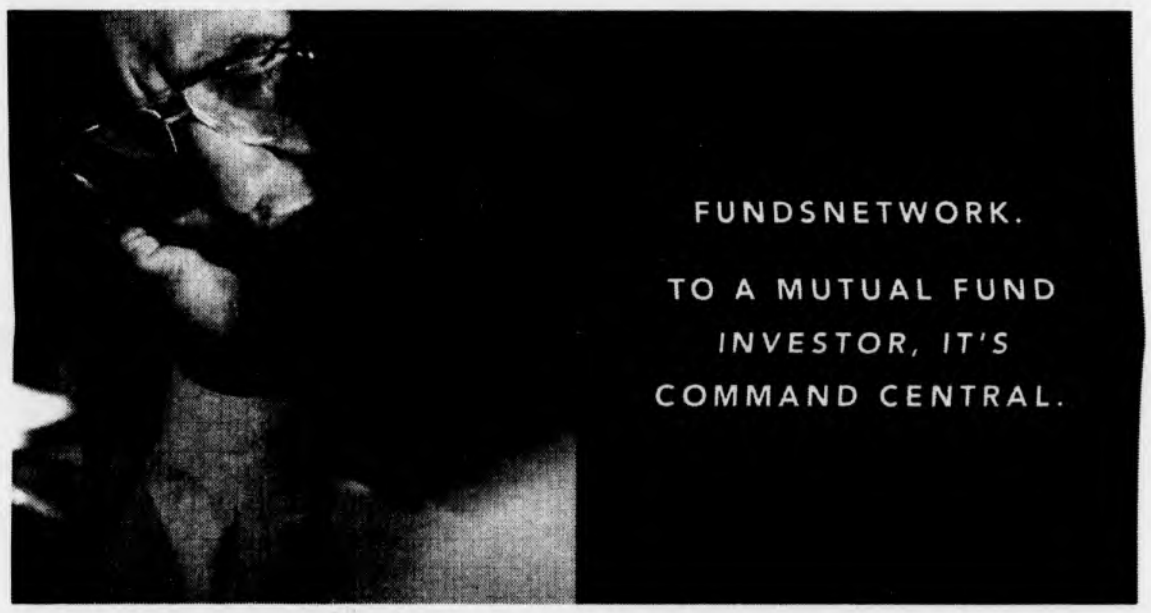
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Obituaries

Helen E. Callahan

Helen E. (Fee) Callahan, 78, of Cohasset and East Dennis, a retired forms analyst for the U.S. Armed Forces, died July 23 at the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston.

Mrs. Callahan was born in Boston and was a graduate of the Jeremiah H. Burke High School. She lived in Squantum for 25 years and also lived in Quincy for several years before moving to Cohasset.

Wife of the late Joseph T. Callahan, she leaves a daughter, Deborah Niessink of Cohasset and East Dennis; a sister, Alice Marquart of Squantum; four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at the Star of the Sea Church in Squantum. Burial was in New Calvary Cemetery in Boston.

Keohane Funeral Homes of Quincy handled arrangements.

Donations may be made to The Cancer Center, New England Baptist Hospital, 125 Parker Hill Ave., Boston 02120.

Francis P. Carey

Francis P. Carey, 92, of Cohasset, a former bartender at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset, died July 22 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth following a brief illness.

He retired from tending bar in 1987 when he was in his 80s. He had previously worked for Eastern Shipping Co.

Mr. Carey was born in Boston and had been a resident of Cohasset for 60 years.

He leaves his wife, Emma M. (Schneider) Carey; a son, Frank C. Carey of Marshfield; four daughters, Patricia A. Judge of Missouri, Sigrid Carey of Humarock, Kathleen Ochs of Raynham and Margo Nowokunski of Florida; 15 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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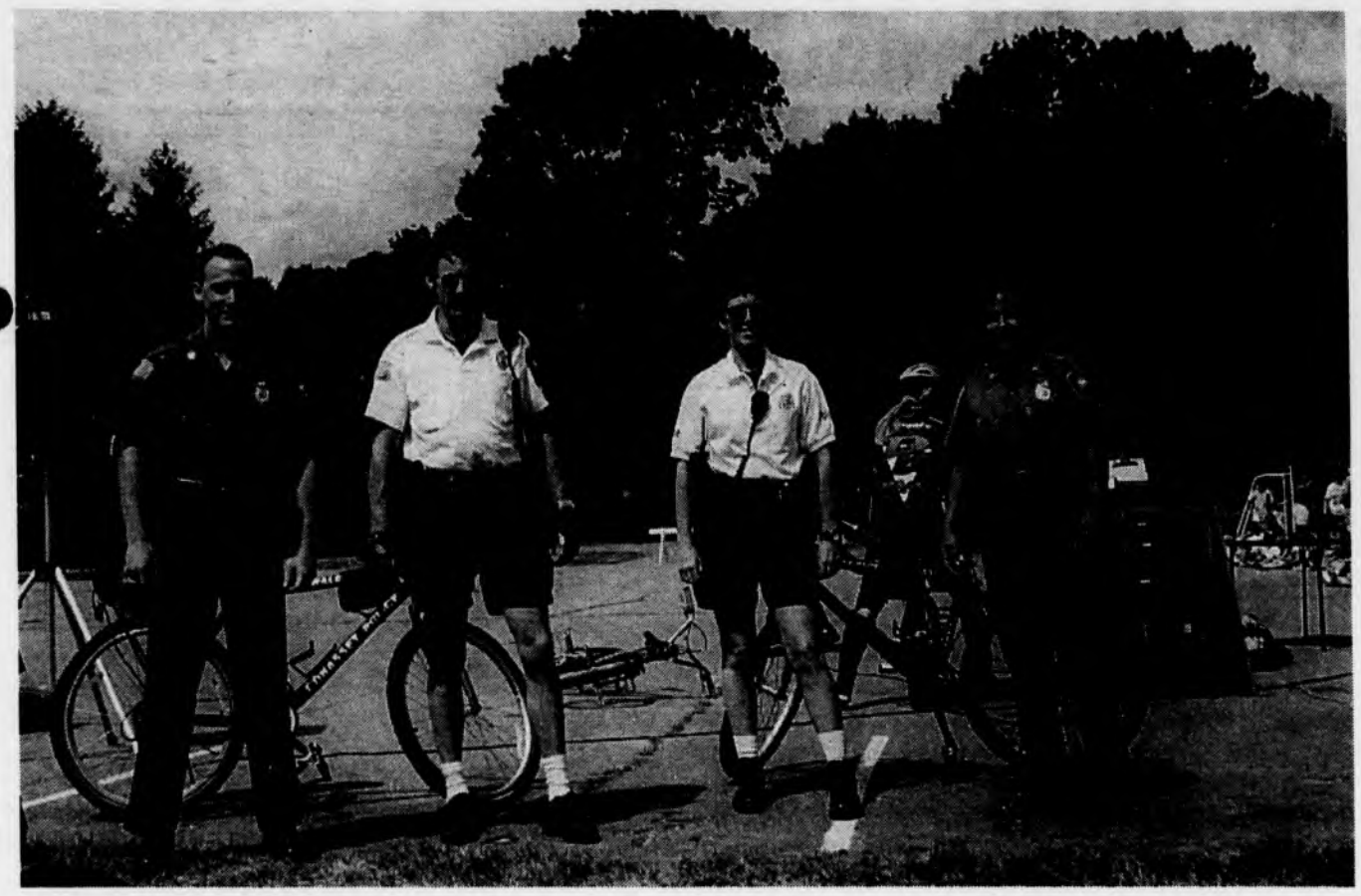
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A stunt rider from New England Strickstars thrills the crowd at recreation department Summer Playground. The event, held last week, was sponsored by the Cohasset Police and Walgreen's.

POLICE LOG

Saturday, July 19

2:00 p.m., MV violations, Mendel Rd.
3:50 p.m., medical aid, Linden Dr.
4:48 p.m., medical aid, Cedar St.
7:11 p.m., animal complaint, Elm St.
8:44 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
9:01 p.m., medical aid, Longmeadow Rd.
9:03 p.m., general services, S. Main St.
9:33 p.m., suspicious auto, Lighthouse Ln.
9:56 p.m., MV violations, Pond St.
10:08 p.m., suspicious other, Border St.
10:59 p.m., house checks, Howe Rd.

Sunday, July 20

12:41 a.m., noise complaint, Depot Ct.
1:13 a.m., property damage, N. Main St.
1:59 a.m., officer wanted, Sohier St.
2:26 a.m., assist citizen, Elm St.
3:01 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
5:33 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.
6:16 a.m., abandoned auto, Forest Ave.
9:07 a.m., vandalism, Sohier St.
10:27 a.m., disturbance, Linden Dr. by Jerusalem Rd.
10:30 a.m., assist citizen, Red Fox Ln.
3:30 p.m., escort, Margin Ct.
5:07 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.
5:15 p.m., MV stop, S. Main/Summer St.
5:35 p.m., medical aid, Gannett Rd.
6:51 p.m., medical aid, Border St.
8:55 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave./Cedar Acres.
9:54 p.m., medical aid, Gannett/Hollett Rd.

Monday, July 21

12:47 a.m., general services, King St.
6:28 a.m., vandalism, Pond St.
6:57 a.m., general services, Doane St.
9:30 a.m., general services, pole #12 CJC Way.
10:58 a.m., MV stop, N. Main by Common.
12:58 p.m., property (found), Elm St.
4:13 p.m., animal complaint, Forest Ave.
5:53 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:00 p.m., medical aid, Square.
10:56 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.

Tuesday, July 22

12:49 a.m., suspicious auto, Jerusalem/Linden Dr.
8:15 a.m., info, directions, to Kimballs.
8:16 a.m., vandalism, entrance to Steep Rock.
8:51 a.m., medical aid, Grace Dr.
11:03 a.m., larceny, Oak St.
11:51 a.m., fire detail, Parker Ave.
2:07 p.m., fire, tank removal inspection, Schofield Rd.
2:19 p.m., MV accident, the Square.
3:58 p.m., disturbance, Elm St.
4:01 p.m., medical aid, housing for the elderly.
4:14 p.m., annoying phone calls, Sankey Rd.
4:35 p.m., medical aid, Hull St.
5:03 p.m., escort, Margin Ct.
6:47 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.
8:32 p.m., notification, Scholfield Rd
8:55 p.m., investigation, Elm St.
9:27 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.
10:21 p.m., vandalism, Lighthouse Ln.
10:29 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.

Wednesday, July 23

6:46 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
6:54 p.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/Pond St.
7:05 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/Pond St.
7:06 a.m., MV stop, N. Main/Jerusalem Rd.
8:46 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.
8:47 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
8:59 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:16 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:00 a.m., parking violation, Jerusalem Rd.
11:02 a.m., larceny, Grace Dr.
12:38 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
1:33 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
1:54 p.m., larceny, Beechwood St.
2:16 p.m., suspicious auto, Bancroft Rd.
3:29 p.m., property (lost), Summer St.
3:57 p.m., medical aid, Parkingway.
5:13 p.m., disabled auto, Forest Ave.
5:36 p.m., abandoned auto, CJC Hwy.
6:37 p.m., disturbance gathering, Jerusalem Rd.
9:56 p.m., disturbance gathering, Lighthouse Ln.
11:04 p.m, disturbance gathering, S. Main St.

Thursday, July 24

12:08 a.m., general services, S. Main St.
12:43 a.m., suspicious auto, N. Main St.
12:47 a.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.
12:58 a.m., suspicious auto, Jerusalem Rd.
1:01 a.m., suspicious auto, Linden Dr.
2:12 a.m., animal complaint, Elm St.
7:03 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
7:43 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
8:56 a.m., threats (bodily harm), Hammond Ave.
10:20 a.m, larceny, Border St.
11:04 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
11:14 a.m., officer wanted, Lantern Ln.
12:50 p.m., MV stop, Summer St.
1:00 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
1:48 p.m., assist citizen, S. Main St.
1:53 p.m., assist citizen, S. Main St.
4:44 p.m., officer wanted, Margin Ct.
4:53 p.m.,. larceny, CJC Hwy.
4:56 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
5:29 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
7:12 p.m., assist motorist, Music Circus Prk.Lot.
7:46 p.m., assist citizen, Lantern Ln.
7:56 p.m, MV stop, N. Main St.
8:23 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
9:42 p.m., suspicious person, water treatment plant.
11:37 p.m., suspicious person, Square/Olympic Texaco.

Friday, July 25

12:01 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
12:47 a.m., suspicious auto, Pond St.
1:04 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
1:32 a.m., animal complaint, Elm St.
6:52 a.m., general services, Pond St.
7:42 a.m., animal complaint, Sheldon Rd.
9:17 a.m., property (lost), S. Main St.
9:17 a.m., vandalism, Ripley Rd.
10:25 a.m., threats (bodily harm), out of town unk.
10:53 a.m., medical aid, Norman Todd Rd.
11:35 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy. Arrested: Tyler C. White, 819 CJC Hwy., Cohasset. DOB: 3/20/53. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, second offense; state highway-fail use care start/stop/turn.
12:50 p.m., MV accident, N. Main St.
1:13 p.m., annoying phone calls, Sankey Rd.
1:49 p.m., officer wanted, King St.
3:54 p.m., medical aid, Front St.
4:17 p.m., notification, CJC Hwy.
5:29 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
5:42 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
5:50 p.m., MV stop, Elm Ct.
5:58 p.m., tree down, Hull St.
7:20 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:25 p.m., general services, Lantern Ln.
10:44 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

Saturday, July 26

12:22 a.m., MV stop, Schofield Rd.
12:34 a.m, MV stop, King St.
2:29 a.m., open door/window, Border St.
3:10 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
10:13 a.m., assist motorist, the Square.
1:20 pm., parking violation, Bancroft Way.
1:55 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.
2:00 p.m., MV stop, by 109 S. Main St.
2:40 p.m., MV violations, CJC Way southbound.
2:50 p.m., disturbance, Peter Cogill Square.
2:59 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.
3:14 p.m., disturbance, CJC Hwy.
4:26 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
4:38 p.m., medical aid, Nichols Rd.
4:40 p.m., officer wanted, Forest Ave.
5:35 p.m, animal complaint, Windy Hill Rd.

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Sailing club clambake set for Aug. 9

The Cohasset Sailing Club is sponsoring its annual clambake for members and guests from 7 p.m. to midnight on Aug. 9.

Cohasset's own Dan Anderson will provide the clambake and "Bottom of the Fifth" will provide the entertainment for the evening.

The menu will include New England clam chowder with oyster crackers, steamers with drawn butter , native corn, sweet sausage, coleslaw, rolls, chilled watermelon and a choice of a select steamed lobster or a sirloin steak.

The cost for the dinner is $28 and participants should bring their own beverages.

The festival will be held rain or shine and attire for the evening is casual.

Tickets must be purchased no later than Aug. 7. Payment may be brought to the sailing club and left with an instructor in the office or left in Lyn Previte's front step mailbox, 38 Summer St.

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The funny stuff circus

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold the first Music Circus registration for The Funny Stuff Circus Thursday, July 31. The Music Circus children's show registrations will be open to children in the playground program and the show date for The Funny Stuff Circus is Thursday, Aug. 14.

Music Circus registrations are held at the recreation office, first floor, Town Hall. On Thursday, July 31, registrations will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 7 p.m. All tickets for the Music Circus are $5.25.

Lights! Camera! Action!

Kids Coastal television (KC-TV) is coming your way. Kerry Tondorf and Ilana Marks, both of Scituate, will produce and direct a "mini-movie." The movie will be the final segment of an 11-week program, which includes acting lessons (for film), studio and location shooting and editing. Acceptance to this program will be by audition only and is open to students ages 10 to 16. There will also be a junior program for children under 10.

Marks and Tondorf are looking for an exciting original children's play, preferably a mystery that could be adapted for the television screen. For more information regarding the script writing contest or the audition, please call 545-8982.

'Summer Arts at Derby' arts festival

Friday, Aug. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Derby Academy in Hingham. The arts festival is free and open to the public. There will be performances of theatre, dance and music, four galleries of art exhibits, and showings of animation and video projects. Visitors can also participate in "Art Stops: throughout the day.

For more information, call Thalia McMillion at 740-4766.

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The river wild



Tackling the rapids in the Gulf River, Adam Heffernan tries to keep his kayak upright, but.....



he wasn't quite able to.

Staff photos/Bill Wadsworth

Quonset huts owner irked by zoning board decision

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER

Residents living near a series of Quonset huts and buildings at 430 South Main St. believe it is the ugliest structure in Cohasset.

Residents living next to the structure feel that the zoning board is not interested in eliminating the Quonset huts, but zoning board members say their hands are tied by town bylaws.

The owner of the property, Noel Collins, bought the 54,000 sq. ft. lot in 1996 with the intention of converting it from a commercial site to residential condominiums.

The property is a non-conforming use, zoned for commercial use in a primarily residential neighborhood. Yet commercial businesses have used the location for several decades.

Collins proposed tearing down the Quonset huts and building ten condominiums, but the zoning board rejected his request in Nov., 1996, citing density concerns.

Collins appealed the decision to Norfolk Superior Court

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said the board told Collins they would look at four units, but not 10.

In informal discussions with the conservation commission, Collins received a favorable response to constructing four units.

"The project is over and it's a shame because what could have been a win-win proposition for the developer and the community is now a lose-lose situation for everyone."

– NOEL COLLINS, PROPERTY OWNER.

But Collins said he couldn't afford to develop the property with only four units.

"The ZBA has offered four units, but I can tell you absolutely that four units is not a money maker," Collins said. "I heard from the board today (Aug. 4) and they said no to six units. They gave me indications that six units is too many."

Collins said he felt six was a nice compromise between the 10 he originally proposed and the four the zoning board offered. He said he was "stunned" that the zoning board rejected his offer.

"The project is over and it's a shame because what could have been a win-win proposition for the developer and the community is now a lose-lose situation for everyone," Collins said.

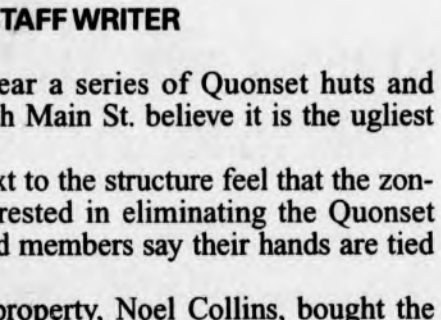
Zoning board member Barbara Power said the board told Collins it was interested in four units, but would consider six without making any promises.

"There is nothing in our bylaw that allows for multi-family housing on one lot," Power said. "He came back with three or four lots subdivided for six units. He didn't necessarily have the acreage, but here is an exemption in

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Cemetery space no longer in critical condition

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A short-term solution to Cohasset's critical lack of cemetery space is in sight, selectmen learned this week.

The next step will be to come up with a policy on pricing of the grave sites, perhaps charging more for those used to bury multiple urns or a casket and an urn.

By reconfiguring useable space, the cemetery study committee has determined there are 242 single graves available at Beechwood Cemetery, whose ancient section dates back to 1690. Plans to expand Beechwood, which is off Beechwood Street on the west side of Route 3A, would add an additional 87 graves.

"This land is available right now without spending any significant money at all," said Joseph Jerz, committee chairman.

About $15,000 to $20,000 would be needed for the expansion. The proposed new area off Doane Street would be cleaned up and re-graded. Loam would be added and the area re-seeded. The money would come from the cemetery fund.

With an average of about 50 grave sales a year, Beechwood could accommodate the town's needs until a new cemetery could be constructed, the committee said. The town's other cemetery, Woodside, which is off North Main Street, is nearly full.

Some of the graves in the reconfigured part of Beechwood would be limited to flat markers because the graves would be at right angles to existing graves, the committee said.

The committee recommends increasing the cost of a grave to $750 because of the possibility of two burials in each grave, a casket and an urn. Selectman Merle Brown said it is not unusual today for a husband and wife to have different preferences — cremation or traditional burial.

The town currently charges $525 per grave but only allows one burial per grave and does not allow any pre-sales due to lack of cemetery space.

"Now even if you have two urns, you have to have two

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Town manager sworn in

Mark Haddad was sworn in as Cohasset's town manager Monday morning by Town Clerk Marion Douglas at her office. The ceremony was repeated Monday evening for the cable-TV camera with town constable Maria Plante officiating.

Haddad took all the attention in stride.

"It is nice to be here and I look forward to working with all the boards and department heads," he said.

Selectman Merle Brown took Haddad around town Monday.

Haddad said he looked forward to talking with the department heads in more detail.

Selectmen are planning a welcoming open house for Haddad at the Lightkeepers' Residence sometime after Labor Day.

Officials at train hearing

Selectman will send former selectman Peter Pratt to the Aug. 14 Army Corps of Engineers hearing on Greenbush to talk about the town's flood control project. Conservation Commissioner Michael Dick, who also sits on the Greenbush Mitigation Committee, will speak on mitigation. He and Conservation Commissioner Veneta Roebuck will address the town's conservation issues and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln will comment on safety measures, selectmen said.

Post office sewer pipe on agenda

Selectmen will consider granting a license to run a sewer pipe from the community center across Constitution Park to the post office at their Aug. 18 meeting.

"The septic system at the post office has failed, so we have to do something," project engineer Neil Murphy said.

Alternatives include going out to the street with a pump system or waiting for the sewer to be installed along Ripley Road.

Murphy said the community center is putting their service in and would share the cost.

With the expansion of the town sewer, he said it would be "silly to spend money on a new septic system at this point in time."

Committee appointments made

Selectmen appointed Jody Butman, 17 Spring St., to the Drug & Alcohol Committee and Louis Harvey, 465 King St., to the Committee on Town History this week. Thomas Gruber, 8 Pratt Court, was appointed to the Greenbush Mitigation Committee where he can provide financial expertise, Selectman Diane C. Sullivan said.

Haddad wants new computer

Town Manager Mark Haddad asked selectmen Monday for up to $2,500 for a new computer with more capacity than the existing one. He said the old computer could possibly be traded in for a printer.

Haddad said expanded capacity and a modem would enable him to access the internet to get information directly from the Massachusetts Municipal Association and Department of Revenue, for example.

Selectmen were receptive to the request and said the money could come from the town's reserve fund. They said Haddad would have to go before the computer study committee to make sure the new computer is compatible with the existing network in town hall.

Scouts to get donation

Selectmen agreed to a request from DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield to donate the portable toilet at the RTF to the Boys Scouts for their summer camp.

With new facilities at the DPW garage, the toilet is no longer needed, Selectman Merle Brown

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Mon. 11	5:20	8.8	11:28	5:42	9.4	——
Tues. 12	6:13	8.6	12:03	6:34	9.5	12:19
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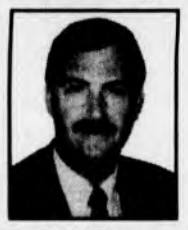
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Historic district is at center of Greenbush debate

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

As South Shore towns gear up for the August 14 Greenbush hearing conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers on the controversial railroad restoration project — Hingham's trump card will certainly be played. And that is the Lincoln National Register Historic District.

Located in downtown Hingham, the Lincoln District is central to arguments that at-grade train service — embraced by the MBTA as the best solution for traffic-clogged coastal communities on the South Shore — is a bad idea.

Much of the district, which preservationists point out may contain the largest number of contiguous 17th, 18th, and 19th century buildings in the country, hugs the railroad right-of-way. It also includes two national landmarks: the Old Ship Meetinghouse, built in 1681, and the Benjamin Lincoln House which dates back to 1667.

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> — HINGHAM SELECTMAN KATHARINE REARDON.

"The historic district is not a museum, it is not just a collection of artifacts. It's a living organism," said Hingham Selectman Katharine Reardon.

"It is special because people live here — the way they did centuries ago within walking distance of what they need. The train will make it less liveable, less desirable," she said.

The Army Corps has come late to the table on which the project has been studied and discussed for more than a decade. Restoration of the Greenbush line triggered Corps involvement because construction will involve the filling of more than five acres of wetlands under federal jurisdiction.

The Army Corps' primary role involves granting permits when wetlands and waterways are involved. It also has responsibility over historic resources — meaning properties on or eligible for national register listing — because they could be adversely affected by the project.

The hearing gets underway at 7 p.m. at Lombardo's function hall off Route 128 in Randolph. Sign in begins at 5:30 p.m.

The prime mover behind Hingham's objections to at-grade rail is Alexander Macmillan, a lawyer and life-long Hingham resident, who is paid by town to head its efforts to mitigate the effects of the train with the MBTA.

Macmillan, former chairman of the Hingham Historical Commission, has never wavered in his position that restoring the train, at-grade through Hingham's antique Lincoln district, is tantamount to taking a wrecking ball to a national treasure.

With the train, originally built in 1849 (as much as a century and a half after some of the homes were constructed), rumbling by just feet from their doors, property owners along North and South Streets let their homes fall into disrepair, he said. The train stopped running in 1959 (about the time the Southeast Expressway opened) and over the years, people bought and restored property along the tracks. A real fear is that history will repeat itself.

"The train which will pass by 24 times a day will impact scores of property owners," Macmillan said. Market values will be much affected and the incentive and motivation homeowners have to maintain their property could take a nose dive, he said.

Lead federal agency

The Army Corps, as the lead federal agency in the project, assumes responsibility to take all care to protect historic resources. This role would have been held by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), but that agency no longer has oversight because Greenbush is being paid for entirely with state dollars. Hingham contends that by segmenting Greenbush from the other two Old Colony lines, which are being substantially paid for with federal grant money, the MBTA is trying to skirt federal environmental laws under Section 4f of the transportation act. Section 4f says federal money can't be used for a project that would adversely impact a historic resource if there is a "prudent and feasible alternative." The "segmentation" issue is the subject of a lawsuit the town has launched to stop Greenbush, which is slated to start service in 2001.

Nevertheless, Hingham has great hope that fresh oversight of the Army Corps will protect the Lincoln district.

"The Army Corps is like a relief pitcher who has come in late in the day and hasn't watched the game," Macmillan said.

In order to issue a permit, the Army Corps makes a determination that the project is not contrary to the public interest, said Karen Adams, chief of the Corps' permit and information sector. The Corps will address what the impacts are to the National Register district and see if any can be avoided or mitigated.

Tunnel under the Square

Faced with costly delays and with the Plymouth and Middleboro lines (the other two legs of the Old Colony train project) ready to roll next month, Macmillan hopes the T will agree to build a tunnel under Hingham Square. The T , which says a tunnel will add 45 percent to the cost of the $215 million project, has studied the tunnel but publicly rejects it as much too expensive.

Andrew Brennan, MBTA environmental manager, said under the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the tunnel will be looked at as a possible mitigation option. He explained that the MBTA, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Army Corps, the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the towns along the line will be at the table as the process moves forward.

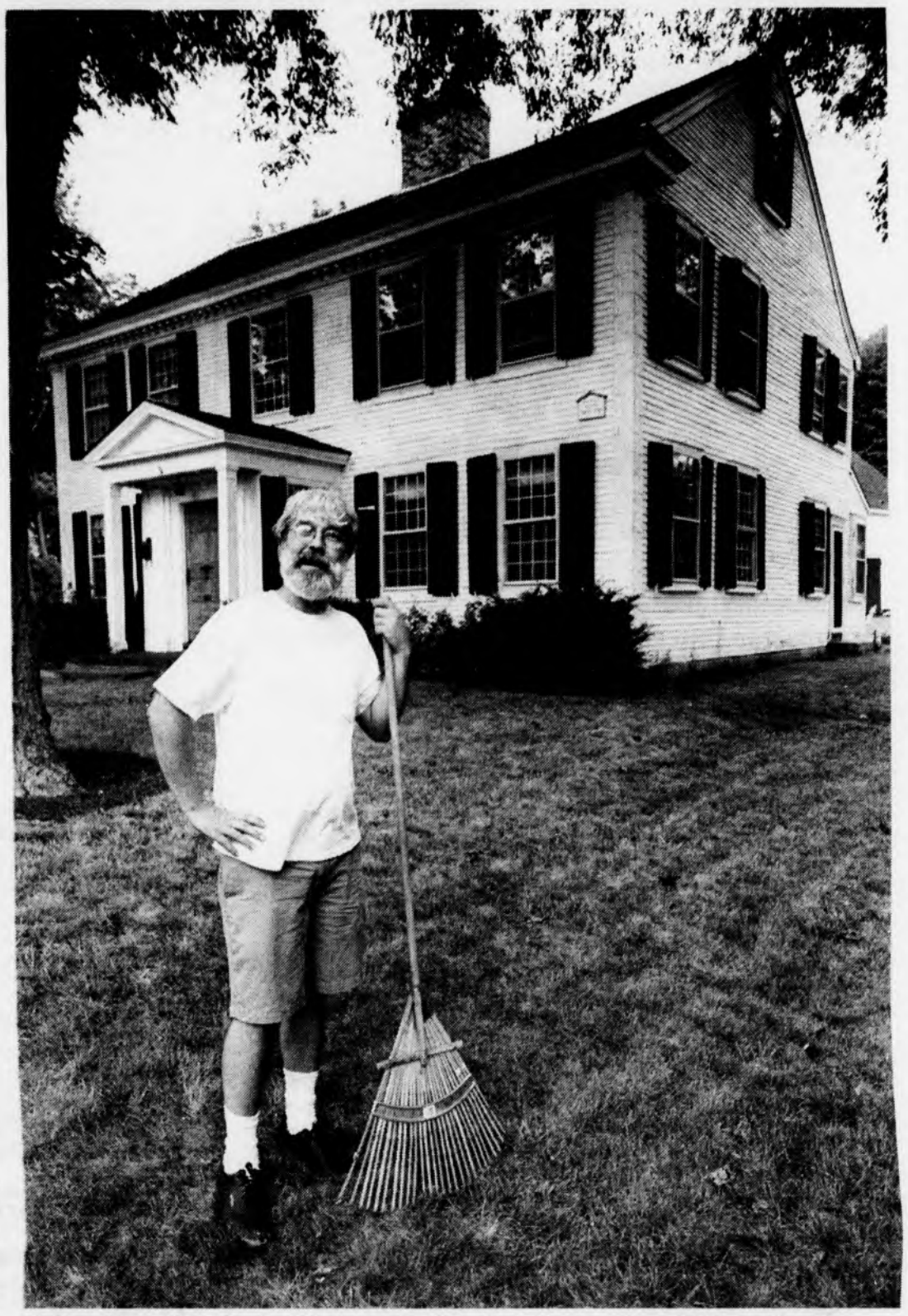
"We're eager to get on with the process," Brennan said.

But he questions whether the tunnel would avoid impacts of the train or create new impacts.

"Is it even feasible? There are a lot of buildings with no foundations and the vibration impacts underground are greater than at the surface," he said.

The tunnel — which would eliminate

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Jeffrey Born lives in the Winkworth Allen Gay House, circa 1700, on South Street in Hingham in the heart of the National Register Lincoln Historic District.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Army Corps train hearing is August 14

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Both proponents and opponents of the proposed restoration of the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad will have another opportunity to air their views.

The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), the lead federal agency involved in reviewing the MBTA's proposal to restore service along the former railroad line, will hold a public hearing Thursday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. at Lombardo's Conference and Function Hall, 6 Billings St., Randolph. Signs will be posted giving directions to the meeting room.

"The purpose of the hearing is for the Corps to gain additional information in order to be sure we understand what the issues are which are generating public concern," said Karen Adams, chief of the permits and enforcement sector of the Corps.

Adams said the Corps is expecting more than 300 people to attend.

"We're prepared for a big crowd just in case," she said. "We've been told the room where the meeting is taking place can hold 1,000 people."

Sign-in for the hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m., and those intending to speak should sign-up to do so.

"We are asking people to sign in as they arrive to get a feel for the number of people who wish to speak," Adams said.

"From that list we'll put together the order of speakers," she said. "Federal, state and local officials are allowed to speak first."

Adams said a time limit will be imposed depending on how many individuals have signed up to speak.

"The limit will probably be around three minutes," she said. The hearing could also be continued to another night if necessary.

Lt. Col. Michael W. Pratt, ACE district engineer, will start off the meeting with introductions. Speakers will be called upon, in the order in which they registered, following comments from public officials and a brief overview of the project by the MBTA.

At the hearing, a stenographer will record oral comments made by individuals. An additional stenographer will take remarks in the lobby from people who may be uncomfortable speaking in public or who don't want to wait to speak because of time constraints.

Adams said the Corps could ask the MBTA to provide specific pieces of information to answer any questions it might have.

"The MBTA would then be required to provide information for review by the corps," she said. "And we would have to be satisfied with that information."

The Corps has the power to either issue or deny the MBTA a permit to move ahead with the Greenbush restoration plan.

"In order to issue a permit, we would have to make a determination that the project is not contrary to the public interest," Adams said.

"If the MBTA is denied a permit, the transit authority could redesign the project and reapply," she said.

The Army Corps of Engineers is expected to take several months to make a decision.

Written comments about the project will also be accepted until Sunday, Aug. 24.

"Any comments we have already received are part of the public record and don't need to be resubmitted," Adams said.

Written comments should be sent to Ted Lento at the New England Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 424 Trapelo Road, Waltham 02254-9149. For further information, call Lento at (617) 647-8863.

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five grade crossings by running under much of the Lincoln district including the town's economically healthy Square — is supported by Hingham selectmen and the Citizens Advisory Committee, as the best alternative for Hingham if the train does come.

The Citizens Advisory Committee, appointed by the state Secretary of Environmental Affairs to review the MBTA's environmental feasibility study on the project, is made up of representatives from all towns along the Greenbush corridor.

Jeff Born, who lives in the Winkworth Allen Gay House (circa 1700) on South Street, says living in the Lincoln District is "fabulous."

"My daughter and I counted that half the houses on South Street were built before the Revolutionary War," he said. "You have to pay money to find stuff like this (in other places) and we live here."

552 historic listings

The history of the Lincoln National Register Historic District is much younger than its 552 listings of historical and architectural significance including most of the town's civic, religious and commercial buildings.

The National Historic Preservation Act, which passed in 1966, included the establishment of the National Register. The National Register is largely honorific. Property owners often place a plaque on their home touting its listing. A listing does not restrict the property owner from making changes to their home as is the case with properties included in local historic districts established under state law.

The process of being accepted for listing on the National Register takes about two years. Nominated for inclusion on the National Register in 1990, the Lincoln District includes North and South Streets from West Street to the harbor, lower Main Street from Hingham Centre to Hingham Square, Cottage Street, Ship Street, Miles Road and portions of Lincoln Street and Fearing Road.

According to the nomination form submitted by the town and endorsed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the architecture of the built environment in the Lincoln Historic District is significant for three reasons:

- the existence of numerous period, institutional, public, commercial and private buildings in an excellent state of preservation;
- the survival of 12, 17th-century residences and the large number of 18th and 19th century houses;
- the numerous characteristic examples representing almost the whole galaxy of New England architectural styles which populate the district's historic streetscapes.

Hingham resident John P. Richardson, a local conservationist, is adamant that the train will destroy Hingham's historic character.

In a June letter to The Hingham Journal, Richardson said, "always the potential enemy to the nationally significant architecture was the railroad."

He said the survival of unbroken miles of contiguous wood-framed architecture spanning four centuries is unique to Plymouth County. He pointed out that Plymouth, Weymouth and Scituate have very little surviving old architecture.

"As the nation ages, Hingham's architectural resource will increase nationally in importance. I predict Hingham will, in time, emerge as one of the major old architectural village complexes in the United States," he wrote.

Selectman Katharine Reardon said if at-grade rail comes through, change will be insidious.

"It will happen over time. As the downtown becomes a little less desirable for people to come to, less free for people to let their children come and go — the fabric will start to disintegrate," she said.

"When you add that there are so few of these kind of places — it's very fragile," Reardon said.

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Teens work to make in-line skating park a reality

By Dave Rogers
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset skateboarders are diligently trying to remove the "slacker" label many people attach to them as they campaign for the construction of a town skate-park.

"People get mad at you if you skate on their stuff because they're liable if you get hurt," said Greg O'Keefe, a 15-year-old rollerblading sophomore at Cohasset High School. "This will be a place for kids to go where they don't have to worry about the police."

O'Keefe and other skaters are hoping to build their park in the town-owned "sand pits" on North Main Street next to the Barnes Little League Field.

The skateboarders will have to get the selectmen's permission before the land could be used to construct a skating park.

Christine Murphy, a global account manager for Xerox, has been holding meetings for area skateboarders, rollerbladers and BMX bikers at her 38 Cedar Acres Lane home. Murphy, who says the skate-park is the dream of her 15 year-old son Evan, believes the teens are sincere in their effort to build the park and are not the "destructive, rude or abusive" slackers some people believe them to be.

Murphy wants all the actual leg-work to be done by the teens themselves and decided to lend her "organizational expertise" only to facilitate their cause.

"My goal with this is two-fold," said Murphy. "First, I want to make (the skate-park) happen, but also I want to show them how to function as a 'high performance work-team.' This will help them when they get into the workplace."

"There has been very little parental involvement at all. (The skaters) got the insurance information, they got the bids, they've talked to (town officials), they went out and found the location. I will guide them, but I will not do the grunt work for them."

Jim Dedes, whose son Alex is a skateboarder, has started to do some "grunt work." Dedes, an environmental consultant, has begun investigating the location where the skate-park may be built.

"It's an excellent location," said Dedes. "The Little League field is right there as well as the town pool. There's also plenty of land to build a skate-park. Skateboarding is a neat sport and I'd like to help this park get built."

The skaters hope the park will bring an end to antagonistic relations with local merchants and law enforcement.

"The merchants don't like it when we're hanging out in front of their stores," said B.J. Butman, 17 Spring St. "They think we scare off customers. I think the cops are sick of chasing us around and telling us to leave. I'm almost positive that they would be in support of us having a place to go."

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan said it would definitely be beneficial for the town to have a skate-park.

"We get a lot of complaints from merchants in the Tedeschi Plaza area and the Stop & Shop area about skateboarders," said Noonan. "I think it would be great for them to have a place to go and do their tricks."

Cemetery space no longer in critical condition

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lots," committee member Glenn Pratt said.

Half the money from selling graves goes into perpetual care and the rest can be used for capital programs, he explained.

The committee, whose charge is to find a 25-year solution to the town's lack of cemetery space, is also looking at sites to build a new cemetery.

Acreage off Woodside, which could be connected by a small bridge, is a possibility. The committee plans to walk the site when the foliage and undergrowth dies off in the fall.

Town-owned land behind Stop & Shop near Red Fox Lane is still on the table but the site has access problems.

The committee is also considering the former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor site on Route 3A across from Atlantic Bagel. The town would have to buy the property, which is currently for sale. Jerz said perhaps the town could buy the site and sell half to offset the cost.

The gravel pitts off North Main Street behind the Little League field as a possible cemetery site is also being looked at.

"The goal of this committee is to never have another one (committee)," Jerz said. "Our next proposal is to have a solution that will go way into the future."

Selectmen decided to go ahead with the reconfiguration of graves at Beechwood and to appoint a subcommittee to study pricing of graves. They will also ask DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield to see if his department can do the re-grading and landscaping work needed for the Beechwood expansion.

The cemetery committee also suggested the town buy computer software for mapping of graves. Members suggested a good Eagle Scout or Cohasset High senior project would be to do an inventory of all the stones at Beechwood.

Selectman Brown also said the plantings in the cemetery can be a problem.

"The problem is people plant next to stones and then people leave and you end up with monstrous trees," he said.

Pratt said under the town's cemetery regulations, the town can go in an take down shrubs or trees if necessary.

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Quonset huts owner irked by zoning board decision

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our bylaws that states if you have multiple structures on a lot you can subdivide it."

Now Collins has decided to cut his losses and sell the property. He said he has a buyer interested in converting the interior of the Quonset huts to commercial condominiums. The exterior would remain the same.

"I have two parties that each want to operate their businesses from the Quonset structures," Collins said. "But the outside won't change a bit. This neighborhood is doomed forever to live with these buildings."

Collins added that the lawsuit in Norfolk Superior Court still exists, "but its days are numbered."

Neighbors who live next to the structure were livid that the zoning board rejected six units.

"I just don't understand the objections," said Sandy Pratt. "The planning board and the conservation commission liked the plan. We're at the end of town near the Scituate line and I don't think they (zoning board members) care."

But DeGiacomo said nothing could be further from the truth. DeGiacomo said the zoning board's hands are tied by town bylaws.

"From the beginning he has been saying that 10 residences are better than what's there now," DeGiacomo said. "We don't dispute that residences are better, but the bylaw doesn't permit the number he's asking for — period."

DeGiacomo said the zoning board was already stretching the bylaw to its limit by entertaining discussions about four units.

Pratt said she has lived next to the Quonset huts for 20 years and put up with all kinds of commercial businesses.

"We have a two-family house and its difficult to rent the other apartment with those things next door. I pay very high taxes to be across the street from this."

Pratt also rejected the zoning boards objections because of density. She said a commercial business would add even more density to the area than six condominiums.

Corrinne Cahill, 412 South Main St., was even more disappointed than Pratt.

"I feel the ZBA is not listening to our concerns at all," Cahill said. "I've been fighting this since 1959 when father of the current chairman, Mark DeGiacomo, rejected our pleas. Now we're before the son and the problem is still not resolved."

DeGiacomo responded that his father wasn't even on the appeals board in 1959.

Cahill said the zoning board is rejecting a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to convert the property from a non-conforming use to a conforming use.

"Every other board wants this project and the ZBA is the only board obstructing it," Cahill said.

Cahill sympathized with Collins' plight, conceding that four units was just not economically feasible.

"The ZBA refuses to listen—they don't hear us or they don't care about us," Cahill said. "It all comes down to dollars and cents. Who is going to build four units and expect to turn a profit? No one."

But DeGiacomo countered that the board cares enough to allow four units in an area zoned for one. He pointed out that it was the zoning board that urged Collins to try to change the bylaw at town meeting.

The planning board tried to rezone the site earlier this year so Collins could build 10 condominiums, but voters at the 19[illegible] spring town meeting rejected the proposal. Members of the conservation commission said the change in bylaws would have stripped them of their jurisdiction over the nearby flood plain.

"It's ridiculous for anyone to say we don't care for the neighbors," DeGiacomo said. "I wish someone would come along and either change the bylaw or propose a plan that lives within the current bylaw. But we're not town meeting and we're not the legislative body. We interpret the law."

Cahill said she plans to fight any business that tries to operate a commercial business at the location.

"There is a buyer interested in the property who is a sandblaster," Cahill said. "Can you imagine sandblasting in a residential neighborhood. We will fight any commercial use. This is a residential area and we pay big taxes. The zoning board has not heard the last of us."

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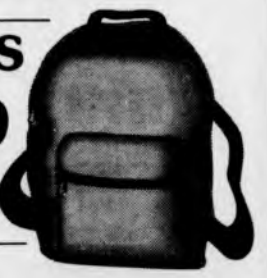
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"We are now running the plant 24 hours a day," said water commissioner chairman Robert Kasameyer, "which will allow us to keep sufficient fire reserve in the tank at all times. We started this 24 hour operation on Friday, Aug. 1, and expect to run 24 hours a day through Labor Day, when the drought hopefully will end.

"Because of the drought, water demand has been unusually high during most of every day," Kasameyer said. "Since we do not have adequate storage capacity in the distribution system, this high demand has caused the water levels in the tank to dip too low at night and during most of the day — just about every day — this summer."

Daily water demand this summer has ranged on most days between 1.1 and 1.5 million gallons of water a day, which is 2-3 times more than the average daily demand of about 500,000 gallons during the rest of the year. To meet this very heavy demand, the plant has been running 12-18 hours a day already.

"Running the plant 24 hours a day will cost us about $12,000 more for extra labor costs during August," Kasameyer said. "However, the water commissioners feel that since this extended drought, the worst since 1949, has significantly increased water demand and also increases the risk of fires, that we owe it to the people of Cohasset to do whatever we can to fully protect public safety. We can afford this cost, because of the increased usage."

Kasameyer cautioned, however, that running the plant at 24 hours was not a long-term substitute for the second water tank.

"This is just a temporary measure. It would be uneconomical in the long run to run 24 hours a day, especially since the second tank would provide more fire reserve capacity overall without the higher operating costs," he said.

Kids pet show

The children's section of the Paul Pratt Library will sponsor a Pet Show on Cohasset Common on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children may pick up a registration form for their pet or pets in the children's room at the Library beginning on Aug. 1. Each pet to be shown — dog, cat, bird, duck, rabbit, iguana, tortoise, et al. — must be registered. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded in special categories. Refershments will be provided by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library. Watch for more news about the pet show in this column.

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GRADUATING WITH HONORS

We honor Kristin Jeanne Grassey of 20 Ledge Way this week, she received a bachelor of arts degree from Wake Forest University during commencement exercises May 19. With honors of course! Kristin will be entering the education world, she has accepted a job teaching second grade in Winston Salem, N.C. How lucky those second grade students are, Kristin is certainly a dedicated person — best of luck to you, keep us informed on your continued life in Winston-Salem!

ON THE MEND

We are delighted to report that Dr. Roger Pompeo is doing remarkably well following his surgery to replace his hip — one down and one to go! Did you know that he was awake, alert and watched the whole operation? That's Dr. Pompeo for you! He is in such good shape, he will be up and around in no time (probably defy all predictions!) We can't wait!

HONOR ROLL AT CUSHING

Adam G. Friedman's superior work has paid off for him, he earned a place on the honor roll at Cushing Academy, located in Ashburnham. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Friedman of 92 Aaron River Rd.

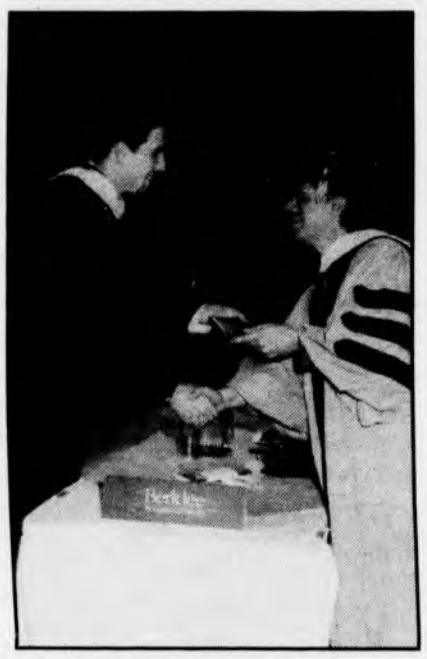
DEAN'S LIST

News from Stonehill College, Caroline Klier has been named to the dean's list for the spring 1997 semester at that college for the spring semester. Caroline will be a senior there this fall, its for sure we will be writing about her at the close of the fall semester!

Lori Gallant made the grade — she achieved dean's list status for the spring 1997 semester at Westfield State College. Lori majors is psychology.

B.C. HIGH GRAD

Matthew B. Rossi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian K. Rossi of 48 Oak St., has graduated from Boston College High School — we haven't received word as to where he will be going next, but promise to do so as soon as we learn all of the facts! Meanwhile, congrats to you, Matthew!



Christopher Bartow is congratulated as he graduates from the Berklee College of Music.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Two fine ladies celebrated their 94th birthdays this month, Anne Campbell and Olive Weisenfluh. Mrs. Campbell's big day was July 2, Mrs. Weisenfluh's July 23. We extend hearty greetings and congratulations to both of you, and hope that your 95th year is as wonderful as all of the rest, if not more so!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 1 was a big day for Mary and John Campbell, they celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary! Oh, wow, what a long and happy time for them!

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Christopher K. Bartow, son of Karin and Steven Bartow, earned a bachelor of music degree from Berklee College of Music recently. He received his degree in music business/ management, a major designed to equip him with the necessary skills to thrive in the competitive music industry job market. Renowned jazz fusion pianist Chick Corea presented his degree to him May 11.

Brendan L. McCarthy, son of Pat and Alice McCarthy, received a bachelor of science in business administration degree from Western New England College at ceremonies held May 17 in Springfield. What a wonderful young man with the best smile in the world! We know that he will go places in a real hurry, and wish him well in his endeavors.

We congratulate Charles E. Shields of 20 Flintlock Rd. and Erik M. Waal of 36 Old Pasture Rd. Both graduated from the University of Rhode Island and both earned themselves a bachelor of arts degree in marine affairs. We will let you know about their future plans as we hear them! In the meantime, congratulations to both of you!



Mark Haddad, Cohasset's new town manager, is congratulated by Town Clerk Marion Douglas, after he was sworn in Monday morning.

Staff photo/Mary Ford

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Many of you remember Stuart and Ester Pratt, they are such a wonderful couple that they could never be forgotten!! Anyway, they now live in Montgomery Village, Vt., and were in the devastating flash flood that took place in that town recently. We aren't certain what we can do for them from here, perhaps Stuart's brother Jeff, or mom and dad, Ruth and Carleton, would have an idea! Ask them! Beyond that, our thoughts and prayers are with you during your massive clean-up, Lester and Stuart!

OFF TO COLLEGE

Neven Bunstein, a senior at the Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., will attend St. Michael's College in the fall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Bunstein of Cohasset.

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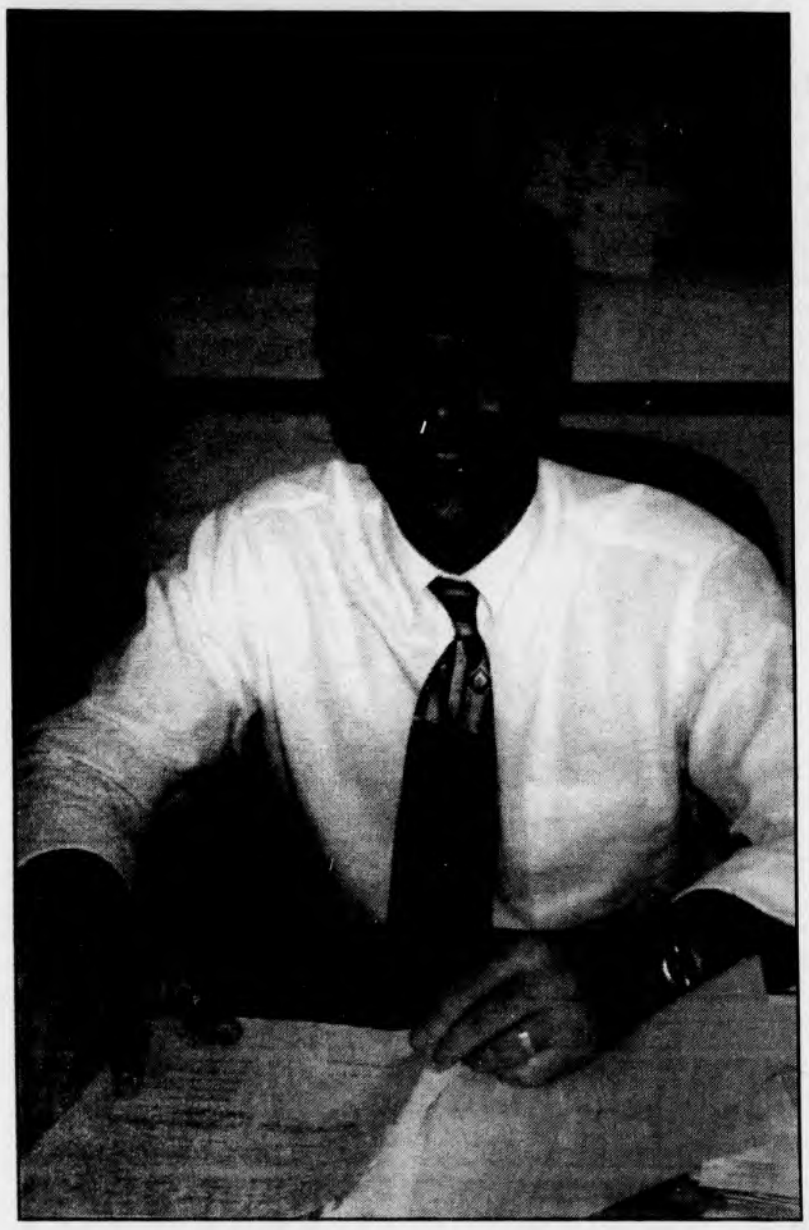
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Name: Mark Haddad

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Best day of your life: I have two — the day I got married and the day my son was born.

Biggest worry: Finding a house in Cohasset.

Best vacation: Hilton Head, South Carolina in August 1994.

Favorite book: 'Man of the House,' by Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr.

Favorite movie: 'Midnight Run.'

Favorite TV show: 'Seinfeld.'

Favorite junk food: Yodels.

Person you'd most like to meet: Ted Williams.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Running out of cemetery space

Thanks to a small group of dedicated individuals, the town's supply of unused graves is no longer in critical condition.

Joseph Jerz, James Gilman, Joseph Curley, and Glenn Pratt —who make up the Cemetery Study Committee — have been working diligently behind the scenes figuring out just how to make the best use of the town's existing cemetery space.

By looking at maps and reconfiguring its layout somewhat, they were able to come up with more than 240 unused graves at the town's Beechwood Cemetery. Another 80 or so will be available through an expansion project at the cemetery.

These "new" graves will buy the town some badly needed time, possibly as long as seven years. In the interim, the town will need to construct a new town cemetery, the necessary long-term solution to the shrinking number of burial plots.

Right now, the committee is considering four possible sites for a new cemetery: a parcel of town-owned land off Route 3A near Stop & Shop; the gravel pitts behind the Little League field off North Main Street; the former Webb-Norfolk site off Route 3A across from Atlantic Bagel; and expansion of Woodside Cemetery on North Main Street into some adjacent land.

The committee, which has taken countless field trips through existing and potential cemeteries, plans to walk the Woodside site once the undergrowth and foliage dies back in the fall.

The committee has published an informative booklet "The Fact is, We're Running Out of Cemetery Space," which is available at the selectmen's office.

Chairman Joseph Jerz suggests the town buy computer software to keep track of the availability of graves. And the committee would be thrilled if an Eagle Scout or Cohasset High student looking for a senior project would inventory the graves at Beechwood.

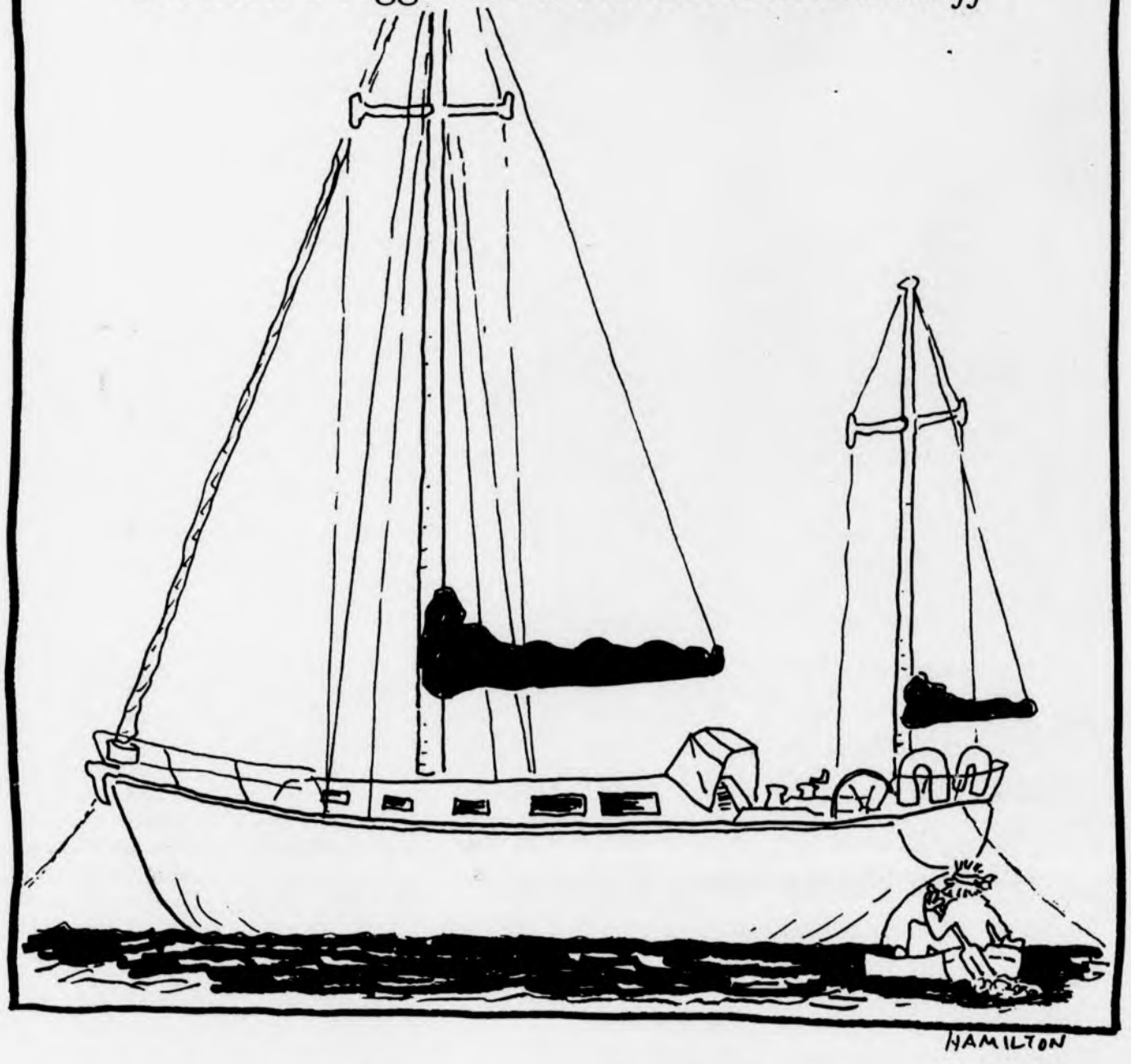
As the future of the town's cemeteries evolves — we owe these men a debt of gratitude for their undying efforts in seeking real solutions to a problem that none of us like to think too much about. But the reality is, shrinking cemetery space is a fact of life here in Cohasset.

We're sure in the future, many families will be grateful that the committee worked toward a solution.

— Mary Ford
Editor

The Law of Inverse Proportions:

Cohasset's biggest boat has the smallest skiff



LETTERS

Thanks to Cohasset residents

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of my mother and myself to extend our sincere thanks to those Cohasset residents whose unsurpassed helpfulness and generosity aided us in our struggle with an emergency situation on Saturday, Aug. 2.

As we never traveled to the area before, my mother and I decided to take advantage of the beautiful afternoon and enjoy the drive down the Cohasset coastline. After reaching the town center and being enticed by the antique shop windows, we pulled our car over to the side of the road and did some shopping. Unfortunately, we were pressed for time and had to soon return to the road, determined to see the beach before heading home. My mother attempted to slow the car down and bear left at the fork on South Main Street, but the car failed to respond and kept up its steady pace. Terrified, we realized our brakes had shot and that we could not control the car.

We were finally able to stop the car's momentum by applying the emergency brake and found ourselves caught in the middle of an intersection in the center of Cohasset Village, tying up traffic and causing dangerous confusion in all directions. Two men drove by in a truck and noticed that we were in trouble. They pulled over immediately and offered to push our car to the side of the road. Seconds later, a police officer passed by in his cruiser and then swung around to respond to our emergency. He asked the owner of the hardware store to let us use her telephone to call AAA, a request to which she gladly agreed. As we waited for the tow truck, people on the street came up to me and my mother, inquiring about what happened and offering their advice. People could not have been more kind or giving of their services.

Our visit to Cohasset was certainly not what we expected it to be, but we were so elated by everyone's graciousness and warmth, that we considered the trip delightful in its own way. We look forward to heading back to town once again — only next time, we'll be driving a car with new brakes.

Keri E. Riemer
Chestnut Hill

Trading old Cohasset Town Reports

To the Editor:

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Tom Healy
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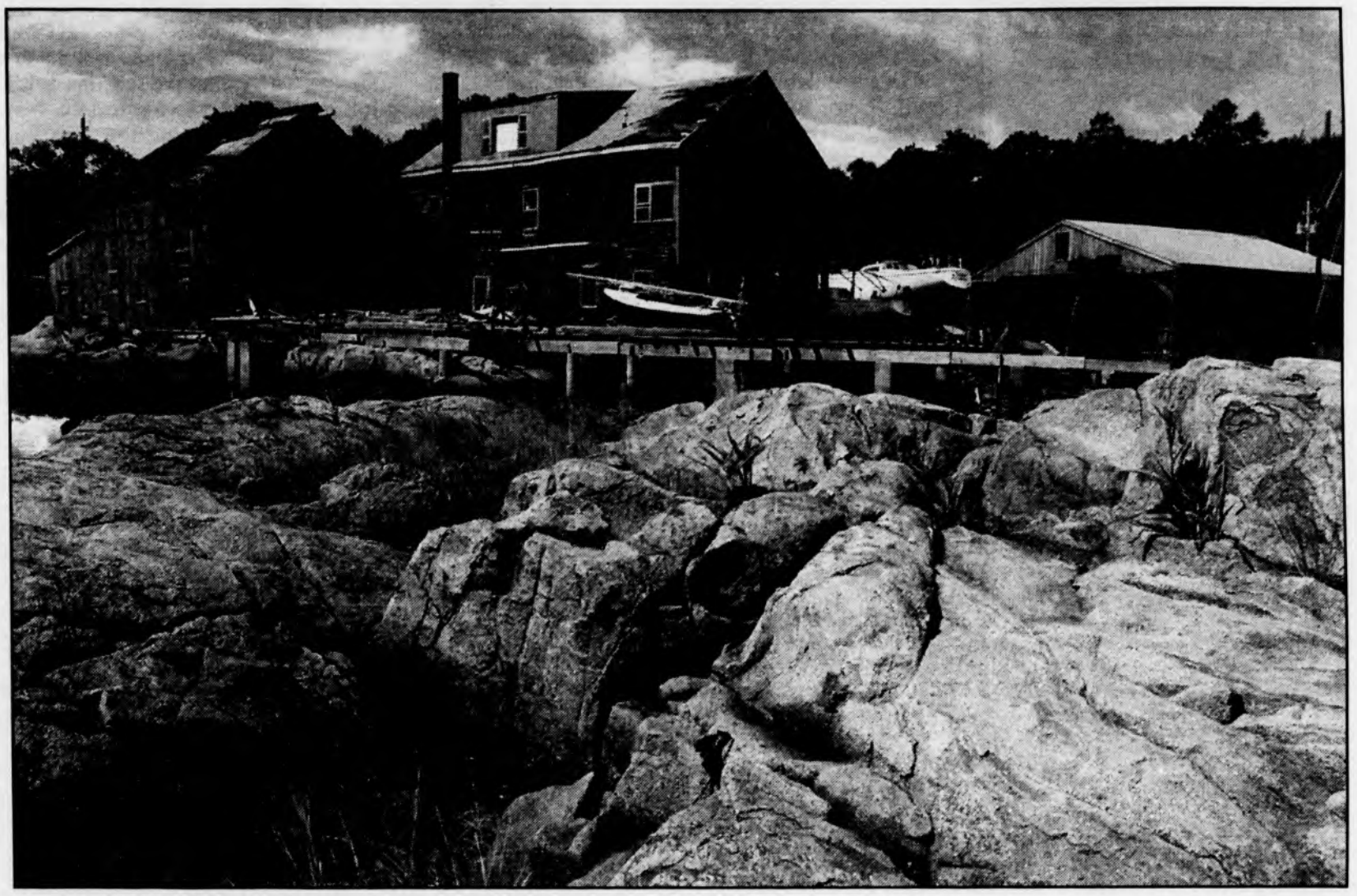
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Mill River Marine Railway is still in limbo

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER



A view of the Mill River Marine Railway from an outcropping of ledge across the Gulf River.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

The fate of the Mill River Marine Railway, Inc. still remains uncertain more than four years after the land it sits on was sold at a foreclosure auction.

The owner of the property wants to reduce the size of the boat yard and build a waterfront residential and commercial complex. But local fishermen say the current boat yard is needed so they can pull their boats out of the water for maintenance and repairs.

The historical commission has argued that the boat yard is a vital piece of Cohasset's identity as an historic fishing community.

William Hanney, president of Stoughton-based Entertainment Cinemas, bought the waterfront property in 1993 for $350,000 from the Bank of Brockton, which had foreclosed on the prior owner. The sale was conditional on there being no tenants on the property.

But Frank Carey, the owner of the boat yard, refused to leave. Carey has operated his boat yard on the site for more than 25 years.

Bank of Brockton initiated eviction proceedings against Hanney, and in 1994 Dedham Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Donovan upheld the eviction.

Carey appealed the decision through his lawyer, Peter Eely of Quincy.

In a telephone interview Aug. 6, Eely said he expects the judge to hear the appeal within the next 7-10 days.

"The judge has moved to Suffolk Superior Court and the case will be heard in Boston," Eely said.

Hanney has said he is not trying to force Carey out. He has pointed out that he needs a rent-paying tenant to pay for renovations.

Yet Hanney and the Bank of Brockton are continuing with eviction proceedings against Carey.

Hanney has said he personally likes Carey and would like to bring him back as a tenant if he is evicted.

Hanney claimed he bought the property originally to build a large, private residence for himself. But local opposition to that plan forced Hanney to reconsider the idea.

Saying he did not wish to be "the most hated man in Cohasset," Hanney instead proposed a plan that would include three condominiums, some kind of boat repair facility, the Lobster Pound store, and possibly some water-related retail space.

Fisherman and boaters disapprove of the newest plan because the size of the boat yard would be cut in half to make room for parking spaces, landscaping and a public walkway along the water's edge.

Opponents also argued that the boat yard would be incompatible with residential housing because boat owners frequently need to work on their vessels late at night with power saws, sanders and other heavy machinery.

John K. McNabb Jr. has intervened in the controversy on behalf of the Cohasset Historical Commission and a group of concerned residents.

McNabb said the situation is far more complicated than Hanney would have people believe.

Carey was able to operate the boat yard with a chapter 91 permit which allows private, water dependent uses on public waterways.

The area between the annual mean high tide and low tide watermark is an historic public easement enshrined in legislation, McNabb said. Essentially, whatever land lies between the average high tide and low tide for the year is public land.

Chapter 91 allows businesses to use the land for a fee. The state used to grant 99-year licenses for a small fee, but in the mid-1980s the Department of Environmental Protection took over the permitting process.

DEP changed the permit structure from 99 years to a 10-30 year permit that charged users based on square footage.

However, in cases where a property owner is making no significant change to an existing water-related use, DEP can issue a 99-year license for a small fee.

Hanney has also applied for an amnesty license under chapter 91 allowing him to build in the waterfront area.

Hanney has said he needs to make extensive renovations to the buildings at the site to prevent them from "falling into the water."

McNabb said Hanney should not be allowed to obtain an amnesty license because he is proposing significant changes to the existing water-related use, including a reduction in the size of the boat yard, major building renovations, changes in use, and a new walkway.

McNabb conceded that some of Hanney's renovations would greatly benefit the property, but he still should not receive an amnesty license.

McNabb said Hanney told the Massachusetts Historical Commission that there would be no significant changes in use, but the plans he showed to the town contained major changes.

DEP has requested more precise plans from Hanney. McNabb said Hanney sent DEP a set of alternative plans rather than a detailed breakdown of the plan as currently proposed.

DEP and the state Coastal Zone Management agency are reviewing Hanney's latest plans for suitability.

McNabb said DEP and CMZ are also considering whether evicting Carey would constitute a diminished water-related use at the property.

"DEP and CMZ have been very accommodating to Hanney, but they have been very clear that he shall not diminish the water-related use of the property," McNab said.

McNabb said DEP has informed Hanney that he could damage his prospect of getting a chapter 91 license if the boat yard goes away.

"Cohasset has the 10th largest lobster harbor in the state, but the only boat yard with a railway capable of pulling out large boats is the Mill River Marine Railway," McNabb said. "This is a large hurdle we think he cannot overcome because public land is usually not closed off (for private use)."

Neighbors annoyed with high school athletic field

By Kerry Herlihy
CORRESPONDENT

Neighbors to the new new high school athletic field being disturbed by some activities there.

Henry and Yvette Rattenbury have lived on Briarwood Lane for 36 years, on the land that has been in Henry's family for many years. They have tolerated the noise, the litter, and the double parking on their small road since the old tennis courts were put in along side their property in 1969. Three years ago, the tennis courts were cleared away to make room for the new athletic field and the leftover debris and dirt remains.

The Rattenburys were told by the town that the lights on the field for night games would shine directly on the field and would not affect the neighborhood. However, the lights can be seen from, not only Briarwood Lane, but Bancroft Way, Bancroft Road, Woodland Drive and Pleasant Street. Because the neighbors were told they wouldn't even know when the lights were on, people are upset.

"The lights were supposed to be adjusted in the spring, but if there is a difference, it is minimal," Mrs. Rattenbury said.

The noise level was expected, due to the proximity to the school but is still a disruption for the neighborhood. Mrs. Rattenbury has heard neighbors complaining that the noise was so loud things were shaking inside their house.

"People don't realize how much sound travels," Mrs. Rattenbury said.

The Rattenburys understand the repercussions of living next to a school and feel as though they have been very cooperative and patient over the years, but the use of the field by non-school events that create more noise and disruption was pushing things too far. The new field's original purpose was for athletic events only. However, the American Cancer Society recently held its 24-hour fund-raising marathon at the high school, and the fields were used up until 8 or 9 p.m.

"We are all for the cause and think it is wonderful it was so financially successful, but we could hear people throughout the night. I couldn't even hear my television when the marathon's outdoor celebration included the singing of the 'Star Spangled Banner' by a professional singer," Mr. Rattenbury said.

Julie Carchedi, district manager for the American Cancer Society, informed the school committee they are planning to return next year but will happily move to another location if necessary. Carchedi said they had tried to keep the noise to a minimum, but with an event of this sort, it's difficult. She apologized to the Rattenburys if they were misled.

Ralph Kidder, school committee member, agreed with the Rattenburys' concerns regarding the use of the fields.

"There is no way we can't address these issues," Kidder said.

Kidder said property surrounding the field should be properly maintained; the police should be enforcing the double parking regulations on the streets and the lights issue needs to be addressed, but at this point he is not sure how.

"I am glad you came and brought this to our attention so we can do what we can to help the situation," School Committee Chairman Maureen Jerz said.

Since the school committee meeting, July 10, the tree and park department has been to the area to clear debris alongside the Rattenbury's house, per the request of Superintendent Stephen Hart.

"I hope this is ongoing and a step forward in getting support," Mrs. Rattenbury said.

Third volume of Cohasset's history gets off the ground

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

The formidable task completed by E. Victor Bigelow, who wrote Cohasset's first documented history that spanned from 1898, when it was published, to time's inception, in no way diminishes the scope of the project at hand.

Compiling information for Cohasset's third volume of its history — picking up where Burtram "Burt" Pratt left off in 1956, when he authored the second volume of Cohasset's history — has begun.

The final product that the Committee on Town History, which is tackling the project, would like to have produced, some time around the start of the new millennium, is a hard-bound book of about 250 pages. As with the two preceding editions, there will be photographs, illustrations, and maps. Because the project is in such infancy, it is impossible to know exactly what the end results will be.

Committee Chairman Wigmore Pierson, who is on the historical commission, said he "believes firmly that an author should be hired to complete this project. The individuals on the committee are being organized to complete different tasks and gather different categories of information."

Because the age of computers is advancing by the minute, Pierson did not discount the possibility of having this book placed on a laser disk, or even opening a Cohasset Web page.

A lot has happened during the last 50 years. The Vietnam War, as well as other historic wars, Nixon's ousting from his presidency, the fall of the Soviet Union, as well as events that are unique to Cohasset.

Expected to be completed around the year 2000 or 2001, this third edition will cover local, national and global events that have impacted Cohasset throughout the last 50 years or so. To get it all down on paper will be quite a feat.

Progress is being made in accomplishing this endeavor. David Wadsworth, who is curator of Cohasset's Historical Society, said "The work is in the formative stage. A committee of about 14 or 15 Cohasset residents, appointed by selectmen, have started meeting on a monthly basis.

No author has been picked to write the book at this time.

Ernest Grassey, who is president of the historical society, and yet another member of the committee, said he is "also pushing for retaining an author, or authors, to work on this project. We are currently in the process of looking for someone to fill this position." He mentioned that this is a book that will be sold to the public and there may be a less expensive version than the traditional hard-cover copy to make the book more affordable. Grassie mentioned that there are good sources of historical information going back the last 20 years that appeared in the Cohasset Mariner and the Cohasset Mirror, which preceded the Mariner; but before that, the committee must rely on the town's records and people's memories. This is one reason the committee is producing a list of people who have lived in Cohasset for the past half-century or longer, who need to be interviewed to provide first-hand accounts.

Committee members feel an author or authors should be paid to write the book. The committee will obtain quotes from local authors and present a figure to town meeting for approval of funds.

The amount of $5,000 was appropriated to the project at the special town meeting Oct. 28. This was money to get the project off the ground, to pay for old documents and photographs.

For more information about the Third Volume of Cohasset's History, please contact the Cohasset Town Hall, Town History Committee, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset 02025.

Bells to be played by Illinois carillonneur

A concert on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon will be presented Sunday evening, Aug. 10, by Karel Keldermans, carillonneur of the Rees Carillon in Washington Park, Springfield, Ill. Included in Mr. Keldermans' program will be compositions for carillon by Easley Blackwood, John Pozdro, Ronald Barnes, Johann Hassler and Roy Hamlin Johnson, as well as a set of variations by Franz Schubert and arrangements of American folksongs.

The recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. It will take place rain or shine; in case of rain, listen from your parked cars. Printed programs, recital schedules and new brochures describing the Cohasset Carillon will be available in the program stand by the church courtyard on Highland Ave., and will also be distributed on the Common and at the entrance to Stagecoach Way, the pedestrian walk beside Hunneman Realty on Main Street. Listeners are invited to bring picnic suppers, blankets and lawn chairs. Following the recital a tour of the tower and carillon will be offered to all interested persons.

For further information, telephone St. Stephen's Church at (617) 383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., or the church carillonneur, Sally Slade Warner, (508) 475-2599, or the assistant carillonneur, Mrs. Mary Kennedy at (617) 383-9599.

Correction

Jami Butman is a representative on the Cohasset High School student council, not its president as was incorrectly reported in a story in the July 31 Mariner.

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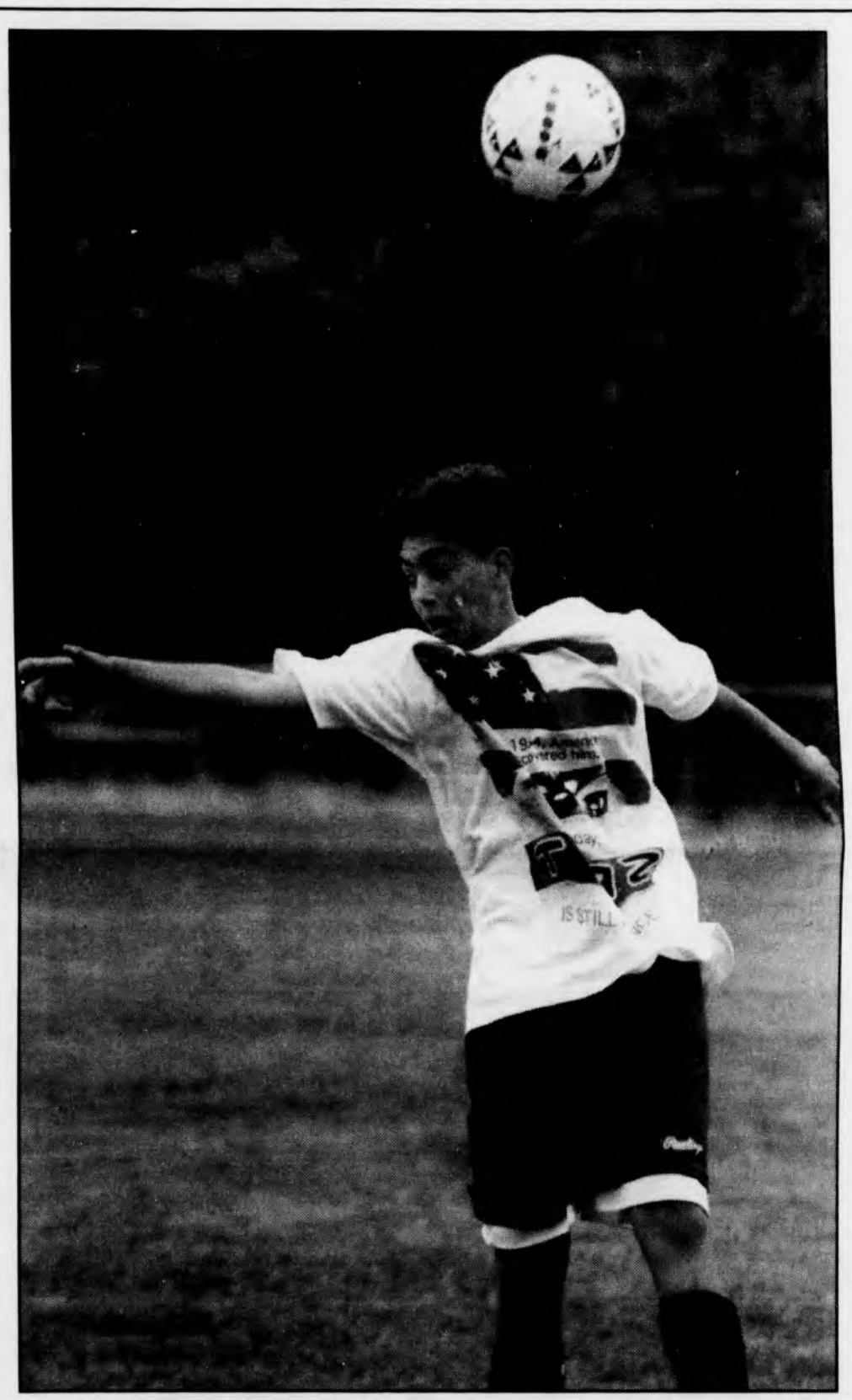
COHASSET MARINER

Swim team continues to make waves

The Cohasset Swim Team continued its winning streak last week, with two victories over Plymouth Eel River and Duxbury Aquadux. Excitement ran high during both meets as Cohasset swimmers swam their hardest and cheered on their teammates.

Coaches Allison Hughes' and Becky Golden's emphasis on hard work, sportsmanship and fun has paid off, with the team undefeated to date.

The season wraps up this week with meets at Duxbury and Scituate Yacht Clubs.



Pat Carbone keep his head in the game earlier this week at the South Shore Soccer camp, which was held at Cohasset High School.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Here are results from last Friday's meet against Duxbury Aquadux.

In the boys eight and under medley relay the team of Alexander Hunt, Nick Zappolo, Reed Dickenson and Willie McCarthy came in first. The team of Ben Flynn, Corey Faber, Peter Ernst and Jon Coffey came in second and the team of Cameron Cunningham, Mike Grimm, Austen Lanzilloti and Alexander Shipp came in third.

In the girls eight and under medley relay, the team of Vanessa Plante, Lindsay Durkin, Alyssa Campbell and Megan Sacks came in first. The team of Abigail Markert, Anna Speed, Samantha Lehr and Michelle Madge came in second and the team of Roxanne Tehranian, Devin Smith and Mary Previte came in third.

In the boys 10 and under medley relay, the team of Dan McCarthy, Alex Etkind, Parker Berg amd Teddie Straughn came in first, the team of Will McCarty Zach Markert, Jake Previte and Colin Regan came in second, and the team of Chris Kuppens, Michael Grimm, Evan Sachs and Kevin Roach came in third.

In the girls 10 and under medley relay, the team of Callie Ernst, Ashley Faber, Becca Lehr and Casey Anderson came in first. The team of Lisa Musto, Corey Steffans, Jenna Larson and Mackenzie Holway came in second, and the team of Miranda Lanzillotti, Emilie Shea, Caitlln Sanchez and Mary Silvia came in third.

In the boys 12-and-under medley relay, the team of Alex Berg, Craig Blackburn, David Ingber and Scot Faber came in first and the team of Mike Ernst, Tommy Anderson, Tommy Myers and Bryan Bilton came in third.

In the girls 12-and-under medley relay, the team of Alexis Bugley, Yazzi Affshar, Kate O'Brien and Courney MacDonald came in first and the team of Laura Kondrat, Arianna Dedes, Anna Roche and Alicia Sanchez came in second and the team of Tess Foley, Julie Shea, Nicole Needle and Ashley Cook came in fourth.

In the boys 17-and-under medley relay, the team of Matt Farley, Craig Blackburn, Chris Golden and Mike O'Hart came in first.

In the girls 17-and-under medley relay the team of Cara Foley, Kate Grimm, Carly Carter and M. Duffy came in second.

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Girls

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12 and under
Boys

1. Alex Berg; 3. David Crowley-Buck; 4. Tommy Myers.

Girls

1. Kate O'Brien; 4. Elisa Jerome; 5. Julie Shea.

FREE STYLE
8 and under
Boys

2. Nick Zappolo; 4. Reed Dickenson; 5. Alexander Shipp.

Girls

1. Lindsay Durkin; 2. Alyssa Campbell; 3. Vanessa Plante.

10 and under
Boys

1. Jake Preute; 2. Teddie Straughn; 3. Will McCarthy.

Girls

1. Ashley Faber; 2. Casey Anderson; 4. MacKenzie Holway.

12 and under
Boys

2. Bryan Bilton; 3. Mike Ernst; 5. Tommy Anderson.

Girls

1. Emily Simmons; 2. Julie Shea; 6. Ashley Cook.

14 and under
Boys

2. Matt Farley; 4. Jodi Roach.

Girls

2. Cara Foley; 4. Martha Henderson.

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Boys

1. Mike O'Hart; 2. Brian Hurley.

Girls

4. Maura Duffy; 5. Jill Meehan; 6. Maura McKenny.

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Boys

2. Reed Dickenson; 3. Peter Ernst; 4. Alexander Hunt.

Girls

1. Alyssa Campbell; 2. Samantha Lehr; 3. Devin Smith.

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Boys

1. Parker Berg; 3. Jake Previte; 4. Zach Markert.

Girls

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THE FISH STORY

MARK TRASK

Fishers swarm to Cohasset Tourney

As the flotilla departed Cohasset Harbor on a serene Saturday morning, all the skippers knew they had to do well.

The all-female fishing team aboard the vessel A Tiny Miracle, captained by Judy Mantz, was ready to do battle with the best of the club. Coleby Mantz, Suzy Neer and Betty "Boop" McGillvray prepared with a skippers meeting the night before. Turns out, the only rules agreed upon were there would be no mutiny, and the official beverage of the "Happy Hookers, as they were billed, would be wine. As the boats cleared the channel, they roared off to the south, east and north. The 1997 Cohasset Yacht Club Fishing Tournament was underway!

To the south, 8-year-old Christina McCabe was ankle deep in warm Peggotty Beach water. No one paid attention to the youngster playing with the rod and reel. Cast after cast she made, reeling in each time. The Mambo Minnow swam perfect on each cast and then, without warning…it was inhaled by a big fish. Later while weighing in, Christina watched wide-eyed at all the commotion she created as the striper swung from the hook. Twenty-two pounds, twelve ounces called out Harry and shortly after, 42 inches long! Christina shyly smiled a dazzling smile as she and Dad posed with the catch of the day.

Over by the Glades gate, a 6-1/2 foot pilot whale was hauled up dead. Its colors slowly faded as the curious from the neighborhood and beyond stopped and marveled before it was whisked away by the aquarium.

Tony Carbone nailed his first keeper bass "in the shadow" of Minots Light. The fish was fooled by a red tube and worm. Tony was beaming with pride at his candidate for the dinner table. Tony's striper checked in at 22 pounds, 12 ounces and was 42-1/2 inches long. To the west, the gods of fishing smiled on the Figueredos. Evan boated an 18-pounder over the Grampuses, only to be out-gunned by Richie's 21-pounder. Both were using herring. Dave and Justin Alexander used a tube and worm rig to successfully nab a 23-plus pounder that taped off at 42 inches. All nice fish.

Ronni reports from Humarock that two Brockton anglers had a happy day of fishing in Duxbury Bay. John

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Recreation Notes

Gymnastic camp for girls

Come join the South Shore Community Center gymnastics staff for a fun-filled week of gymnastics for all levels of experience, from Aug. 18-Aug. 22.

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Bring a snack each day.

The cost of the camp is $82.50 for the week.

Call the center at 383-0088 to sign up, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., or see Susie at the gym.

Gymnasts do well in competition

This past June, some members of the South Shore Community Center gymnastic team competed in the AAU Gymnastic Regionals held in Methuen, MA.

Carlie Carter turned in an outstanding performance, winning the bars and placing 11th on the bean while taking in an eighth place finish in the all-around competition.

Teammate Melanie Suddath placed first in the floor exercise competition, second on the bars and fourth on the beam while taking a third place in the all-around.

Catilyn Flint took part in the intermediate division and placed 10th in the all-around.

Adult evening tennis lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept ongoing telephone registrations for adult evening tennis classes for all levels of instruction by calling 383-6791.

Classes will be scheduled as follows: Beginners 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday; Intermediates 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday; Advanced 6 to 7 p.m., Thursday; and Beginners 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday.

Other classes will be scheduled as demand indicates.

All sessions are four weeks in duration and cost $35 per person, per session. Teaching will be Mr. John McGrory of Cohasset Recreation Department's tennis staff. Participants who do not own, or have access to a racquet, should indicate this at the time of registration. Non-residents will be accepted on a space available basis. Another evening will be made available should demand indicate.

Fishers swarm to Cohasset Tourney

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Gallagher and Eddie Bischetti used Eddie's secret rig to nail three beautiful fluke. The smallest was 5-3/4 pounds, next 7-1/2 pounds and the largest tipped the scale at a hefty 10-3/4 pounds. A fine day of fishing, with great results.

Anglers have been raving about the new Beachcomber T-shirts that are distributed in conjunction with the tournament. The tournament is under way and will run through Oct. 4.

The largest striper taken during that period takes the trophy. Anglers may sign up at any time during the tournament and are required to endure a 48-hour waiting period prior to any weigh-in. Additional details, sign-ups and shirts are available at the shop.

The Scituate Shark Spectacular finished up in grand style Saturday. Capt. Steve James' Quality Time took first-place honors in the release category with 19 sharks. In the keep division, first went to Capt. Dave Smith's Maximillian for a 316-pound mako shark. Second went to Capt. Bob Briggs Lorraine B for their 309-pound blue shark. Show went to the 280-pound blue shark captured by Capt. Kevin Corbett's boat Rock 'n Roll.

So as the boats straggled back to the dock at the Cohasset Yacht Club, all eyes surreptitiously examined the bilge as each boat tied up, amongst inquiries of how'd you do. The Happy Hookers didn't win, but they did show. First-place bass honors went to Bill Jordan with a 22-pounder. The Hooker bass tipped the scale at 19-1/2 pounds. On the bluefish side, Al Moore and J.L. Thompson faced off with Al taking top honors by a mere 1/4 ounce!

Big bluefish and blitzes from the Gannett opening to Egypt Beach are indicators that the fishing will crank up a notch to a level not seen in years. Remember, any bluefish that measures more than 40 inches is a likely Governor's Cup contender. Watch those teeth.

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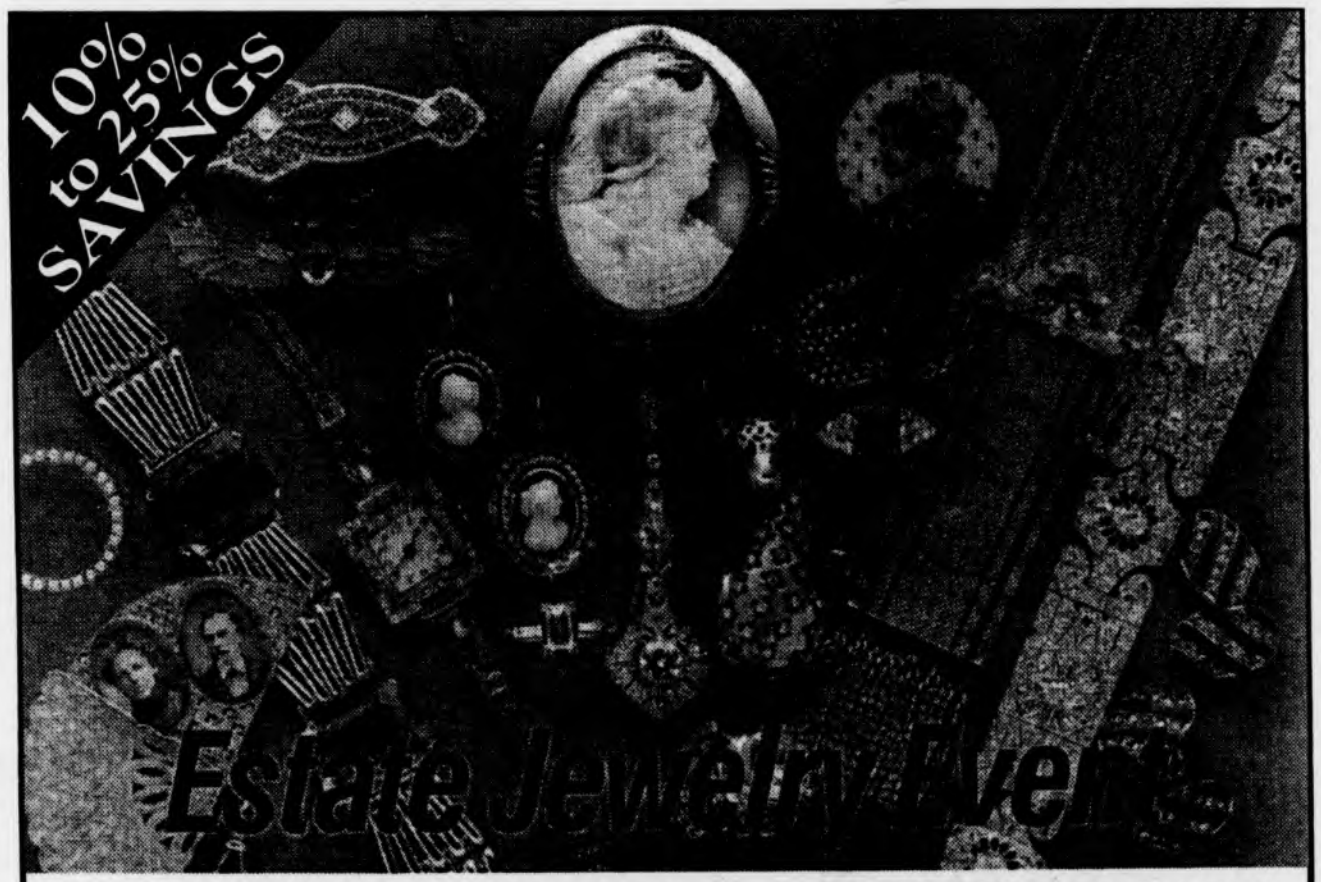
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In the boys 8 and under free relay the team of Reed Dickenson, Alexnder Hunt, Wllie McCarthy and Nick Zappolo came in first, the team of Cameron Cunningham, Ben Flynn, Corey Faber and Peter Ernst came in second; and the team of Jon Coffey, Chris Kuppens, Michael Grimm and Austen Lanzillotti came in third.

In the girls 8 and under free relay, Anna Speed, Maura Regan, Roxanne Tehranian and Abby Markert came in first, the team of Megan Sacks, Alyssa Campbell, Mary Previte and Lindsay Durkin came in second, and the team of Vanessa Plante, Becca Lehr, Devin Smith and Michelle Madge came in third.

In the boys 10 and under free relay the team of Alex Berg, Dan McCarthy, Will McCarhy and Teddie Straughn came in first, the team of Zack Markert, Colin Regan, Jake Previte and Zach Etkind came in second and the team of Jon Grimm, Kevin Roach, Austen Lanzillotti and Evan Sachs came in fourth.

In the girls 10 and under free relay, the team of Casey Anderson, Jenna Larson, Becca Lehr and Ashley Faber came in first and the team of Callie Ernst, Alicia Sanchez, Miranda Lanzillotti and Mackenzie Holway came in second.

In the boys 12 and under free relay, the team of Scot Faber, Bryan Bilton, David Ingber and Alex Berg came in first and the team of Tommy Myers, Mike Ernst, David Crowley-Buck and Tommy Anderson came in second and the team of Chris Flynn, Craig Blackburn, Reed Smith and Kayron Tehranian came in third.

In the girls 12 and under free relay, the team of Emily Simmons, Julie Shea, Courtney MacDonald and Kate O'Brien came in first and the team of Yazzi Afshar, Nicole Needle, Delia Regan and Katie Roche came in third.

In the boys 17 and under free relay the team of Mike O'Hart, Alex Elkind, John Crowley-Buck and Chris Golden came in first.

In the girls 17 and under free relay the team of Carly Carter, Brooke Baker, Maura Duffy and Cara Foley came in third and the team of Katie Grimm, Jessie Zerendon, Kellie Straughn and Jen Chastain came in fourth.

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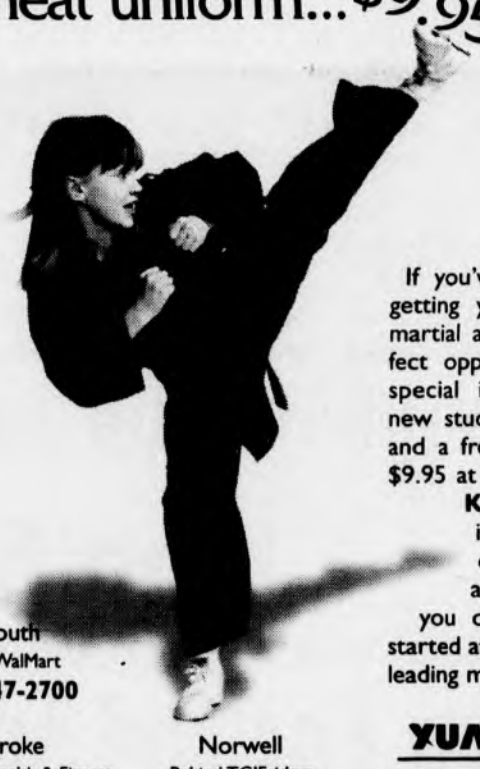
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Gymnastics Mini Course: every Wednesday in August, starting Aug. 6, for boys and girls. Classes: Preschool — boys and girls mixed; Beginner through Intermediate, girls. Cost is $27 for session. Call for exact times.

Summer Fun Week for ages 4 to 6, Aug. 25 to 29; 9 a.m. to noon, nature walks, exploring, science projects, cooking and more. Cost is $82M, $92NM per week.

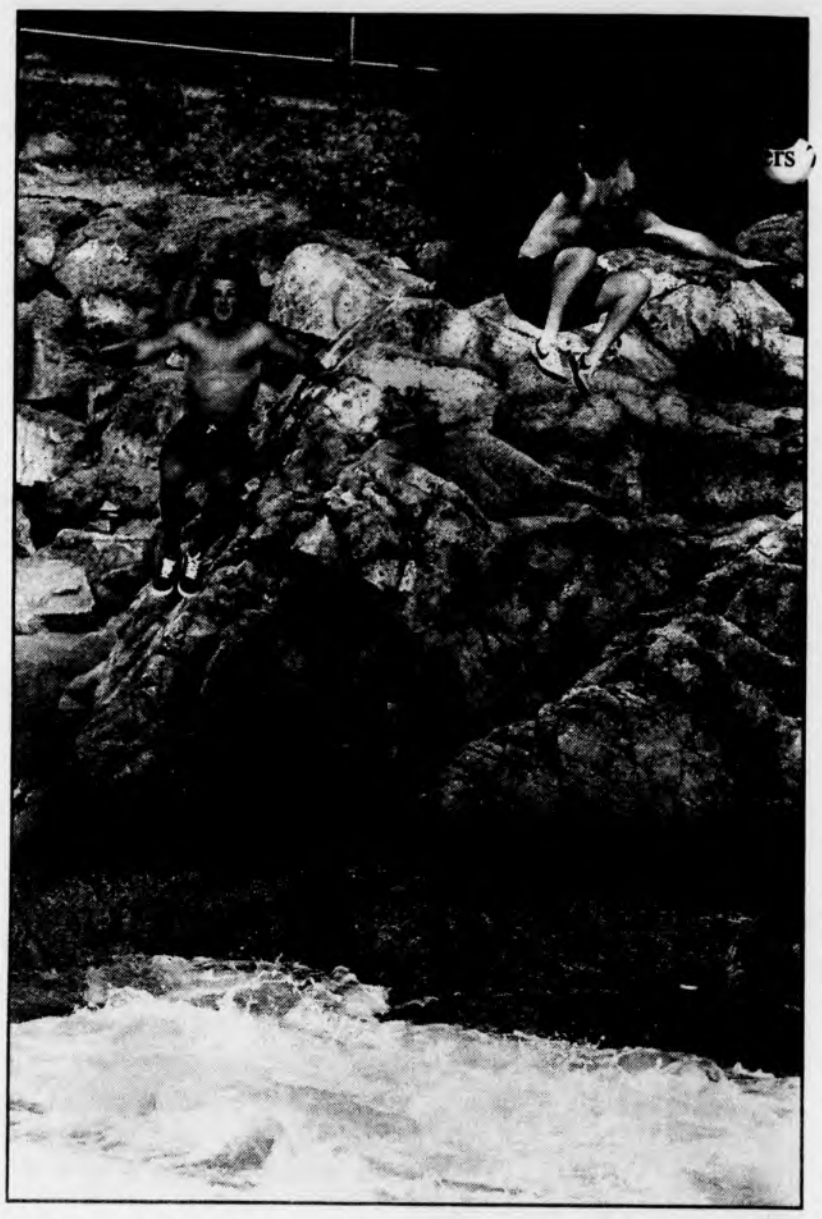
Lacrosse Lessons Available

The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a full-contact, full-equipment lacrosse clinic this summer under the direction of Mr. Chuck Jaffee of Cohasset, for youngsters entering grades five and six during the fall of 1997.

Clinics will be held Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. through Aug. 18.

Participants will need a helmet, stick and pads for participation in this clinic. The fee for the eight-week opportunity is $35 per person.

Registration forms and details are available at the Cohasset Recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall. Early registration is advised due to a limitation in participation.



Michael Coner, left, and Michael Rossini take the plunge from the bridge on Border Street into the Gulf River.

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Investing in time management



By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Americans' active lifestyles have made time into a valuable commodity; an investment of sorts. So how to conserve it best? Move over McDonald's, here comes the fast-food equivalent to domestic chores: the personal service industry.



For between $15 and $150 an hour you can hire someone to do such time-consuming and irritating tasks as shopping for groceries, cleaning, car-pooling, registering the car, walking the dog – essentially all the things a 50-hour work week precludes.

Sure, most of us would rather not scrub the bathtub or take out the trash. But these personal-service firms owe their success to more than an aversion to cleaning. The demand for a personal assistant/housecleaner is essentially a result of Americans' long hours at the office. And the hours are getting longer.

The average person in this country works 163 more hours a week than she did in 1975 – that's the equivalent of one month –says Juliet Schor, author of the modern exhaustion classic The Overworked American.

More and more overworked Americans are enlisting the services of personal-service firms.

Many of the personal-service firms have specialties. Take the Intrepid New Yorker (in, you guessed it, New York; 212-534-5071), which has just opened a branch in the Boston area called Executive Transfers. The company holds its clients' hands through every bit of the moving process: finding them the right neighborhood for their needs, the right home, the right schools, the right nanny and maid, and even the right chimney sweep and brass polishers. And they pack and unpack all of your belongings and supervise the move so you won't have to lift a finger. It's the ultimate in pampering and time-management. And it should be for the $2,000-and-up price tag.

If your needs are smaller – say, you just need some help keeping your house clean – then you can hire someone more like the conventional cleaning lady. Of course, many of these cleaning companies have added modern twists to the old show-up-and-scrub formula. Rent-a-Mom in Reston, Virginia (703-437-8571), for example, doesn't just clean your home. Its "moms" will actually organize your sock drawer, and all the other drawers for that matter, and clean out your closet for a minimum of $60.

TimeSavers in Mill Valley, CA (415-388-6338) will organize your financial life by sorting documents and setting up a filing- and bill-paying system. It will then send someone regularly (for a fee, to be sure) to maintain the setup.

In fact, for those of you who do have assistants, but wouldn't dream of asking them to do a personal errand, a firm like TimeSavers may be just the thing.

They will do basically anything and everything (within the law, of course): drop off dry cleaning, mail packages at the post office, walk the dog, do xeroxing. A client of TimeSavers paid co-owner Kim Carbone $150 to shop for and buy a wedding anniversary gift for his wife. On the day of the anniversary, his wife received a $4,000 pair of diamond studs and was none the wiser.

There are other personal-service firms -- More Than Just Errands in Philadelphia (215-564-2727), Work! in San Francisco (415-255-2325) that also know no bounds
to what they will do for hire.

Sometimes, though, you just need someone to remind you to do something (and not actually do it for you). For example, you may not want a stranger to wish your sister "Happy Birthday" for you. Instead, have the The Pampered Professional (888-221-SHOP) call you to remind you of her birthday before the date.

Where do you find a domestic guru in your area? The Yellow Pages is always a good place to start as well as word of mouth.

Of course, inviting a stranger into the intimate dealings of your life requires a bit of caution and a little research. Always ask for references – and check them. Find out if the company is insured. Asking to sign a contract is a good idea. You may want to go with a firm that has demonstrated some staying power as opposed to a start-up – chances are it's still around because it is reputable.

Basics of stock splits

By Brad L. Cuppels

Many investors are under the misconception that when a company splits its stock or announces a stock dividend, shareholders receive something for nothing.

A stock split simply is the dividing of a company's outstanding common shares into a larger number of shares. This sounds pretty lucrative until you learn, for example, that the $60 share you formerly owned has been replaced by two shares, each of which is worth $30.

There are several reasons why a company's board of directors may decide to split the firm's stock. For example, this may happen if the price of a stock is so high that individual investors seem to have lost interest in it, and have stopped buying it. For some psychological reason, investors seem to prefer cheaper shares.

What about stock dividends? They are dividends paid in common shares, rather than cash; also, they may be paid to shareholders in lieu of a regular cash dividend.

A company's board of directors may decide to declare a stock dividend when it wants to conserve cash, yet allow shareholders to benefit from the firm's higher earnings. If you own 100 shares of a company which declared a 10 percent stock dividend, you will receive a certificate for 110 shares. Following the dividend declaration, the market will adjust the trading price of the company shares accordingly.

So, for example, if the original cost basis (the original cost plus commissions and/or other trading costs) of the shares was $10 per share, your 110 shares now have a cost basis of $1,000 divided by 110, or $9.09 per share.

Clearly, although the price of the individual share has declined, the stock dividend may benefit you by providing you with more shares on which to collect possible future cash dividends.

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POLICE LOG

Monday, July 28

6:48 a.m., medical aid, Hull St.
8:40 a.m., medical aid, Elm Ct.
9:13 a.m., arson, Jerusalem Ln.
10:23 a.m., parking violation, Jerusalem Rd. by the Roys.
10:35 a.m., animal complaint, Doane St.
11:41 a.m., medical aid, N. Main St.
12:03 p.m., general services, Forest Ave.
12:56 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.
3:19 p.m., transport, S. Main to Wadleigh Park.
3:45 p.m., property damage, Summer St.
7:28 p.m., suspicious auto, S. Main St.
7:29 p.m., suspicious person, S. Main St.
7:51 p.m., disturbance gathering, Summer St.
8:40 p.m., assist citizen, S. Main St.
10:09 p.m., disturbance gathering, Old Coach Rd.
10:27 p.m., MV accident, Forest Ave.

Tuesday, July 29

12:55 a.m., disturbance general, Howard Gleason Rd.
6:37 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:19 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A.
8:05 a.m., general services, Beechwood St.
8:06 a.m., MV violations, S. Main St.
9:04 a.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.
9:45 a.m., suspicious other, N. Main St.
10:33 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
10:59 a.m., property (lost), Beach St.
11:47 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
11:50 a.m., medical aid, Church St.
12:00 p.m., MV violations, Summer St.
1:10 p.m., medical aid, N. Main St.
1:22 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.
1:24 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:02 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
8:11 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
10:00 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
10:04 p.m., suspicious (other), Ripley Rd.
10:23 p.m., assist citizen, Elm St.
10:39 a.m., disturbance gathering, Aaron River Rd.
11:01 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.
11:03 p.m, disturbance gathering, Howard Gleason Rd.

Wednesday, July 30

12:26 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:36 a.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
3:52 a.m., officer wanted, Wheelwright Farm.
6:38 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.
6:42 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
6:49 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.
6:54 a.m., MV stop, Square.
7:03 a.m., disabled auto, Sohier St.
7:33 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:38 a.m., MV stop, Elm St.
7:46 a.m., MV stop, Square.
9:04 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
10:47 a.m., assist citizen, Windsor Rd.
11:47 a.m., annoying phone calls, Forest Notch.
11:48 a.m., MV violations, Forest Ave.
12:33 p.m., property (lost), Beechwood St.
1:03 p.m., property (lost), Elm St.
4:03 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
4:39 p.m., assist other agency, CJC Hwy.
6:05 p.m., officer wanted, Tupelo Rd.
6:14 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
8:50 p.m., suspicious (other), Harbor.
8:52 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:54 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
9:35 p.m., suspicious person, Jerusalem Rd.
10:22 p.m., disturbance gathering, Harbor.
10:40 p.m., MV stop, Square.
10:44 p.m., suspicious (other), Ripley Rd.

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Docket No. 97P1908A1

Estate of HORTENSE JANITSCHKE late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK.

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that JOHN CORLIS of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK appointed administrator of said estate without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon on September 10, 1997.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, the twenty-eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

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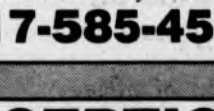
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Here's the skinny on this gig: Running from 7:30 to 11 p.m., this shindig is for grades 7 through 12. For this occasion, the town hall auditorium will be decorated with a funky beach theme. DJ Jazzy Jay Fiori has generously donated his time and talent to provide the entertainment. Drinks can be purchased by those who attend, but snacks will be provided.

Those who show up are encouraged to arrive in beach gear or casual clothing. Towels, goggles, flippers, swimies, tubes and big alligator floaties are acceptable. Donations for this rocking party are $5 and will benefit the Drug and Alcohol Committee/ youth projects. So just put your rear in gear, and shake that booty on Aug. 22. But if you have any questions you can drop a dime to Jami Butman at 383-0851.

Sailing Club Lobster Bake is Saturday

The Cohasset Sailing Club will be holding its annual lobster bake at the sailing club, Saturday, Aug. 9 from 7 to midnight, rain or shine. The event is for both sailing club and yacht club members and their guests. There will be live music for your dancing pleasure, provided by "Bottom of the Fifth."

Tickets are $28 per person and include chowder, corn, sweet sausage, watermelon and a choice of lobster or sirloin steak. People may bring other refreshments.

Tickets must be paid for no later than Thursday evening, Aug. 7. Payment can be left at Lynn Previte's, 38 Summer St., Tel. 383-9723 or left at the sailing club with an instructor. Please indicate on your check how many lobsters or steaks you will require.

Enjoy the great food and all the fun.

Rotary club installs new officers

At its installation of officers, held at its new home at the Lightkeepers residence on Government Island, Peter Workman was installed as president of the Cohasset Rotary.

Members of the board of directors for the 1997-1998 term are Peter Guild, Peter Pearce, Peter Workman, Tom Gruber, Bob Grobel, Kenneth Roth and Joseph Cheney.

Workman, who is a real estate specialist with Dunkin' Donuts, was inducted by Peter Guild and will assume office for a one-year term.

Workman is one of 26,000 incoming rotary presidents, residing in more than 180 countries and regions throughout the world, serving more than 1.1 million members.

Cohasset Rotary meets Monday evenings at 6:30. If you are interested in finding out more about rotary or you would like to make a presentation to the group, please send a note to President, Cohasset Rotary Club, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Yacht Club fashion show

Scituate Harbor Yacht Club will proudly present Boston designer Denise Hajjar at its annual fashion show and luncheon to be held at the Yacht Club on Wednesday, Aug. 13. Denise Hajjar is known for her elegant day and evening wear.

Ms. Hajjar is coming to the Yacht Club after a stint in Hollywood working as a costume designer for the upcoming television movie "Under Current." She outfitted twelve of the film's characters.

Tickets will be available at the Yacht Club through Friday, Aug. 8.

Class of 1930 reunion

Calling all 1930s Hingham High graduates and friends. Just a reminder that the reunion at the South Shore Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 24, starts at noon. Reservations may be made by calling Lisa Smith at (617) 749-1720. The cost for the buffet is $15.

Children's author and illustrator to sign

Author Nathalie Ward and illustrator Tessa Morgan will sign copies of their new book, "Do Whales Ever ..?" Friday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset.

Ward is a marine mammal biologist and environmental educator with the Boston University marine program in Woods Hole. She knows what interests kids about whales, porpoises and dolphins. As a whale-watching guide for many years, she collected their most asked questions about sea mammals, and gave them serious answers in this fascinating tour of sea mammal evolution. Imaginative and colorful illustrations by Morgan provide just the right touch for this easy-to-follow text. Morgan will also help children learn how to draw some of the animals from the book.

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Tickets are: general public $22; seniors $20; FBHI member $18; children 5 to 12 years $14; and under 5 years free.

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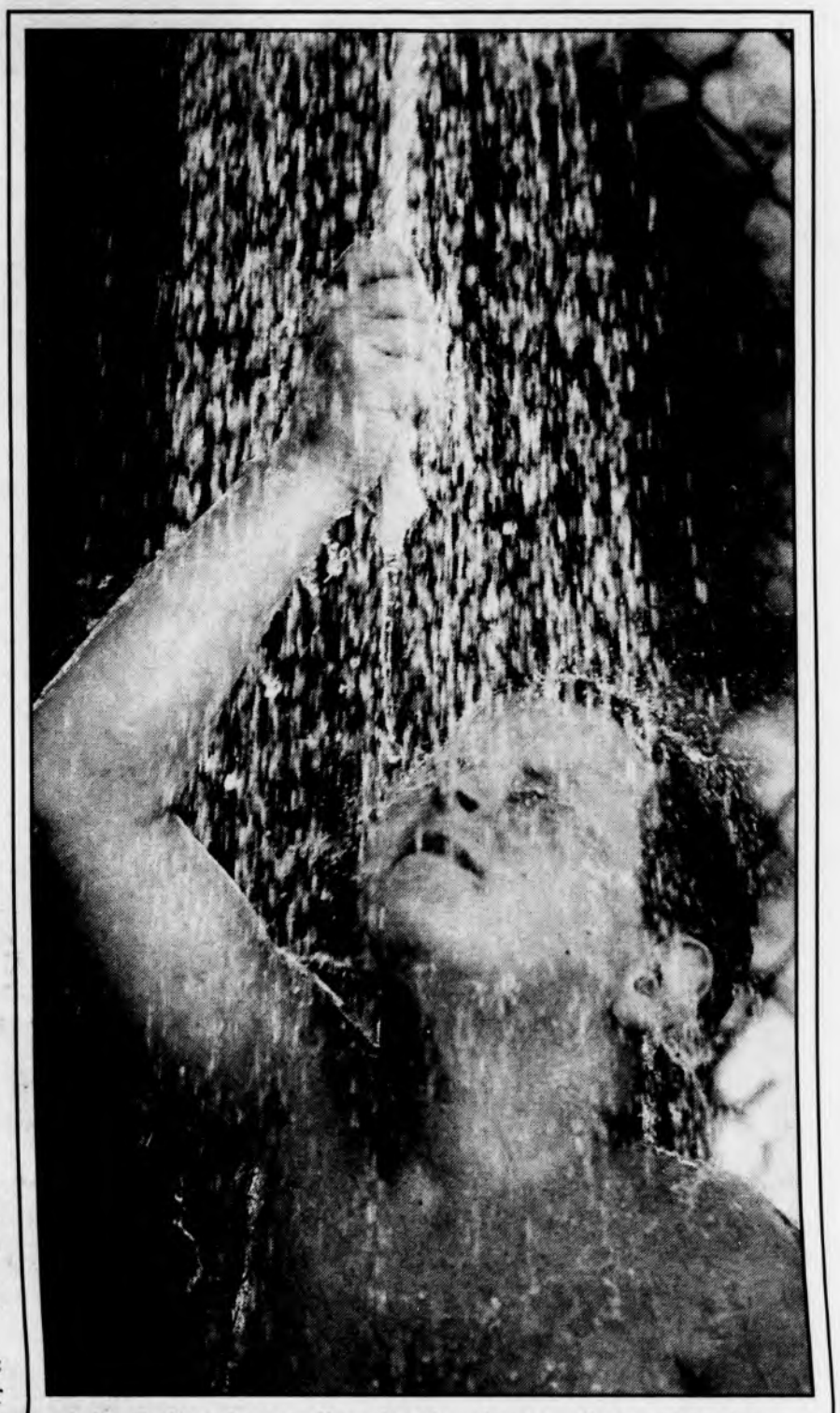
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Tickets are: general public $15, seniors $13, FBHI members $11, children 3 to 12 years $9, under 3 years free. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at dockside. Tickets sold at dockside will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

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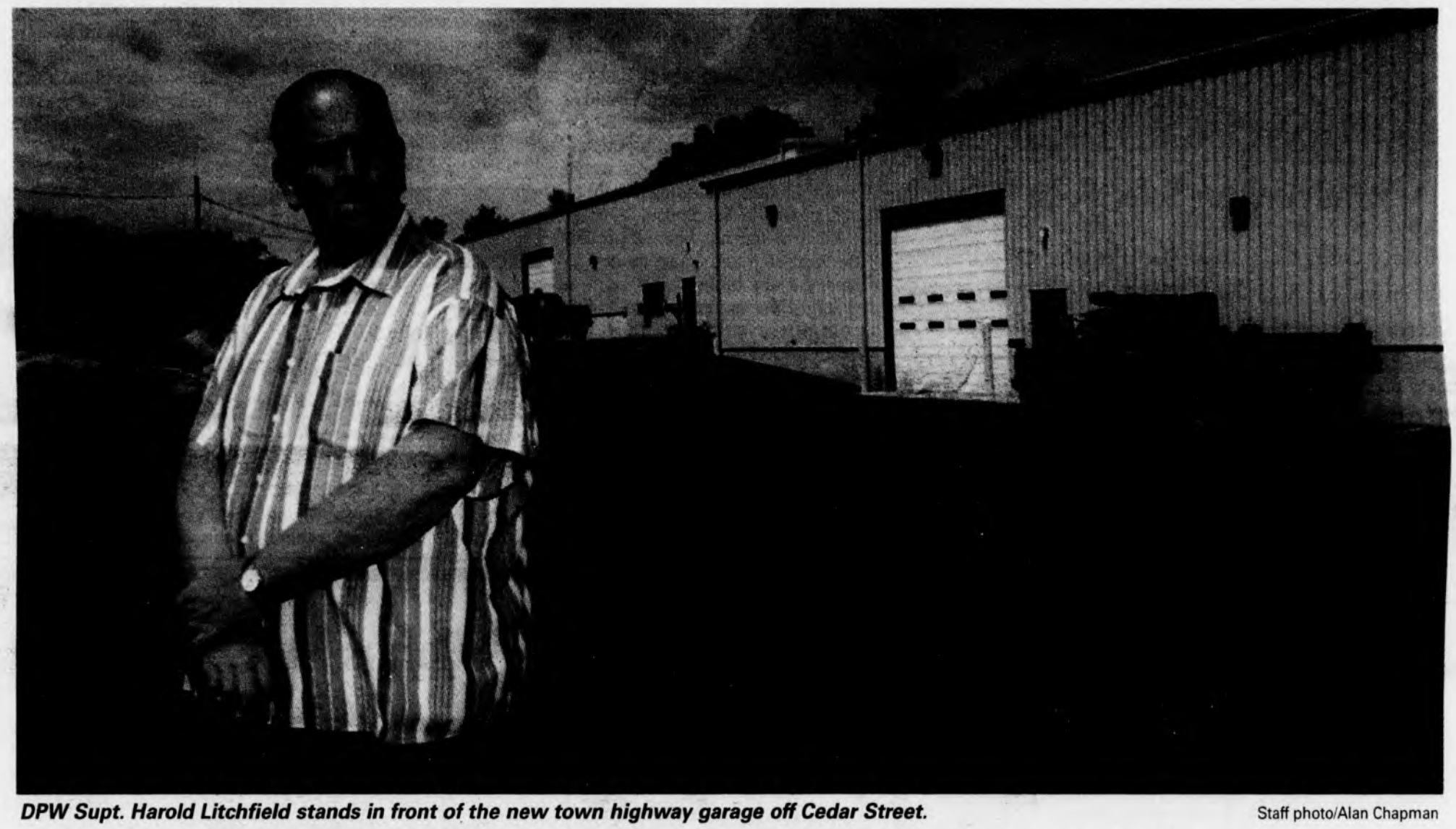
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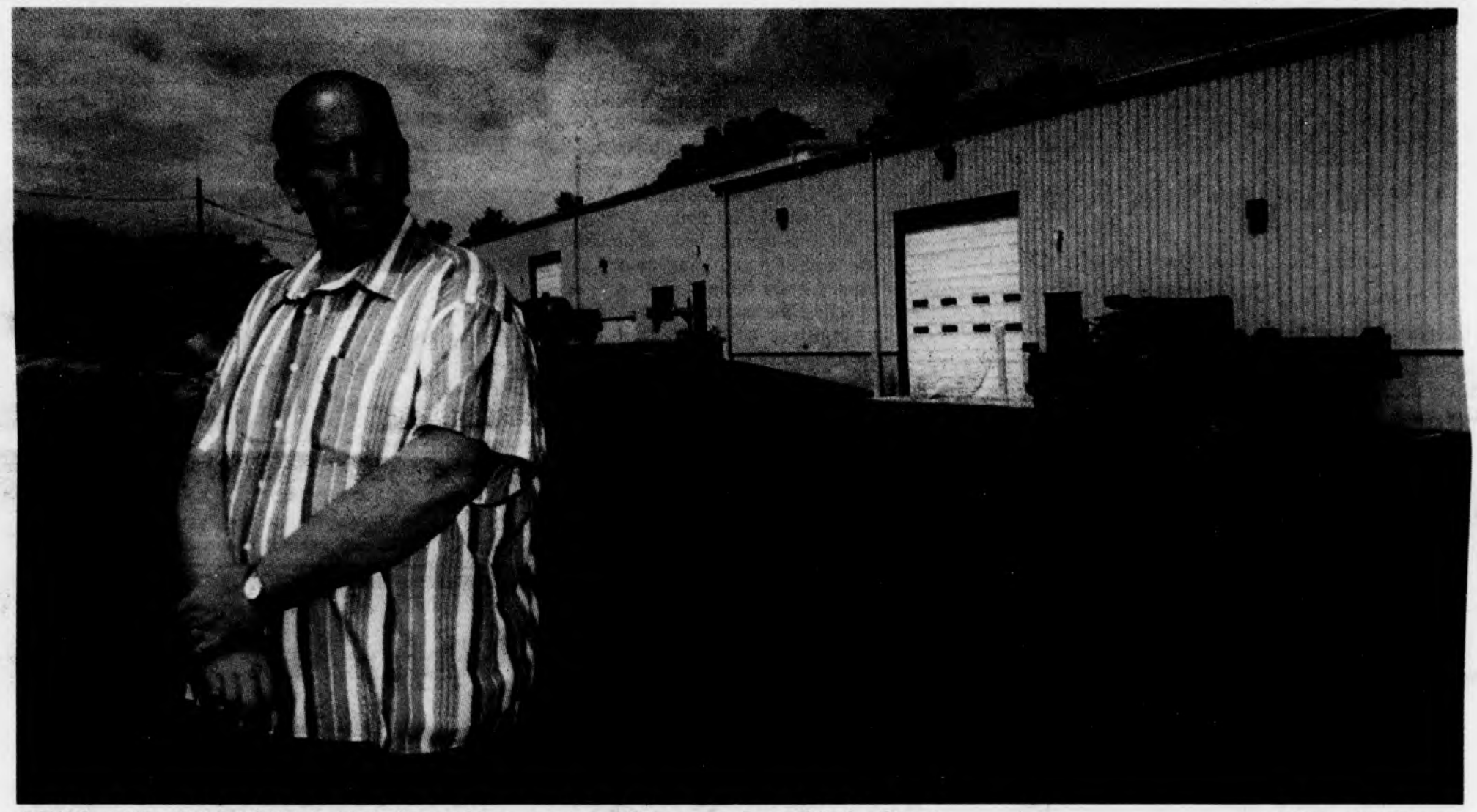
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Meeting schedule announced

The town's drug and alcohol committee will begin holding regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at town hall at 7:30 p.m.

Committee chairman Margo Aikens announced the change for September at Tuesday night's meeting. She said the meetings will be posted in the school calendars and at the town hall.

Aikens reminded all committee members to attend the scheduled meeting in order to remain on the committee. There are currently nine members on the board.

Jody Butman has recently been named secretary of the board. "We are getting our momentum back and are looking to have a successful year," Butman said.

Update on skating park

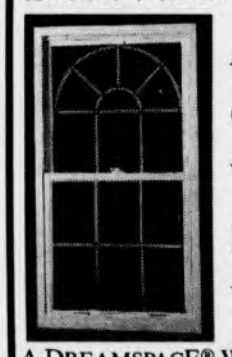
The in-line skating park that Cohasset teens are hoping to build is still in the beginning stages. At the Drug and Alcohol meeting on August 12, the committee discussed possible sites including the high school and the sand pits.

Once a site has been approved the next step is to raise money to have the park built.

Jody Butman, secretary for the committee said that there is tremendous support to have a skate park built.

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"Based on the large response to our public notice, a time limit will be imposed on all speakers at the hearing to assure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard," said Larry Rosenberg, Chief of Public Affairs for the Army Engineers. "The exact amount of time will be determined once those who wish to speak have signed up but will be allotted no less than two and no more than five minutes."

If it is determined by the Corps that all registered speakers cannot present testimony Thursday evening, the hearing will recess around midnight and will reconvene at 10 a.m. at the same location Friday (Aug. 15) morning.

Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. After following established protocol (i.e., a presentation by the applicant, followed by comments from public officials), speakers will be called upon in the order in which they registered.

Both written and oral testimony will be received. In addition to making an oral presentation at the hearing, a stenographer will be available to take statements from those who wish to have their comments placed on the record. Written statements may also be submitted for 10 days following the hearing or until Aug. 24.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Ted Lento at the New England Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 424 Trapelo Rd., Waltham 02254-9149, (617) 647-8863.

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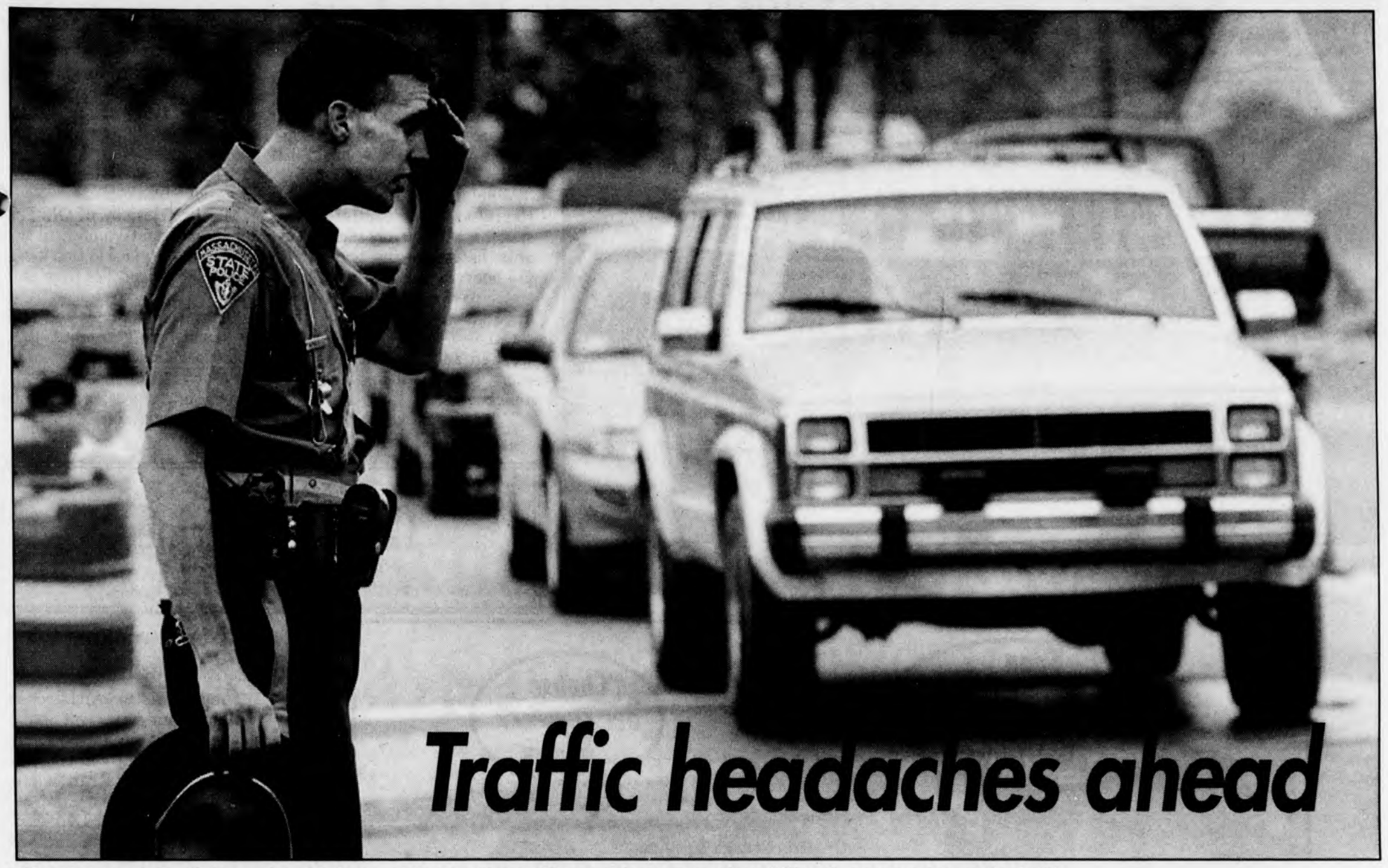
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State Trooper John Slatery wipes his brow while directing traffic near the construction of Shaw's supermarket on Route 3A.

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Traffic headaches ahead

Route 3A roadwork stalls motorists

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

The next year's traffic forecast in Scituate calls for heavy congestion along Route 3A due to a major state resurfacing project from the Marshfield border to the Cohasset border.

"It's going to be murder," Selectmen Chairman Joseph Norton said of the project, which started July 28. "I'm afraid, on certain days at certain times, it's going to be a real boon doggle."

While motorists can expect to wait for single-lane travel through town where construction crews are working from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., they should not suffer delays of more than a few minutes, said Mass. Highway District Highway Director Skip McCourt.

"We will be monitoring the traffic conditions," he said. "If cars are waiting more than just a few minutes, we'll have the construction vehicles pull off the road to let the traffic go by."

A project of this nature — which the state does periodically as needed — has not been undertaken in Scituate in about 15 years, McCourt said. The project's total cost will be $2.1 million, with Hanover-based P.A. Landers Inc. as the lead contractor, he said.

No detours are planned for the estimated 12-month project scheduled for completion in August 1998.

"There will be a lane open at all times," said McCourt. Police details will be stationed along construction sites to move traffic along. Crews could be working at more than one site at a time, he added. No work will be done on weekends.

"We don't anticipate any major problems with the project," McCourt said.

The project's scope includes excavating and resurfacing the portion of Route 3A that runs through Scituate and does not extend beyond town lines.

Since the project began, crews have been installing, adjusting and rebuilding drainage structures along the five-mile route. The hay bales that are piled at the intersection of routes 3A and 123 will be used during this phase of the project, which will last until the end of the construction season.

After a winter construction hiatus, Landers will return in the spring to remove two inches of existing bituminous concrete from the roadway and resurface Route 3A with three and a half inches of pavement. Granite curbing, curb inlets and berms as well as new traffic signs will also be installed .

The Route 3A bridge construction project will not begin until next spring at the earliest, McCourt added.

Just over the town line in Cohasset, drivers on Route 3A have had to reckon with construction at the site of the soon-to-open Shaw's Supermarket for about a year.

"We had a lot of problems with early morning back-ups," said Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan. "Sometimes there were 20- to 25-minute delays."

But Noonan predicts that Scituate's project will be less of a mess than the tie-ups in Cohasset, which required six police details. The Shaw's construction project, located in an active business district at a busy intersection, entailed more than a resurfacing project, he said.

"Scituate is much different. There are not a lot of businesses on 3A there," he said. "I don't think people will suffer as much. In Cohasset, there are lots of businesses along where they were doing construction and they were doing work on both sides of the road. They were trying to do everything at once. Paving alone is not all that bad."

Scituate Police Chief Thomas Neilen agreed.

"There may be some slowdowns but I don't anticipate any big problems," Neilen said.

Each day since work began, an average of three police details have been employed to direct traffic at a rate of $25 per hour, he said. The project will not detract from officers' regular policing duties since they work eight-hour detail shifts on their days off, he said.

But the work will not be easy.

"They have to be careful out there. They have to be alert all the time. It becomes tedious work, especially with the heat," Neilen said. "Several officers have been injured and killed in the commonwealth while on traffic detail."



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Scituate police officer Kevin Talbot directs traffic near the North River Bridge on Route 3A.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman



Woolworth at Tedeschi Plaza on Route 3A is getting ready to close for good.

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"Unfortunately its closing is disenfranchising a lot of small towns which rely on Woolworths and are not big enough to support a Walmart or Kmart," he said.

Whelan said once Tedeschi Realty assumes control of the space, it will actively seek a suitable, credit-worthy tenant. He did not rule out subdividing the space to accommodate two to three stores.

Carolyn Sargent, who has worked at Woolworth for 14 years, says she'll miss her customers.

"You know everybody," she said.

Sargent said the store is unique because of its variety of merchandize from candy, by the pound, to a certain type of nylons or girdle.

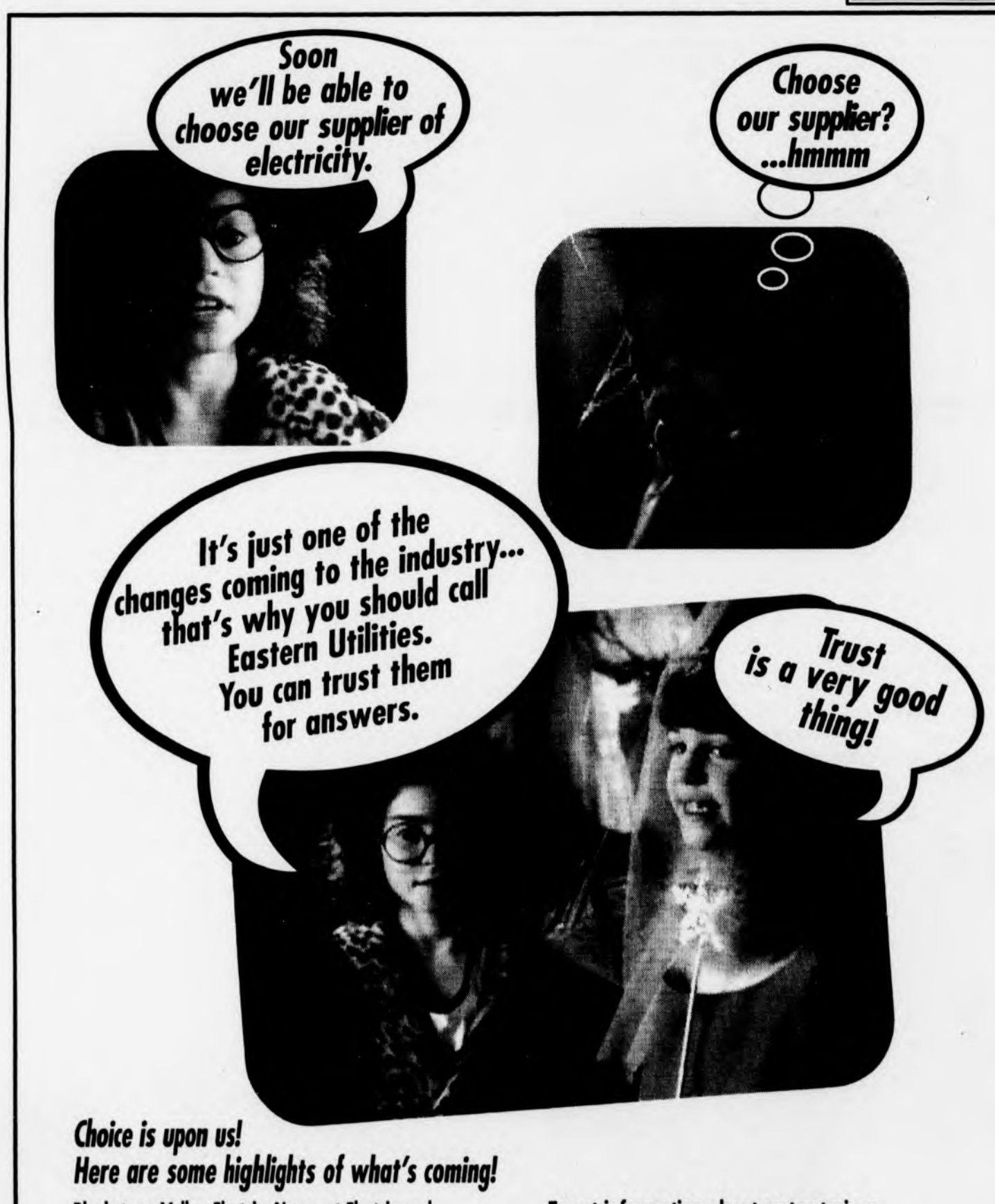
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Martha Gjesteby of Old Pasture Road, said Woolworth was an invaluable place to find things while she raised her four children.

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Service academy nomination applications available for 1998-99 school year

U.S. Rep. William Delahunt will begin accepting applications for nomination to the U.S. Service Academies for the 1998-99 academic year.

Interested candidates who would like to attend one of the academies are invited to request a nomination application by writing to: U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, 15 Cottage Ave., 4th floor, Quincy, MA 02169.

To be eligible a candidate must be a resident of the 10th Congressional District and a high school graduate by June 1998. The deadline for a completed application will be Nov. 1, 1997.

"The academies offer a superb, tuition-free education, and I urge any interested students on the South Shore or Cape and Islands who would like to attend either the Naval, Military, Air Force or Merchant Marine Academies to get started on their applications early," said Delahunt.

For more information about the application process, or about the U.S. Service Academies, call the Congressman's office at (800) 794-9911.

Return of stolen Farmers' Market banners sought

On Wednesday, Aug. 6, two banners were stolen from the location where they hang on the corner of Jason Road and Main Street at the Cohasset Farmers' Market. All that was left Thursday morning was the rope which ties them to the trees. The banners, valued at approximately $550, will be difficult to replace. If anyone has any information to their whereabouts, call 383-1994. If anyone wishes to drop off the banners with no questions asked, drop them off at Aquarius Sunrooms, 22 Depot Court. They can be left either in the front alcove of the building or on one of the benches in the rear of the building. Please return them — they are the only banners to promote the market.





Boyd Litchfield paints a street sign inside the new DPW garage.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Garage

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Mohawk-brand lift. All tools, signs, buckets, barrels and other devices and equipment are neatly arranged in the 14,700-square-foot home of the D.P.W..

"I love it," said Mary Snow, who works in the new facility. "It's big. it's clean. There are less interruptions. My (air-conditioned) office is more than twice as big as it used to be."

The stoic boulders and pastel flowers — planted by Lynn Eisenhauer and Mary Edmonds from one of the local garden clubs — which decorate the perimeter of the new garage are a stark contrast to the poles, signs and other assorted D.P.W. debris that litter the old site.

The old garage, built in 1945, was built to accommodate trucks with a 108-inch wheel-base, according to Litchfield, and not the 155-inch wheel-base that his trucks currently have.

The new facility also houses the tree and park division and is a neighbor to the recycling-transfer facility and road salt shed. Also on the premises is 8,000 gallon fenced-in fuel depot which cost $90,000. Litchfield said that this consolidation has made things run much more smoothly and efficiently.

He said that he expects the new facility to save him from some head-aches.

"(In the old garage) we weren't able to put everything inside," said Litchfield. "A lot of stuff had to stay out and it was vandalized — kids put sand in the gas tanks and broke windows and mirrors on the trucks.

"In the winter time, we'd have to drain the (street) sweeper and put it in the old Cohasset Fire Station. We had to take all the filters and everything out of it. Now we can keep it i n

"Now we have everything under one roof." — DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield.

a warm garage. This means that if we get a good day in February, and I want to go out and sweep up some of the sand, I can do that without going through a major production."

Construction of the garage was approved at the 1994 annual town meeting but budget estimates were low and an additional $230,000 had to be added onto the budget in October of 1996.

Selectmen Chairman Michael H. Sullivan said the excess in cost was directly attributable to improvement in the construction economy and planners' efforts to be conservative when the initial proposal was brought forward.

Sullivan said he is happy that the garage is now standing.

"The old garage was too small for the current department," said Sullivan. "It was in a tough location — they had no property around them to speak of. Everything about it was inefficient and old and needed to be brought up to date."

Former garage committee member Gary Gardner, 90 Beechwood St., said that the new site will be good for things such as a meeting area for contracted snow-plowers or a place to put a town boat or two during the winter.

"The new D.P.W. garage is a great facility for the long-term vested interests of the town," said Gardner, who estimates that the project to get a new garage has been in the works for 28 years.

One thing Litchfield said he would like to see added to the new building is a maintenance bay and a mechanic to work there.

"At some point, Cohasset should look for a town mechanic to take care of some of the repairs," said Litchfield.

Kids pet show coming

The children's section of the Paul Pratt Library will sponsor a Pet Show on Cohasset Common on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children may pick up a registration form for their pet or pets in the children's room at the Library beginning on Aug. 1. Each pet to be shown — dog, cat, bird, duck, rabbit, iguana, tortoise, et al. — must be registered. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded in special categories. Refershments will be provided by the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library. Watch for more news about the pet show in this column.

Puzzle club, story hour debut

Deer Hill School librarian Marge Murphy conducts the very popular puzzle club Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:45 p.m., continuing until the last week of August. Children from grades two through six are welcome. They should be sure to bring their library cards. Popsicles, courtesy of the Friends of the Paul Pratt Library will be served at 8 p.m. Parents must pick up their children no later than 8:45 p.m.

An informal story time for preschool children will take place every Friday throughout the summer, at 10 to 10:30 a.m. continuing until August 22 in the children's room of the Paul Pratt Library. Children must be 3 1/2 years old. There is no registration required.

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AIR BUD (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30
GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 6:45*, 9:30 * No 6:45 show Sat. Eve due to Sneak
MEN IN BLACK (PG13) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
COPLAND (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
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Local citizen's group defends landfill site denial

By David Tibbetts
COHASSET MARINER

A group of more than 150 residents who oppose the proposed expansion of the Cohasset Heights Landfill (CHL) have filed a 71-page legal brief in Norfolk Superior Court supporting the health board's decision to deny the company's expansion.

"This is the big one," said John McNabb of Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), a group dedicated to opposing any expansion of CHL.

CHL filed an appeal in Norfolk District Court asking the court to overturn the board of health's site denial last April.

CHL submitted a 55-page brief last May stating that errors of law were made in the site denial process. CHL claims that the health board decision was not based on substantial evidence and was illegal.

"Now it's up to the judge and whether the court buys into CHL's arguments that errors of law were made," McNabb said.

McNabb said he is confident that the case against CHL looks very good.

"In our brief, we also argued that the board of health decision must be upheld unless CHL can prove that it was illegal, arbitrary, and capricious since the decision was in effect a regulation of the board," McNabb said. "We proved that CHL can't show that the decision was illegal, arbitrary and capricious and therefore must be upheld in court."

Attorney Kevin O'Donnell prepared the brief with help from McNabb.

McNabb said the next step is for the court to assign a judge to this aspect of the case. The judge must review the entire record of the case, which includes more than 3,500 pages of testimony, 70 hours of hearings and 144 exhibits.

McNabb said the judge may schedule a hearing within the next 6-9 months, at which time the health board, CHL and the citizens' group can speak. The judge will make his ruling after the conclusion of this process.

Judge to view disputed area in CHL land court case

Land Court Judge Peter Kilborn, who is presiding over Cohasset Height Ltd. (CHL) landfill's lawsuit challenging the validity of the Cohasset Water Resource District, comes to Cohasset Aug. 15 at about 11 a.m. to view the disputed area.

In the suit, CHL alleges that the town of Cohasset, in the zoning bylaw that created the district by vote of town meeting April 7, 1986, improperly included Crocker Lane and about one-third of CHL's proposed Area V landfill expansion. Land filling is prohibited in the district to protect Cohasset's public water supplies, including the Sohier Street wellfield.

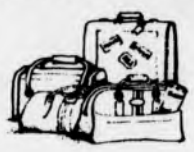
Judge Kilborn, along with attorneys for CHL and for the town of Cohasset, and amicus curiae John McNabb Jr., will tour Crocker Lane to view the road and the drainage structures that CHL says directs stormwater away from the Sohier Street wellfields.

Kilborn will also view the Sohier Street wellfields, which CHL alleges are not lawful water supplies.

This 'taking of a view' is the next to last step in this legal process, which began Nov. 29, 1994, when CHL filed the suit. On June 21, 1996, Kilborn dismissed Count V. CHL's claim of denial of procedural due process, and Jan. 23, 1997, he dismissed Count I, CHL's claim that the district was preempted by the Solid Waste Act.

Trial was held Feb. 13 and 14, and March 24 and 25, on Count II, which alleged denial of substantive due process, and Count IV, which alleged that the district was inverse spot zoning. Count III, alleging taking without compensation, was held over for later action if necessary. On June 10, McNabb filed his post-trial brief, as did CHL and special counsel for the town of Cohasset. There is no time limit for Kilborn to make a decision.

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Deadline extended for directory

The Cohasset Against Substance Abuse group, part of the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee, has extended its deadline for accepting forms for the new Safe Homes Directory. Forms can be picked up at the Town Hall and the Library.

The new deadline is Sept.10.

Margo Aiken, chairman of the Drug and Alcohol Committee, would like all parents with children in grades 6 through 12 to participate in this program.

The directory provides parents with information about the affects ofdrugs and alcohol. There is a list of resources on how and where to get help or information if they become aware that a problem exists.

The directory also lists parents in the community who have agreed to provide an alcohol-free and drug-free environment in their homes.

Aiken also announced that additional directories will be printed and will be available at the Town Hall.

"In the past we have printed enough for those who have returned the applications and are part of the program," Aiken said. "Our goal is to reach as many people in the community as possible."

No decision on cellular tower yet

The zoning board will decide by August 27 whether to allow Sprint Spectrum L.P. to erect a 120-foot telecommunications antenna near Foreign Auto Repair on Route 3A, according to Mark DeGiacomo, zoning board chairman.

Sprint presented its antenna design, which would be disguised as a flagpole, to the board at a July 30 meeting at town hall. Sprint had changed the design from a lattice-style to the more aesthetically-pleasing flagpole.

"It is certainly a more preferable design," said DeGiacomo. "I'm still concerned with the distance (200-feet) the pole is from 3A as well as the height of the pole."

The land for the proposed antenna is in a light-industrial zone with a 45-foot restriction on the height of any structure. The antenna is allowed in a light industrial zone with a special permit for height.

Sprint, which is currently concerned only with 3A coverage, said that more antennas would be necessary in the future to provide cellular service to all of Cohasset. They assured the board, however, that no more giant poles would be needed.



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Mike Petrucci lands in the dunk tank provided by Cohasset firefighters at Summerfest in Hingham Square on Aug. 2.

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APOLOGY IS NOTED

We must begin this week by giving a huge apology to Cameron Nugent — Cameron is a female who will be attending Tabor Academy in the fall, and it was she who participated in Tabor's "Orientation at Sea" program a few weeks ago!

We were not the only ones to make the error, the press release that we received referred to Cameron as a male also — in any case, my fault, and I am sorry. By the way, it is twice as impressive to hear that you are a female, we just know that we will hear all about Tabor and your experiences — everyone will want to hear them through a woman's eyes! Again, sorry for the error, Cameron.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LUCY

Here's plenty of advance notice, so that you may be sure to give Lucy Leonard huge birthday greetings and lots of hugs Aug. 20. She can always be spotted around town, either at Stop and Shop or the consignment shop! Wish her a happy birthday — maybe she will tell you her age, maybe not — in any case, she looks superb, is a grand lady, and everyone loves her! Oh, by the way, Happy Birthday from the Gang at Bancroft Road; Mrs. Leonard!

THE JEROMES ARE GRANDPARENTS

Tom and Florence Jerome certainly had plenty of reasons to celebrate recently, they are one happy couple! Five days before celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary, their daughter, Donna, gave them the best present they could receive; their first grandchild!! Her name is Elise Marie Greitzer, and she lives in Arlington with her Mom and Dad, Donna and Ian. The Jerome's two other children, Karen (who lives in Dedham) and son and Daughter-in-law, David and Sylvia, live in Rutland, Vt. Tom and Florence celebrated their 40th in a special way, they took a cruise through the Panama Canal. The family celebration (of which there will be a few we'll bet), will take place when Elise is just a smidgen older! Won't that just be so much fun?! Needless to say, all are extremely excited, Elise will sure be surrounded with lots of love! As will Florence and Tom! Congratulations to all of you!

HATS OFF TO JARROD

Have you been wondering why you haven't spotted Jarrod Batts around town recently? Well, there is surely a good reason! Jarrod is now a Marine, and he is Rec. Jarrod Batts! He is in Parris Island, where he will spend 14 weeks! For those of you who would like to drop him a congratulatory note, or just say hi, his address is: Rec. Jarrod Batts 015684409, 3rd Bn MCO PLT 3085, MCRD Parris Island, S.C. 29905.

Be sure to tell him how proud of him we all are, it is quite a thing to serve your country, and we know he will do an admirable job!

OUT OF STATE VISIT

Florence Hitt (from Lacey, Washington) visited her daughter, Sandy Hitt Young and her husband Bruce at their home in Bowie, Md. Sandy and Bruce's daughter, Katherine Griffith and husband Bob, along with their children Cody Ryan and Morgan James Griffith, came from Hedgesville, W.V., to visit Grandma, Grandpa, and Great-Grandmother. Florence and Sandy came to Cohasset for a party with all of their friends at Dick and Locke Tousley's in Cohasset — they stayed in Hingham with Janet Vanderweil, who also had a party for Florence. Florence and Sandy went back to Lacey, Wash., but Sandy will be back in Cohasset about Aug. 9, when Sandy and Bruce will be visiting Bruce's family in Saugus. She hopes to see the rest of her friends at that time, she sure is a busy person!

SWEET ADELINES

The Island Grove Chorus of Sweet Adeline's International is holding a membership drive, they are attempting to double their membership. No previous experience is necessary, and rehearsals are every Thursday night at the United Church of Christ Hall, Route 18, Abington, at 7:30. These gals really have a great time with their singing, and their voices are truly beautiful with harmony that is unexcelled! For more information please give a call to 383-9582. It will be a great way to spend you winter, and you will meet a great group of gals!

AWARDS WON

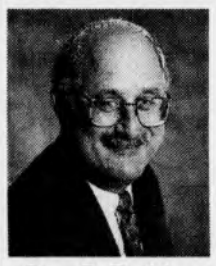
Hats off to Patricia A. McCarthy, artist extraordinaire! Pat recently won two awards from the Duxbury Art Association at their Summer Show Aug. 1. Her two pictures won her an Honorable Mention and a First Prize! Not that we are surprised, Pat's work is beautiful, and we love it! Congratulations to you Pat!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS ITEMS

Finally, the Cohasset Food Pantry has a few items on its wish list this week, they would appreciate it if you could help out — toothpaste, shampoo, laundry soap, maple syrup, white sugar and regular coffee are the items on the list, double up the next time you hit the market and donate one to a most worthy cause!

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Obituaries

Ellery H. Clark Jr.

A memorial service was held Aug. 12 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, for Ellery H. Clark Jr., U.S. Navy, Ret. 87, of Scituate and Cohasset, an author and a retired professor at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Burial was private.

Capt. Clark died Aug. 4.

He attended elementary school at Brown and Nichols in Cambridge. He graduated from Roxbury Latin High School in 1929 and was a Golden Boy track star that year. He continued his athletic career throughout his lifetime, winning 120 gold medals in track and field events, including one at the 1995 Springfield Senior Olympics.

In 1933, Capt. Clark graduated cum laude from Harvard University where he studied English and naval history and was a member of Navy ROTC. That year, he was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy. He was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1940 as a professor of English and naval history, as well as assistant track coach.

He signed on for active duty in World War II and served on the aircraft carrier USS Randolph as a damage control officer in the South Pacific. In 1945, with the rank of lieutenant commander, he was involved in several famous battles, including Okinawa.

When the war ended, Capt. Clark returned to full-time teaching in 1946 and earned a master's degree in English from Boston University in 1955.

When he retired from the academy in 1979, he was a full professor of naval history and coach of the track and cross country teams. Among the students he had coached was Jimmy Carter, who went on to become president.

Capt. Clark co-authored several naval history textbooks, including "Sea Power", helped found the "Naval Review", and founded the academy's Toastmasters Club.

With the help of his first wife, the late Grace Marion Clark, he ran the Annapolis Civic Ballet and Dance Studio from their Annapolis home.

Between 1979 and 1982, Capt. Clark wrote three books about the Boston Red Sox, "Red Sox Fever," "Red Sox Forever" and "75th Anniversary History of the Boston Red Sox."

A lifelong Red Sox fan and member of the BoSox Club since 1985, he was a friend of team owners Tom and Jean Yawkey and of players Ted Williams and Dom DiMaggio.

He was a lifelong member of the Boston Athletic Association, along with his late father, Ellery Clark Sr., who won two gold medals in the 1896 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Capt. Clark was born in Cohasset and summered there for many years while living in Annapolis.

He leaves his wife, Joanne Ramsden-Clark; a son, William Ellery Clark of Severna Park, Md.; daughter, Victoria Clark-Waidner of Annapolis, Md.; two step-sons, Christopher Ramsden and Mark Ramsden; and a granddaughter.

Arrangements were made by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to Boston Athletic Assn., 131 Clarendon St., Boston 02116.

Frank Rosano

Frank Rosano, 81, of Bristol, R.I., son of the late Frank and Rose Rosano of Cohasset, died recently in the Veterans Hospital in Bristol, R.I. where he has been, following an amputation several years ago.

Mr. Rosano fought in World War II in the Battle of the Bulge Company B 643rd Tank destroyer attached Battalion 82nd Air Borne and 83rd Division. They were the first troop over the Alp River where they met and battled with the Russian troops.

He leaves two sons, Frank Jr. and Anthony Rosano both of Bristol, R.I.; a daughter, Rose Margaret Lothrop of Abington; two sisters, Libby Pompeo of Cohasset and Marion Reynolds of Bridgewater; and two grandsons. He was the brother of the late Joseph Rosano, Rocco Rosano, both of Hingham; Pauline Loiacono of Hingham and Mary Sue Hardy of Cohasset.

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Peripheral vision

Sometimes it's easy to lose perspective.

It's hard to appreciate the beauty of each sunrise when you are rushing past on your way to work. It's hard to remember how important it is to listen to the birds, count the stars or share a conversation with an old friend when the constant crises of the working world and family life are always threatening to overwhelm you. Our employers, teachers and parents encourage us always to pay attention to what we are doing and not the world happening around us.

That's why art, and artists, are so important. Our painters, writers, actors and musicians learn by their calling to celebrate what is beautiful, rather than what is necessary. They invite us to question the patterns and priorities of our lives; they entice us into the forgotten details of the universe and the dizzying pleasures of imagined worlds. They inspire, they provoke, they require us to think; they invite us to play. They remind us that we are alive and that we are human, and that both of those are good things.

Understanding and confronting art is not an easy thing. It is easier to be entertained than challenged. Given a choice, many of us would rather spend our time and money on amusements that provide us an escape from our problems, rather than art that will help us transcend them. Popular, commercially viable art reflects this tendency.

To survive, the best art requires the financial support of an educated patron. In a democratic society, it falls upon the people and the government that represents them to act as that patron. On the local level, government support for the arts comes in the form of organizations like the local cultural councils, whose grants fund children's concerts, murals by the seashore, poets and plays and countless other projects that enrich and inform our lives.

On the national level, this support has come in the form of the National Endowment for the Arts, an institution marked for dissolution by the actions of our legislature.

The arguments against continued federal funding for the arts are many and persuasive. NEA grants have nurtured expressions many people find obscene, sacrilegious, or otherwise offensive, all with public funds. The endowment has been accused of favoring the East Coast elite with its disbursements.

It may be that a retooling of the endowment is necessary to make it the kind of grand experiment in democratic patronage its creators intended it to be. To abandon the idea that the government has a duty to support the creative achievements of its people would be, however, a serious mistake. We cannot hope to advance as a people on the strength of our backs alone; we must nourish our hearts and minds if we expect them to play a role in our future.

—Rob Rogers

Rob Rogers is editor of the Marshfield and Kingston Mariners, two of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.

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LETTERS

Bay State Games coverage appreciated

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation, I want to thank you for you coverage of the 1997 Bay State Summer Games. The Games celebrated its 16 year and your support and coverage made it special.

Through June and July, close to 10,000 athletes, from across the state, participated in team tryouts, regional qualifiers and festival events. More than 5,000 athletes advanced to the Bay State Summer Games Finals July 17 to 27 at MIT, UMass/Boston, BC, BU, Harvard, Devens Field Complex and the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center. These individuals put endless amounts of time and commitment into participating in this Olympic-style festival.

The Bay State Summer Games provides athletes, of all ages, an opportunity to compete with and against some of the state's finest competitors. Every individual should be applauded for their success and accomplishments.

Thank you for covering these athletes and giving them the recognition they deserve.

Rachel L. Podradchik
Marketing Communications Manager

Polly Logan to be honored at GOP

Political consultants will discuss 1998 and 2000 campaigns with GOP leaders of Bristol, Barnstable, Plymouth and Norfolk at the Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club in Brewster, from 2 to 5 p.m., Aug. 24, Division 5 Chairman Bernard Nugent of Yarmouth announced.

Division 5 will also honor state GOP Vice Chairman and former Division 5 Chairman Polly Logan. Special invited guests include state, county and present and past members of the General Court.

Logan has been active in Republican politics for many years and has raised money for Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, Sen. Robert Hedlund, Sheriff Peter Forman, state and national candidates. She was a member of the Weld-Cellucci Transition Team and of state Treasurer Joe Malone's Inaugural Committee.

She served on the Republican National Committee for 12 years and presently is Vice Chairman of the Republican state party, having been re-elected April 10.

Logan is active in civic and community affairs and received a special award, "Stateswoman of the Year," from the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, and the Abigail Adams Award from the Massachusetts Womens Political Caucus. Wayne Budd of The Middlesex Club awarded Logan the Lincoln Medallion for service to the nation and the commonwealth. Of 18 recipients of the Lincoln Medallion, Logan was the third woman behind Congresswoman Margaret Heckler and the late Mary Newman. She is a former trustee of Old Sturbridge Village, former member of the Board of Overseers for Harvard College and the Museum of Fine Arts, founder and Executive Vice President of the Doric Dames, the volunteer guides at the Statehouse.

The meeting is open to the public, but reservations must be made in advance by calling, Mimi Sundstrom of Milton (698-1864), Shawnie Littlehale of Norwell (659-4191) or Larry Novak of Brockton (588-6484).

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American girls at party are real dolls!

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Alan Chapman



Molly Gallagher waits to be served tea.



Katie Callahan celebrates her birthday at Zinnia's with her friends at the American Girl doll party.



Natalie Hunt holds her doll as the other dolls from the American Girl Collection, wait for the party to start.



Amanda Thompson and her American Girl doll wave from the sidewalk on South Main Street as she welcomes friends to her birthday party.



Jennifer Pilsmaker tries to decide which pastry to select from the delicious variety offered at Zinnia's where the party was held.

Shaw's to host pre-opening reception

Shaw's Supermarket will open its doors to V.I.P. guests with a two-hour hor d'oeuvres reception on Saturday, Aug. 23 at 5 p.m., according to an invitation sent by Phil Francis, president and CEO of the supermarket chain.

On Saturday morning, Shaw's will also hold a reception for its new associates and their families. The events— both to feature catored food and music— will precede Shaw's grand opening, which will be held the next day.

Several hundred guests— including town officials, the contractor, and others who have supported Shaw's during its recent strike-related turmoil— will be on hand for Saturday's V.I.P. reception, according to Shaw's representative Bernie Rogan.

Selectmen Chairman Mark Sullivan, who is unsure whether he will be able to attend the reception, said that he is pleased that Shaw's is opening in Cohasset.

"It's always in everyone's best interest to have competition," said Sullivan, referring to an expected rivalry between Shaw's and the Stop & Shop further down on Route 3A. "The Cohasset consumer should benefit and it will provide a good tax base for Cohasset."

Rogan expects the store to be fully staffed in the near future thanks to the $7.00 per-hour starting salary Shaw's is offering.

Town Hall is venue for teen dance

By Aleisa Fleming
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset Town Hall auditorium is getting a new look.

It's going to be decorated with plastic palm trees, fishing nets and funky colored light. But don't worry, it's only for one night.

On Friday, Aug. 22, the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol committee is turning the auditorium into a "beach" setting for its Summer Beach Dance.

The dance is for teens in grades 7 through 12. The cost is $5 and the money raised will go toward various projects the committee is looking to sponsor.

"We have been all over Cohasset posting flyers about the dance," said Alex D'Urso, a student helping the committee.

Committee secretary Jody Butman has received numerous phone calls from parents offering to be chaperones.

DJ Jay Fiori will provide free music so students can dance the night away. Other donations such as baked goods, snacks and sodas have also been received.

Margo Aiken, chairman of the committee, said she is hoping for a large turnout.

Town garage eyed as teen dance hall

By Aleisa Fleming
CORRESPONDENT

Anthony Bramblett is hoping to turn the town's old highway garage into a meeting place for area teens.

The garage, he envisions, would become a teen dance hall.

Anthony, a student on the town's Drug and Alcohol committee, met with Bob Egan this week to inspect the old garage.

"The dance club will be for students in grades 7 through 12 who want to have fun, dance and hang out," Anthony said enthusiastically.

Bramblett said the idea is to have a place for students under 18 to have a place to go on Saturday nights and dance. He is also looking for people in the community to volunteer as chaperones. "It would nice to have other people instead of just parents helping out," Anthony said.

The concept of a teen dance hall is in the very early planning stages, Anthony said.

"Right now I have some ideas, but nothing has been decided on," Anthony said. Anthony would also like to set up a board of directors, mostly students, to help organize how the dance club will operate.

He is scheduled to meet with selectmen chairman Michael Sullivan to begin writing the proposal once Egan completes the inspection.

"From what I have been told, the selectman are really excited about the dance club," said Margo Aikens, chairman of the Drug and Alcohol committee.

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ing the streets off and constructing a new access road to Sestito and Castle lanes through a condominium development off Pond Street. Lincoln Lane would hook up to Gannett Pasture Lane in North Scituate.

Committee members nixed both those ideas because it would be too disruptive to the residents and take too long for fire service to reach the homes. Each of the lanes contains only one or two houses.

They asked member Fire Chief Roger Lincoln explore with the residents the possibility of creating a connector road between Sestito and Castle lanes making them one way. One way traffic would allow a smaller crossing gate system. Lincoln Lane could possibly be closed off and connected to Ledgewood Estates off Brewster Road if there's an available lot.

"I'll wear my protective helmet," Lincoln joked about chatting with the affected residents.

Other mitigation committee members include Selectman Diane C. Sullivan, Michael Dick of the Conservation Commission, Tom Gruber and Martin Corry.

The other grade crossings in town will be able to accommodate four-quadrant gates, which drop across every possible lane of traffic, and median strips possibly eliminating the need for whistle blowing. However, federal railroad authorities must agree that those protective measures would be adequate before the T could get a whistle waiver, the committee explained.

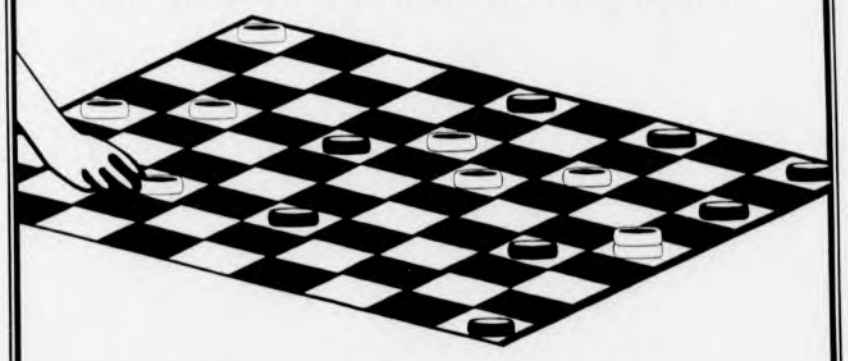
The proposed bike path would be constructed by the MBTA along the right of way as mitigation for loss of open space. The town owns the old rail bed and the T will buy it back from the town for about $11,000 an acre. The bike path would be separated from the tracks by a fence, committee members said.

The committee plans to ask the T for a traffic light at the intersection of North Main, Forest and King Streets

A 44-car proposed parking lot off Pleasant Street across from James Lane is also a concern because it would affect a neighborhood. The T has promised to replace parking that is lost when the train comes. The committee would like to see if the T can create more spaces toward the far end of the town parking lot instead.

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Encephalitis discovery prompts caution

By Rob Rogers
STAFF WRITER

Public health officials have advised residents not to worry following the discovery of two mosquitoes carrying Eastern equine encephalitis in Kingston last week.

Dry weather and the approaching end of the summer season will offer disease-carrying mosquitoes little chance to breed and multiply, lowering the chance that one will bite and infect a human. In addition, the two mosquitoes found carrying the virus are members of a mosquito species that bites birds, not humans.

Nevertheless, the state Department of Public Health is recommending that area residents take a few simple precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

Although saying an outbreak of the disease was "unlikely," state health officials recommended area residents avoid contact with mosquitoes during the remainder of the mosquito season, which ends with the first frost. Officials recommend wearing long-sleeved shirts and trousers when traveling outside at dawn or dusk, using a mosquito repellent containing the chemical DEET (except with infants or small children), maintaining door and window screens and eliminating standing water.

Last Monday's discovery marked the first time since 1993 Massachusetts health officials have identified mosquitoes carrying Eastern equine encephalitis. The discovery is not unusual, however, health officials said, since the virus has been detected in mosquitoes in 25 of the last 29 years. No humans or horses have contracted encephalitis this year.

Eastern equine encephalitis is an extremely rare but serious disease that affects the nervous system. Victims of the disease can suffer neurologic damage or death. The last human case of encephalitis in Massachusetts was recorded in August 1995.

Symptoms of encephalitis are a high fever, stiff neck, headache and lack of energy. A swelling of the brain is the most serious symptom. Symptoms may show up two to 10 days after infection. The disease progresses quickly, and many patients go into a coma within a week. There is no cure for the disease, and three out of every 10 people who get the disease die as a result.

News of the virus' discovery prompted a number of additional calls to the Kingston-based Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, which monitors and manages the mosquito population in 27 communities. The agency received 451 calls last week, an average of 90 calls a day. During the 1997 summer season, the group has received 12,241 calls, 888 from Marshfield.

Because relatively few mosquitoes will be around to spread disease in the last few weeks of summer, project officials said they have no plans to increase spraying of mosquito-killing pesticides as a result of discovering the encephalitis-carrying insects.

A summer drought has meant fewer than usual mosquitoes in the area, said Ray Zucker, assistant superintendent of the project. Summer rainfall levels so far are five and a half inches below normal.

Of the 40-odd species of mosquitoes in Massachusetts, only about six carry encephalitis, Zucker said. The disease is carried by migratory birds. Horses and humans become infected when mosquitoes which bite both birds and humans transfer the encephalitis virus from a bird to a human or horse. Only a mosquito bite will carry the disease; humans cannot be infected by birds. Disease-carrying mosquitoes appear most often in the cedar swamps of southEastern Massachusetts.

Health researchers say the number of mosquitoes in Massachusetts is far below the levels present during previous years when humans have contracted encephalitis.

The state has stepped up its trapping program in Kingston to continue monitoring disease-carrying mosquitoes. The program uses traps baited with carbon dioxide, a gas exhaled by humans and other animals that attract mosquitoes.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Health State Laboratory at (617) 983-6201 or the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project at (617) 585-5450.

How to avoid mosquito bites

- Limit time spent outdoors when there is increased mosquito activity, at dawn and dusk. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants if outdoors during these times.
- When outdoors during periods of noticeable mosquito activity, use mosquito repellents that contain DEET. Products containing low concentrations of DEET — 15 percent or less — are for children and backyard environments. Repellents containing DEET should never be used on infants.
- Small children and infants, when resting or sleeping outdoors in playpens and carriages, should be covered by mosquito netting.
- Repair and securely fasten all screens on doors and windows of your home to keep mosquitoes out.
- Eliminate backyard mosquito breeding areas by preventing the collection of standing water in old tires, buckets, gutters or toddler swimming pools.

—Source: State Department of Public Health



A mosquito gets up close and personal on human skin.

EEE packets are available

Although EEE virus has not been found in mosquitoes in Massachusetts since 1993, these isolations are not unusual as the virus has been detected in mosquitoes in 25 of the past 29 years. Multiple human cases of EEE have occurred in six years during this period, while there have been single cases of human EEE in three of the years. Numbers of mosquitoes trapped remain below average at the long term sites. Supplemental trapping using CO2-baited duplex cone traps will be initiated at the Kingston site and other sites as EEE virus is detected, to augment our collections of human-biting mosquitoes."

Packets containing basic information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and general measures for mosquito control are available at three Cohasset sites: Town Hall (in a receptacle mounted on the large billboard), the Community Center, and the Paul Pratt Library. This information has been provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Audubon Society, and the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee (CMCC). For further information call 383-9900, Ext. 121, or leave a note in the CMCC mailbox in town hall.

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South shore braces for area code change

Sarah R. Coffey
STAFF WRITER

The South Shore will soon be the recipient of a new area code, courtesy of the state Department of Public Utilities and NYNEX, but many are unaware or unconcerned with the upcoming change.

Twenty-two communities on the South Shore from Canton to Kingston will change from the current 617 area code to the newly-established 781 area code Sept. 1. A statewide three-month permissive dialing period beginning Sept. 1 will enable callers to use either the old or new dialing patterns. Beginning Dec. 1, NYNEX will begin converting its switching centers across Eastern Massachusetts to accept only the new area codes and dialing patterns.

The change will affect businesses, who will need to spend money on new letterhead, business cards, computer updates, and other area-code related expenses; and residents, who will need to adjust to a new way of dialing neighbors who had been in the same area code.

Customers must dial the seven-digit telephone numbers for local calls within the same area code; the area code plus the seven-digit number for local calls to a different area code; and the number one plus the area code plus the seven-digit telephone number for calls anywhere outside the local calling area.

The new area codes and dialing patterns will not change telephone service rates, NYNEX said.

Cellular phones, modems, fax machines, and beepers are responsible for the needed change, said Kenneth Horne from NYNEX.

"In 1988, we changed to 508, which was supposed to last for 20 years," Horne said. "In reality, it only lasted 10." Horne anticipates another change in area code for both the North and South shores in the next five to eight years. North Shore communities are being assigned to a 978 area code.

Even though the change is set to occur in less than two months, many residents and businesses seem blissfully unconcerned with the switch over.

"We haven't even thought about it," Joseph Russo, an employee for Ricciardi Construction in Hanover, said. "I don't have a clue."

Those who do have a clue include print shops, who anticipate a substantial raise in business due to companies forced to fork out cash for new signs, letterhead, and anything else with a phone number on it.

"In 1988, we changed to 508, which was supposed to last for 20 years," Horne said. "In reality, it only lasted 10." — Kenneth Horne from NYNEX.

Diane Pynn, a supervisor at Flinn Printing Company, Inc. in Hingham, has noticed an overwhelming increase in business.

"We've increased printing of local area business letterhead and business cards by more than 50 percent," Pynn said.

"We are now open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. until the changes go through," she said.

At Cards and Shards in Cohasset, one employee said, "We have no choice, eventually we will have to make the changes. I haven't thought too much about it."

NYNEX has been in the process of informing the public since last September, Horne said.

"As soon as we knew the area code change was coming in effect, we let people know," he said. Horne admitted, however, that his friends and family were surprised when he told them of the imminent change.

"They talk to me and say 'Geez, we didn't realize that was happening'," Horne said.

NYNEX sent out press releases to newspapers, radio stations, and television stations, including a new release three weeks ago, he said. A letter is being sent this week to all cities and towns informing them of the upcoming change, and inserts will be included in phone bills for the next two months. An advertising campaign is planned for September and December when the big changes will occur.

"I don't know what more" we can do, he said.

Ronald Zooleck of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce felt the changeover is "not as easy as the telephone company is leading is to believe," anticipating businesses' being hurt by added printing expenses.

Seery said the change will cost his business upwards of $8,000 to change business cards, letterhead, direct mailing lists, and hours of manpower to manually change information on 5,500 customers stored in his computers.

The chamber made the decision to support the upcoming change mainly to "get it over and done with," Zooleck said.

Zooleck chalked up the apparent lack of concern over the change on people's unwillingness to deal with things until they are an imminent problem.

"People don't react until it becomes a crisis," he said. "They say 'I know it's coming', but some don't want to deal with it."

Ron Goodwin of Goodwin Graphics in Cohasset said,"I am more concerned with the UPS strike than the area code change."

"We've had to use the post office, or using our own trucks to deliver shirts to Boston three tines a week," Goodwin said.

Goodwin said he hasn't made any changes for his company yet, but knows he will soon have to.

Aleisa Fleming also contributed to this article.

Business Notes

DreamCom provider for AMA

Dream Communications, Inc., Cohasset, an internet services company, is pleased to announce its appointment as the internet provider to the Boston Chapter of the American Marketing Association.

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Cohasset resident chips in Fore ... the children

Attorney Joseph Cheney Jr., a Cohasset resident and partner at Dane & Howe, LLP, has been busy helping Needham' s Walker Home and School with plans for their eighth annual *Fore ... The Children* Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

Sponsored by John Hancock Funds, Investors Bank and Trust and DFS advisors, the tournament will be held Aug. 18 at Wellesley Country Club and will feature players from the Mass Women's Open. Proceeds from the tournament will support Walker's programs for the education and treatment of emotionally and behaviorally troubled students.

In addition to serving on Walker's golf committee, Joe is president-elect of the Cohasset Rotary Club.

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Tony Amonte: The Samson of the NHL

Local star nets 41 goals, big contract with help of long hairdo

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

If you want to become a high-scoring superstar in the NHL all you have to do is grow your hair.

At least that's what worked for Hingham's Tony Amonte during the '96-'97 hockey season for the Chicago Blackhawks.

Amonte, 27, finished 11th in the NHL with 41 goals, as his hair, untouched by scissors all season, flowed well beneath his helmet to the middle of his back.

Amonte, already in his fifth professional season, decided to become an NHL version of Samson after he began scoring bunches of goals early in the year.

"It was kind of a gimmick but it was good luck for me," Amonte said of his peculiar grooming habits. "I was playing well so I didn't want to make a change and cut my hair."

Hockey players are generally a superstitious lot and Amonte wasn't about to break up a good thing, especially in the final year of his contract and free agency right around the corner.

So Amonte's hair kept growing and the goals kept finding the back of the net. He ended up having a career-year for the Blackhawks.

"It was traumatic for me to even consider getting a trim," Amonte laughed. "But it ended up as my best year, so what can I say? It worked."

Amonte's 41 goals put him right behind Brett Hull (42 goals) and just in front of Mark Messier (36 goals) in the NHL final standings.

Not too shabby for a player who grew up playing youth hockey in Hingham before attending Thayer Academy in Braintree and Boston University.

After the '96-'97 season came to a close, Amonte did two important things.

First, he got a haircut.

And second, he signed a five-year, $15 million contract to stay with the Blackhawks.

"It was good timing for me," Amonte said of his 41-goal season in the final year of his contract. "But I really wanted to stay in Chicago and I let management know that. And they wanted me to stay just as badly."

Amonte signed a five-year deal earlier this month without testing the free agent waters.

"I was looking for a contract of that length," he said. "I didn't want a two or three-year deal like a lot of players are getting these days."

Amonte also wanted to avoid a prolonged and potentially bitter

AMONTE PAGE 16

Cohasset swimmers sink Scituate

Cohasset swim team marched on last Monday in its quest for an undefeated season, beating the formidable Scituate Yacht Club team. Team members and fans roared with encouragement as Cohasset swimmers poured it on, resulting in yet another victory.

The team has one more meet, against Duxbury Yacht Club, before the regional championship meet at Wheaton College August 16.

Special congratulations to the following swimmers for rapid decreases in their times over the last several weeks: Becca Butman, Ashley Cook, Arianna Dedes, Sera Genovese, Martha Henderson, Kelly Hurley, Main Marry, Maura McKenney, Marissa Mello, Nicole Needle, Krista Nicynski, Delia Regan, Alicia Sanchez, Emily Simmons, Cally Speed, Cally Steele and Nicole Turgiss. Keep up the good work.

Here are the results of the Cohasset vs. Scituate meet.

In the boys eight and under medley relay the team of Alexander Hunt, Corey Faber, Reed Dickenson and Nick Zappolo came in first, and the team of Peter Ernst, Wesley Ulmer, Ben Flynn and J. McCarthy came in second.

In the girls eight and under medley relay the team of Vanessa Plante, Lindsay Durkin, Caren Garber and Megan Sacks came in first, and the team of Alyssa Campbell, Michelle Madge, Samantha Lehr and Abigail Markert came in second.

In the boys 10 and under medley relay the team of Noah Wilcox, Zach Markert, Parker Berg and Teddie Straughn came in first, and the team of Dan McCarthy, Will McCarthy, Colin Regan and Jake Previte came in second.

In the girls 10 and under medley relay the team of Jenna Larson, Ashley Faber, Becca Lehr and Casey Anderson came in first, and the team of Amanda Barrow, Corey Steffens, Rachel Garber and Mary Silvia came in second.

In the boys 17 and under medley relay team of Derek Bugley, John Crowley-Buck, Justin Golden and Mike O'Hart came in first, and the team of Matt Farley, Chris Golden, Jodi Roach and Nate Wilcox came in second.

In the girls 17 and under medley relay the team of Hillary Habershaw, Kimberly Ulmer, Alison Berg and Gemma O'Brien came in first and the team of Kellie Straughn, Cara Foley, Carly Carter and Jen Chastain came in second.

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10 and Under
Boys

1. Teddie Straughn; 2. Dan McCarthy.

Girls

2. Becca Lehr; 3. Casey Anderson.

100 YARD IM
12 and Under
Boys

1. Alex Berg; 2. David Crowley-Buck.

Girls

1. Kate O'Brien.

14 and Under
Boys

1. Chris Golden; 2. John Crowley-Buck.

Girls

1. Hillary Habershaw; 4. Ashley Ulmer.

17 and Under
Boys

2. Justin Golden.

Girls

1. Allison Berg.

FREESTYLE
8 and Under
Boys

1. Nick Zappolo; 2. J. McCarthy.

Girls

1. Lindsay Durkin; 3. Vanessa Plante.

10 and Under
Boys

1. Teddie Straughn; 2. Jake Previte.

Girls

2. Ashley Faber; 3. Casey Anderson.

12 and Under
Boys

1. Rob Lehr; 2. Scot Faber.

Girls

1. Courtney MacDonald.

14 and Under
Boys

1. Chris Golden; 2. Matt Farley.

Girls

1. Gemma O'Brien; 3. Carly Carter.

17 and Under
Boys

1. Derek Bugley; 2. Mike O'Hart.

Girls

1. Maura Duffy; 3. Cara Foley.

BUTTERFLY
8 and Under
Boys

1. Reed Dickenson; 3. Austen Lanzillotti.

Girls

1. Caren Garber; 4. Alyssa Campbell.

10 and Under
Boys

2. Parker Berg; 4. Jake Previte.



Becky Golden and Allison Hughes get together with their Cohasset swim team at a recent meet against Duxbury.
Staff photo/Chris Bernstein

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Tony Amonte: The Samson of the NHL

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contract negotiation. He saw first-hand how ugly that situation could be when 50-goal scorer and Marshfield resident Jeremy Roenick went through contract negotiations with Blackhawk management two years ago.

Roenick, who played on the same line with Amonte at Thayer Academy in high school, ended up playing for the Phoenix Coyotes this year after leaving Chicago with a bitter taste in his mouth.

"Unfortunately, that's the business of hockey," Amonte said with a shake of his head when talking about Roenick's departure from the Blackhawks. "Jeremy is my best friend in the world and I wished something could have been done to keep him in Chicago. But I think even Jeremy would admit that his departure was the best thing for me. I got more chances to show my skills and more ice time. It was nice knowing I would be out there on every power play and would be on the ice when the game was on the line. I think I took advantage of my chances this year."

Amonte was at the Brant Rock gift shop in Marshfield last week to sign autographs with Calgary Flame and Hingham resident Marty McInnis. The duo was in Brant Rock to raise funds for the Melanson family of Hingham. Other local NHL stars, such as former Stanley Cup champions Chris Nilan and Bobby Sheehan, also signed autographs at Brant Rock.

In June, Eric Melanson, a former HHS hockey player, was killed in a car accident in Hingham.

The newly-shorn Amonte spends his off-season at his summer home in Humarock and works out continually with McInnis and personal trainer Ed Connors.

NHL training camp begins in a few weeks for Amonte and McInnis.

Amonte used to also work out with his sister, Kelly, an All-American and two-time NCAA women's lacrosse champion at the University of Maryland. However, Kelly now works full-time for Brine athletic equipment after graduating from college. With her scoring records, All-American status and back-to-back NCAA titles, Kelly Amonte is considered by many as the finest women's lacrosse player in the country.

"I still do the same workouts and try to work just as hard," Amonte said. "I want to keep improving in hockey and my off-season training is very important to me."

However, Amonte will probably keep his hair short for a while.

With a five-year, $15 million contract, who needs luck?

THE FISH STORY

MARK TRASK

Fishing stays as hot as the summer weather

The fish are jumping.

Yeah, heard that before. The fish are jumping into the boat. Say again?

The fish are jumping into the boat. Nick Welz and Joe Litchfield couldn't believe it. But it happened to them. Nick and Joe had spent the afternoon feeding shiners to the hungry fish of Old Oaken Bucket Pond in Scituate and had decided to call it a day.

On the long slow lazy paddle back to the car, a pound-and-a-half bass flipped clear of the water and landed flapping nose over tail in the bottom of the canoe. Laughing at the odd happenstance, Nick slid the bass back into the warm water. Joe laughed till his sides hurt. No one is going to believe this, he said.

Two days earlier, Nick and Joe had a more conventional day in Marshfield. The big fish of the day tipped the scale at 7 pounds even and measured off 23 and 1/2 inches, a fine largemouth bass. Several others in the 4-5-pound range gorged on the big rubber worms they were using. Up at Lily, Greg Lowrance had the big fish of the day using shiners.

Anybody tired of catching stripers yet?

Dr. Barry Tufts and the clan dropped umbrella rigs over the side soon after clearing the Tar Pouch Buoy and soon were battling a steady stream of bluefish. You put us right on the fish, Barry chortled, as young Barry hoisted a fat blue for the camera. Everybody wore themselves out hauling in blues. Even Margaret? Yes, even Margaret! Many boaters had similar results over the last few days as massive schools of bluefish once again shifted into the shallow waters looking for food.

Others found a resurgence of bass ready to take tube and worm rigs. From the Graves to almost every area, south bass were obliging new angler and old salt alike. George Dolan took a few hours off from Tedeschi's and floated pogie chunks over the falls at Cohasset Harbor. The sun was setting as George's bass was hung on the official scale, 18 pounds and 14 ounces on a 39-inch frame. Mark Roder nailed a 35-inch racer bass on a mackerel chunk at the North Scituate Beach. Mike Daly took a page out of Jim Klix's fishing tactics and used a whole pogie to fool a hungry 27-pound bass near Boston Light. Mike's fish cleared 44 inches and was a tagged fish. Mike will be reporting his latest catch to help the biologists track the striper's progress. Tags are generally found on the lower rear flank toward the tail. They look like a small rubbery straw, which is attached perpendicularly to the skin of the bass. They may be orange, yellow or white, or any combination of faded color and stained brown depending on how long it's been attached. If you find one, there are usually instructions printed on them.

Mark and Paul spent a pleasant two weeks fishing the Great Point area of Nantucket and found it loaded with blues and keeper stripers. Dave Alexander nailed a wild bass out near Minot's Light. The 24-pound, 43-inch linesider gobbled Dave's pogie chunk and headed for Portugal. By the time the fight was over and Dave had boated the bass, it had wrangled the hook straight! Rory got another 17-pounder. Rory, dare you to catch a 20! Richie Figueredo hauled in a fat 41-incher near the Graves ledges. Pogies have been hot for the boating anglers.

Carl Wagner was in picking up some more bucktail jigs. How are they doing? Pat Cochran jigged up a 29-1/2-pound striper on a red Cape Cod jig, while Jean maneuvered the boat. Guess she knows where they are! Carl, what color are you getting? Shhh, he said with a smile, as a fistful of red jigs dropped into the bag.

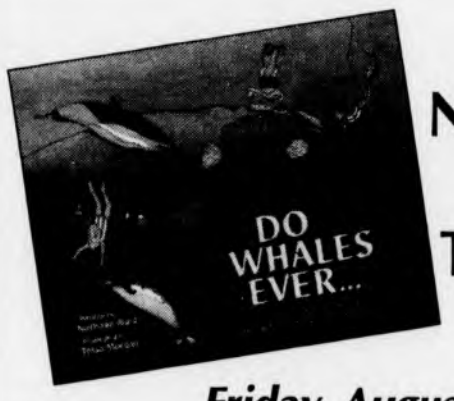
Mike Russell is the current leader in the Beachcomber Tournament. Mike's 25-pound, 3-ounce bass takes the early lead. Mike used a tube and worm rig to entice the nice striper near the Grampuses. Nice start! Anglers wishing to sign up may do so daily at the store. Beachcomber T-shirts are also available.

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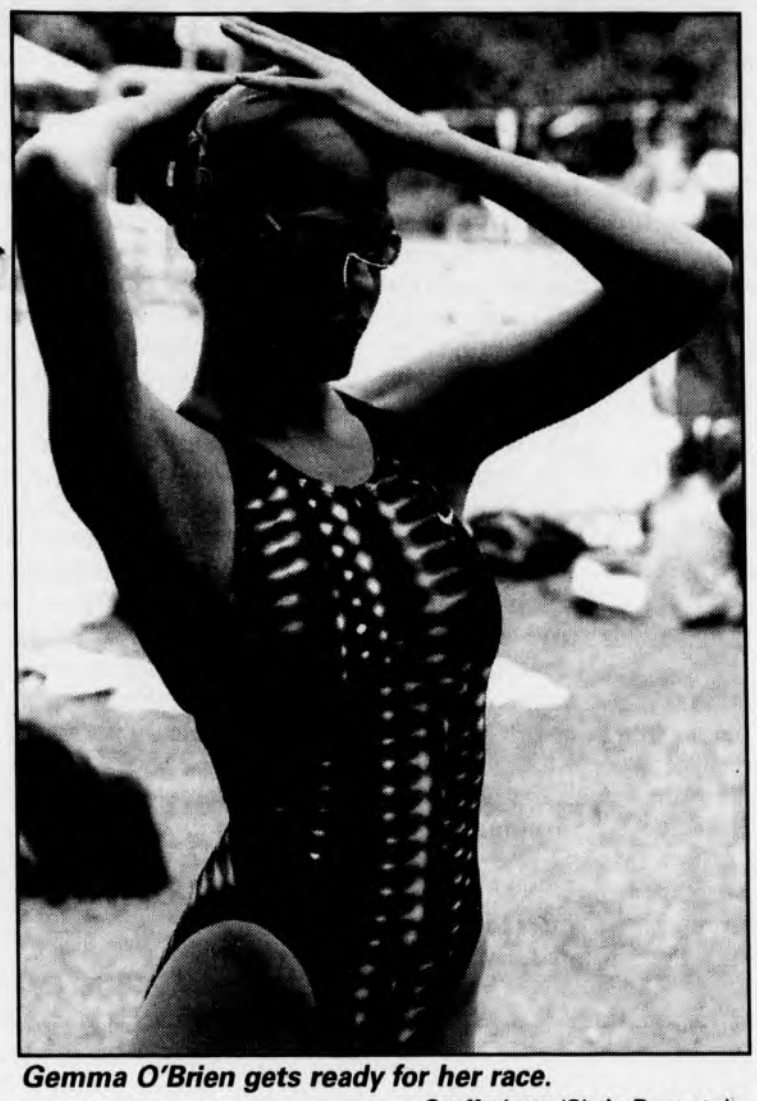
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Cohasset sinks Scituate in swimming action



Gemma O'Brien gets ready for her race.
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2. Becca Lehr; 4. Rachel Garber.

12 and Under

Boys

1. Rob Lehr; 2. Scot Faber.

Girls

2. Courtney MacDonald; 3. Anna Roche.

14 and Under

Boys

1. Chris Golden.

Girls

2. Ashley Ulmer; 4. Carley Carter.

17 and Under

Boys

2 Justin Golden.

Girls

2. Brooke Baker.

BREASTSTROKE

8 and Under

Boys

1. Corey Faber; 2. Nick Zappolo.

Girls

1. Lindsay Durkin; 3. Abigail Markert.

10 and Under

Boys

1. Parker Berg; 3. Zach Markert

Girls

2. Ashley Faber; 4. Corey Steffens

12 and Under

Boys

1. David Crowley-Buck; 3. Tommy Anderson.

Girls

2. Kate O'Brien; 2. Yazzi Afshar.

14 and Under

Boys

1. John Crowley-Buck; 3. Jodi Roach.

Girls

1. Gemma O'Brien; 4. Ashley Ulmer.

17 and Under

Boys

1. Derek Bugley.

Girls

1. Cara Foley; 3. Jessie Zerendow.

BACKSTROKE

8 and Under

Boys

1. Alexander Hunt; 2. Reed Dickenson.

Girls

1. Vanessa Plante; 3. Abigail Markert.

10 and Under

Boys

1. Will McCarthy; 2.Noah Wilcox.

Girls

3. Jenna Larson; 4. Amanda Barrow.

12 and Under

Boys

1. Alex Berg; 2. Bryan Bilton.

Girls

1. Alexis Bugley; 4. Laura Kondrat.

14 and Under

Boys

1. John Crowley-Buck; 2. Matt Farley.

Girls

1. Hilary Habershaw; 2. Cara Foley.

17 and Under

Boys

1.Mike O'Hart; 2. Jodi Roach.

Girls

1. Allison Berg; 2. Maura Duffy.

In the boys eight and under free relay the team of Nick Zappolo, Corey Faber, J. McCarthy and Alexander Hunt came in first, and the team of Jon Cofey, Michael Grimm, Alexander Shipp and Cameron Cunningham came in second.

In the girls eight and under free relay the team of Caren Garber, Vanessa Plante, Megan Sacks and Lindsay Durkin came in first, and the team of Michelle Madge, Caitlin Hurley, Roxanne Tehranian and Mary Previte came in third.

In the boys 10 and under free relay the team of Parker Berg, Dan McCarthy, Jake Previte and Teddie Straughn came in first, and the team of Will McCarthy, Colin Regan, Zach Markert and Noah Wilcox came in third.

In the girls 10 and under free relay the team of Casey Anderson, Jenna Larson, Becca Lehr and Ashley Faber came in first.

In the boys 12 and under free relay the team of Scot Faber, David Ingber, Rob Lehr and Alex Berg came in first and the team of Tommy Anderson, Mike Ernst, Bryan Bilton and David Crowley-Buck came in second.

In the girls 12 and under free relay the team of Courtney MacDonald, Katie Roche, Yazzi Afshar and Kate O'Brien came in first and the team of Elisa Jerome, Allie Dempster, Tess Foley and Ashley Cook came in third.

In the boys 17 and under free relay the team of Justin Golden, Matt Farley, Mike O'Hart and Derek Bugley came in first.

In the girls 17 and under free relay the tema of Allison Berg, Maura Duffy, Hillary Habershaw and Gemma O'Brien came in first, and the team of Kellie Straughn, Jill Meehan, Jessie Zerendow and Brook Baker came in third.

It's a four-peat for the Last Call squad

The Cohasset Mens Softball League championship trophy did not have to change it's address. The Last Call won the prize for the fourth consecutive year.

Last Call exploded with 11 runs in the final inning of the rubber game to defeat a spirited team from Scituate, Who's on First. The all-Cohasset squad consists of four Dooley boys, (Den, Joe, Tom and Kevin), Jay Fiori, Paul Buckley, Tim Farrell, Joe Masci, Mark Froio, Dave Patroli and Don Cahill.

The MVP trophy went to Tom Dooley who only made two outs in the whole series. This was Tom's second trophy of the week; his wife, Ann announced she is expecting with their third child.

Other highlights of the series included great catches by Joe Masci, Joe Dooley and Dave Patroli.

Paul Buckley Tom Dooley and Tim Farrell hit monstrous home runs.

Jay Fiori and Den Dooley (CHS Class of /72) combined for 14 hits in the three games.

Coach Kevin Dooley led the way with nine RBI while Mark Froio and Don Cahill scored eight runs each.

The Cohasset softball league is an over-30 league and is in its 20th year.

The season runs from May to August and the games are played on Sunday afternoons.

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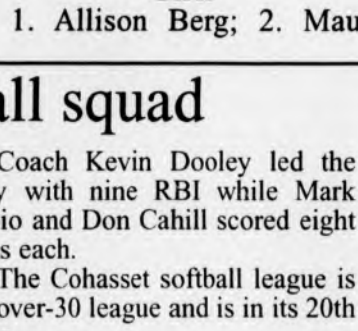


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Teens enjoy being tour guides at local museum

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

Question: What summer occupation for Cohasset High School students would allow them to meet people from all around the country and the world without leaving the town, looks good on a resume, pays an ample amount of money, is not unduly time consuming, and is also educational? The answer to this riddle is being a docent for the Captain John Wilson House on Elm Street.

"It's not a bad summer job," said Craig Davis who was on duty with Evan Cutler Thursday afternoon. "I was able to learn a lot about the history of Cohasset that I didn't know before and I'm getting paid $5.25 an hour to boot," the going rate for high school docents.

"Sometimes it's slow when there are no visitors and we read or play cards, but when it rains it pours and several groups of people will show up at the same time and then we have our hands full," he said.

Patricia Murphy, a retired teacher, who now serves on the board of directors for the Cohasset Historical Society, said, "It's important for kids in Cohasset to recognize what a treasure the town is."

She, along with Annette Sawchuk, were primarily responsible for starting the "Docent Program" four years ago, is very pleased with the success it's had. Murphy says that she and David Wadsworth, the curator of the Maritime Museum next door, stop by often to see how things are going.

"They all meet at the beginning of the summer," Murphy says, "to learn about the history of Cohasset and the Wilson house along with other training that goes along with being a docent. They're a good group of kids," she adds and hopes that one day they will be able to bring their own children to the museum.

Abby Butman, another docent, says that she enjoys it because she had never really known much about the history of Cohasset before this and she also gets to meet interesting people. She mentioned that one of the aspects of being a docent was that they were each assigned a room and they had to catalog and characterize each item. Butman was too young for the position last year, however, this fall, she will be a freshman at Cohasset High School and was able to secure the opening.

"I was able to learn a lot about the history of Cohasset that I didn't know before and I'm getting paid $5.25 an hour to boot."
— CRAIG DAVIS.

During their stay many visitors to Cohasset over the years have come to take a tour of Captain John Wilson House. The house was built in 1810 by David Nichols and sold to John Wilson, who was a candle maker, for $475. Wilson added several rooms including a kitchen, a birthing room, and a bedroom, upstairs. Over the nearly past two centuries the structure has served as a home for various families, as well as a candy store, a taylor shop and an ice cream parlor. Today the house is furnished with art work, furniture and other necessities of that time period, and is open to the public free of charge, but donations are accepted.

When one enters the house he or she is greeted by one of 10 high school docents who include Liz Myers, Meagan Leahy, Abby Butman, Tom Anderson, Tim Grassey, Peter Minnar, Evan Cutler, Craig Evans, Susan Dane and Craig Davis. They give a tour to the visitors, explain about the house and what the furnishings consist of, and answer any questions that the visitors may have.

"Because we leave the front door open," Craig said, "now and then a dog will come walking in and it's our duty to see it back to the door but that's about as much excitement as we get around here."

The museum is sponsored by the Cohasset Historical Society and opened June 1 through September every day except Mondays. The docents alternate the days they work so it works out to be a pretty relaxed schedule.

Plans are to continue the "Docent Program" next year and for the foreseeable future, so if you are a high school student and may be interested in doing this next summer, call the Cohasset Historical Society at 14 Summer St. in Cohasset.

PICTURE THIS

TIM GRASSEY & EVAN CUTLER



Names: Tim Grassey & Evan Cutler

Occupation: Students and docents at the John Wilson House.

Goal: To be the best tour guides we can be.

Best day of your life: The last day of the seventh grade (Tim); It hasn't happened yet (Evan).

Biggest worry: Academics (Tim); That my hard work at school and in life won't pay off (Evan).

Favorite season: Baseball season (Tim); Spring (Evan).

Favorite book: 'The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy Trilogy' (Tim); 'Dune' (Evan).

Favorite movie: 'Crazy People' (Tim); 'Top Gun' (Evan).

Favorite junk food: Chips and salsa (Tim); Snickers (Evan).

Person you'd most like to meet: Nolan Ryan (Tim); my grandparents on my mother's side (Evan).

Pet peeve: People who ask you what your pet peeve is (Tim); People who spell my name wrong (Evan).

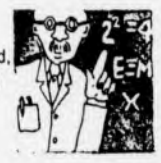
Most embarrassing moment: In Little League, the day my dad called me out on the third strike when the ball was way outside the batter's box (Tim); the day my dad came to career day in the 5th grade to talk about his job and everyone kept saying to me all day 'I saw your dad' (Evan).

Best vacation: Going to California at the end of this month (Tim); an upcoming cruise on a sailboat to Maine (Evan).

Favorite TV show: 'Mr. Rogers Neighborhood' (Tim); the World Cup soccer games (Evan).

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Opting for a bigger safety net can help in an emergency

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

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Personal umbrella policies are the safety net beneath the safety net. They provide liability protection beyond the point where your auto or homeowner policies leave off. And they are not just for the famous.

Let's say, for example, your auto insurance policy covers $100,000 per person (for injury) with a maximum outlay of $300,000 per accident – a pretty standard policy. And you hit a bus filled with people. An umbrella policy would cover the medical costs that exceeded your 100/300 limit. Or, an umbrella would cover the costs to fight such a lawsuit for damages.

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Jayna Neagle
Insurance Information Institute

Umbrellas often include coverage for things that standard homeowners and auto insurance policies do not, such as wrongful death, wrongful eviction, defamation – basically most lawsuits except those involving sexual-harassment, discrimination, business activities or an intentional criminal act. (Clinton's policy covers him for defamation – one of the issues in the Paula Jones's lawsuit)

Each state and insurance company has guidelines and policies about which kinds of lawsuits are covered and which are not. Check with your insurance representative for specific details concerning the umbrella policies offered.

Umbrella policies may be among the best buys in insurance. For between $100 and $300 per year you can get $1 million in liability coverage. Additional coverage is often sold in million-dollar increments. After the first $1 million, the cost usually drops to between $50 and $75 per $1 million, says Jayna Neagle, a spokesperson for the Insurance Information Institute.

In comparison, an auto insurance policy with 100/300 coverage and other standard benefits might cost you between $500 and $1,000 a year.

What's more, many insurance companies will give you a discount for buying an umbrella along with other of their policies. "Consolidating your auto, homeowners and umbrella with one insurer, you can usually qualify for a 15% discount," says Neagle. Umbrella policies are relatively cheap, even on their own, because "very few people (file) umbrella claims," says Tracy Mordock, senior claims consultant at State Farm Insurance Cos. in Bloomington, Ill. "That's why we can afford to sell so much coverage."

That does not mean umbrellas aren't worth it. It only takes one big accident or lawsuit to jeopardize your financial future, after all. Insurance essentially protects your assets, so you don't have to sell your car to cover medical bills or to sell your house to pay for damages. Umbrella liability kicks in after you exhaust the liability limit of your home or auto policy.

You may feel that your standard auto policy coverage of $300,000 in personal damages per accident is sufficient. But that policy may only cover $25,000 to $50,000 in property damage; an adequate limit unless you cause an accident that damages a bridge and three expensive cars, each car worth at least $25,000. In that instance, $1 million umbrella policy could save you from financial ruin.

"I had a client – a lawyer – who was driving and hit a 35-year-old pediatrician making $400,000 a year," says Rick Blank, an independent insurance broker at Preferred Services Group in White Plains, New York. The pediatrician put in a claim for 30 years of lost income. Luckily, Blank says, the lawyer's $5 million umbrella more than covered the $1.2 million settlement.

Examples like these show that it can be crucial to purchase insurance that will cover big accidents and lawsuits, not just everyday bumps and scratches that you could possibly afford to pay for.

"You should self-insure for the small things like fender-benders and buy insurance to protect against financial ruin," says Robert Hunter, director of insurance at Consumer Federation of America.

Those people who need umbrella coverage most – and who are charged higher rates – are highly visible within their community or by a larger public audience, and could be perceived as having "deep pockets." They are the ones who are most likely to be sued, even if they don' t have significant assets to protect.

You don't need to be Bill Clinton or O.J. Simpson to qualify as one of that group. "You could be a spokesperson or a TV reporter, someone who puts their name and face out there," says Neagle.

But it is true that the more assets you have, the greater the importance of having liability coverage which will protect them. Your odds of being sued increase if you own more than one home or car.

There are other people who fall into the high-risk category because they own property that introduces the possibility of damages: people with swimming pools, boats, hunting property or an aggressive dog.

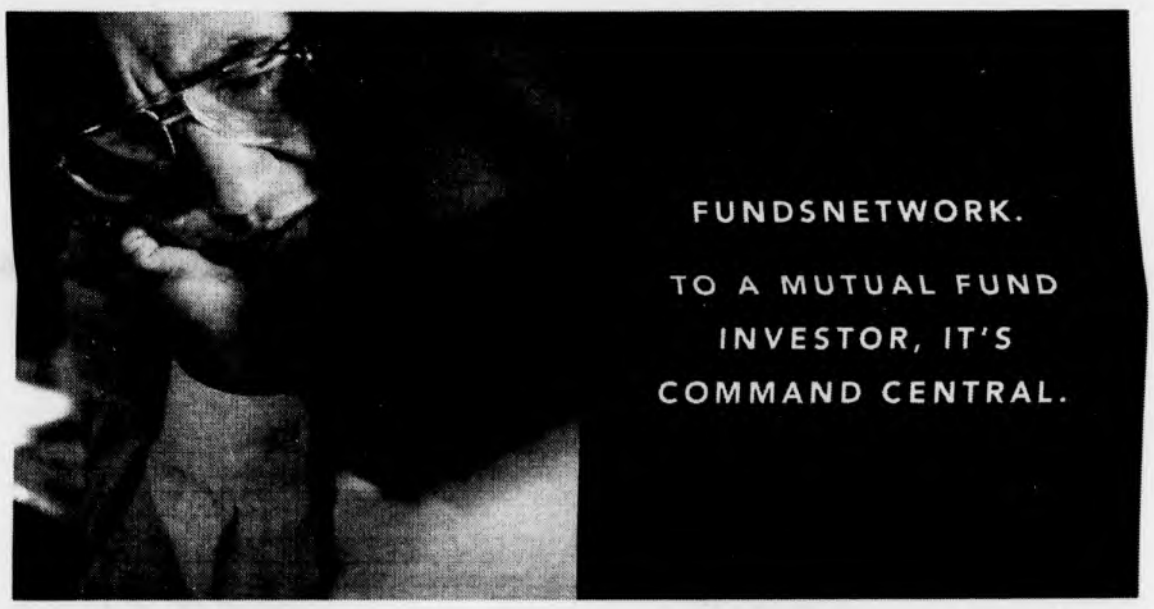
A $1 million umbrella policy should cover potential liabilities for most people, says Bill Watson of Independent Insurance Agents of Tennessee. "I would say for well over 90% of people, $1 million is adequate. It's very rare for people to be sued for more" he says.



Clarification

The **Your Money's Worth** article on auto insurance, which appeared on this page the week of July 27, included information not applicable in Massachusetts. The article discussed competitive ratings for individuals, something which is not allowed under state law. Massachusetts only allows competitive ratings for groups — an example being the American Automobile Association (AAA). Furthermore, the companies mentioned in the article are not licensed to do business in this state.

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COMMUNITY TRAVEL

Grand Canyon offers unparalleled beauty and serenity

By Linda Saulnier
CNC Travel Correspondent

How shall I see thee? Let me count the ways. By mule? By river? By air? On foot?

Some would say the only way to see the Grand Canyon is to descend the breathtaking chasm to the Colorado River, or walk the limestone rim while a park ranger explains two million years of layered rock.

Others prefer to view the steep slopes and burnt-orange mesas from a luxurious balcony suite at the El Tovar Hotel that stands on the grounds of the Grand Canyon National Park. Still others catch their first glance from the platform of a vintage steam engine as it chugs into the park's historic log cabin depot.

Yet, of the more than four million tourists who visit the Grand Canyon every year, most only stay two hours. That is just enough time to stop at a lookout and capture the panoramic vista on film or video. More's the pity. Because if you stay, you can indulge in activities only a natural wonder of the world can offer and many of them are free.

"Each day the park service runs from five to 10 different naturalist programs led by an interpretive ranger," says Laurel Angell, spokesperson for the Grand Canyon National Park. "We have fossil walks, hikes and geological walks all free of charge. The park admission fee is $20 per car."

During the day, guided hikes coincide with sunrise and sunset, which Angell attests is nothing less than spectacular.

Guided hikes to Cedar Ridge and the more secluded Kaibab Trail take three-to-four hours. Cedar Ridge drops an elevation of 940 feet and is doable as long as you don't have a heart problem or walking difficulties,

Angell says. The Kaibab Trail elevation is 780 feet but steeper and unpaved. Kids do fine on the Cedar Ridge hike but Angell doesn't recommend they hike Kaibab. If you prefer, get a permit from the rangers to hike or backpack on your own.

A hand-out of do's and don'ts is available from the park service. Do bring plenty of water, snacks and juice. Don't hike in the heat of the day. Remember that once you get down the canyon, you have to get back up, which takes twice as long and is twice as strenuous.

"People do misjudge it so we started an aggressive education campaign this summer," Angell explains.

The canyon's South Rim is the base for most park programs and tourist activities including shuttle busses that take you to overlooks. You can drive to some overlooks yourself but others are accessible only by shuttle during the summer.

The canyon's North Rim is far less populated than the South Rim and an imposing 1,000 feet higher reaching an 8,000 foot elevation. Angell says that if you look across the canyon from the park, the north rim is only 10 miles away but it is a four-hour drive. Plan on substantial changes in temperature when you visit the Grand Canyon.

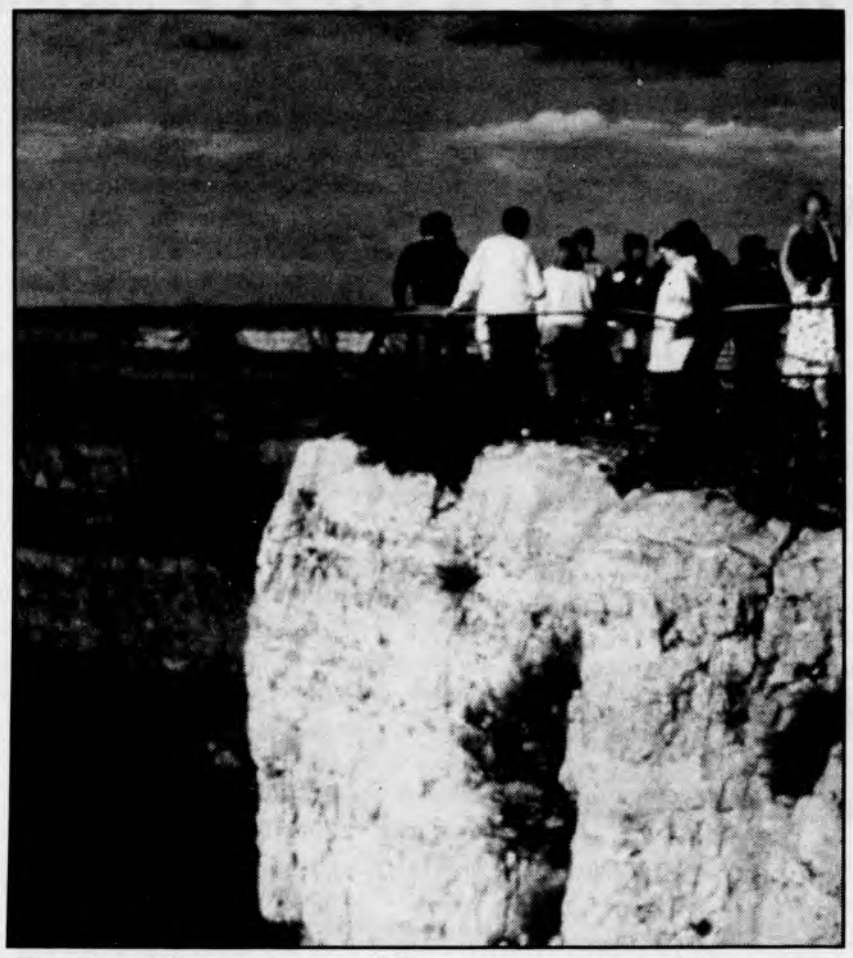
America Facilities Parks and Resorts, Inc., AMFAC, operates six hotels inside the park and two are on the South Rim. Lodging ranges from $39 plus tax for a rustic room with a bed and sink but a bathroom down the hall to a luxury suite at the El Tovar for $280 plus tax per night per room. Most of the accommodations are in the range of $80 to $110 per night per room with a $9 per person charge for more than two people.

AMFAC manages all the tours, concessions and attractions inside the park including the mule and bus tours. Spokesperson, Missy Ecija, says mule expeditions sell out 11 months in advance during the summer months. You have to be 4 feet 7 inches tall, under 200 pounds and speak enough English to understand directions to take the trek by mule down the canyon. The mules have special shoes put on in winter that grab the terrain.

Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the canyon has rustic accommodations and the only way you can get there is to hike or come by river raft or mule. Ecija says meals range from steak to vegetarian. There is a concession and a camper store.

"We don't have a lot for kids to do at night in the way of video games and we don't have any swimming pools," cautions Ecija.

The Grand Canyon Railway will bring you to the Grand Canyon National Park aboard a restored steam locomotive. The vintage train leaves from Williams, a quaint town near Flagstaff, and arrives at the park's historic district two hours and



The Grand Canyon is one of the seven wonders of the world.
Photo courtesy of Grand Canyon Railway

15 minutes later pulling into an authentic log cabin depot, one of only three left in the United states.

"It puts you in the right frame of mind for a wild west train ride," says Railway spokesperson, Julia Andrick.

When all are aboard naturalists from the Grand Canyon Field Institute give talks and answer questions. Strolling musicians entertain you. Depending on your budget, you can ride coach class in a restored 1923 Harriman car or first class in the plush Chief's Car complete with open air platform off the back for excellent picture taking. In between there is the Coconino Car that has two levels. The lower level has recliner chairs next to oversize windows. Above is the exclusive Dome Car that seats only 20.

As a classroom, the Grand Canyon has few educational peers. The Grand Canyon Field Institute, an extension of the park service, offers more in-depth naturalist classes that involve from one-to-ten days in the canyon sometimes in remote areas others don't get to see. They are held mid-March through mid-November but they lighten up during the heat of the summer. Typically, they are for adults but on many different experience levels.

John Frazier, director of the institute, says there are beginner classes though you have to be somewhat fit to take them.

A popular class is the four-day venture that leaves from the South Rim and begins with a day-long orientation. The second day the class hikes down the heart of the canyon and stays two nights. The middle day is spent hiking to the Colorado River. The class costs $180 for the four days and is limited to 10 people. You bring your own food and equipment. Rental equipment is available at the institute.

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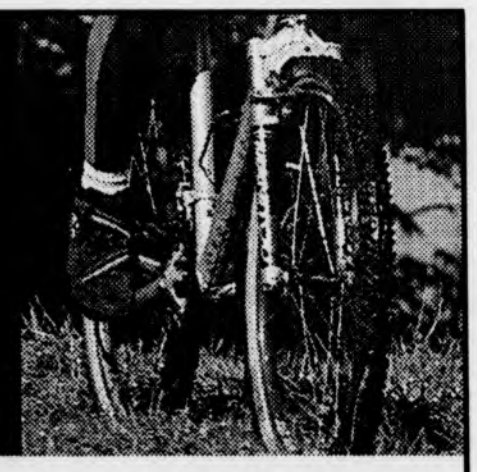
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Old-fashioned fun: New York's Lake George resort area

By Marci Bailey
CNC Travel Correspondent

My husband and I have fond memories of Lake George. Never mind that the memories date back nearly 30 years, long before we met.

As youngsters, we each were fortunate enough to visit Lake George with our families. I remember making friends, riding a speed boat and going out to dinner dressed identically to my younger sister. My husband remembers a favorite pinball game and using his allowance to buy his oldest brother an ice cream sundae for his birthday.

Lake George is located 222 miles from Boston, about a four-hour drive. At 32 miles long, it is known as "The Queen of American Lakes," with 109 miles of shoreline and about 300 islands.

Decades later the same simple pleasures remain abundant in and around Lake George, in New York State's Adirondack Mountains. Lake George is the ultimate family resort, with activities to please all ages. Starting at the beginning of the alphabet with "airplane rides" and making it nearly to letter "z" with the "Wild West Ranch and Western Town," the Lake George area offers hundreds of activities both on and off the lake.

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True to my memory, speed boating is still one of the most popular activities. At 44 square miles, crowds are rare. Families frequently drop anchor at Paradise and Log Bay for a day of swimming. Those looking for peace and quiet can slip into a secluded cove.

Off the water, the surrounding mountains offer extensive trails for hiking, biking or just enjoying the vistas. The Warren County Mountain Bike Trail System covers 180 miles of trails to suit all ability levels.

The 10-mile Warren County Bikeway starts at the southern tip of Lake George and ends in Queensbury. The path meanders through mountains, avoiding street and highways. While most of the trip is flat, there are some rolling hills.

While there are many golf courses and tennis courts available for those not exhausted from swimming and hiking, history buffs won't want to miss Fort Ticonderoga, to the lake's north, and Fort William Henry, to the south. Both provide great history lessons, with loud and colorful re-enactments of battles long past. Fort William Henry was built by the English to defend against the French and Indians in the war of the same name. Movie buffs may recognized Fort William Henry as the setting for "Last of the Mohicans."

Fort Ticonderoga has its place in the Revolutionary War. It was seized one month into that war from the English by Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold and the Green Mountain Boys. The fort fell without loss of a single life and was the first American victory in the Revolution.

Lake George's high season gets in gear just after school is out and lasts through Labor Day. With literally hundreds of accommodations, there is something for all tastes and budgets. Large hotels, inns, bed and breakfasts and campgrounds all abound.

"There are still vacancies, because we have so many resorts," says Chris Molella, office manager for the Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

The fun comes to a climax in late August. The 23rd annual family festival, with concerts, arts and crafts, clowns, and face painting, among other activities will run from Aug. 19 through Aug. 24. "[Lake George] is very much geared toward the family," Molella says.

For more information on Lake George, contact the Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce at (518) 668-5755; in July and August only, the Chamber adds a second number, (518) 668-2846.

You can also check Warren County, NY, Tourism Department at their Web site with information on accommodationsand attractions at www.adirondacks.org/lakegeorge or call 1-800-365-1050, ext. 5100.



Sailing is one of the fun activities a family can do on Lake George.
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Marshfield residents who show some kind of proof of residency can get into the fair for $1 the first day of the fair.

Favorite attractions from years past continue to draw crowds, along with new acts designed to please both the young and old.

While new-fangled attractions are featured, such as monster trucks, demolition derbies, and wrestling, agricultural awareness continues to be the mission of the fair, run by the Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

"The fair tries to draw people in with car shows and other entertainment, but while people are on the grounds, they get exposed to the agriculture exhibits," Bob Burns, publicity director for the fair, said. "It's education on the importance of agriculture."

New acts this year include circus performances, garden club displays, an open horse show, the Raptor Project, featuring birds of prey, and a live "oldies" show, broadcast live by WATD radio.

"We like to have different things as we move forward," Burns said. "People want to see something different."

The fair still has its share of old favorites, including 4-H displays and competition, the Kris 6-horse Belgian hitch and display, agriculture and horticulture exhibits, and Joie Chitwood's Chevy Thunder thrill show.

The pumpkin contest continues this year, with a second pumpkin contest limited to residents of Bristol, Plymouth, and Norfolk county held Aug. 17.

"It's for people who try hard at it - we're calling it the non-pros," Burns said.

Musical attractions include the North River Blues Festival Aug. 17; Masquerade, a musical troupe, Aug. 19; and the Green Harbor Rhythm and Blues Festival Aug. 24.

Fireworks are held Aug. 16 and Aug. 23 at 9:30 p.m.

Admission to the fair is $5 weekdays, $6 weekends for adults; $4 weekdays, $5 weekends for seniors; and $2 weekdays, $3 weekends for children 6-12. Children under 5 are free. Fairgrounds parking is $2. Gates open at noon Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Gates close daily at 10 p.m.



Peter Bernstein, 9, and his American bulldog 'Mack" out and about at the Marshfield Fair grounds. Staff photo/Chris Bernstein

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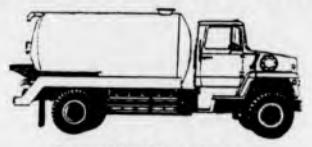
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1:03 a.m., MV stop, King St.

1:09 a.m., suspicious auto, g St.

2:20 a.m., open door/window, Pond St.

2:57 a.m., fire, auto, Castle Rd.

7:00 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:20 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:33 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.

7:41 a.m., animal complaint, CJC Hwy.

8:59 a.m., medical aid, Hull St.

9:43 a.m., assist citizen, fire HQ.

10:49 a.m., parking violation, Parking Way.

12:27 p.m., wires down, N. Main St.

1:11 p.m., MV accident, 228 by Rt. 3A.

2:08 p.m., fire, structure, Halls Estate.

2:28 p.m., parking violation, Jerusalem Rd. by the Roys.

3:05 p.m., parking violation, Otis Ave.

3:22 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.

3:35 p.m., annoying phone calls, Jerusalem Rd. Dr.

4:10 p.m., officer wanted, Linden Dr.

6:40 p.m., medical aid, Country Club Circle.

6:56 p.m., fire, brush, S. Main St.

8:17 p.m., property (lost), Sailing Club.

8:22 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

9:19 p.m., disturbance gathering, Cohasset Jr./Sr. High.

9:21 p.m., suspicious auto, golf course.

9:23 p.m., noise complaint, Howard Gleason Rd.

9:37 p.m., disturbance, Gammons Rd.

10:03 p.m., suspicious (other), Square.

10:26 p.m., suspicious (other), railroad tracks.

10:33 p.m., disturbance gathering, Jerusalem Rd.

10:44 p.m., disturbance gathering, Harbor.

10:48 p.m., larceny, Kimball's Prk. Lot.

11:37 p.m, noise complaint, Howard Gleason Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 2

1:26 a.m., assist other police department, Forest Ave. Arrested: Graham, Robert E., 47 Woodland Dr., S. Weymouth. DOB: 8/27/60. Charges: warrants. Arrested: Danner, Scott S., 6H Dogwood Dr., Bourne. DOB:10/29/56. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, 3rd+off.; operating after license or right to op. suspended; operating a MV without a license; operating a MV with defective equipment; owner operating a MV without an inspection sticker.

2:43 a.m., noise complaint, Atlantic Ave.

8:25 a.m., vandalism, Atlantic Ave.

10:36 a.m., disturbance family, N. Main St.

10:49 a.m., disturbance family, Sankey Rd.

1:02 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.

1:48 p.m., MV violations, Pleasant St.

3:05 p.m., officer wanted, Elm St.

3:27 p.m., MV violations, Margin St.

4:18 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.

6:07 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Ridgetop Rd.

8:40 p.m., suspicious auto, Norman Todd Rd.

9:06 p.m., assist motorist, Howard Gleason Rd.

9:17 p.m., suspicious person, King St. Arrested: McCormick, Shawn M., 67 Kenneth Rd., Scituate. DOB: 6/26/77. Charges: makes/uses/carries false license or liquor ID. Arrested: Lane, Patrick T., 93 Lawson Ter., Scituate. DOB: 8/2/78. Charges: makes/uses/carries false license or ID card.

9:30 p.m., medical aid, Norfolk Rd.

10:16 p.m., fire (misc), Whitney Woods by Howe's Rd.

Sunday, Aug. 3

12:01 a.m., info, general, Atlantic Ocean.

12:30 a.m., noise complaint, Jerusalem Rd.

12:38 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.

2:54 a.m., disturbance gathering, Elm St.

4:54 a.m., transport, Wadleigh Park to Mann Lot Rd.

5:20 a.m., fire (misc), Scituate HQ coverage.

10:41 a.m., general services, Sohier St.

10:41 a.m., medical aid, Highland Ave.

11:26 a.m., general services, Border St.

12:12 p.m., general services, HQ.

12:52 p.m., medical aid, Mann Hill Ext.

1:31 p.m., tree down, Jerusalem Rd.

2:20 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.

3:00 p.m., disturbance gathering, Mill Bridge.

3:38 p.m., general services, Long Rd.

3:45 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

5:02 p.m., transport, CJC Hwy.

5:08 p.m., parking violation, Border St.

5:28 p.m., open door/window, Castle Rd.

6:59 p.m., assist citizen, Sohier St.

Monday, Aug. 4

2:00 p.m., medical aid, Doane St.

2:20 p.m., disturbance gathering, Government Island.

3:58 p.m., annoying phone calls, S. Main St.

5:16 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

7:11 p.m., general services, N. Main St.

8:31 p.m., serve restraining order, Old Pasture Rd.

10:54 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

Tuesday, Aug. 5

12:49 a.m., general services, Beechwood St.

6:27 a.m., MV stop, Dolan Ln.

6:40 a.m., MV stop, Dolan Ln.

6:51 a.m., MV stop, Rocky Ln.

7:04 a.m., MV stop, Dolan Ln.

7:13 a.m., MV stop, Rocky Ln.

7:24 a.m., MV stop, Dolan Ln.

7:39 a.m., MV stop, Rocky Ln.

9:59 a.m., assist citizen, Rt. 3A at Sohier St.

10:16 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

11:00 a.m., fire (electrical), Beechwood St.

11:49 a.m., assist other agency, Elm St.

12:03 p.m., suspicious auto, S. Main St.

12:16 p.m., animal complaint, CJC Hwy.

1:28 p.m., suspicious (other), Lamberts Ln.

1:34 p.m., officer wanted, Pleasant St.

2:08 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

2:18 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

Police status report for June

June was a relatively active month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were a total of 17 arrests: five were for motor vehicle violations; four were for Protective Custody. There were two each for warrant arrests and Possession of Class A Substance. There was one arrest for Possession of Class D and one for Possession of Class E. Finally there was one arrest each for operating under the influence and for minor in possession of alcohol.

There were two breaking and enterings reported during the month of June. One was a business and one was a residence.

During June, the Emergency Dispatch Center received a total of 135 E-9-1-1 calls.

On June 26, our Domestic Violence Officer, Ptl. Lisa Matos, attended a conference in Dedham held by the Office of the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit in which they discussed the different issues that continue to arise in the handling of these complex cases.

Also, during June the bicycle patrol was reinstituted around the town. The safety officer is in the process of reviewing parking in the square area of town.



That's Cohasset PALS officer Lisa Matos, on the ground, helping a cyclist perform a stunt at the recent bicycle safety day during Summer Playground sponsored by the recreation department.

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Dutch carillonneur to present recital

The 73rd Annual Series of Summer Carillon Recitals from the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset will continue Sunday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m. with a performance by Carlo van Ulft, city carillonneur of Venlo and Hilvarenbeek, The Netherlands. Mr. van Ulft has recently been appointed city carillonneur of Centralia, Illinois for a period of one year, and will assume that post later this summer.

St. Stephen's Church overlooks Main Street and the Common in Cohasset Village. The carillon recital will take place rain or shine; in case of bad weather, the bells may be heard from parked cars. Blankets, lawn chairs and picnic suppers are invited. Printed programs may be found in the wooden stand near the church courtyard on Highland Avenue, and will also be distributed on the Common and at other designated listening places, along with recital schedules and brochures describing the carillon. At the close of the recital, interested listeners are invited to gather in the Highland Avenue courtyard for a tour of the tower and demonstration of the instrument. For further information, call Sally Slade Warner, St. Stephen's carillonneur at (508) 475-2599, Mary Kennedy, assistant carillonneur, at (617) 383-9599, or the church office at (617) 383-1083.

Request program to end Cohasset carillon series

Sally Slade Warner, carillonneur of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset, will play the final recital in the 73rd Annual Summer Carillon Recital Series on the 57-bell Cohasset carillon. The program will take place Sunday evening, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m., rain or shine. Featured will be requests submitted previously by listeners, as well as a selection of original carillon music, popular tunes, hymns, and transcriptions of works for other musical media.

The Cohasset carillon is an instrument containing 57 English cast bronze bells, and is housed in the square English Gothic tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, overlooking Main Street and the Common in Cohasset Village. The locations where the carillon may best be heard are listed on the back of the printed program which may be obtained at the wooden stand by the church courtyard on Highland Avenue, along with brochures describing the carillon. Listeners are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers. There is no charge for the concert. Following the recital, interested listeners are invited to gather in the courtyard on Highland Avenue for a guided tower tour and demonstration of the carillon.

For further information, telephone the church office at (617) 383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., or Sally Slade Warner at (508) 475-2599, or Mary Kennedy, assistant carillonneur, at (617) 383-9599.

Family fun night at Paragon Carousel features local storyteller

Children are encouraged to come dressed in their pajamas for the next Family Fun Night at the Paragon Carousel. On Wednesday, Aug. 6, Randy Zella, host of the local cable television show "Snuggle Up With Me" will entertain children with selected stories. Zella will be taping for her local show which will air Friday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. on Channel 3 in Hull.

Stories will begin at 7:10 p.m. and 7:40 p.m. This will allow children to take a ride on the Carousel as well, and wish their favorite horse goodnight! Stuffed animals and pillows are more than welcome during storytelling.

There is no charge for the storytelling. Rides on the Carousel are additional; a single ride ticket is $1.50 per person, a ten ride ticket can be purchased for $13.50. Family Fun Night will take place rain or shine.

The Family Fun Night series will come to a close August 20 with a free family concert by local performer Dawna Hammers. The concert will take place at 7 p.m. across the street from the Carousel at The Bernie King Pavilion, and will immediately be followed by a sing-a-long at the Carousel.

The Paragon Carousel is open seven days a week during the summer from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information on Family Fun Night and the Carousel, please call 925-0472.

Cohasset artists featured in Faculty Focus exhibition

The South Shore Art Center announces an exhibition of work by 34 faculty artists in the Bancroft Gallery of the South Shore Art Center from Aug. 15 to Sept. 21. This diverse exhibition includes the work of nine Cohasset artists including Kimberlee Connelly Alemian (paintings), Nancy Hansen Connolly (mixed media), Julie Hawkins (photography), Ros Farbush (paintings), Lisa 0. Marder (paintings), Patricia McCarthy (watercolors), Michael McNabb (sculpture)), Claffy Williams (monoprints). This exhibition will also include drawings, ceramics, pastels and other media by faculty artists from other South Shore towns, as well as Boston and Cape Cod. Several of the artists have enjoyed an outstanding reputation with the Center for more than 25 years while others have joined the faculty within the year, offering new courses and perspectives. Many of the exhibiting artists will be teaching a course or workshop at the Art Center in the upcoming fall term, which begins Sept. 22.

This exhibition was curated by Scituate resident Susan Nalband, with assistance from Connie Cummings, Education Coordinator at the South Shore Art Center. Exhibition events include an opening reception Friday, Aug. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. and free docent gallery talks Aug. 17 and Sept. 21 at 2 p.m.

Other exhibiting faculty artists include Virginia Avery (Marshfield), Donna Basile (Scituate), Mary Bell (Hingham), Mary Callahan (Marshfield), Tara Law Campbell (Marshfield), Marion Carlson (Abington), George Dalton (E. Falmouth), Susan Fusco-Fazio (Braintree), Becky Haletky (Rockland), Tom Hannon (Rockland), Anne Heywood (E. Bridgewater), Janet Killian (Worchester), Lis Koopman-Wyman (Weymouth), Mary Lizotte (Norwell), Patricia Marshall (Hull), Esther Maschio (Scituate), Lauren O'Neal (Chelsea), Margaret Pace (Brighton), Donna Rossetti-Bailey (Marshfield), Judy Rossman (Scituate), Eileen Rotty (Scituate), Ruthe Sholler (Quincy), James Smalley (Scituate), Lauren Teller (Hull), Valerie Vitali (Scituate), Mary Wilkas (Boston).

During the same time period of Aug. 15 to Sept. 21, the South Shore Art Center's Dillon Gallery will host a Featured Gallery Artist Exhibition with the work of Cohasset artist JoAnne Chittick as well as Joreen Benbenek (Marshfield), Elizabeth Bourne (Scituate), A. Carol Carney (Scituate), Elizabeth Baglione (Hull), Nancy Howell (Dedham), and Gordon Lunderg (Hingham).

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. The South Shore Art Center is wheelchair-accessible. For further information on these exhibitions and upcoming fall courses, with registration beginning Aug. 11 and classes beginning Sept. 22, call (617) 383-ARTS (2787).

Maritime Museum is open

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum, Elm Street, Cohasset center, is open for the season. Hours through September are 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. each day except Mondays. Admission is free and donations are accepted.

The museum features artifacts such as ship models, fishing gear, lifesaving materials, shipbuilding and shipwreck relics, as well as a collection of Native American stone tools relating to the history of this small New England village.

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Health board gets its hand slapped — again

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

For the second time this summer, selectmen gave the board of health a public tongue lashing over what they perceive as its lack of team play with the sewer commission.

What's at issue is how independently elected boards should interact when their jurisdictions overlap and whether or not the town should present a united front when the state is involved.

At the centerpiece of the dispute are two health board letters which relate to Cohasset's legally binding sewer agreement with the state that includes management over some septic systems in town. Septic systems fall under the purview of the board of health.

Although state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe recently gave the town's wastewater management plan the go ahead, selectmen are concerned that the health board's actions could have jeopardized that approval.

(Last month, selectmen scolded the health board for breaking trust by sending the letter to Secretary Coxe without talking to them and the sewer commission first. Health board members were not present at that meeting).

But the health board said by sending the letters, it was doing its duty to protect the public health and to voice its concerns that it be included in septic system management decisions.

After a half hour of public venting and feuding with selectmen assuming the role of both referee and angry parent at Monday's meeting, both boards said they would try to cooperate with each other.

The July 11 letter consisted of the health

HEALTH BOARD, PAGE 4



Play director Elizabeth Deveney thanks the cast following the performance last week of 'Once Upon a Time..' for story and more photos, please see pagers 12 & 13.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Selectmen to seek audit of school department

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen may ask to have the school department audited this year.

They said Monday they have no specific concerns about the way the school department conducts its business but think an audit would be a good idea anyway.

"It came up for discussion and we thought why not do the school department this year," Sullivan said. "It's healthy for the town to have this done in different departments."

The water department and board of health have been targeted for in-depth audits in the past, he said.

The school committee, superintendent of schools, town auditors and the town accoun-

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Army Corps train hearing attracts 500

By Alice C. Coyle
STAFF WRITER

Residents and businesses throughout the Greenbush corridor have three more days to speak their minds on the proposed rail restoration project to the Army Corps of Engineers.

On Thursday more than 500 turned out for a hearing at Lombardo's in Randolph to register comments with the corps which must decide whether or not to permit the MBTA to fill 5.11 acres of wetlands along the 17.7-mile rail line through Braintree, Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate.

While the public comment period ends Aug. 24, the Army Corps is not expected to render a decision for several months.

Project Manager Ted Lento of the Army Corps said the permitting process has many stages. In addition to the wetlands filling permit, the MBTA must apply for a state water quality permit from the Department of Environmental Management followed by a water quality certificate from the Corps. And there is al-

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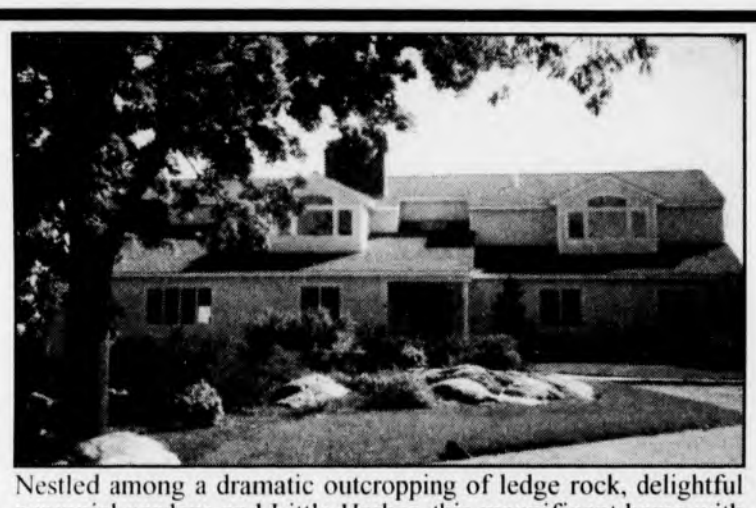
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Brush chipping is slated

Brush chipping at the RTF will be conducted from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13. No logs under four feet long will be accepted, Selectman Merle Brown said.

Trash barrels for the common

Selectmen agreed to the DPW's request to purchase five green trash barrels with lids for the town common.

The purpose of the new barrels is to prevent animals and birds from strewing trash all over the common, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

The Cohasset Common District Commission approved the style and color, Haddad said.

No figure was provided at the selectmen's meeting Monday, but money to buy the barrels will come from the Common gift fund and not from tax money.

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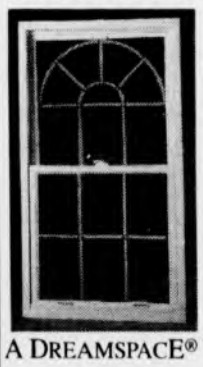
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Fire overtime is topic

While selectmen support sending newly hired firefighters to the fire academy, they want the fire chief to see if there is any offset in the salary account to avoid some of the overtime costs.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said there would be a cost of $12,000 in overtime to cover the firefighters' shifts while they attend the academy.

Haddad said he felt it is important that firefighters receive the best possible training and authorized the fire chief to schedule them for the next opening at the academy.

Cemetery policy committee named

Glenn Pratt of the Cemetery Study Committee, Peter Laugelle of the Tree & Park Department, Town Manager Mark Haddad and Selectmen Merle Brown and Ronnie McMorris will sit on the Cemetery Regulations Committee. The new board will look at cemetery policy and procedures in town including the pricing of graves and possible acquisition of computer software to map the graves at Beechwood and Woodside cemeteries.

Ambulance billing update

The fire department billed for 32 ambulance transports in July for a total of $11,605.30. The town collected $9,629.75 last month.

At Monday's board meeting, selectmen authorized $3,793.11 in write offs on uncollected bills and send $6,713.64 to a collection agency as authorized under the town's 1993 ambulance billing policy adopted.

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Thurs. 24	2:53	11.6	9:11	3:28	11.1	9:37
Fri. 25	3:49	11.1	10:04	4:22	11.0	10:34
Sat. 26	4:48	10.5	10:59	5:19	10.9	11:34
Sun. 27	5:49	10.0	11:56	6:18	10.7	——
Mon. 28	6:52	9.5	12:37	7:18	10.5	12:55
Tues. 29	7:56	9.3	1:40	8:18	10.4	1:55
Wed. 30	8:59	9.1	2:43	9:16	10.4	2:53
Thurs. 31	9:56	9.2	3:40	10:09	10.4	3:48

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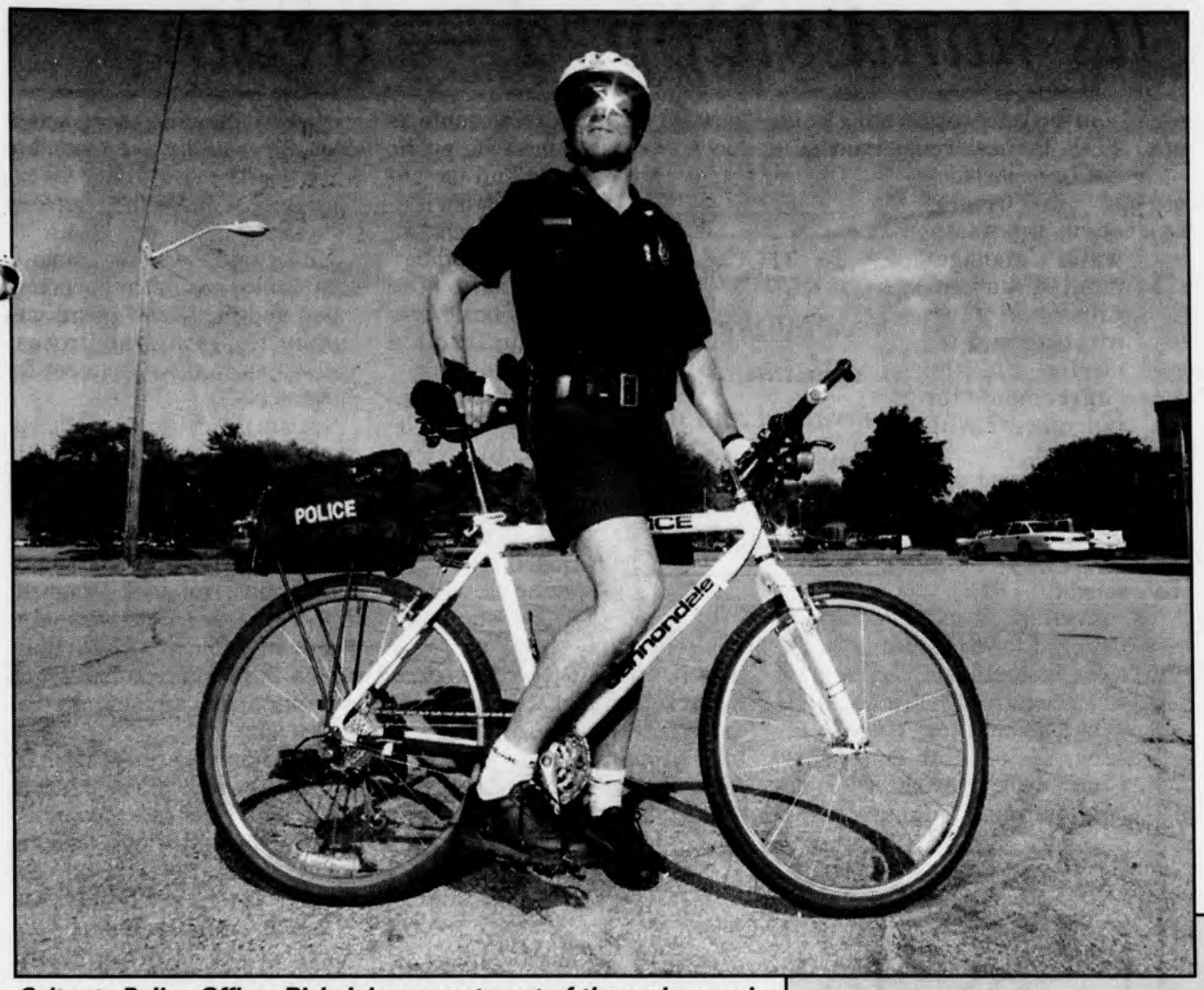
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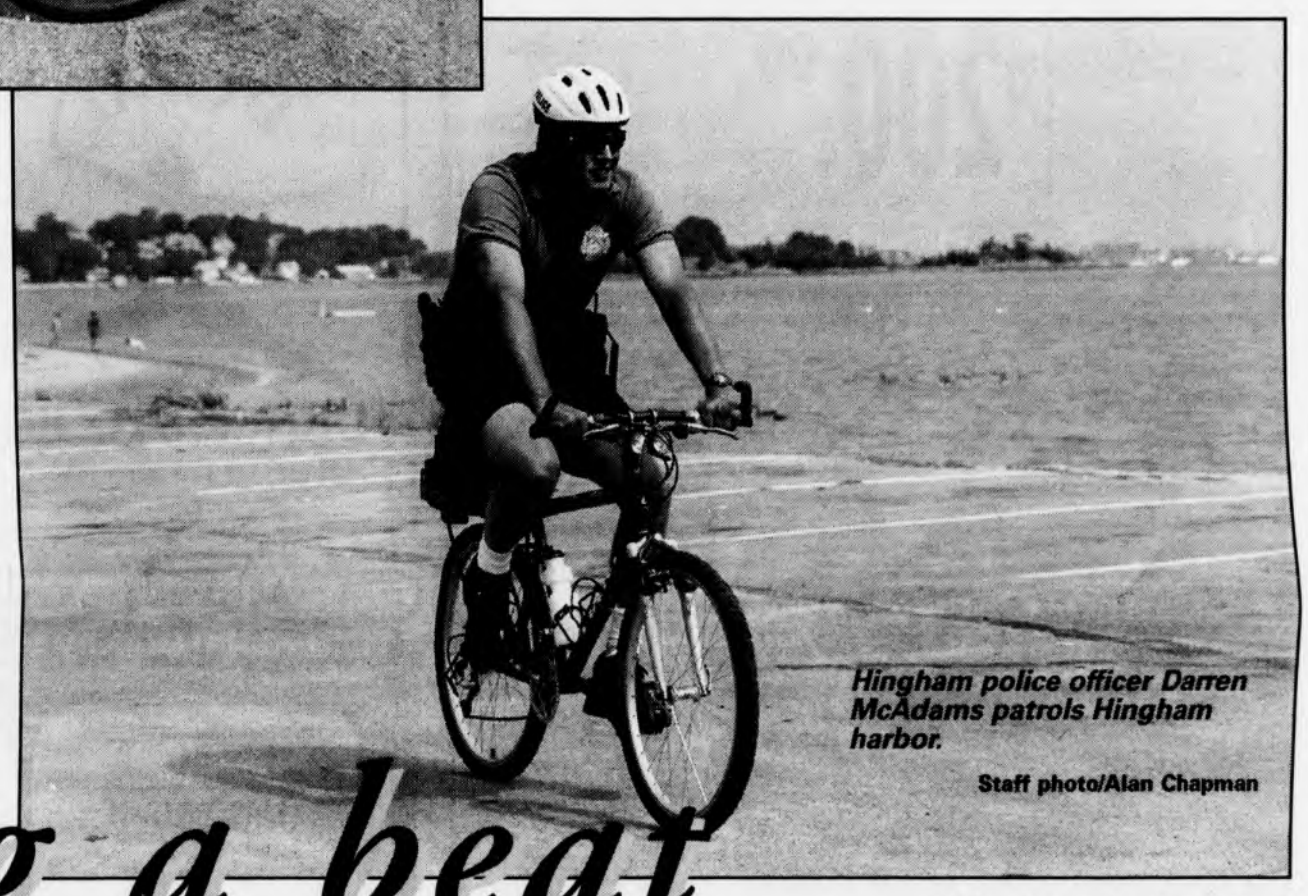
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Scituate Police Officer Rick Johnson gets out of the cruiser and into the action as part of the department's bike patrol.

Staff photo/ Alan Chapman

Bike patrols boost community policing



Hingham police officer Darren McAdams patrols Hingham harbor.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Pedaling a beat

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

On a quiet evening in Scituate, two young people sat in a parked car in a deserted parking lot, indulging in illegal substances.

The driver of the car turned to the passenger and said, "Watch out for those police bikes. They sneak right up on you."

A moment later, a flashlight shone through the car window and both occupants were placed under arrest.

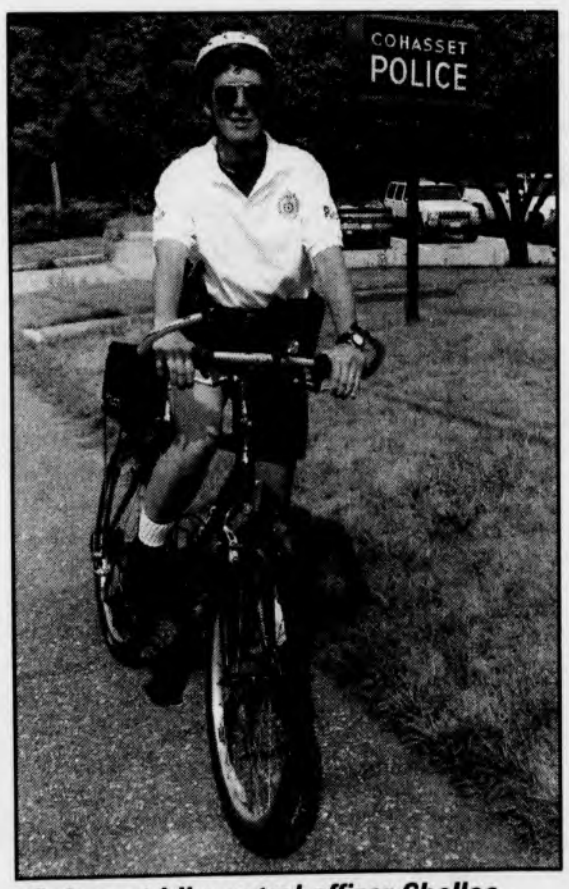
Bicycle patrols have given local police departments the ability to go where no cruiser has gone before.

Instituted in several South Shore towns over the past few years, bike patrols offer police officers a new route to better law enforcement, better community relations and better fitness.

"Bikes are adding another dimension to enforcing laws," said Scituate Safety Officer Arthur O. Wood III. "It's nice to have something you can slide in with that doesn't attract a lot of attention. And it's a great way to connect with people."

"They are very effective," agreed Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan, who noted that residents are accustomed to seeing police cruisers around town, not officers on bicycles.

"There's an increase in the interaction between the officers and the public. We get a lot of positive feedback," noted Hingham Police Sgt. John Norkaitis. "We're far more approachable and we can do a lot more community policing."



Cohasset bike patrol officer Shellee Peters gets set to pedal her beat.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Drug and alcohol arrests have increased in Scituate, Cohasset and Hingham as a result of the bicycle patrols. Bikes allow officers to penetrate the off-road sanctuaries teens flock to on weekends and summer nights.

"People looking to do something know where the cruisers can and can't go," Wood pointed out.

For breaking up parties and attending to incidents on special occasions like the Fourth of July, the two-wheeled vehicles put the officers in stealth mode.

"People don't see them; they don't pay attention to bikes," Noonan said. "The officers are able to come upon a situation before anybody realizes what's going on."

Bikes are ideal for patrolling beaches, the harbor and the village area in Cohasset, he said. When construction along Route 3A ends, patrols will also concentrate on the plaza areas, he said. Patrols go out every evening from about 4 p.m. until after dark.

Scituate bike patrols have cut down on crime and boosted their approachability at the town's beaches, near the harbor and business district and in public parking lots.

In Hingham, bikes patrol the Square, the beach area, neighborhoods and Bare Cove Park during the day and into the evening.

During crowded downtown events like Hingham's Fourth of July parade and Scituates Heritage Days, two wheels can maneuver through crowds far easier than four.

In Cohasset, eight of the 17 officers are certified to patrol by bicycle, with four more signed up on the waiting list.

"(Bicycle patrols) are a good community policing tool. They put the officers much more in touch with the citizenry and the businesspeople," Noonan said.

Half the members of the Scituate Police Department are certified to patrol by bicycle.

"It's fun to get out and ride," said Wood. "You're a lot more in touch with what's going on. You hear things you wouldn't hear in a cruiser — you're too insulated."

Eighteen of the 45 officers in the Hingham Police Department ride the bike patrol and they like the change of pace.

"I like being out there and out in the wind," said Norkaitis. "You see and hear far more than being in a cruiser. You're just very mobile. It's amazing how much ground you can cover. People really love it. For me, it's a welcome break to get out of the cruiser."

Officers must pass a rigorous three-day training session — which includes a four-mile bicycle obstacle course — before they can don the department's cycling uniform and ride one of their department's donated bicycles.

Norkaitis teaches state bike training courses, which run throughout the summer.

"Five years ago, people smirked at the idea of police on bicycles," he recalled. "But people have accepted it well."

While the policing aspect of bike patrols benefits the community, riding around also provides officers an intensive workout.

"The cops get into it too. It gives them a chance to get in shape and get off the donuts," he said. "The health benefits are tremendous."

Officers on bike patrol still carry guns but sport more casual uniforms.

In Cohasset, cycling cops wear a white polo shirt with CPD logo, nylon shorts, sneakers and helmet and jacket— a get-up that costs about $1,000, Noonan said. The five bikes, Treks and Raleighs valued at more than $1,000, are equipped with headlights, flashing blue lights and sirens.

Scituate bike patrol uniforms consist of black shorts, sneakers, a short sleeve shirt, jacket, helmet and padded gloves, which costs a few hundred dollars, he said.

Scituate's six bikes also cost in the neighborhood of $1,000 but do not come equipped with sirens or blue lights.

In both towns, the bikes are donated to the police department or paid for through community policing grants.

In Hingham, the department's nine mountain bikes — valued at $1,000 — are sponsored by businesses and individuals in the community.

Officers wear royal blue shirts with the HPD logo, black shorts, sneakers, and a full issue gun belt.

Health board gets its hand slapped — again

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board's comments on the final environmental impact report (FEIR), which is an environmental feasibility study on the recent sweeping wastewater management plan agreed to between the town and state.

A second letter was sent to the Department of Environmental Protection Aug. 6 following the health board's July 15 declaration of a public health emergency in a neighborhood off Atlantic Avenue where the septic systems have failed. The health board asked the sewer commission for an immediate connection to the town sewer but was asked to "jump through hoops" before that could happen, health board member Kevin Ulmer said.

In both cases, the health board insisted it was within its rights to contact the state.

"We don't know what you're looking for here," Ulmer said.

He explained that in the first letter, the board was simply commenting on the FEIR as the state wanted. Ulmer added that the health board had passed the letter by then acting Town Manager Ed McCann, who said it was okay to send it. In the second letter, the board was looking after the health and safety of the town, he said.

In the letter commenting on the FEIR, the health board said it had not been included in discussions about the wastewater management plan approved at town meeting and included in the "agreement for judgement" with the state.

Ulmer said that type of comment was just what state Secretary Coxe sought.

"We expressed the need for the board of health to be involved and we don't see what's wrong with that," he said.

The second letter was a response to a health emergency, Ulmer explained. The letter details alarming findings of raw sewage and high fecal coliform counts posing a threat to public health and the environment including the adacent salt marsh and harbor.

> ***'We expressed the need for the board of health to be involved and we don't see what's wrong with that.'***
> — KEVIN ULMER.

He said the board of health was not comfortable with the sewer commissioners' answer to the problem in the Newtonville area off Atlantic Avenue which would have required Title V inspections. Under Title V, the state environmental code, property owners with failed systems, once inspecteed, would have two years to upgrade. Because of ledge and high groundwater, upgrades in that area aren't even possible, the health board said.

"Before hanging these homeowners out to dry, we wanted to see if the state would okay the extension of sewer to their homes," he said.

Ulmer said the sewer commission wanted too much documentation and the health board was simply following the process spelled out in the agreement for judgement.

"You may not like the path, but our goals are quite responsible — to solve a health problem in town," Ulmer said.

But sewer engineer Dan Couglin defended the sewer commission and said documentation was needed to exempt homes from the sewer moratorium on new connections which pre-dates the agreement for judgement.

Selectmen Chairman Michael H. Sullivan said the selectmen, health board and sewer commissioners had agreed at a meeting in June to pass any letters to the state before the three boards first.

Health board member Tom Cook said he did not recall any such agreement.

The boards made no decision on health board chairman Alix White's suggestion that the sewer and health boards meet on the same night so if there were any overlapping issues they could just go across the hall.

However, sewer commissioner Henry Rattenbury agreed to attend the next board of health meeting. The boards also agreed to communicate with Town Manager Mark Haddad who would then keep all the boards informed.

Elder affairs clerk is topic

Selectmen want to talk with Council of Elder Affairs Director Kathy Bryanton and members of the CEA board before authorizing the hiring of a new part-time clerk with expanded work hours at the senior center.

The former clerk, who recently retired at 80, worked 12-15 hours a week. The position is funded through a state grant.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the council has been unable to fill the position at the rate provided through the grant.

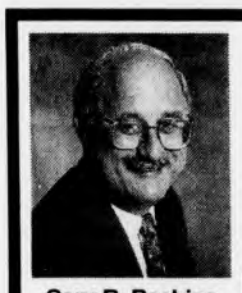
Haddad recommended increasing the hours to 25. The annual cost would be $12,168. He said there should be enough month in the current grant of $10,500 and the town hall clerical budget to cover the position in fiscal year 1998. In future years, the town might have to pick up the entire cost if the grant was not available, he said.

Selectman Diane C. Sullivan asked what the justification is in increasing the hours if an elderly woman could do the job in 12 hours.

Haddad said the CEA was using a lot of volunteers to do the additional work.

Sullivan said she was also concerned that the position would be eligible for benefits, an additional cost to the town.

The board will as Bryanton and Anna Abbruzzese of the CEA board to come in and explain an increase in hours is needed.


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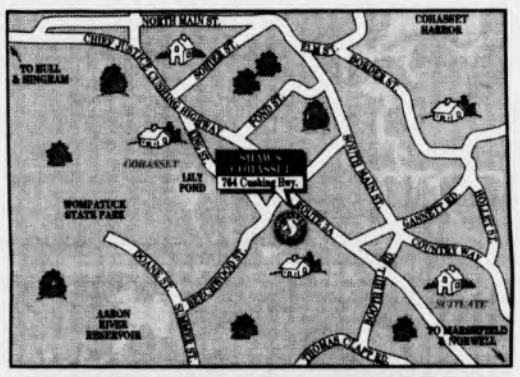
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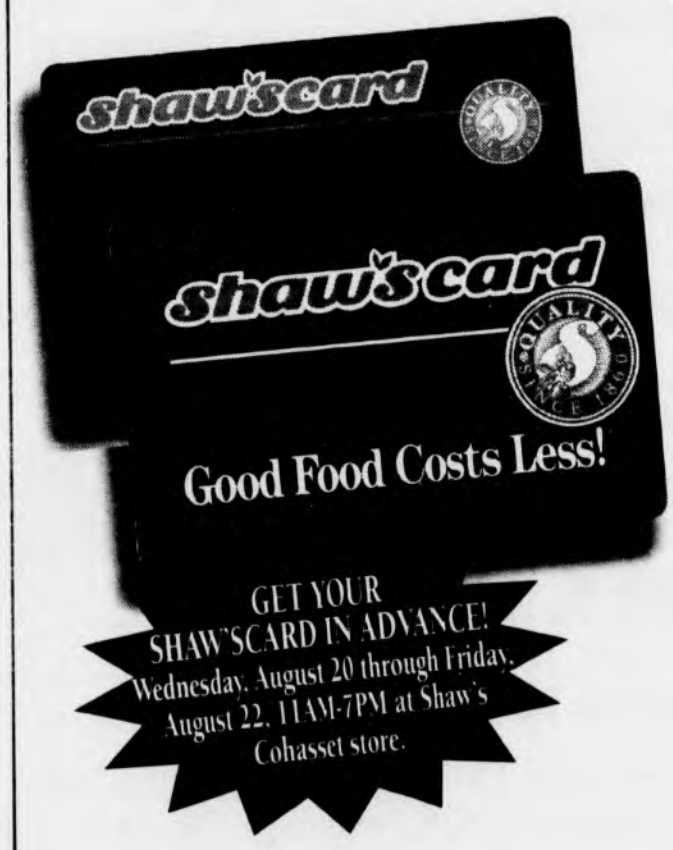
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Selectmen to seek audit of school department

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tant will be invited to the selectmen's Sept. 15 meeting to discuss the proposal.

It is not clear how much the audit would cost and if it would be conducted by the auditing firm Tucci and Roselli, which is under contract to provide the annual town audit.

Town Manager Mark Haddad explained the auditors provide a cursory audit of the school department during their normal town audit which is covered under their fee. If selectmen are looking for something different, they would have to specify what they are looking for so a price can be determined, he said.

The audit is welcomed by at least one member of the school committee.

School committee member Joseph McElroy, who attended the selectmen's meeting, said he thinks an audit can be productive and that good can come of it.

In a telephone interview McElroy, who was elected to the school board in April, said after he examined the two recent town audits, he was surprised to find that they had "next to nothing on the schools and schools are 50-60% of the town budget."

McElroy said while he finds the schools academically strong, "managerially" they are not.

"No one, including myself, is suggesting any mismanagement of funds," he said. "I look at an audit as a tool to give us direction."

He said the time for a school audit is ideal for the following reasons:

• town audits of the school department have been superficial at best;

• 60 percent of the budget is spent on the schools and a $10 million school building is under construction;

• the schools have hired three new principals in two years;

• the superintendent's contract is up in June of 1998.

McElroy, who said he feels a managerial audit is critical, said in the 1980s the school department went from a full-time to a part-time business manager.

He said, at the time, the school department may have been "penny-wise and pound foolish" in light of the recent school problems with school bus maintenance and American with Disabilities Act compliance. These are problems that a full-time business manager would be on top of, said.

Another example, he said was the need to develop a property accountability system.

The schools are developing a technology plan and there's a fitness center proposed at the high school which will both entail "highly pilfer-able equipment," he said.

"I do not feel assured that an adequate property accountability system exists.".

McElroy explained a bar code system could be established through which computers and exercise equipment could be tracked and an inventory could be maintained.

Patricia Walsh, 270 N. Main St., attended Monday's meeting and noted that while the town declares items it no longer needs surplus, she isn't sure what happens to unneeded school department equipment. Walsh cited sewing machines as an example.

"What do they do with items they are not using?" she asked.

Post office sewer hookup

The post office, whose septic system has failed, may be hooked up to the sewer earlier than planned through a temporary sewer line across Constitution Park at the corner of Ripley Road and Depot Court.

Selectmen agreed to issue a permit to allow installation of the pipe, which will hook up to the sewer line on North Main street through the Community Center's connection.

The post office property is owned by Roger and Ann Pompeo, 130 Forest Ave. The owners will be asked to pay $2,000 which will be put in an escrow account to ensure the park is satisfactorily restored, selectmen said.

The sewer pipe across the park is temporary and will be abandoned once the sewer is extended along Ripley Road in about two years time.

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Diane Sullivan objects to Haddad working in Littleton

Selectman Diane C. Sullivan broke with her counterparts this week by not supporting a request from the new town manager to temporarily continue working for the town of Littleton in his free time.

Town Manager Mark Haddad had the approval letter written and ready for the board's signatures at Monday's meeting.

Haddad asked for permission to work Friday afternoons and weekends for up to three months to assist his former employer, the town of Littleton, through its transitional period. Littleton is looking to replace Haddad, who served there as town administrator until he was came on board as Cohasset's town manager earlier this month.

"The town expects Mark's full attention. I don't support it. I don't think anyone can serve seven days a week and do justice to our community," Sullivan said.

Haddad said he expected his duties in Littleton to amount to no more than four hours a week.

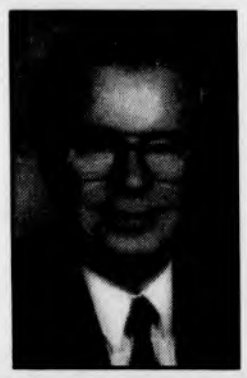
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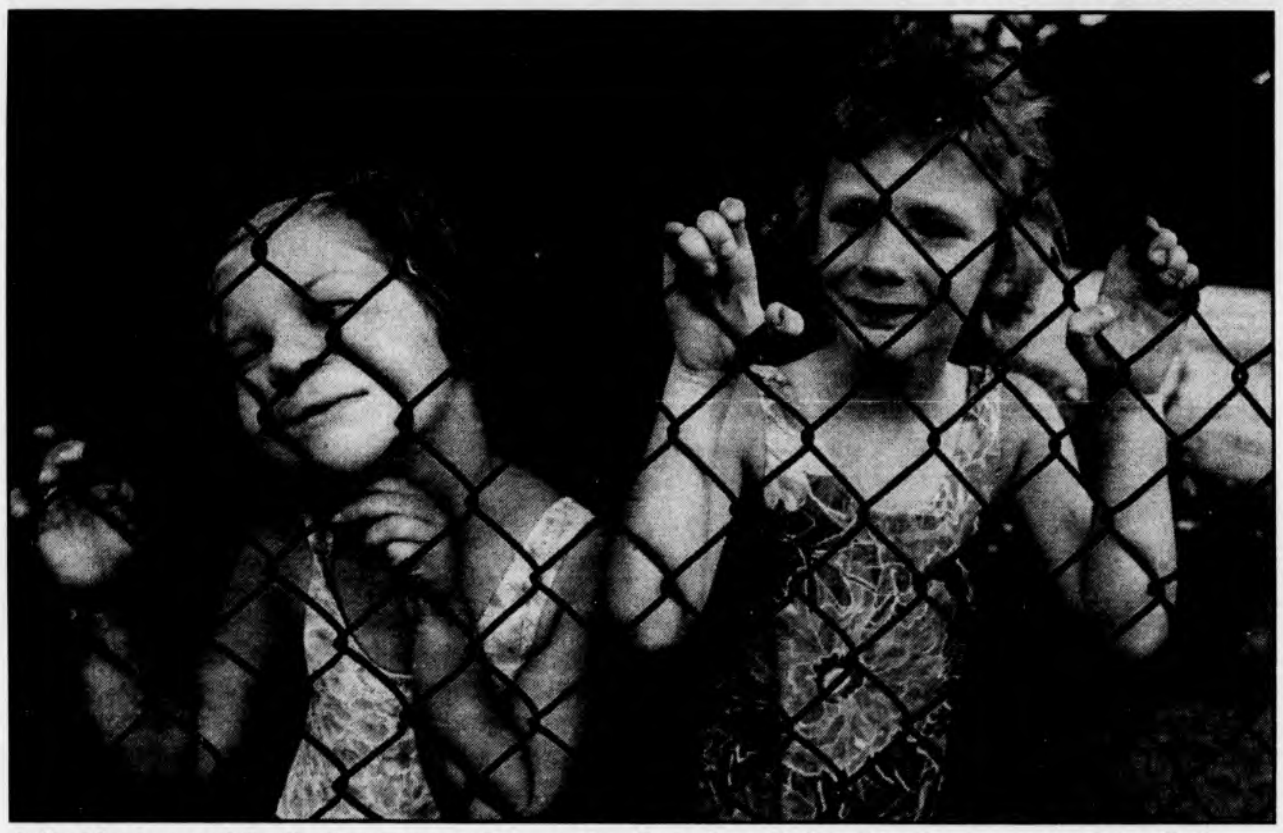
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HAT'S OFF TO JOEY ANDRADE

Joey Andrade, son of Dottie (Infusino) Andrade, graduated in December from UMass/Amherst with a degree in sports management. Joey has landed a job as a sales associate with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, one of major league baseball's two expansion teams, which will begin play next season. Only the top three of the nine sales associates selling season ticket packages in Tampa, Fla., were asked to continue with the franchise. During its inaugural season, Joey placed second and was assured a top sales position in the organization. Guess we know who to call when the Tampa Bay Devil Rays come to town! And, we sure are proud of you, Joey!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug. 9 surely was a big day for Carol Sasso, and we cannot wait to tell you why! It was her birthday, and her celebration was a fantastic one! Her friends, Joey and April Kramer (the drummer for Aerosmith) flew her (in their own plane) to the Aerosmith concert in Hartford, Ct. As if that wasn't a big enough thrill, imagine her surprise when Steven Tyler wished Carol a happy birthday from the stage! Wow! Now that is what we call special!



Polly Murray and Emily St. John wait impatiently to be admitted to the town pool for their swimming lesson.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

MEMORIAL ROUNDABOUT

The Cohasset Maritime Institute and the Alden Ocean Shell Association are pleased and honored to co-host the "Jack Hubbard Memorial Minot Light Roundabout" traditional and sliding seat rowing race. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 6, from noon to 5 p.m. at the CMI boathouse/Cohasset Sailing Club. Registration begins at noon, the race begins at 2 p.m. at the breakwater; a cookout and the awards will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Please help make this a successful event by participating in one of the following ways: working at the race registration table, working as a race timer, preparing a side dish or desert for the cookout, supplying condiments or paper plates and utensils, flipping burgers and dogs, working as the "official photographer," offering services as a chase boat or tow boat, attending as a spectator or participant, or offering financial support to help cover expenses. Please call Jack Buckley at 925-1284 as soon as possible to let him know the way in which you are willing and able to help out.

JOAN WILL BE MISSED

Many of you may have noticed that the flag was at half mast last Thursday at the South Shore Music Circus. The reason for it was that the SSMC lost a "family member," Joan Nelson. Joan worked at the Music Circus for many years, and was the head of the box office for lots of those years. She was the one with the warm smile and ever-present knowledge of exactly what was where, what was sold, what was left, and so on. She worked long hours, and loved her work and her fellow workers. And we all loved her. Our deepest sympathies go to Joan's husband, John, and her family. John was an ever-present figure, always there to pick Joan up at the end of her night. Hopefully John will be around the tent for his ritual cup of coffee, a nice big hug is definitely in order when you see him!

WELCOME TO ZACHARY

Zachary Ethan Connors makes the news this week. He is the brand new son of Patty and Brian Connors, and baby brother to twin brothers, Ryan and Justin (who are 7 years old). Zachary was born July 24 at 7:52 a.m., and he weighed 9 pounds, 13 ounces. Welcome to Cohasset ex Zachary, we'll see you strolling "around town."

DEAN'S LIST

Middlebury College sends us news this week. Two Cohasset residents are the reason! Thomas M. Greco, son of Thomas R. Greco, attained dean's list status. That means he earned a grade point average of 3.3 or higher, and had no grade below a B- for the semester. And, Robin M. Lawrence, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robin M. Lawrence, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Civilization at the 1997 Commencement exercises on the Vermont liberal arts college campus. Our congrats go to both gents!

WELL DONE, WILEY

Accolades are also in order for Wiley Wakeman, a student at Derby Academy. Wiley won the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association Board of Directors Award for outstanding achievement in the study of Latin language and culture. This certificate is conferred upon the student who has demonstrated the highest achievement in the most advanced Latin courses taught at Derby.

COLLEGE GRAD

Hats off to Bridget Marie Corkery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Corkery of Cohasset. Bridget was one of 392 students who received degrees from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. Bridget received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

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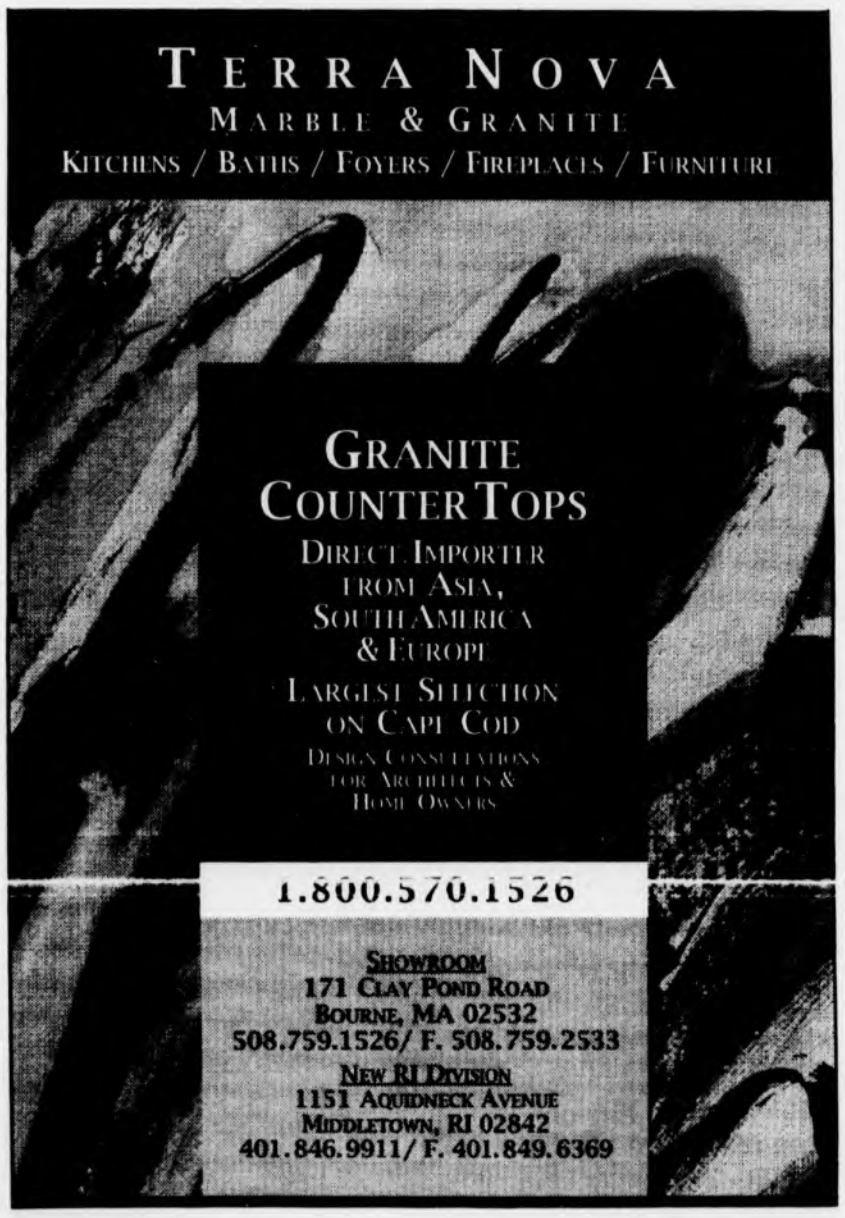
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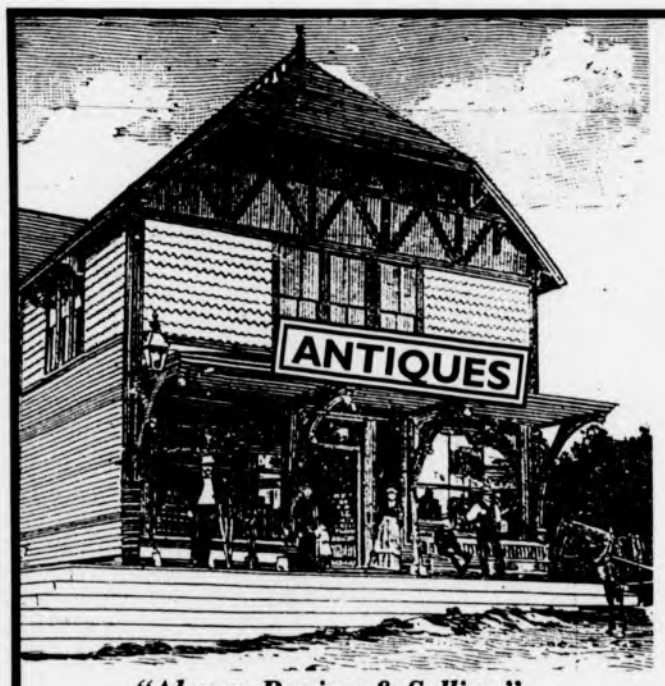
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DPW garage to get cable

The new DPW garage will have cable, thanks to Media One (formerly Continental Cablevision).

The company has offered to install the service at no cost to the town.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said it will cost Media One about $4,000 because the closest hookup is 1,200 feet away from the garage.

Selectmen approved the request after learning that the police and fire departments and town hall are also hooked up to cable.

Haddad to get new computer

Town Manager Mark Haddad will get a new computer for $2,455 and a laser jet printer for $1,020.

The system will be paid for through available funds in the selectmen's budget.

That account will be reimbursed at the October special town meeting.

Haddad said he would meet with the computer study committee on Aug. 28. In the meantime, he has given his old office computer to the treasurer's office and is using a loner at no cost to the town until the new one arrives.

Old garage to be history

The old wooden DPW garage in the town parking lot will come down soon.

The contract for the demolition will be awarded to John F. Kehoe Excavating, the low bidder.

There were four bidders ranging from $3,400 to $4,500, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Haddad said he would ask the advisory committee for a transfer at its Aug. 26 meeting.

Selectmen supported the request noting that the dilapidated old barn has become a safety issue.

Sailboat sale to benefit lobster lab



R. Murray Campbell, president of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation, announced that a 20-foot Corinthian sailboat has been donated to the Cohasset Lightkeepers latest project, a Learning Laboratory for Marine Biology and Genetic Research which will occupy a building on the former Hagerty property at Parker Avenue. The boat, moored in the harbor for many years, was used regularly for pleasure sailing in the locality.

According to the donor, the gift is one way to help a worthwhile project on our water front. The boat will be sold with the proceeds going to the Learning Laboratory. Inquiries are invited; call Steve Bobo 383-6893

Quonset huts back on zoning board agenda

Noel Collins, owner of the Quonset huts buildings at 430 S. Main St., said he will consider building five condominiums at the site.

The new plan will be before the zoning board on Aug. 27.

Collins initially proposed tearing down the Quonset huts and building ten condominiums but the zoning board rejected his request in Nov. 1966, citing density concerns.

The ZBA subsequently offered four units but Collins said that would be a losing proposition.

Collins thought six was a nice compromise but the ZBA rejected that.

Collins said he was cautiously optimistic that the zoning board would be receptive the the new plan.

"The market is good if we catch it this year," he said. "This would be no huge money maker but it would be an opportunity to get something good done at this end of Cohasset and hopefully not lose our shirt in the process."

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The Greenbush weary

"I've been workin' on the railroad all the live long day."

Let's make that "all the live long decade" and longer, for so many involved in the seemingly endless Greenbush rail restoration saga.

"When are people going to cry uncle?" asked train proponent Richard Prone of Duxbury who has pushed for the train's return to the South Shore for nearly a quarter of a century. "I'm sick of this."

Even the usually boisterous, vocal opponents to the train project seemed subdued at last week's Army Corps of Engineers hearing in Randolph.

Anti-rail activist Ilana Marks said the public's desire for closure on the issue is the one point on which both sides can agree.

"We don't want to be here anymore," Marks told the Corps. "We don't want to spend our summers doing this."

Amen to that.

As many as 1,000 people, fired up over the most controversial issue to hit the South Shore ever, were expected to pack into Lombardo's ballroom. Only half that number showed. But that's not bad considering the hearing was held miles away from the Greenbush corridor during one of the summer's busiest vacation weeks.

The last time this many folks on both sides of the Greenbush tracks made their way to Randolph was in November 1995, when then governor William Weld announced plans to restore at-grade commuter rail service to Greenbush before a delighted South Shore Chamber of Commerce. It was a cold day following an early snow, yet in anticipation of the decision, hundreds waving signs for and against the project filled the parking lot outside starting at 6 a.m.

It was a long-awaited decision that had been dragged out interminably while the state looked at vastly unpopular transportation alternatives such as the guided busway.

But two years down the line with service set to begin on the Plymouth and Middleboro lines of the Old Colony railroad, Greenbush remains buried in the mire we've come to call the environmental review process.

We're all train tired — exhausted from worry. Some of us worry that the train will come back, others worry it won't.

Getting on board late in the day, the Army Corps is taking a tour of the issue for the first time and we're along for the ride. For many of us it's deja vu all over again.

Most opponents hope the Corps will deny permits or initiate more environmental review at the federal level which could eventually force the T to head back to the drawing board or scrap the project altogether. Proponents — many of them commuters facing daily gridlock on the "distressway" into Boston — hope the Corps will give the green light to the necessary permits and expedite the project's final approval.

But these hopes are mixed with a weariness that shows on the faces of those at the forefront of the issue. Nothing new is being said and few are left to be converted to one side or another. A faded "Rail Yes" banner on Mr. Prone's truck, left over from two years ago, was the only sign in that Randolph parking lot Thursday.

– Alice Coyle

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate Mariner, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.

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C.A.S.A. was formerly entitled Safe Homes. In the past Safe Homes helped parents network a safe home environment. The need to reinstate a support network has become evident because of the presence of alcohol and drugs among our youth. Parents are concerned about the alarming increase in alcohol and drug use among our youth, and social acceptability of this use. Communicating and networking among parents has been proven to be effective in the past under Safe Homes. All parents of children in grades 6 through 12 are asked to participate in this program by taking a stand and by showing your concern for the health and well-being of young people.

Please read and fill out a form, available at town hall. Be sure to check off the box at the bottom and mail it back before Sept. 10. Forms can be mailed to town hall/attn. the drug & alcohol committee. A booklet with the names of the participants will be mailed out in the fall to all parents with children in grades 6 through 12. Signing this form will be our first stand in making a commitment against substance abuse.

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Wading pool adds new chapter to swim center story

By Mary Sheppard Earon
CORRESPONDENT

To serve the growing population of swimmers under three feet tall, the Cohasset Swim Center has installed a wading pool that is just their size. Referred to as 'the kiddie pool,' small children can play in the water to their hearts' content without fear that bigger children will splash in next to them.

According to Stephanie Hernan of Beechwood Street, who is on the swim center's board of managers, it was learned that the idea for the kiddie pool arose three years ago at the suggestion of Diana Karcher, a board of trustees member.

It was this year, however, that swim center trustees said they would contribute 50 percent of the amount if the board of managers could raise the other $6,250. The board agreed and the new kiddie pool began construction four weeks ago. Now, in the second half of this summer season, small children will be enjoying water at their own level. Fundraising efforts by the board of managers, however, have just begun.

The South Shore League's 1997 champions, the Cohasset swim team, organized a swim-a-thon recently and raised $500. Additionally, there are donations promised from private sources. The major portion of the funds, $4,300, will be solicited from the town itself.

"We are sending out a fundraising letter to all townspeople, requesting a donation," said Hernan. "In return for a $25 donation, the donor can opt for a family weekend pass for unlimited swimming. This is useful for someone who doesn't frequent the pool on a regular basis, but may be expecting weekend guests and will want to use the pool during that time.

In return for a $50 donation, the donor can have the family name dedicated and painted on a fish or turtle at the bottom of the kiddie pool, which will be painted in the spring of 1998.

HISTORY OF THE SWIM CENTER

The story behind the 23-year-old swim center, now comprised of three pools and a pool building, has been an interesting evolution through the years.

The first distinction is that, unbeknownst to some, the Cohasset swim center is a private pool.

A small group of five anonymous donors who called themselves the Cohasset Swimming and Recreation Trust, donated the money to obtain the 3-1/2 acres of land for the swim center site in 1970. The original plans included tennis courts and a year-round pool.

John H. Meyer, a Cohasset resident, led the trust group. His idea was to provide the town with a swimming and recreational facility and educational swimming programs.

But even before 1974, when Cohasset got its swimming pool, the town had a swimming and diving team, starting in 1966. In fact, Cohasset's swim team went from last place in their first year of competition on the South Shore to second place the following year.

How could the town have such high scoring aquatic teams without a facility in which to train?

"We trained in the back yards of Cohasset residents," said Hernan.

Stephanie Hernan joined the swim team in 1969 at age five, and became one of the youngest members of the Cohasset swim team. By age 8, she spent the next 11 years as an undefeated swimmer in the South Shore League.

"Training to race and compete in private pools was a challenge," she laughed.

Aside from the issues of liability even back then, the private pools had no lane lines, and many times, the pools were curved instead of rectangular.

"The kids training on the ends naturally finished before the kids in the middle," said Hernan.

Swimmers had to enter the pool in shallow water instead of in diving depth water, Hernan said, and the team usually ended up swimming 200 laps in a back yard pool to equal the distance of 25 meters.

By 1970, the initial 100 swimmers of the Cohasset swim team doubled in number, then almost tripled. Excitement and team spirit ran high.

It was obvious to those involved that the team needed to be facilitated. Although the generosity of the back yard pool owners was appreciated, evidenced in the letters homeowners received, a diving pool was needed. The team needed a place to call their own.

At this point, John H. Meyer and the Cohasset Swimming and Recreation Trust stepped in and purchased the acreage on Sohier Street. Water and wetland issues delayed the pool from being built for more than three years. But by the spring of 1974, the pool was completed and it opened June 15, 1974.

True to the word of the trustees, the swim center served anyone who wanted to swim, including not only the swim and diving teams, but the Red Cross program, disabled children from the South Shore Collaborative, summer recreation day camps, and of course, the public. For families who wanted to swim, but couldn't afford the membership fee, scholarships were provided. No one was turned away. Where the original plans called for an enclosed year-round pool and tennis courts, the funds available for those entities became the money maintaining the pool over the years.

"The swim center's board of trustees were very generous people. They still are," said Hernan. "They wanted people to use the pool. They made it available to anyone who wanted to use it, thus making it seem like a public pool."

Over the ensuing 20 years, available funds dwindled because of the generous nature of those in control. Although a board of managers had always been in existence, they considered themselves more as friends of the swim center. They had been instrumental in getting the swim center established in 1974 by supporting the idea and organizing committees to appear in front of the zoning board meetings. Their desire was to understand the problems and help with solutions.



The Cohasset Swim Team in 1966 practiced in backyard pools around town.

TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE

This was the same motivation that prompted Stephanie Hernan and Leslie Faber of Bayberry Lane to take an active role at the swim center as board of managers members. Both women, in addition to being swimmers themselves, are mothers of aquatic team members.

"Finances were running at a deficit because there had not been any fundraising in a long time. If we continued on that same course, the goals set forth in the original plan for the pool might be altered forever."

Hernan and Faber approached the board of trustees, in particular Diana Karcher, who recognized their desire to help and encouraged them.

Besides the issue of finances, Hernan said the pool's management, which at that time was under the control of the life guards, needed to be reassessed.

"The life guards had the run of the place. They were 18-and 19-year-old kids who were trained as life guards and did that job well. But pool management should be run like a business, and in order for the pool to stop running at a deficit and to realistically expect improvement on money, management and communication, change was necessary."

Many families wanted to see structure there and didn't. Memberships fell each year.

But, according to Hernan, the question regarding membership is whether they were losing memberships over the years or just not keeping track of them.

"I don't think we'll ever know that. But when the pool opened, family enrollment was 400. It dwindled in the past 10 years to 200. Now, we're back up to 320. I don't know if it's word of mouth about the improvements we're making, or if it's the current controversy over a permanent pool enclosure that's drawing people," Hernan said. "What I do know is that we needed a system to set a precedent so we could keep track of memberships. We set up a computerized system with a data base. We're going into the year 2000. We can be organized, not dysfunctional."

The permanent enclosure over the pool that Hernan refers to is the effort being made by Joe McElroy of Windy Hill. This is an issue separate from the fundraising efforts of the swim center's board of managers.

McElroy, leading the group who call themselves Friends of the Cohasset Swim Center, said that they are continuing to investigate the pool enclosure.

"The most popular athletic activity in the United States today is swimming, seconded by walking," said McElroy. "Weather in New England curtails both activities for many people. Swimming offers a broad-based appeal to a community for recreational and therapeutic purposes. Also, in the interest of the youngsters in Cohasset, a year-round pool would be a healthy outlet for their energies."

"A year-round pool was the original intention in 1970. But because of the expense, it just never happened. It's still expensive, so it's still an issue. I think all swimmers would love the idea of year-round swimming in their own town, but we need a solution that's affordable to the town," said Hernan.

MEETING IS AUG. 21

A meeting is scheduled Thursday, Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in Elder Affairs at the Community Center for all those interested in the cross spectrum of information that the Friends of the Cohasset swim center has gathered so far. McElroy states that the committee has discovered a less costly alternative for a pool enclosure that will be discussed. Discussion will also include whether or not the matter of enclosing the pool should continue to be investigated.

The renewed spirit at the swim center is evidenced in the Cohasset diving team and swim team's placing first this year in the South Shore League, after an exciting 1997 season.

The swim center is serving more groups than ever before through word of mouth.

"We're raising money in order to continue the improvements here," said Hernan. "Although we don't like charging user fees, it is necessary as part of our revenue." User fees charged to outside groups this year are $300, with the possibility that they will rise next year in order to afford pool expenses.

"We'd like to hire a pool maintenance person next year who will keep the bathrooms clean, maintain the pool, and keep

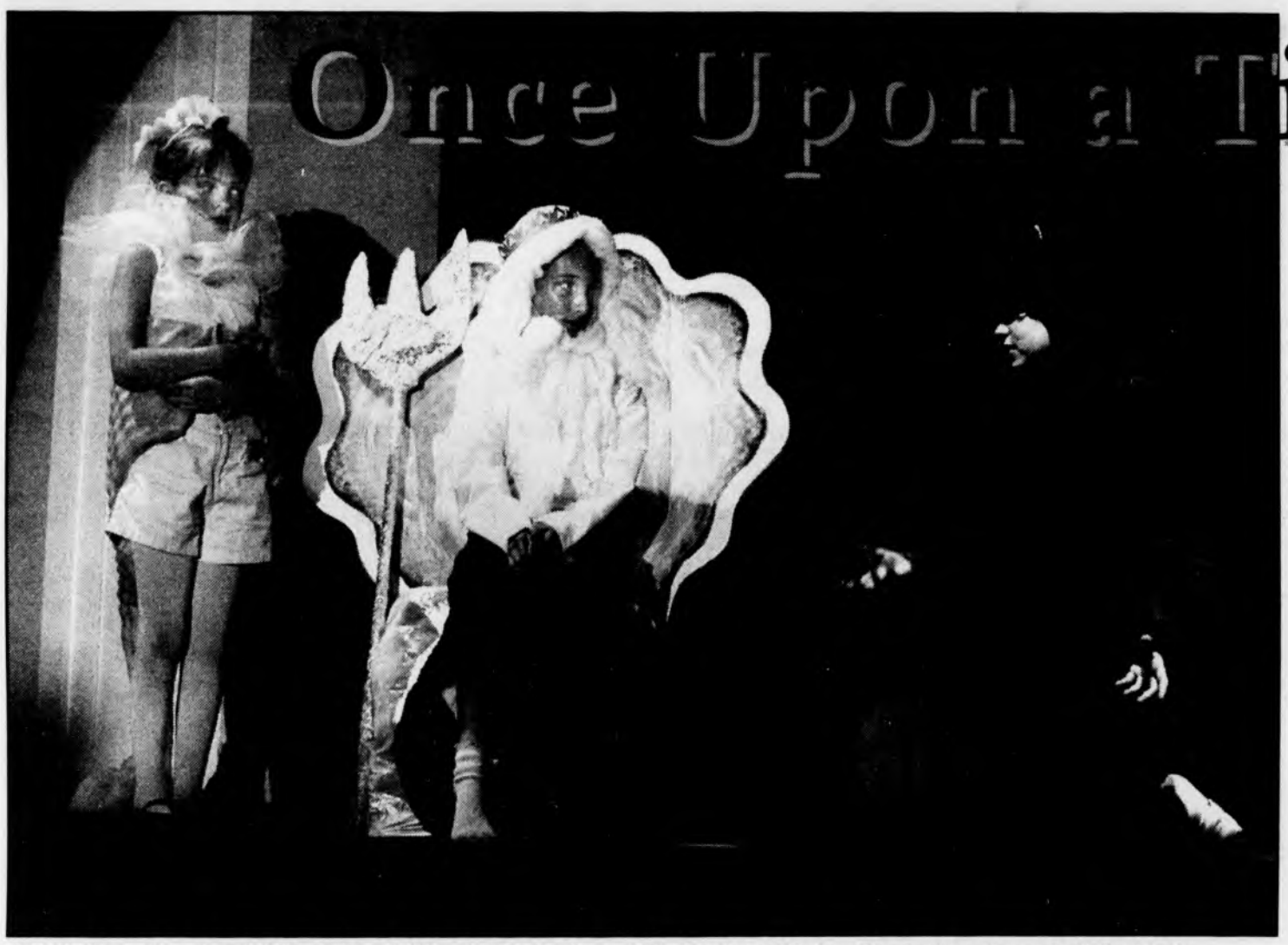
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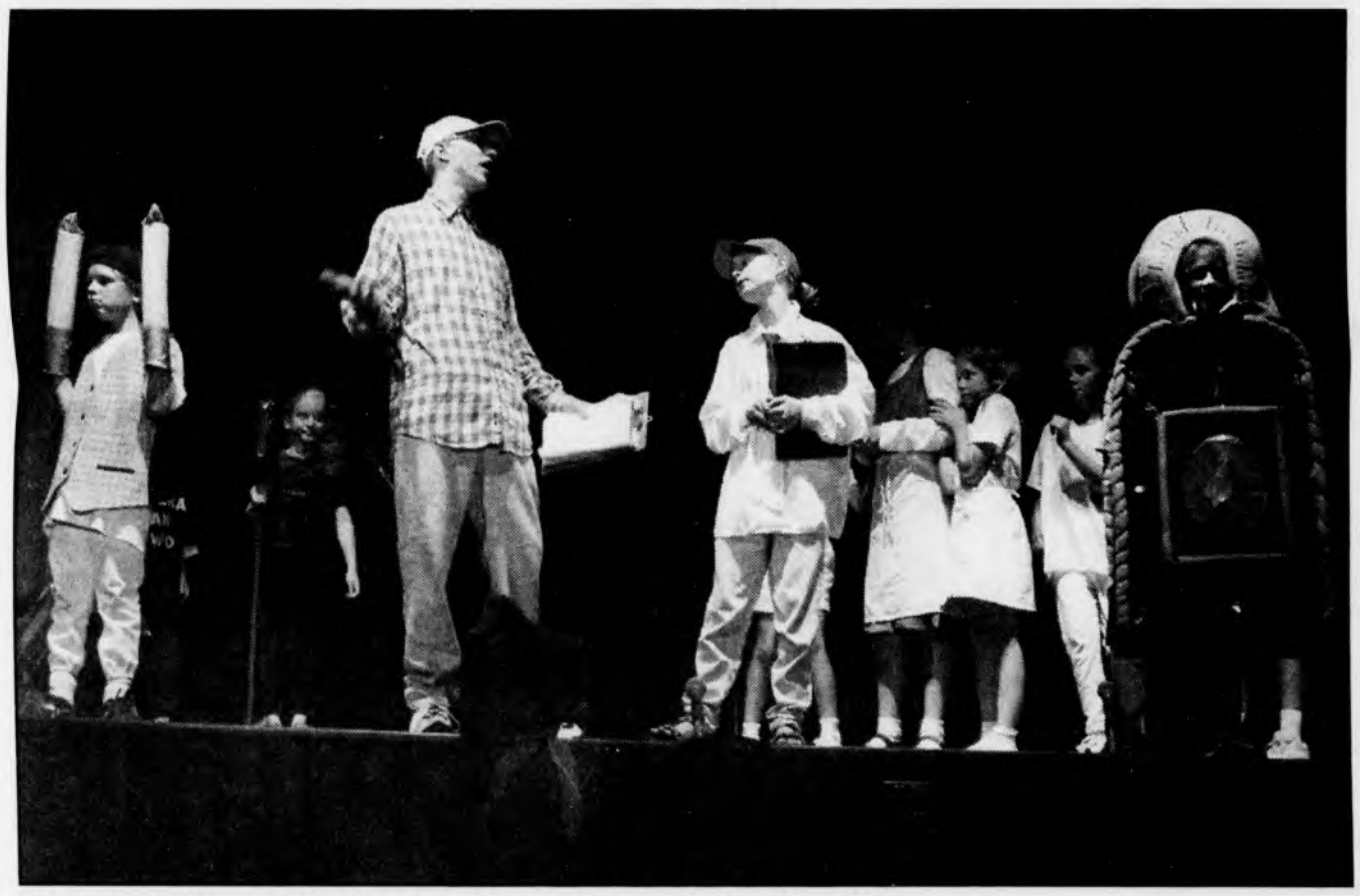


Children's Drama Workshop presents original play

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'Ariel' (Caroline Carr), 'King Triton' (Nicole Durant), and 'Sebastian' (Kelley Hurley) perform in 'The Little Mermaid' scene from 'Once Upon a Time...'



'Steven Spielberg' (Brian Krupczak), at center, barks out his orders.



'Dorothy' (Caitlin O'Connell) sings 'Over the Rainbow.'



Members of the cast durng a moment of relaxation on stage.

Children's Drama Workshop celebrates 10 years on stage

By Laura Caldwell
CORRESPONDENT

The tenth anniversary of The Children's Drama Workshop was marked last week with the production of "Once Upon a Time..."

Founded by Elizabeth Deveney, The Children's Drama Workshop is a seven week theater program for 5 to 12 year old children. The program culminates in four performances.

"Once Upon a Time..." departs from past shows, such as: Aladdin, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Peter Pan, Alice in Wonderland, Cinderella, and The Wizard of Oz, in that it is a medley of music and scenes from a variety of sources. The performances give local youth a taste of theater, and, as Deveney points out, "It is a great opportunity for the kids—it gives them more self confidence."

Deveney estimates that of the cast of 100, half of the children are newcomers to the program, while the other half are veterans. According to Deveney, "The kids come back because they have a good time and form a lot of new friendships". This summer, five of the program's veteran participants received awards for their long-standing commitment to the organization.

The Children's Drama workshop has come a long way sice its early days. It began as a group of ten children performing in Deveney's garage. Each summer, the magnitude of the show has increased. Deveney is thrilled with the success, and feels that "the cast gets better and better every year," she says.

Deveney, who is 21 and studying music at Catholic University, devotes her entire summer to the show. She is assisted by her sisters Grace and Sarah, and by her cousin, George. Grace, 20, is an assistant director responsible for much of the scenes involving the leads of the play. She is a nursing student at Boston College and is working this summer as a secretary for the Recreation Department. Sarah, 24, is in charge of the sets and is the show's pianist. A Holy Cross graduate, she is now studying Psychology at the University of Massachusetts. This summer she is also working in the selectman's office. Of her sisters, Liz says, "I couldn't do it without them...they are my two best friends".

Deveney's tasks include arranging the script, communicating with the cast's parents, planning costumes, and choreographing dance numbers. Over the years, her biggest lesson has been, "...learning to work with people: the staff, the kids, the parents..." As director and producer, she undertakes an enormous job.

Deveney has a simple reason for putting such effort into the Workshop and the performance; as she says, "I love the kids". Although she cites the endless hours during the pre-show week as difficult, Deveney finds the show very rewarding. After weeks of rehearsal, Deveney says, "It's fun to see it all come together".

Although next summer's show is currently undecided, Deveney is looking forward to a similar success. Smiling, she says, "It's going to be another great show next year".

IT'S HAPPENING

Sign Language Program at library

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will sponsor a program for children on Deaf Awareness on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. at the library. The kids will learn about deaf culture, "hearing" dogs (the counterpart of seeing-eye dogs), American sign language, interpreters, lip-reading and more in this exciting 45 minute presentation given by Karen Glickman, one of Massachusetts' leading deaf educators, her "hearing" dog, Delta and a storytelling interpreter.

Karen's dog, Delta, is specially trained to warn her of fire alarms, door bells, people calling her name from another room, the phone ringing or the alarm clock buzzing in the morning. She can't hear these or any other sound. Karen will show the children how her dog does this. She will also demonstrate sign language. Her interpreter friend will add words and tonal expression to Karen's telling of the story. A question and answer period for the children will follow.

It is not necessary to register for this event, however, for more information, please call children's librarian, Suzanne Terry, at 383-1348. This project is supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Piano lessons resume

Priscilla D. Daniels, professional pianist and teacher of pianoforte, resumes her lesson-schedule at her Beach Street home in Cohasset. Her personalized instruction has attracted students who have had careers in music, while others play just for pleasure.

Mrs. Daniels is a graduate of the New-England Conservatory of Music of Boston, magna cum laude. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, national sorority, and Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary professional society. She has taught in Swampscott, Lincoln, Norwood and currently in Cohasset.

As part of each lesson she incorporates music theory, harmony, rhythm study and expression. She encourages her students to improvise and compose, and strives to communicate a love and appreciation for the fine arts through the medium of the piano.

For further information, call 383-1487.

Farmers' Market week celebrated

Paul Celluci has declared Aug. 17 to 23 "Massachusetts Farmers' Market Week" and in celebration the Cohasset Village Farmers' Market will be holding a Summerfest Thursday, Aug. 21 during the regular market hours.

Music by Chris McNeil, face painting, pony rides and lobster picnic dinners will highlight the festival. Local cook Anna Abbruzzesse will also be cooking up fresh farmers' produce for all to sample. The Summerfest is sure to be fun for the whole family and is free to market shoppers. Bring picnic blankets or seating to enjoy the festivities.

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market is held every Thursday through October 9 from 3 to 7 p.m. in Cohasset Village on the Common along Main Street. Ten Massachusetts farmers, gardeners, bakers and artisans participate in the market each week selling fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, baked goods, specialty items and eggs, all home grown or produced.


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Wading pool adds new chapter to swim center story

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stock of our supplies. We're also hoping to eventually have a concession stand, even if it's just snacks and drinks. People won't have to leave the pool to go into town for refreshments."

The swim center has a suggestion box that pool members have been steadily dropping messages into.

"We listen to what people want. We want people to regard the swim center as a safe, comfortable environment. There are bathrooms and showers there. The life guards are great with the kids. They play and talk with them. That's what they're there for. It's a positive first relationship with water and with those who guard them while they're in the water."

Hernan says it does take a village to raise a child.

"We're asking for help. We need to finish getting the kiddie pool installed and paid for. There are residents whom we haven't reached because they don't use the swim center. But, we're hoping for a good response from them through our fundraising letter. There are also those who frequent the swim center and know that when they have a concern or a suggestion, someone is going to listen and help. Now, through the fundraising letter we're sending to the town, we're asking for help back."



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Army Corps train hearing attracts 500

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ways the possibility that the Corps could seek to initiate a federal environmental impact statement, further lengthening in the process, Lento said.

In the meantime, MBTA Manager of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan said work is continuing on the final environmental impact report on the Greenbush line. Rush hour service on the other two Old Colony lines —Plymouth and Middleboro is slated to begin Sept. 29.

This latest public hearing brought rail opponents and proponents together again to reiterate concerns they have been raising for literally years.

More than 70 concerned citizens marched up to the microphone for their allotted three minutes to comment. Another 30 left their statements with a stenographer set up outside the hearing room. In all, Lento said the Corps has received more than 600 letters and 400 comments attached to an army corps advertisement clipped from local newspapers. Lento said about 80 percent of the comments have come from Greenbush opponent, with 20 percent from frustrated commuters looking for transportation relief. Army Corps officials assure those making statements that written and oral comments will be weighed equally and considered closely by the corps in making its decision.

While opponents to the project continue to worry about the noise, vibration and pollution the train will bring to the South Shore, project supporters fear without it Boston bound commuters will face complete traffic gridlock on local highways.

On one thing both the anti-rail and pro-train factions can agree, they're tired of debating the issue and want closure.

20 YEARS OF DISCUSSION

Richard Prone of Duxbury, a member of the pro-train Back on Track group said he's been working toward a restored Greenbush line for more than 20 years.

"I wrote my first letter to the editor on this in 1975," Prone noted.

"When are people going to cry uncle? I'm sick of this."

Scituate's Ilana Marks who stands firmly on the other side of the tracks on Greenbush shares Prone's frustration.

"It's ridiculous. This has been dragged out too long and has been an incredible waste of taxpayers' money," Marks said.

Still, Marks said she is hopeful that the Army Corps will be "a watchdog agency" rather than another rubber stamp for the MBTA's rail restoration project. Marks is particularly critical of the way state environmental agencies including MEPA have dealt with the public's concerns about the train.

"We're hoping that you can put an end to this, "Marks said in her statement to the Army Corps. "None of us want to be here anymore. None of us want to spend our summers doing this."

Fellow rail opponent Nancy Buckley of Hingham, the co-founder of the anti-train Coastal Coalition, isn't putting any stock in the Army Corps or any other public agency to stop the train.

"I think we need to stop participating in this endless environmental review process and start demanding the project is scrapped. I don't believe as others do that delay is victory," she said.

Armed with a Hingham Journal article from 1990 in which former Governor William Weld and then Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci are quoted as promising less disruptive transportation alternatives than the train, Buckley said she's calling on the state to drop the project altogether.

"We believe there are alternatives that will achieve the same transportation goals as the train and are less disruptive," Buckley told the Corps. "We're asking you to deny this permit so logic can prevail and so Governor Cellucci can finally draw a line in the sand and kill this project."

Buckley and the Coastal Coalition have long maintained that the MBTA has given rail alternatives like expanded commuter boat and bus service short shrift.

"There has been no equal time given or interest given to other transportation options like the boat options or extending the redline down Route 3," Marks told the Army Corps.

Directing their comments to the permit in question both former Cohasset selectman Peter Pratt and Cohasset Conservation Commissioner Vee Roebuck say they're worried about flooding problems and damage to wildlife habitats if wetlands are filled.

"How do you mitigate 50,000 square feet of wetlands," Roebuck said, noting that there are four vernal pools and several rare and endangered species currently thriving along the right of way.

The project's more than $215 million price tag continues to raise the ire of most opponents. State Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said the price of Greenbush was "outrageous" and "disproportionate compared to the service it will provide."

PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS

Budget concerns also weighed heavily on the mind of Hingham's new fire chief William Johnson. In addition to public safety, Johnson said he is worried about the impact of train on his department's budget. With the right of way dividing the town, Johnson estimates he will have to increase staffing at the North fire station at a cost of nearly $200,000 to the annual operating budget.

While opponents to the project outnumbered Greenbush supporters by far, several proponents spoke out in favor of the return of rail including the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) .

The non-profit advocacy organization is the largest environmental group in New England and is backing the Old Colony rail restoration project as a public transportation mitigation for the Central Artery project in Boston. The three pronged rail line is supposed to offset the increased pollution and traffic anticipated when the multi-billion transportation project is completed. CLF sued the state in 1990, delaying the "big dig" and set deadlines for the Old Colony Project to be completed. The most recent deadline was passed last December, and if further delays threaten this mitigation commitment, Heart said CLF will turn up the heat on the state again.

"We're watching this closely," Heart said, noting that CLF sees Greenbush as a benefit to the region improving both accessibility and the economy.

Marshfield Planning Board member Cathy Sferra said her town continues to support the restoration because it is efficient and makes environmental sense.

"We have become a country of car potatoes," Sferra said. "We urge you to listen to the entire region."

Ron Zooleck, president of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce— a group that has consistently backed the rail project— said he was one Hingham resident in favor of the project.

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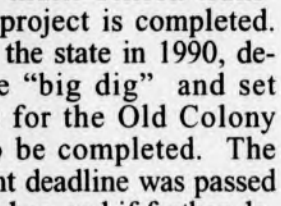
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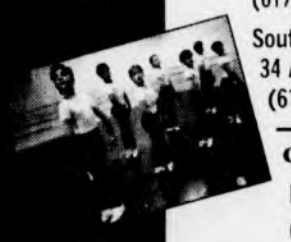
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Drug & Alcohol Committee meetings

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Committee chairman Margo Aikens announced the change for September at last week's meeting. She said the meetings will be posted in the school calendars and at the town hall.

Aikens reminded all committee members to attend the scheduled meeting in order to remain on the committee. There are currently nine members on the board.

Jody Butman has recently been named secretary of the board.

"We are getting our momentum back and are looking to have a successful year," Butman said.

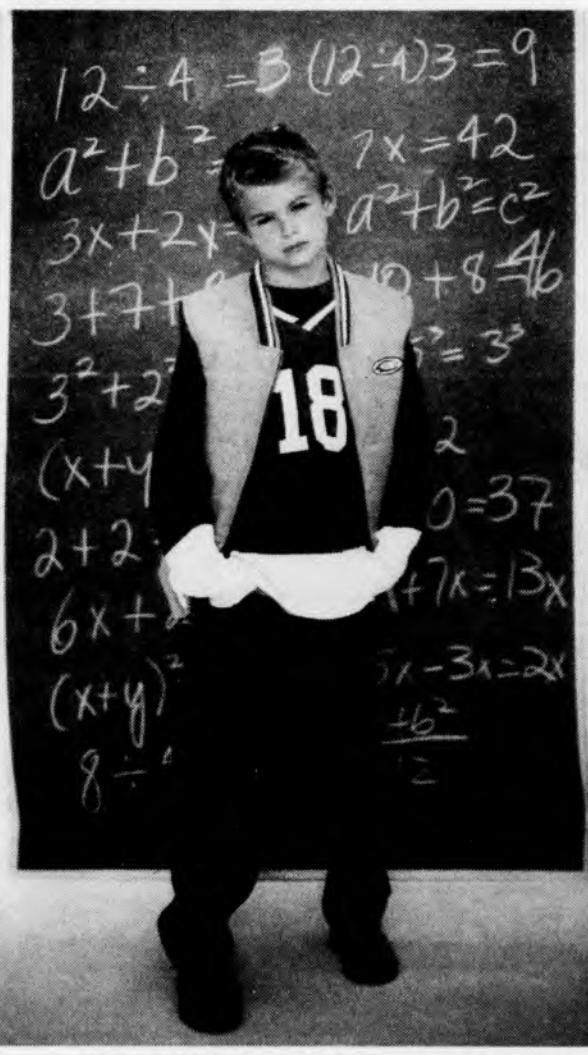
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Here's the skinny on this gig: Running from 7:30 to 11 p.m., this shindig is for grades 7 through 12. For this occasion, the town hall auditorium will be decorated with a funky beach theme. DJ Jazzy Jay Fiori has generously donated his time and talent to provide the entertainment. Drinks can be purchased by those who attend, but snacks will be provided.

Those who show up are encouraged to arrive in beach gear or casual clothing. Towels, goggles, flippers, swimies, tubes and big alligator floaties are acceptable. Donations for this rocking party are $5 and will benefit the Drug and Alcohol Committee/ youth projects. So just put your rear in gear, and shake that booty on Aug. 22. But if you have any questions you can drop a dime to Jami Butman at 383-0851.

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Swim Center has adapted aquatics program

The Cohasset Commission on Disabilities will write about different places in the town of Cohasset whereby disabled children and adults can use facilities for socializing as well as exercising. Recently I visited with Chris Kondrat, a co-director of the Cohasset Swim Center. Chris extends an invitation for any permanently or temporarily disabled resident of Cohasset to come and swim. According to Chris, the lifeguards will meet with people one on one to enable anyone to enjoy a cool summertime swim.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. there is an adapted aquatics program providing an individual swim program for special needs students. The students from the South Shore Collaborative who are physically disabled and/or developmentally delayed use this time for recreation and exercise. On Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. there is a senior citizens swim. On Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. there are adult swim lessons. On every evening from 5 to 7 p.m. there is an adult swim.

After talking with Chris, I was impressed with his sensitivity to the needs of all swimmers. Because of the lifeguards' willingness to assist patrons, the swim center remains an accessible and friendly place to visit during the summer.

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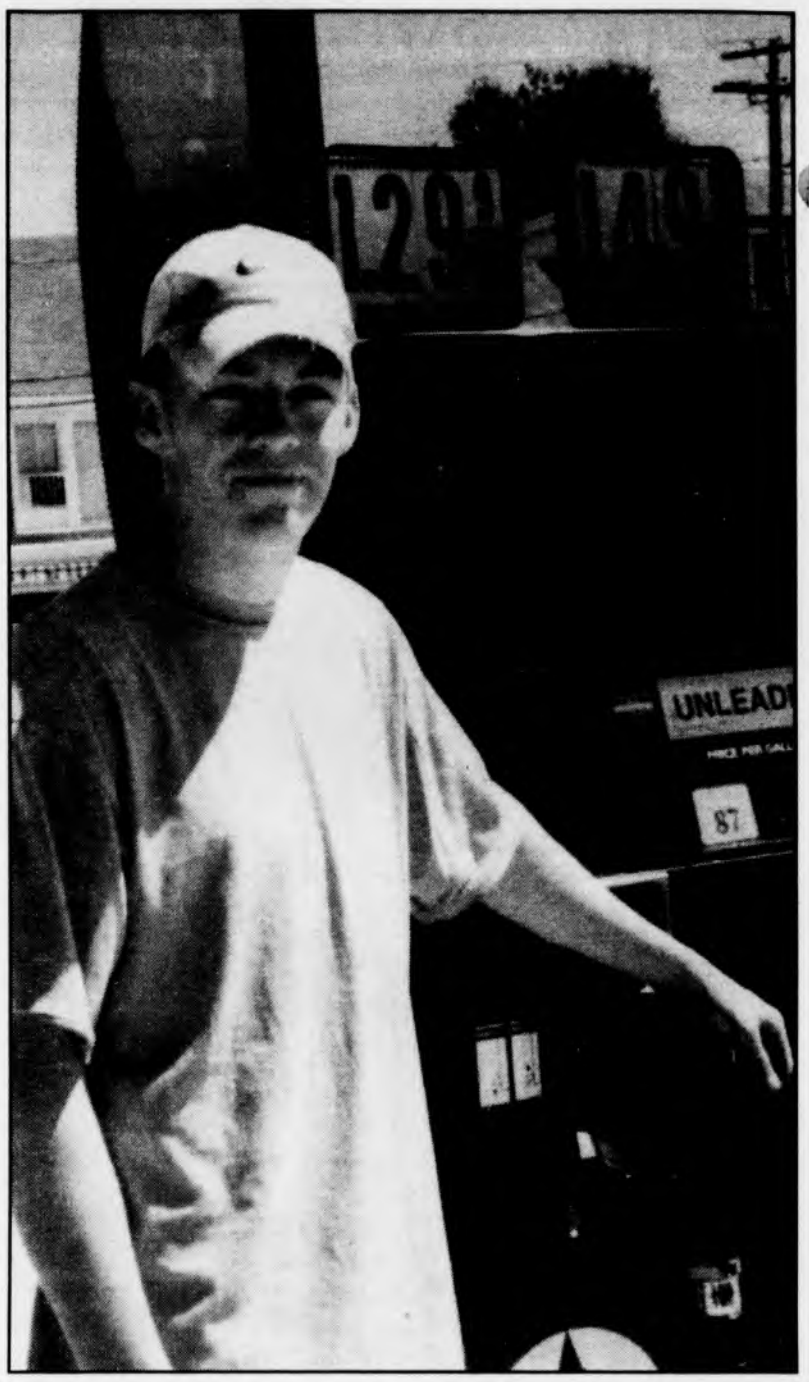
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Goal: To own my own business.

Best vacation: White water rafting.

Best day of your life: It hasn't happened yet.

Biggest worry: No worries.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite TV show: 'Bay Watch.'

Favorite movie: 'Dazed and Confused.'

Favorite book: Anything by Tom Clancy.

Favorite junk food: French fries.

Most embarrassing moment: Thursday, August 21, when the Cohasset Mariner comes out this week!

Person you'd most like to meet: Pamela Anderson.

Pet peeve: Slow drivers.

Pack in the chats as you gear up for the new school year!



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MONDAY, AUGUST 25
ROBERT V. ANTONUCCI was appointed by the Massachusetts Board of Education in 1992 as the 21st Commissioner of Education. He has nearly 30 years of demonstrated leadership experience in public education.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26
JUDY MASSEY is a Community Newspaper Company columnist who's "Savvy Shopper" guides to getting the most for your money run in numerous newspapers in the chain, including the Middlesex News and the Daily Transcript.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH
STEVE MILLER is the Executive Director of Mass Networks Education Partnership, Inc. which organized the Mass NetDay campaign to help schools create educational networks.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28
KRISTIN FIELD is the Principal of the Pierce School in Brookline, serving 600-plus students in grades K-8. She has been working in education for over 35 years.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
MARY-LOU ANDRE is co-owner of Organization by Design, a Needham-based consulting firm dedicated to helping individuals and families get the most out of their time and money in our fast paced world.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
HEIDI PERLMAN is the State Education Reporter for Middlesex News, CNC's flagship daily in Framingham. Previously, she worked at the Wellesley Townsman and the Daily Transcript.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
THOMAS PAYZANT is Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools.

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SPORTS

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Cohasset swimmers Michael O'Hart (in water) and Justin Golden (in air) make the exchange in a recent meet against Duxbury.

Chris Bernstein Photo

Cohasset Swim Team celebrates undefeated season

With a final win over Duxbury Yacht Club, the Cohasset swim team completed an outstanding, undefeated season.

Coaches Allison Hughes and Becky Golden celebrated with team members and their families last Sunday night at the annual Swimming and Diving Team Awards Ceremony.

Golden and Hughes told the crowd that this year's team, with approximately 140 swimmers, was the strongest ever, and that the hard work and dedication of each member contributed to the team's success.

In addition to working hard at each and every practice and meet, teammates enjoyed themselves, cheering each other on throughout the season. Some swimmers broke long-standing team records, others improved their personal times, and everyone made new friends. The coaches and team members alike are already looking forward to next summer.

Records broken included:

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Parker Berg (10 and under) Team Record, 25 yard Butterfly, 17.47, 8/4/97, (actually a tie with his brother Alex from 7/7/95)..

Kate O'Brien (12 and under)

Pool and Team Record, 100 yd IM, 106.73, 7/18/97, (broke an 11 year record held by Niffy Jackson at 107.14).

Pool and Team Record, 50 Free, 27.4, 7/11/97.

Pool and Team Record, 25 yd Butterfly, 13.18, 7/11/97.

Team Record, 50 yd Breaststroke, 35.33, 7/18/97.

Allison Berg (17 and under)—

Team Record, 50 yd Butterfly, 31.54, 7/18/97.

RELAY RECORDS

Boys Medley, 135.81, 7/30/97, Alex Hunt, Corey Faber, Reed Dickenson, Nick Zappolo.

Boys Free, 131.72, 7/18/97, Reed Dickenson, John Coffey, Nick Zappolo, Bryce Rafferty.

Girls Medley, 134.03, 7/18/97, Caren Garber, Abigail Markert, Alyssa Campbell, Lyndsay Dunkin.

Girls Free, 130.72, 7/30/97, Michelle Madge, Vanessa Plante, Mary Previte, Anna Speed.

Four swimmers received special awards:

The Bancroft Trophy , for the team member who has been *most helpful at the swim center:* Laura Kondrat.

The Delaney Award, given in memory of Mark Delaney by his mother, Ginny Nourie: Matt Farley.

The Coaches award, for this year's outstanding female team member: Allison Berg.

The Coaches award, for this year's outstanding male team member: Justin Golden.

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THE FISH STORY



BY MARK TRASK

Charter your way to the big fish

When The Striper departed Saquatucket Harbor that early summer morn, the regular group in the charter was anticipating a nice day of fishing. By the time they were returning later that same day they talked the numbers almost in disbelief.

The fishing began from the Race southerly along the outside of the Cape's famous striper beaches. Using Cape-style bucktail jigs and Clouser flies the fish paraded into the boat. One tide produced 95 striped bass. Of the 95 fish, 92 were keeper size (28 inches or longer). Of the 95 fish caught (and most were released) an incredible 80 were taken by fly fishing gear! Needless to say Carl Wagner and his charter companions were a satisfied group on the trip back.

Overheard on the radio one busy morning this week. "I got three stripers this morning and nothing but bluefish since. I'm going in 'til later this afternoon. I'm tired of feeding them (the blues).

Nothing like catching one of those high jumping tail dancing ballerina bluefish. Ask Matt Lombardi of Milton who cast a Ranger lure around the base of Minot's Light. His hard fighting bluefish tilted the scale at 12 pounds 1 ounce, measuring 33 inches in length. Up to the north the old master himself was up to his usual tricks among the ledges and rocky outcroppings of the Boston Harbor entrance. Ted Abbadessa did his Pied Piper routine once again and captured a fat 39-inch bluefish on his pogie. The blue dropped the scale to 18 pounds 8-1/2 ounces! A formidable Governor's Cup contender!

While catching a blue is more of a topwater dance, the striper is more of a middle linebacker, bullying its way, bending and wrecking inadequate gear. After many years of putting in his time Tony Finegan brought home a 33-inch bass for dinner. Joe Durkin got out long enough to get his first keeper of the year as well, a perfect grill-sized 30-incher.

Do bass travel in schools? You be the judge. John Coleman and Chris Norton, both of Scituate, were drifting chunks near Tobias Ledge when they had simultaneous hookups. The fish were exactly 39 inches long. John's was slightly heavier at 22 pounds 10 ounces than Chris' 20-pound 2-ouncer. Both nice fish. A few days earlier Bob Clement was dragging his tube and worm rig around Tobias and fooled a 45" bass. Bob's fish weighed in at 28 pounds 12 ounces much to the delight of a curious crowd at the scale.

Josh Phippen traveled from Whitman to get in on the Scituate striper action. He nailed a bass on a pogie chunk at the Glades. The Lighthouse jetty proved productive for Kevin McCord and Kevin Jr. Kevin is the leader of the Gates School Fishing Club, a popular student activity. The striper that gobbled their pogie chunk was a slim 41-incher. The 19-pound 8-ounce bass is filleted and waiting to be dinner.

Every week there seems to be a "Can you believe this?"-type story lately. Ben Bolster and Brian Straughn were all set for a fine time of fishing at the Mill Bridge in Cohasset. The tide was right. They had their gear fitted out in top form. They had their bait. The first mackerel chunks hit the water and they settled in for the first hits. After a while the crabs had decimated the baits and they were back to the bucket for more. More? The bucket was empty. Vacant. Nada. Sam, the lab, sat nearby watching. If you looked hard you could see the grin on his face as he licked his chops giving himself away.

Catch one that is hard to carry!

Local golfers swing out for the Cam Neely Foundation

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Hackers and duffers from all around converged on the Pembroke Country Club on Friday for the Third Annual MGXG Golf Tournament.

All proceeds from the golf tournament will go to the Cam Neely Foundation for the Neely House, a home away from home for cancer patients and their families undergoing cancer treatments at the New England Medical Center or its pediatric facility, The Floating Hospital for Children in Boston.

Tournament organizer and Hanover resident Michael Graham puts together a number of these tournaments each year but this one may be a little closer to his heart than his other endeavors.

Graham, like both Scott and Cam Neely, has felt the loss of both parents, Dorothy and Ralph, from long term illnesses. The Neely's have dedicated The Neely House in the memory of their parents, Marlene and Michael, both of whom have succumbed to cancer in the last few years.

In addition Graham also lost a close friend, Sandy McCue, to stomach cancer three years ago. This tournament and a larger one honoring McCue combined have raised more than $85,000 for the Neely Foundation

Thirty-four foursomes turned out for the event. Players included foundation executive director Scott Neely, Bruins prospects Jean Yves-Roy and Rob Tallas, as well as Boston comedian Paul Nardizzi.

One of the more popular players to ever pull on the black and gold sweater, Cam Neely has made his foundation one of his top priorities since his retirement after the 1994-95 season due to chronic knee and hip injuries.

To honor the memory of their parents, the Neely brothers more than three years ago set The Neely House into motion as a place where cancer patients and their families could stay near to the hospital in an environment more like a home than a hotel room.

"We want to see the dollars that we raise go straight to the people," says Cam Neely about the idea of The Neely House. "There needs to be a tremendous amount of money spent on research. We know that, but we want to spend the money we raise to provide support directly to families dealing with this disease.

"We want to take some of the pressure off patients and families-to give them a safe comfortable place to stay where they can talk with others who are facing similar situations."

Their dream was accomplished this past June when eight apartment Neely House was officially opened for business.

"It really is a great thing to happen," said Graham. "It is quite a place to see.

"Cancer really hits hard on the whole family, not just the patients," Graham added. "Hotel bills and the stress from the chemotherapy treatments adds up fast and The Neely House is much more like a comfortable home rather than a small hotel room for these people in an already stressful period of their life."

Easter Seals marathon returns this weekend

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

On August 23 and 24, men and women off all shapes and sizes will descend upon Train Field in the quiet hamlet of Duxbury in pursuit of the ultimate in athletic competition.

Tougher the any ultimate fighting championship could ever dream of being and demanding more from the human body and spirit than any ironman competition, the 14th annual 24-hour softball marathon to benefit the Easter Seals foundation returns in just two weeks.

The game will start at 8 a.m. sharp Saturday and players will show off their best in softball techniques and athletic wear to the game's conclusion, Sunday morning at 8.

What began 14 years ago as a couple of games in Brockton for a local charity while representing the former Casa Verrini Restaurant has blossomed into one of the more anticipated events on the local social calendar.

Marshfield selectmen chairman and Norfolk County Assistant District Attorney Jim Cantwell has been with the game since its inception.

"The way it started was someone approached me and some of my friends about playing in a tournament in Brockton. The next year we played in a ten-hour tournament in Marshfield," he explained. "Being young, we wanted to go the whole distance and the next year we moved to Duxbury and made it a 24-hour long marathon.

"It's always a great time and it's also for a great cause in the Easter Seals."

It's also been a financial boon to the charity. Coming into this year the game has raised just under $50,000 for Easter Seals, a national group that services more than 1 million disabled people annually.

According to their mission statement, Easter Seals is a direct service organization committed to providing world class, quality programs and services to help people with disabilities and their families live life with quality, dignity and independence.

More than 100 people are expected to take part during the game, which normally turns into more of a hitter's paradise than a pitching duel. Last year saw Star Market just slip by Hokinson Insurance to the tune of 161-127.

Once you've played a couple of years in the marathon, Cantwell said you learn a thing or two. Things like stretching a double into a triple with a head-first belly-flop slide once you've been playing for a good 14 hours straight just doesn't seem to be as important as you once though it was.

"You need to pace yourself and maybe think twice about running out a ground ball at full speed," said Cantwell. "We all get a little older each year. Lots of sleep is always good, both before and after the game. Adrenaline kicks in during the game, but that is only going to take you so far."

Spots are still open if you'd like to take part in the game. For more information call Cantwell at 834-6228 or Dan Bardon at 837-6337.

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CHS fall sports information

Practice starting dates and times for the CHS fall sports season are as follows.

Field hockey will start on Monday, Aug. 25 on the front field at 9 a.m.



Emily Loggins follows through during a shooting drill at the recent South Shore Soccer Camp.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Boys soccer will start Monday, Aug. 25 at Milliken Field at 3 p.m.

Girls soccer will start Monday, Aug. 25 at Milliken Field at a time to be announced.

Football begins on Thursday, Aug. 21 with conditioning drills, starting at the high school at 4:30 p.m. Double sessions begin on the back field Monday, Aug. 25 at 1:30 p.m.

This Hawk flies high

Cohasset resident Matt Lewis is continuing to do well as a hockey and baseball standout for the Xaverian Hawks.

As a junior, Lewis took home team MVP and Catholic Conference All-Star honors on the baseball diamond, where the second baseman compiled a .423 batting average.

He also excelled on the ice, serving as team captain.

A member of the National Honor Society, Lewis hopes to continue his baseball career at the Naval Academy.

Bike to help fight MS

The Boston Herald, The River 92.5 FM and Plymouth Savings Bank have joined forces to help the National Multiple Sclerosis Society promote Oceanside Bike Fest '97, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20.

Oceanside Bike Fest '97 is a one-day bike tour that begins in Duxbury and takes cyclists along the rocky shores of Scituate, Cohasset and through the area's forests and parks. Whether you are an avid or recreational cyclist, we have a route designed especially for you — 25, 50 or 100 miles!

Multiple sclerosis is a disease that attacks your nervous system, wearing away the control you have over your body. Symptoms may range from numbness to paralysis and blindness. MS is a devastating disease because it is so unpredictable. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be foreseen.

Funds raised from Oceanside Bike Fest '97 will help the Massachusetts Chapter continue to provide a wide range of comprehensive services to the approximately 7,000 families in Massachusetts living with MS.

For more information about Oceanside Bike Fest '97, call the MS Society at (508) 291-2169.

Gymnastic camp for girls

Come join the South Shore Community Center gymnastics staff for a fun-filled week of gymnastics for all levels of experience, from Aug. 18-Aug. 22.

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The cost of the camp is $82.50 for the week.

Call the center at 383-0088 to sign up, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., or see Susie at the gym.

Hockey squad seeks players

The Bay State Sharks are looking for a few good defensemen.

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Swim team celebrates undefeated season

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In addition, swimmers received the following awards:

ROOKIE SWIMMERS

Girls: Caitlin Hurley, Samantha Lehr, Michelle Madge, Mary Previte, Maura Regan, Grace Steele, Abigail Markert, Dominique Asnault, Amanda Barrow, Kelsey Bell, Catherine Calorio, Alex Coffey, Rachel Garber, Chelsea Grossman, Molly Kirk, Sarah Lambert, Miranda Lanzilotti, Mary Silvia, Corey Steffens, Mackenzie Holway, Jennifer Murray, Rebecca Butman, Ashley Cook, Nichole Needle, Krista Nicynski, Katie Roche.

Boys: John Coffey, Cameron Cunningham, Peter Ernst, Michael Grimm, Alexander Hunt, Christopher Kuppens, Austen Lanzilotti, John McCarthy, Cliff Musto, Nathan Porter, Alexander Shipp, Fletcher Smalzel, Wesley Ulmer, Nicholas Zappolo, Jake Previte, Evan Sacks, Joey Durkin, Reed Smith, Nathaniel Wilcox.

OUTSTANDING SWIMMERS

Boys: Benjamin Flynn, Bryce Rafferty, Jon Grimm, Zach Markert, Daniel McCarthy, Colin Regan, Kevin Roache, Noah Wilcox, Tommy Anderson, Craig Blackburn, Mike Ernst, Chris Flynn, Terry Hurley, David Ingber, Tommy Myers, Kayvon Tehranian, Matt Farley, Jodi Roach, Brian Hurley.

Girls: Vanessa Plante, Devin Smith, Anna Speed, Roxanne Tehranian, Jacqueline Chase, Melissa Crowley-Buck, Katie Dewaal, Caroline Henderson, Courtney Hurley, Kate Kuppens, Lisa Musto, Caitlin O'Connell, Caitlin Sanchez, Emilie Shea, Charlotte Sida, Jessica Wheelwright, Alexis Bugley, Caroline Carr, Arianna Dedes, Allie Dempster, Tess Folley, Sera Genovese, Martha Henderson, Kelly Hurley, Elisa Jerome, Laura Kondrat, Meghan Marr, Maura McKenney, Marisa Mello, Maura O'Brien, Delia Regan, Alicia Sanchez, Julie Shea, Cally Speed, Nicole Turgiss, Kimberly Ulmer, Brooke Baker, Caroline Carter, Kate Grimm, Kristen Osterborg, Kellie Straughn, Ashley Ulmer, Jen Meehan, Jessie Zerendow.

ALL-STAR SWIMMERS

These swimmers represented the team at regional finals held on Aug. 10 at Wheaton College.

Boys: Reed Dickenson, Alexander Hunt, Corey Faber, Jon McCarthy, Nick Zappolo, Teddie Straughn, Parker Berg, Jake Previte, Willie McCarthy, Zach Etkind, Alex Berg, David Crowley-Buck, Scott Faber, Rob Lehr, Bryan Bilton, Jeff Schneider, Christopher Golden, John Crowley-Buck, Alex Etkind, Justin Golden, Derek Bugley, Mike O'Hart.

Girls: Lindsay Durkin, Megan Sacks, Mary Previte, Caren Garber, Alyssa Campbell, Ashley Faber, Rebecca Lehr, Catherine Ernst, Amanda Barrow, Jenna Larson, Kate O'Brien, Taylor O'Brien, Courtney MacDonald, Anna Roche, Emily Simmons, Yasmine Afshar, Gemma O'Brien, Hilary Habershaw, Allison Berg, Cara Foley, Maura Duffy, Jen Chastain, Sarah Harkness.



13-year-old Matt Farley,of Cohasset, pushes off in the back stroke.

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Transfering frequent-flier miles can be tricky

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

People fuss over frequent-flier miles now more than ever since they are more widely offered and, hence, easier to accumulate. And with about 2 trillion frequent-flier miles in inventory, more Americans are beginning to think about bequeathing their mile stashes to their heirs when they die.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

It may be a scenario you'd rather not contemplate, but after you have passed away your family will have to divvy up your assets. Presumably they will follow your wishes set out in your will regarding investments and the house. Unless you've left very detailed instructions, however, they will be on their own in splitting up the smaller items. And, sad to say, two free plane tickets to Puerto Rico may inspire as much enthusiasm as your heirloom pearls or cuff links.

"You would be amazed. Families fight quite often over who gets the miles," says Tammy Massie, a customer service representative at American Airlines who handles frequent-flier matters. "And it may only be for 3,000 miles," she says, which is not even an eighth of the amount needed for a free domestic ticket.

These days you don't have to be a traveling salesman to accrue enough miles for a free plane ticket. In fact, you don't even have to fly to win miles. About 16,000 hotels, credit cards, and car rental companies are among the many companies that offer miles as an incentive for using their products.

"It's so easy to earn miles these days," says Randy Petersen, a spokesman at InsideFlyer, a magazine that follows the frequent-flier industry.

As people rack up large quantities of miles they start to think about what will happen if they don't cash them in during their lifetime. Making sure their heirs inherit the miles seems worth the trouble. After all, the miles are equivalent to cash, with each mile commonly valued at about 2 cents because most airlines require you to cash in 25,000 miles for a round-trip domestic ticket, estimated at $500.

The best way for members of frequent-flier clubs to deter a family squabble, and to ensure their heirs enjoy the clubs' benefits, is to name beneficiaries for the miles in their wills. Barring that, most airlines assume that the miles go to the surviving spouse or the executor of the will.

The beneficiaries, or recipients, should be aware that on their end the transfer of miles requires a paper trail that includes a death certificate, a will, and sometimes birth and marriage certificates for proof that the right person is cashing in on the miles.

Still, a named beneficiary in the will and the right documents on hand do not necessarily ensure a seamless transfer of miles. Airlines operate under their own idiosyncratic rules when it comes to bequeathing frequent-flier miles. And some charge for the process. American Airlines and United Airlines charge a $50 fee for their trouble.

While many of the airlines do not officially outline the transfer procedures in their rule books, all of their customer service representatives know the unofficial rules so that the airlines can be flexible in handling special circumstances.

"[Transferring miles after a death] is a common practice, but it's just not stated in the rules and conditions brochure," says Delta Airlines' customer representative Kathy Herron, who then proceeds to recite Delta's policy in detail. Ergo, it is possible to know the facts.

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American Airlines

A "must know" is whether an airline will split up the bequeathed miles among family members. On this point TWA is flexible, and so is Continental; they will divide the deceased's miles amongst as many beneficiaries as named, which means a father can divide his miles equally amongst his six children in his will. This is not by any means the norm.

Northwest, United and Delta, however will not divvy up the miles. Instead only one person, either the named beneficiary or the will's executor, is allowed to receive the miles. They, in turn, can then buy tickets using the miles for their relatives--a complication that could be a headache, if not planned for.

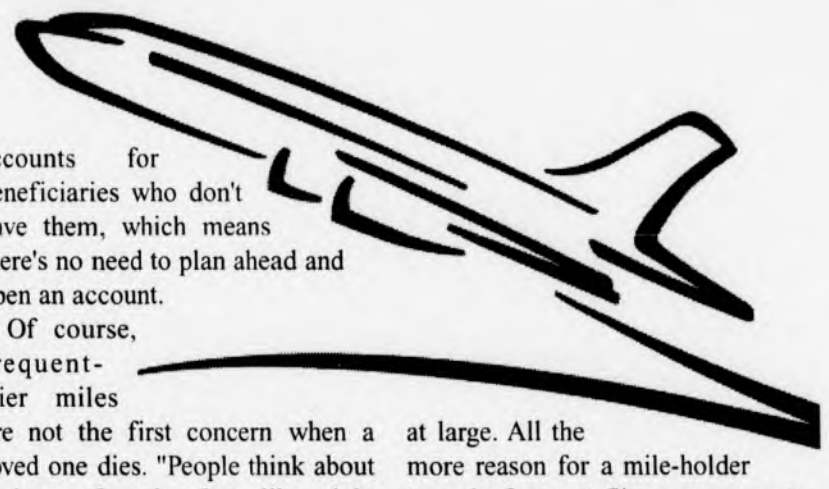
Like milk, some miles have expiration dates. Inheriting frequent-flier miles could be for naught if the miles have expired. Northwest, Continental and American rescind unused miles at the end of the third year from the time they were earned. So, if you make a trip to Bora-Bora in 1995, you have until the end of 1998 to put the earned miles to use.

Delta, on the other hand, allows you to keep those Bora-Bora miles indefinitely as long as you fly with the airline sometime in the following three years. And Continental will let you hold onto your inventory of miles without any deadlines or restrictions.

In instances of small amounts of bequeathed miles, the heirs may need to already be a member of the airlines' frequent-flier club to make real use of them. TWA, for example, won't allow heirs to start up a frequent-flier account with inherited miles. Instead, it sends a certificate for the miles that can be cashed in for plane tickets. But a 3,000-mile award becomes a useless piece of paper, because TWA doesn't award tickets for under 20,000 miles.

But if beneficiaries have an account set up with TWA before the transfer, they can add the miles to their account. Viola: the 3,000 miles get added to the already accrued 17,000 miles and turn into a ticket to Florida.

Unlike TWA, airlines like Continental, Delta, and American Airlines will start a frequent-flier accounts for beneficiaries who don't have them, which means there's no need to plan ahead and open an account.



Of course, frequent-flier miles are not the first concern when a loved one dies. "People think about it long after the fact, like eight months down the road," says Bridget Adkinson, a Northwest Airlines customer representative.

The executors of the will, in the midst of bereavement, will be occupied with sorting through the estate at large. All the more reason for a mile-holder to make frequent-flier arrangements for his heirs. That way they can focus on dealing with the important issues at hand, and he can be sure that he is leaving a legacy of flight - not fight.

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POLICE LOG

Tuesday, Aug. 5

2:25 p.m., medical aid, Spring St.
4:20 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
4:38 p.m., disturbance gathering, Lighthouse Ln.
8:11 p.m., annoying phone calls, Norfolk Rd.
8:22 p.m., noise complaint, Beechwood St.
9:00 p.m., officer wanted, King St.
9:38 p.m., notification, Ripley Rd.
9:53 p.m., MV stop, Border St.
10:18 p.m., disturbance gathering, Jerusalem Rd.
10:19 p.m., notification, Schofield Rd.
10:50 p.m., transport, King St.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

1:05 a.m., general services, N. Main St.
1:15 a.m., MV stop, Border St.
1:27 a.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
6:34 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.
6:40 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.
6:52 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.
7:03 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.
7:14 a.m., MV stop, Rocky Ln.
7:30 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.
9:53 a.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
11:20 a.m., disturbance family, Atlantic Ave.
Arrested: Dawn F. Williams, 356 Atlantic Ave., Cohasset. DOB: 4/5/80. Charges: Assault & Battery.
11:43 a.m., fire (misc), CJC Hwy.
4:12 p.m., annoying phone calls, Sohier St.
4:17 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
4:25 p.m., medical aid, Ledgewood Dr.
5:13 p.m., assault, Hull St.
7:22 p.m., MV stop, Elm Ct.
7:29 p.m., disturbance general, N. Main St.
7:33 p.m., assist motorist, S. S. Music Circus.
8:37 p.m., disturbance gathering, Sailing Club.
9:01 p.m., disturbance gathering, Sheldon Rd.
9:48 p.m., disturbance gathering, Government Island.
10:02 p.m., suspicious person, Basings Beach.
11:07 p.m., MV stop, Border St. bridge.
11:43 p.m., suspicious (other), Government Island.
11:56 p.m., disturbance general, S. Main St.

Thursday, Aug. 7

12:26 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
Arrested: Ohlund, Richard F., 792 Moraine St., Marshfield. DOB: 1/6/58. Charges: illegal possession of Class D substance; operating under the influence of liquor; operating a MV negligently so as to endanger.
1:43 a..m, noise complaint, CJC Hwy.
2:25 a.m., noise complaint, CJC Hwy.
2:27 a.m., suspicious person, Deer Hill School.
3:04 a.m., MV stop, Hull St. Arrested: Sean D. Donovan, 757 Washington St., Whitman. DOB: 7/14/74. Charges: WMS warrant.
3:19 a.m., assist citizen, HQ.
6:13 a.m., MV stop, Dolan Ln.
6:21 a.m., MV stop, Dolan Ln.
6:29 a.m., MV stop, Dolan Ln.
6:35 a.m., animal complaint, Pond St.
6:46 a.m., MV stop, Rocky Ln.
6:59 a.m., disabled auto, Pond St.
8:16 a.m., property (lost), HQ.
8:30 a.m., notification, S. Main St.
10:12 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.
10:49 a.m., disturbance gathering, Elm St.
10:56 a.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.
10:56 a.m., parking violation, N. Main St.
11:32 a.m., disturbance gathering, S. Main St.
11:44 a.m., MV stop, Norman Todd Rd.
11:48 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
12:00 p.m., parking violation, Ripley Rd.
12:27 p.m., transport, CJC Hwy.
12:54 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.
1:30 p.m., larceny, S. Main St.
1:35 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
2:11 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
2:20 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
2:30 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
3:10 p.m., MV violations, S. Main St.
3:21 p.m., info, openings, S. Main St.
3:29 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
3:47 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.
3:58 p.m., MV stop, Green St.
4:00 p.m., vandalism, new field at high school.
4:23 p.m., MV stop, Elm St.
7:54 p.m., general services, Elm St.
7:59 p.m., burglary B&E, Beechwood St.
8:11 p.m., officer wanted, S. Main St.
8:12 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
9:38 p.m., noise complaint, James Ln.
9:41 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.
10:11 p.m., animal complaint, S. Main St.
10:12 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
9:38 p.m., noise complaint, James Ln.
9:41 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.
10:11 p.m., animal complaint, S. Main St.
10:35 p.m., assist citizen, James Ln.
11:29 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.

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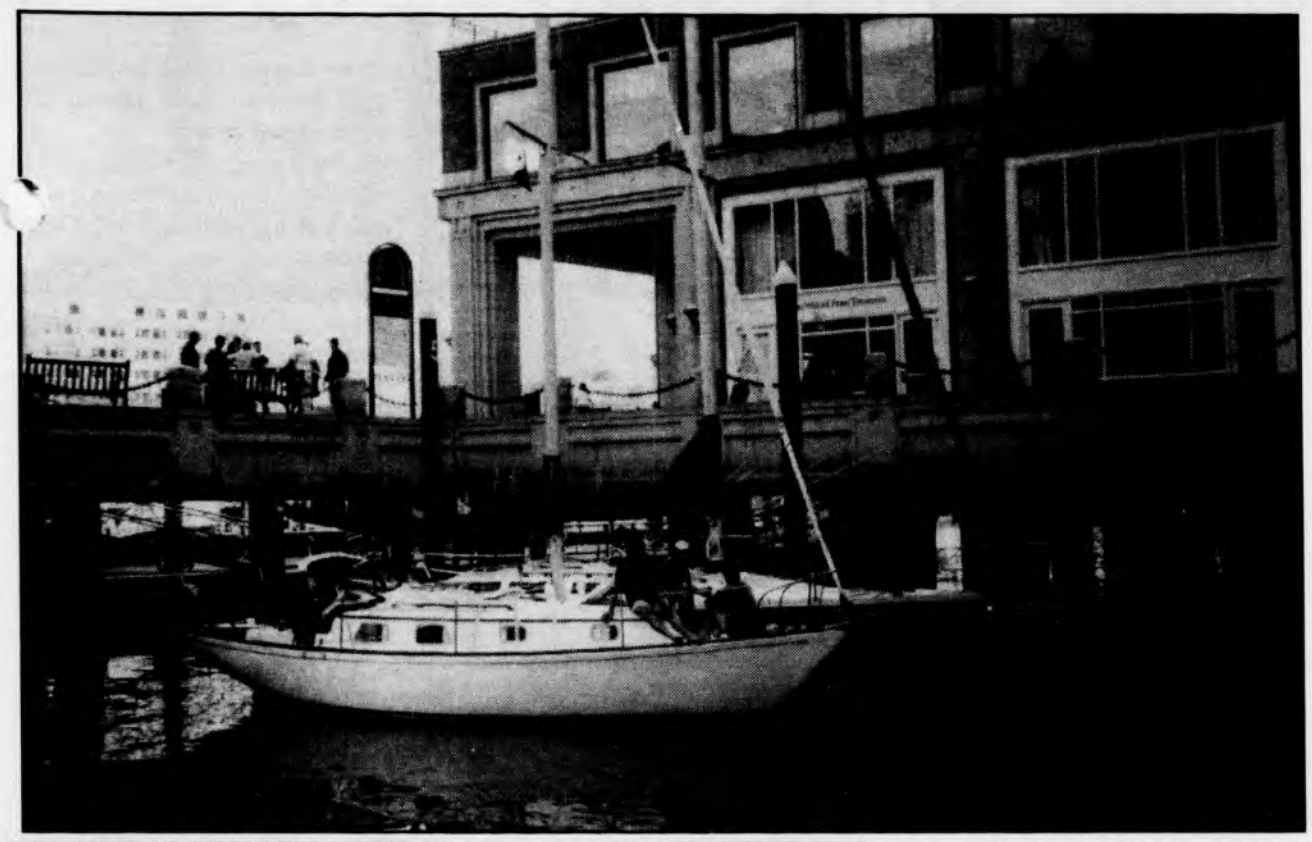
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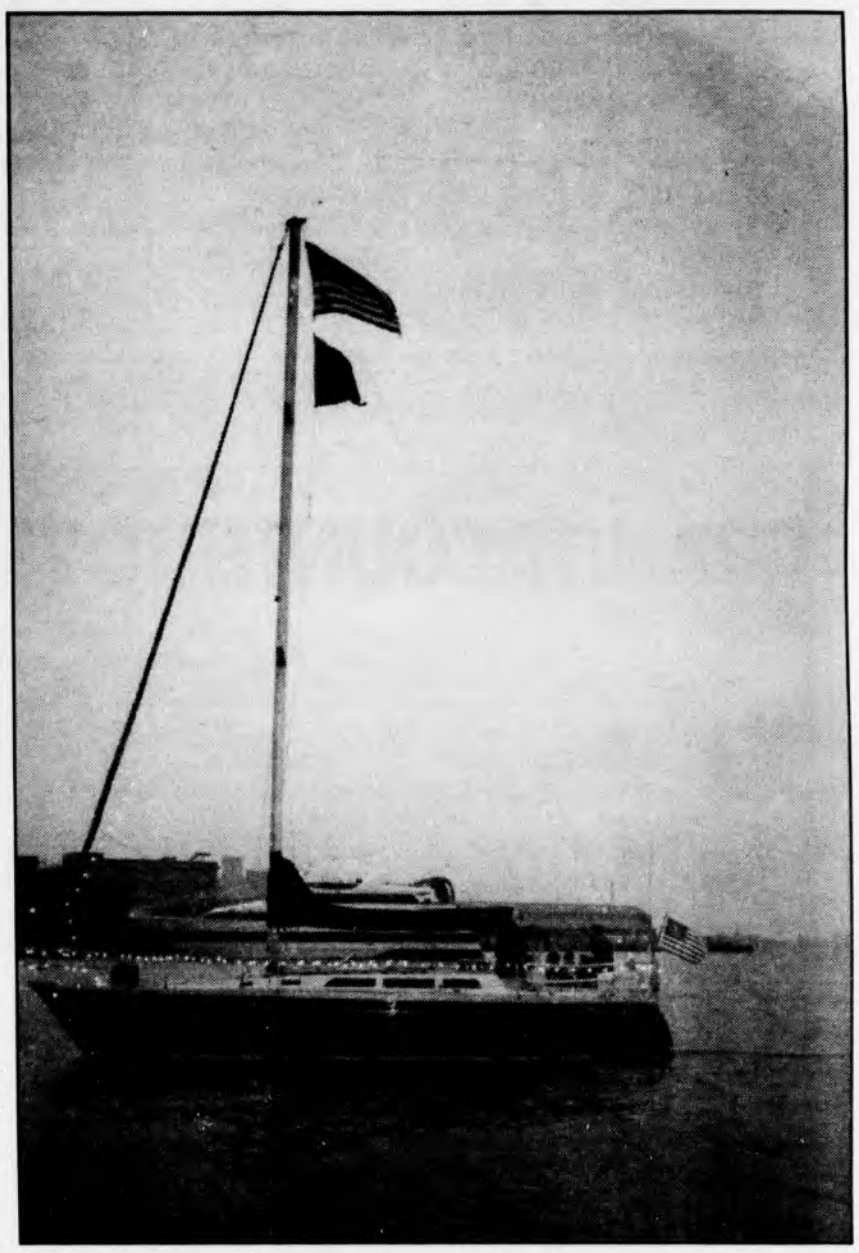
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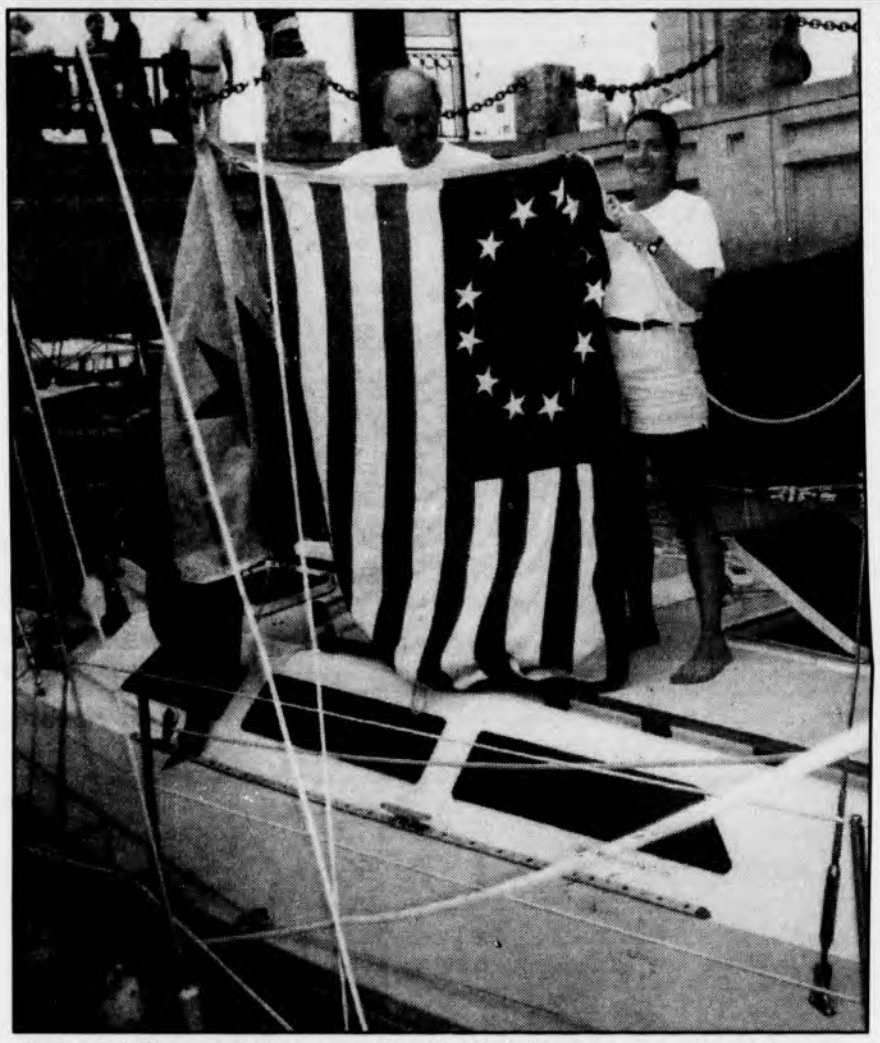
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Cohasset lighted yachts in Boston Harbor parade







Above, Max and Evening Star in the Boston Harbor Hotel lagoon.

At right, The Evening Star heads for the start of the parade.

Colonial flag and Cohasset Yacht Club burgee are about to be hoisted up the Evening Star mast.

Saturday, Aug. 16, four Cohasset boats participated in a parade of lighted yachts organized by Dick Dray of Conventures, Inc., in conjunction with the Boston Harbor Hotel. The event coincided with the 10th anniversary of the Boston Harbor Hotel on Rowes Wharf. At the invitation of the hotel's manager Francois Nivaud of Cohasset, Cohasset Yacht Club members joined representative boats from Boston, charter companies, marinas and harbor tour companies. Leading the parade were two Boston fireboats and creatively lighted boats were the 100 foot schooner Liberty and the luxury cruise ship Odyssey. The Cohasset contingent, representing the only area yacht club participating in the event, was well-represented by the cruising boats Nisse, Max, Jester and Evening Star. Evening Star's crew took top honors for their resplendent yachting attire and top mast festooned with a full-sided colonial American flag and CYC burgee.

The parade route started at the Reserve Channel in South Boston and passed cheering spectators at Castle Island, East Boston, the Charlestown Navy Yard and ended at the Boston Harbor Hotel. Post parade activities included a reception in the viewing gazebo at the Boston Harbor Hotel and entertainment at Constitution Wharf in Charlestown. Overnight accommodations were arranged for the Cohasset boats in the hotel's lagoon.

Thanks go to Cohasset's Robin Lawrence who worked with Conventures to arrange for lights and generators for the yacht club entries and overnight accommodations for the Cohasset boats in the hotel's lagoon. July 25, 1998, Conventures will organize the 200th anniversary of the sailing of the Constitution which promises to be a larger event and will feature the Second Annual Boston Harbor Parade of Lights.

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Non-emergencies can hang-up 911 system

By Aleisa Fleming
CORRESPONDENT

The town's 911 system receives an average of 120 calls per month, but not all of them are for emergencies.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said that is one of the challenges of the system — getting people to use it for the right purpose.

"Not all of them are considered emergencies," Noonan said. "We'll get calls asking what time the dump opens, or what time it is or if schools are open during a snowstorm."

(For non-emergencies, callers should dial 383-1212 or 383-1055.)

With the simple push of a button, a NYNEX special recording can cutoff non-emergency calls to the dispatcher. The message reminds callers to use the 911 line for emergencies only and to call the regular business line," he said.



Cohasset civilian dispatcher David Weeks answers a 911 call at the police department.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

"We access the call before pressing a button that disconnects the caller from the dispatcher," said dispatcher David Weeks.

Noonan said calls will come in from people who are lost driving in the area or from a resident demanding services. He said the calls are filtered through and have not posed a major problem.

Weeks said some of the most stressful calls come from parents whose child is not breathing.

"House fires can be stressful as well," he said.

"I don't think my job is stressful, it's more important to remain calm and get accurate information to be relayed to either the police or fire departments," Weeks said.

There are times when situations get frantic and the dispatchers are scrambling to answer the 911 line. If too many calls come through at one time, the calls from Cohasset are re-routed to the Scituate dispatch center.

"We handle the overflow of calls from Hull and Scituate," Noonan said.

Dispatcher Sasha Geddes said during the winter months when snow storms cause problems she gets a lot of calls asking if the schools are open.

"People do not realize that ... small town when there is a ... everything gets hectic," ... said.

Geddes recalls her most unusual call she received during a winter storm two years ago.

The storm had caused the lights in town to out. "All of the lights were out, our radios were down, until we got the generator up and running. This caused fire alarms to go off all over the place. Everything was frantic, it was like total anarchy here," Geddes said.

A woman called the 911 number sounding absolutely desperate. When asked what the emergency was, the woman said that all of the lights were out and wanted to know where she could go for lunch.

"I was so frantic I told her she had to go out of town to eat. I didn't even bother to tell not to use the 911 number for non-emergency calls," laughed Geddes.

The 911 system was installed in the spring of 1995. Hingham and Cohasset use a central dispatching center at the police stations to handle both fire and police calls.

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Lobster Lab lease is not a done deal

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The proposed Lobster Lab at the Hagerty house could be back before town meeting voters in October.

The non-profit Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation, which plans to raise nearly $600,000 to renovate the Victorian house on Parker Avenue so it can be used as an educational marine research facility, has drafted a citizens petition article for this fall's special town meeting.

CLC president R. Murray Campbell said at this point, the proposed article would reserve a spot on the warrant just in case selectmen decide not to grant the group a lease for the former Cohasset Colonials company building.

Selectmen will take the matter up at their meeting Tuesday.

"The article could be necessary if selectmen behave as they have in the past," Campbell said.

Over objections of all but one selectman, the Lobster Lab won a decisive victory among last spring's town meeting voters after 90 minutes of debate.

But since then, CLC has increased the extent of the renovation project. Plans now include adding a second story to the existing one-story showroom which is attached to the side of the house. Campbell said by raising the roof line slightly and adding dormers, the building gains character as well as additional space for the third floor.

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Haddad and advisors clear the air on roles

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Town Manager Mark Haddad wants the advisory committee to stick around.

He delivered that message Tuesday at his first meeting with the board, which had held the purse strings until the town manager form of government took effect July 1.

"You're more important than ever," Haddad said. He explained that a system of checks and balances is important.

What has changed is the way the budget will be handled. Now the town manager and not the advisory board will go over the budget in detail with the various department heads.

"Ultimately, it's my budget you'll be approving," Haddad said.

He explained that he planned to establish a good working relationship with the board so any differences could be worked out before town meeting, which has the final say on the budget.

Advisory committee chairman Roger Whitley said he was re-

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Jessie Guild calms her golden retriever, Sophie, before her dog is judged at the pet show sponsored by the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. For more photos, see page 11.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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It's back to school Sept. 3

By Aleisa Fleming
CORRESPONDENT

For Cohasset's 1,250 students, including kindergartners, school begins Wednesday, Sept. 3. The Jr./Sr. High School is now officially the middle school/high school.

Students will see some new faces this year, replacing teachers and aides who have retired or left the district.

Osgood is welcoming 11 new staff members, including: Julia DeWaal, special education; Kendra Coburn, Grade 2; Jeanne Hanson, Grade 3; Laurel Hickey, activity aide; and Anne O'Leary, library aide. The Osgood adjustment counselor is Margaret Raymond. Mary Henriksen will serve as individual student aide teacher.

Principal Marilee Cantelmo is looking forward to celebrating the final school year at Osgood, which will close when the new elementary school opens next September.

"This school has been around for almost 70 years, and it will be

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COHASSET WEEK

New members sought for water committee

The Water Resource Protection Committee is looking for two interested Cohasset residents to fill two vacancies on the committee.

"The charge of this committee is to investigate potential sources of contamination of our public drinking water supplies," Chairman John McNabb said.

The committee is currently working on a Water Resources Protection Plan for Cohasset, according to McNabb, and is now working on developing emergency plans to protect the water supply. The committee also has investigated many potential sources of contamination, including the Cohasset Heights Landfill, the Hingham Annex hazardous waste site, and the potential restoration of the Greenbush railroad.

Anyone interested in joining the committee should write to McNabb at the committee at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., or by calling him at 383-6202.



Olympic Texaco gas attendant Jim Peterson fills up Wigmore Pierson's car Tuesday. To celebrate 25 years in business in the village, the station sold gas that day at 1972 prices while supplies lasted.

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Brush chipping is slated

Brush chipping at the RTF will be conducted from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13. No logs under four feet long will be accepted, Selectman Merle Brown said.

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Sun. 31	11:09	9.4	4:55	11:20	10.2	5:03
Mon. 1	11:48	9.6	5:34	11:59	10.2	5:44
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Four-way signs can stop bad intersections

By Aleisa Fleming
CORRESPONDENT

If Police Chief Brian Noonan had his way there would be more four-way stop signs in Cohasset.

He says four-way stop signs help eliminate or reduce the number of accidents at intersections. To illustrate his point, he recalls that six years ago the worst intersection was located at Pleasant Street and Cushing Road.

"We installed a four-way stop sign. This has almost eliminated all of the accidents there," Noonan said.

According to police records, the average number of accidents had been six a year at that intersection. This year records show that no accidents have occurred there.

"I am a big advocate of four-way stop signs. Especially in a community like Cohasset where we only have one major highway (Route 3A) and the rest of the roadways are smaller, less congested," he said.

Department of Public Works superintendent Harold W. Litchfield said after numerous accidents occurred at the intersection of N. Main Street and Forest Street, the DPW installed road islands and stop signs to prevent accidents. This project was completed three years ago.

But despite putting in the islands and sign stops, Noonan said, there were five reported accidents there this year.

On July 28, a two-car accident at Forest Street and N. Main Street sent six people to area hospitals.

Sgt. Robert Jackson said there a criminal charges pending against one of the drivers.

"Thankfully there were no fatalities," Jackson said.

Route 3A and Beechwood Street ranks No. 1 in the most dangerous intersection category with eight reported accidents so far in 1997.

Second on the list is Forest Avenue and N. Main Street with five reported accidents so far in 1997.

"Our worst this year is the intersection of Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) and Beechwood Street.," Noonan said. "There have been a total of eight accidents at that intersection."

The winter season produces the largest number of accidents, he said.

"The first snow storms of the winter we usually see a rash of accidents."

Noonan said he believes these accidents are caused by young, inexperienced drivers who have not driven in snow storms before. He also cites the increase of summer traffic along Route 3A as troublesome.

To help decrease the number of accidents, the police department purchased a three-by-three foot radar screen that indicates the driver's speed. When the driver approaches the radar screen, it indicates the car's rate of speed.

"This screen was purchased with a community policing grant," Noonan said.

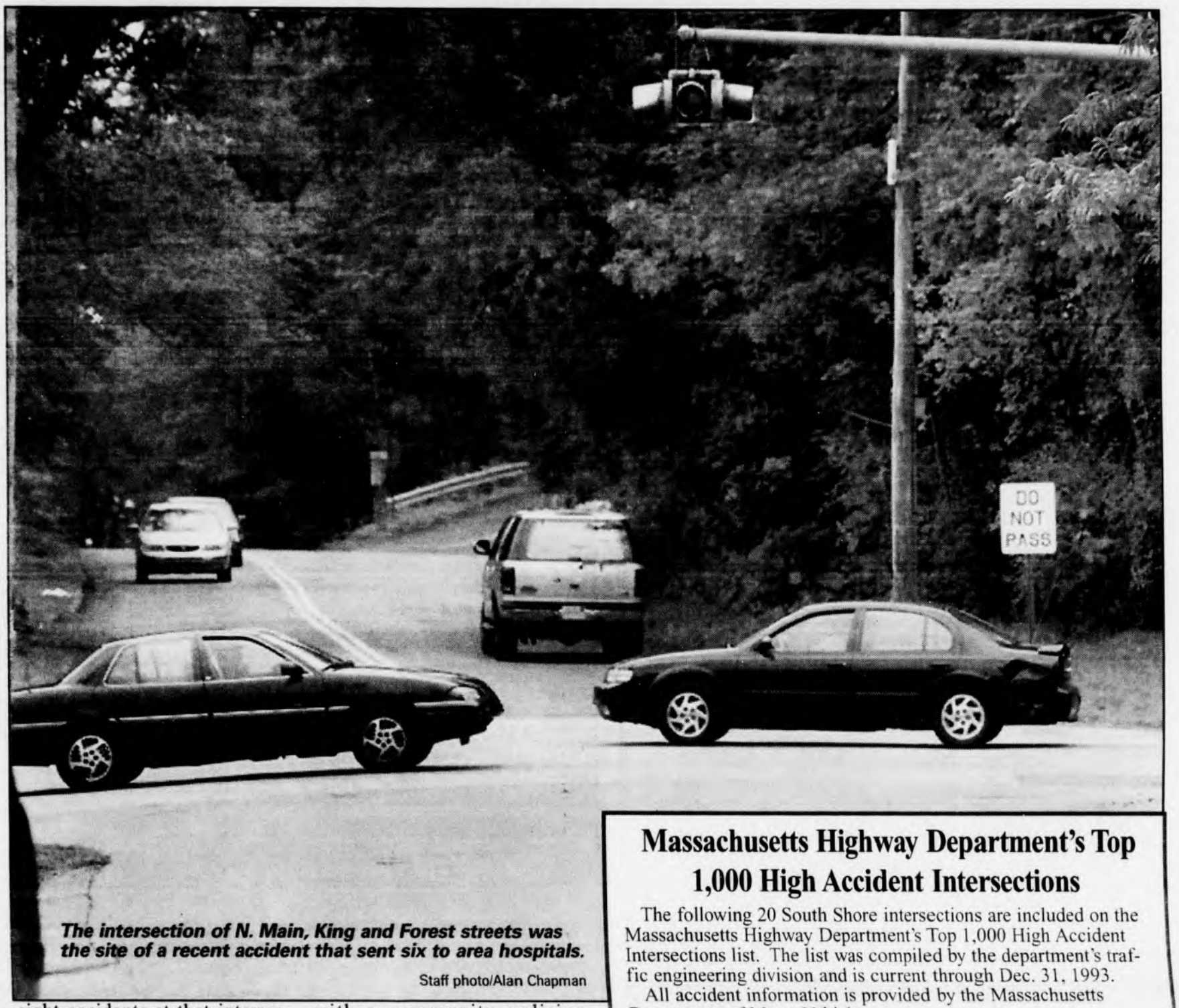
"We are trying to use more police patrols, more radar detectors and community policing to get drivers to slow down."

Police records show there have been a total of 89 reported accidents in Cohasset this year. Twenty-one have occurred at intersections.

Police records show that the average number of accidents at intersections is under three per year.

Unlike Hingham, Cohasset does not have a traffic committee studying traffic problems and looking for solutions.

"I would really like to see one formed," Noonan said.



The intersection of N. Main, King and Forest streets was the site of a recent accident that sent six to area hospitals.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Massachusetts Highway Department's Top 1,000 High Accident Intersections

The following 20 South Shore intersections are included on the Massachusetts Highway Department's Top 1,000 High Accident Intersections list. The list was compiled by the department's traffic engineering division and is current through Dec. 31, 1993.

All accident information is provided by the Massachusetts Department of Motor Vehicles.



Stoughton— the intersection of Central Street and Route 138. Rank in top 1,000 is five.

Weymouth— Route 18 and Park Street. Rank in top 1,000 is 11.

Randolph— Route 128 and Route 24. Rank in top 1,000 is 13.

Canton— Route 128 and Route I95. Rank in top 1,000 is 16.

Weymouth— Route 18 and Route 3. Rank in top 1,000 is 28.

Randolph—Main Street and Route 28. Rank in top 1,000 is 29.

Braintree—Route 128 and Route 37. Rank in top 1,000 is 32.

Braintree—Route 128 and Route 3. Rank in top 1,000 is 38.

Weymouth— Washington and Middle Streets. Rank in top 1,000 is 52.

Hanover—Route 3 and Route 53. Rank in top 1,000 is 55.

Pembroke—Route 3 and Route 139. Rank in top 1,000 is 70.

Braintree—Union Street on ramp and Route 3. Rank in top 1,000 is 75.

Weymouth—Washington and Pleasant streets. Rank in top 1,000 is 82.

Randolph—Route 128 and Route 28. Rank in top 1,000 is 87.

Weymouth—Route 18 and Columbia Road. Rank in top 1,000 is 98.

Weymouth—Route 18 and Pond Street. Rank in top 1,000 is 109.

Weymouth— Main and Winter streets. Rank in top 1,000 is 120.

Weymouth—North and Bridge streets. Rank in top 1,000 is 134.

Weymouth—Bridge Street and Neck Street. Rank in top 1,000 is 145.

Hingham—Derby Street and Route 3. Rank in top 1,000 is 152.

Other high ranking dangerous intersections include Plymouth at Route 3 and Route 44, ranked 158, Holbrook at S. Franklin Street and Route 37, ranked 165th, Hanover at Route 53 and Hanover Street ranked 169 and Marshfield at Ocean Street and Route 139, ranked 192.

How state picks worst intersections

By Alice C. Coyle
STAFF WRITER

Do you know where the really dangerous intersections are in your town? How about in the communities through which you commute to work each day?

The state does. The Massachusetts Highway Department's engineering division compiles its top 1,000 High Accident Intersection list from information provided by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. And several South Shore communities rank high and appear frequently on that list.

Weymouth is the leader on the South Shore with 18 high accident intersections included on the list. But Braintree and Randolph aren't far behind. According to Mass Highway's most recent list compiled in 1993, 13 Braintree intersections and 12 in Randolph have been the scene of frequent accidents.

To make it on the list, motor vehicle accidents at the intersection in question must have caused at least $1,000 worth of property damage, involved an injury or a fatality, said Kara Viola, assistant to the state highway commissioner.

The ranking of the intersection is based on a weighted average formula, Viola said. Property damages sustained at an intersection are given a weight of one, injuries are weighed by five and fatalities by 10. All three figures are then added together to give the weighted average. The higher the average, the higher the intersection sits on the list.

When looking at accidents, the weighted average formula does not take into account "rate data"— the number of accidents per million entering vehicles, Viola said.

With the current list nearly five years old, Viola acknowledged that updating is needed. Some intersections have been improved already and other projects may be in the works. Viola said the department anticipates releasing an updated list— including rate data information— within six months when a new computer system and data base is up and running.

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State says bad intersections are just down the road

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Due to limited state resources, not all intersections that make it onto the top 1,000 list will be addressed by the state, said state Highway Engineer Chuck Sterling. Instead, the top 25 high accident intersections in each district are investigated by the five district offices, and improvements are recommended for some, Sterling said.

Intersections determined to be most in need of work are the department's priorities, Sterling said, usually meaning the worst gets done first.

"Where there is a demonstrated need and a clear accident history, that would be a priority," he said.

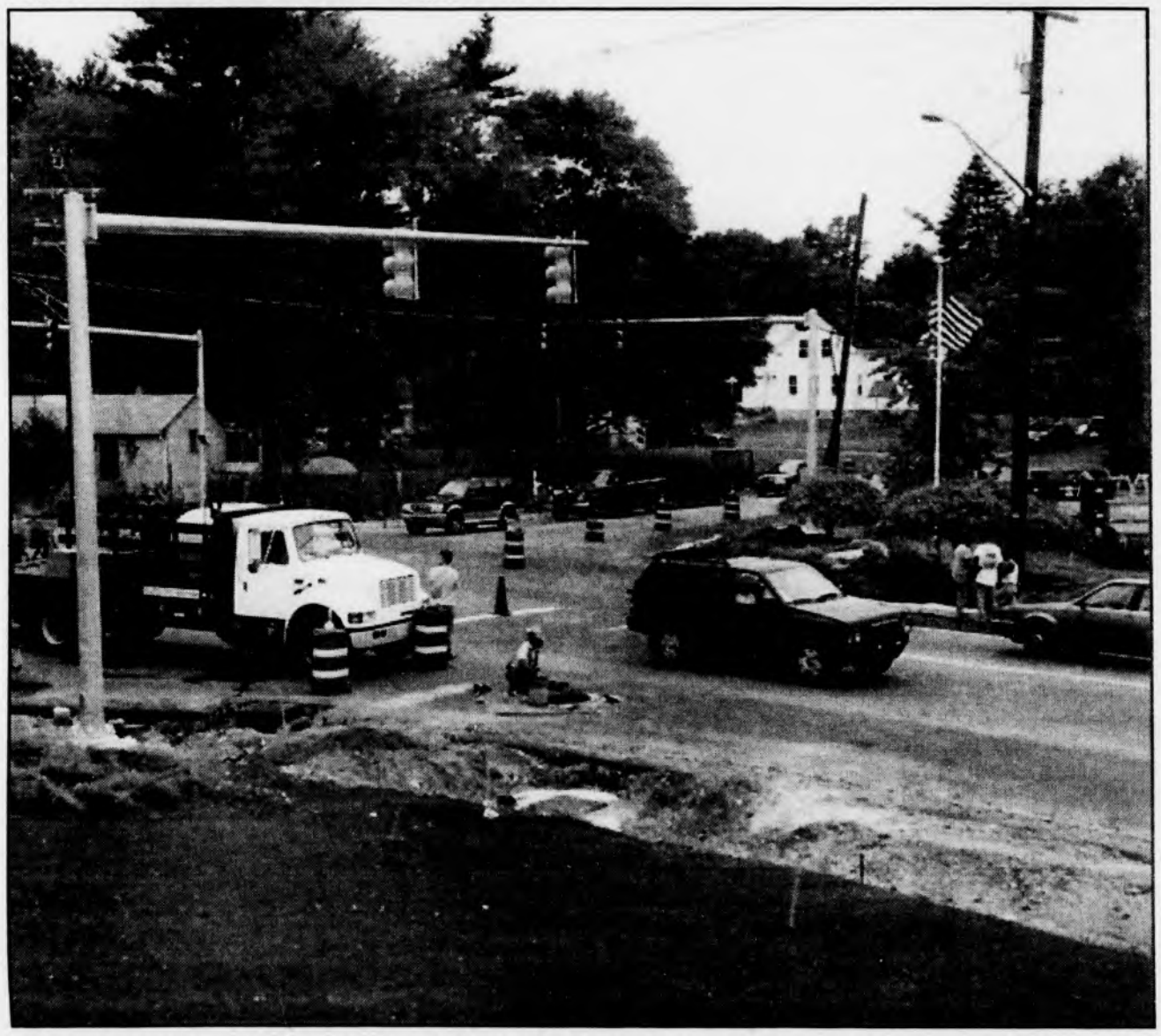
Recommended improvements can be major overhauls of intersections including road construction or new signals or minor upgrades involving the trimming of shrubbery to improve visibility and site distance, Viola said.

If the high accident intersection lies on state roadways, the state pays for the project. For intersections on town roads, Sterling said the state and the communities often times work together and split the costs.

"Sometimes a town will come to us and strike a deal. If a community is willing to pay for the engineering, most times we're willing to come through with the construction money," Sterling said.

Chapter 90 funding from the state also assists towns in grappling with dangerous intersections. Sterling said it's up to a community how they use the money earmarked for local road improvements.

Whatever work is recommended, Viola said the department consults with the communities to make sure it is a solution that not only solves the safety problem but is also something the town can live with.



The intersection of Beechwood and Route 3A has been one of the most dangerous in town. It was recently redesigned as part of the Shaw's project.

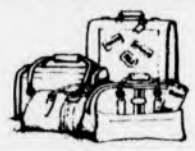
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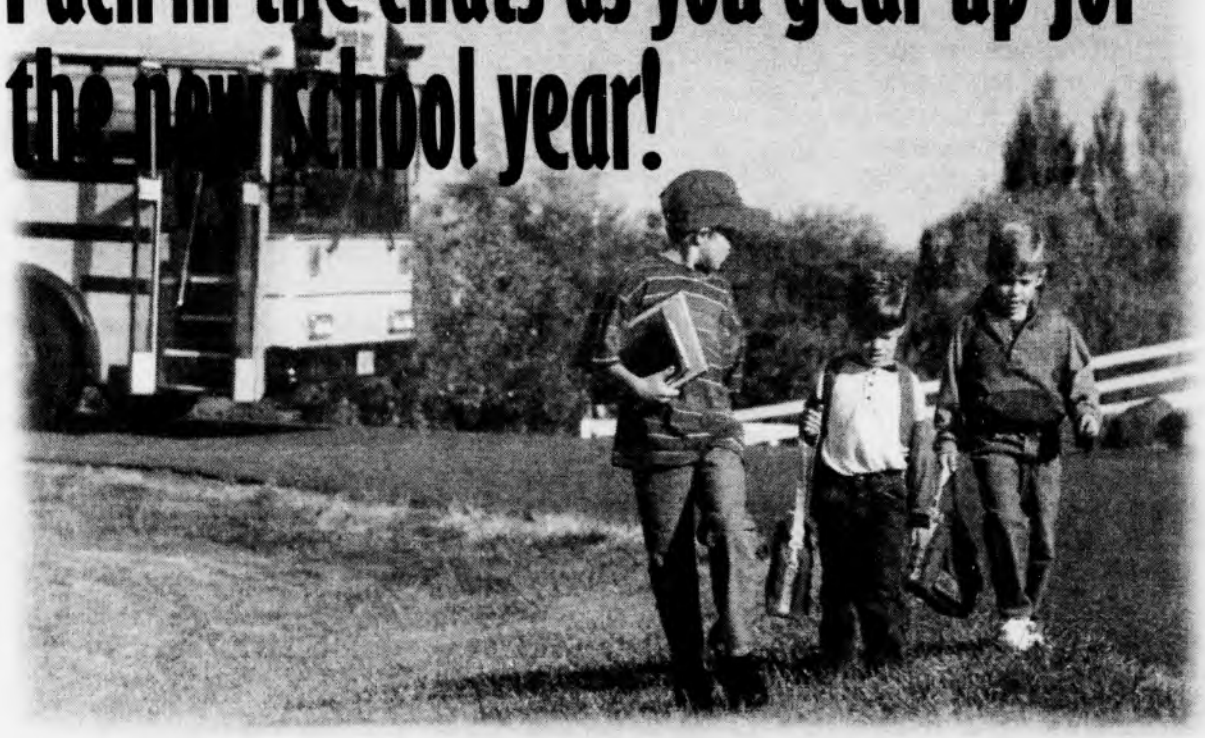
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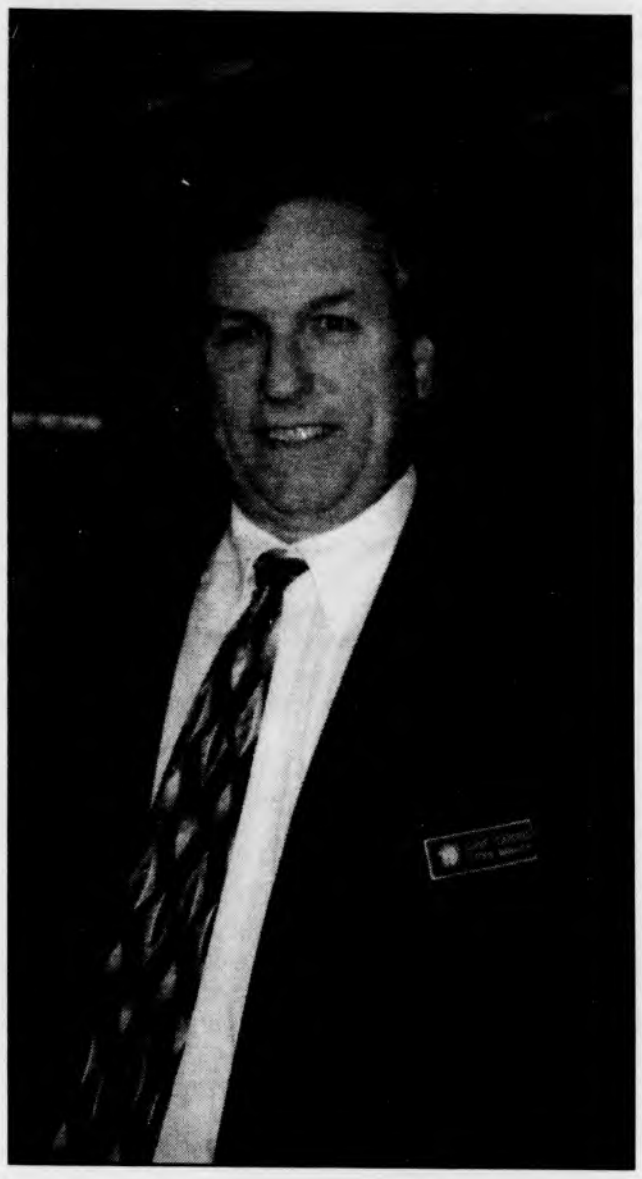
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Best day of your life: The day I got married.

Biggest worry: That the kids turnout okay.

Favorite holiday: Labor Day.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite TV show: 'JAG."

Favorite movie: "Rambo."

Favorite book: "Iacocca, an Autobiography," by Lee Iacocca.

Favorite junk food: Whopper.

Most embarrassing moment: Too many to mention.

Person you'd most like to meet: "Lefty" Kregh.

Pet peeve: Messy people.

McNabb secretary of regional board

John K. McNabb Jr., the Cohasset representative to the South Shore Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board, was recently elected as secretary of the board for a one-year term.

McNabb was also reappointed recently to another three-year term on the board by Town Moderator George Marlette.

Other officers of the board elected were chairman Mike Pakstis of Duxbury, vice chairman Greg Robbins of Marshfield, and treasurer Joanne Dirk of Norwell.

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Olde Salt House up for grabs

The harbor-front Olde Salt House restaurant and dock at 44 Border St. stirred up interest at a public auction at the site last week, according to the auctioneers.

Marianne Sullivan, spokeswoman for Boston-based Paul E. Saperstein Company, said although an acceptable bid was not received, the seller is negotiating with a few of the interested parties.

The property, which is assessed at $296,400, is owned by Thomas S. Eisenstadt of Milton. Eisenstadt could not be reached for comment.

Sullivan explained that in order to bid at the auction, bidders had to present a deposit of $20,000 in cash, certified check or bank cashiers check.

The restaurant, which offers seating inside and outside, is known for its fried clams and chowder.

Sullivan said after the auction, "the main attraction was lunch."

The auction is an alternative forum to market the property, she said. The seller reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

The Olde Salt House, built about 1880, is a two-story, 1,520 square foot commercial building on 5,900 square foot lot. The dock has about seven slips.

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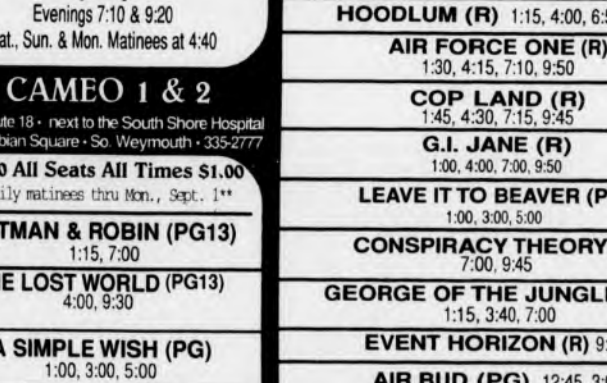


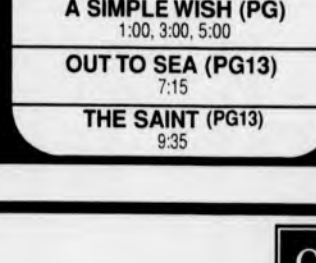
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Carillon music is a summer tradition on Sundays

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

High above the streets of Cohasset at 6 p.m. on a recent Sunday, David W. Johnson, the evening's carillonneur, was just sitting down to play as part of the town's 73rd annual summer carillon recitals, the longest-running carillon series in North America. Johnson, a public relations worker for the University of Minnesota, said that he had taken his Guild of Carillonneurs exam here last summer and had asked Sally Slade Warner, a graduate of The Royal Carillon School in Mechelen, Belgium, and now Cohasset's chief carillonneur, if he could come back and play in the series. With her consent he joined Ulla Laage from Denmark, Carlo Van Ulft from The Netherlands, and Liesbeth Janssens from Belgium, along with others who have played Sunday evenings this summer.

"I used to be an organist," said Johnson, "that's how I originally became interested in playing the carillon. The two instruments are similar in the way they play."

Johnson plays every Sunday as well as holidays and weddings at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. The pieces that Johnson played Sunday night included Preludio II, Profil Canadien No. 2, A Simple Suite, Asteroids, Londonderry Air, The Lovers' Task, Tryptych, Intermezzo, Variations-Fantasy, Slavic Dance, Serenade I, Campanella, The Bells of Hell, Home on the Range and Preludio V.

If you were in or around Cohasset's town center Sundays between 6 and 7 p.m. this summer, you couldn't miss hearing one of the town's treasures, the Cohasset Carillon, located in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.



Carol Julien enjoys the carillon concert as she relaxes in her lawn chair.

Fred Robertson photo.

According to the Articles of Incorporation of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America, "A carillon is a musical instrument consisting of at least two octaves of carillon bells arranged in chromatic series and played from a keyboard permitting control of expression through variation of touch. A carillon is a cast, bronze, cup-shaped bell whose partial tones are in such harmonic relationship as to permit many such bells to be sounded together, in varied chords, with harmonious and concordant effect."

Reclined in comfortable beach chairs and having a picnic by the duck pond, Don and Sonja Nickerson sat with Theodore Bjorn among the chiming bells. From Kingston they had read about the series in the newspaper and had decided to come up to check it out.

"It's our first time here," said Don Nickerson, "and so far we like it a lot. It's nice to be outside, especially after a hot day like today and the bells are relaxing."

Standing directly across the pond, looking at the church, Dick, Karoff, who can hear the bells from his house, says that he comes out to the concerts as often as he can.

At 6:50 p.m. that day, the clouds opened up and unleashed a relatively heavy downpour which sent the numerous members of the audience at the duck pond running for the shelter of their homes, cars or under one of the nearby trees, yet the bells played on. This did not discourage the dozen or so who stayed to the end so they could climb the 47 steps up to the carillon to witness a demonstration of the in-

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VISIT THE NETHERLANDS FOR A FALL WEEKEND GETAWAY

England and France are famous for their fabulous formal gardens, but if you truly love to immerse yourself in flora and fauna, a visit to the countryside of the Netherlands could be a dream come true. The eastern rural provinces of the country in particular are packed with both public parks and private manors whose meticulously maintained grounds welcome visitors. On the wilder side, in the province of Gelderland, the forests remain the dense, game-rich hunting country that was once the toast of seventeenth-century European nobility. Many of the area's great manors are still privately owned, although some offer lodging and many offer hours for leisurely strolls around the grounds. Because their country is relatively small, the Dutch have perfected the skill of small pleasures and intimate spaces, and it is reflected in the attention to detail and delightful creativity of their gardens.

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HINT: Most of the Netherlands' castles and country manors are open for visitors from about mid-May through mid-October.

Carillon music is a tradition

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strument being conducted by Ms. Warner.

One of the approximately 150 true carillons in North America, St. Stephens is the largest in New England with 57 bells, its largest bell weighing in at 11,280 pounds and smallest at 29 pounds. The carillon itself looks somewhat like an organ with metal rods going up through the ceiling where they are connected to the clappers that ring the bells, the larger of which are about the size of a mini-van standing on end.

Warner, who plays the final concert of every season this Sunday, says she already has been getting requests for her recital.

"It's a great instrument," she says. "It's all done by feel, not like an electronic substitute where you press a key and hear a note. With a real carillon you can actually feel the clappers hitting the bells so you can determine their tone and volume."

Warner will be playing Aug. 31. For more information or to request a particular tune, call (617) 383-1083 or (508) 475-2599.



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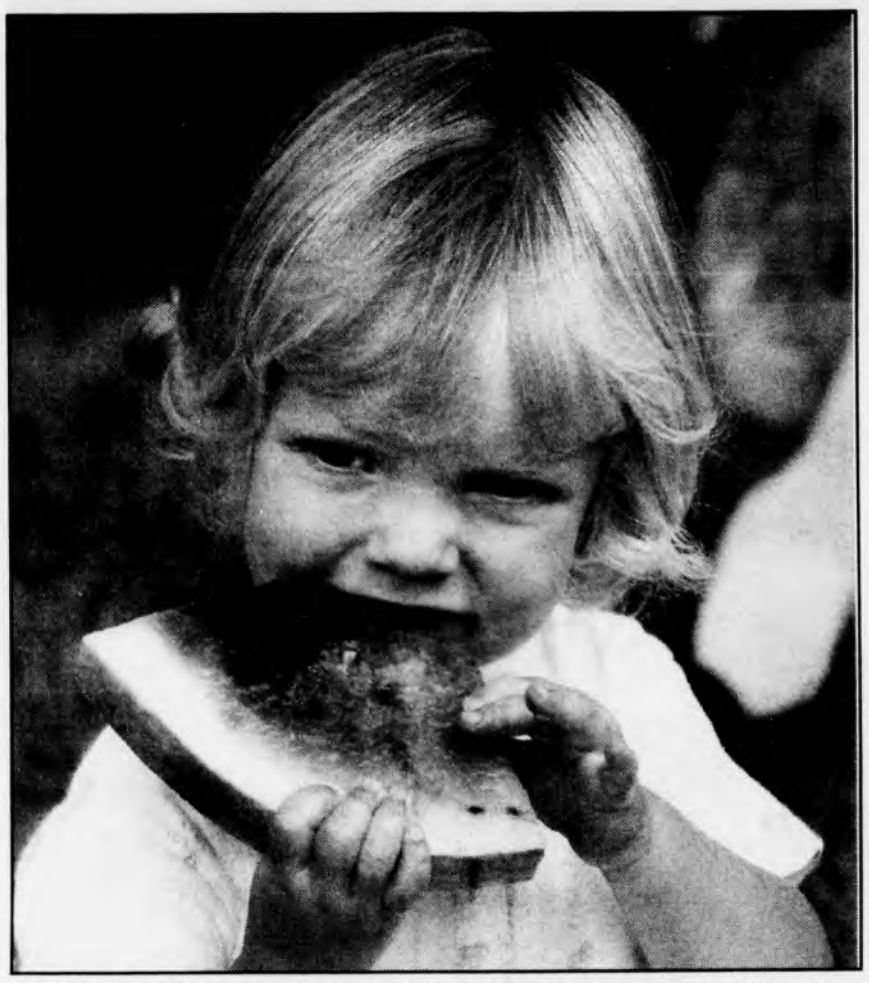
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POSTER WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the fourth-graders who participated in the recent "World No Tobacco Day" poster contest. The first-place winner in Cohasset is Andrew Jerz. The second-place winner is Mary Silvia and the third-place winner is Brian Buckley, all students at the Deer Hill School. They (the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program) thank their volunteer panel of judges: Bill Adams, Joe Godzik and Mary Jeanette Murray. They did a terrific job judging the many works of art created by the fourth-grade students.

SALUTE TO ANDREW FLYNN

We salute a special sailor this week, Andrew Flynn! Andrew is 10 years old, and summers with his family in North Falmouth. He sails for the Wild Harbor Yacht Club in the White Fleet (an optimist). He has sailed in six regattas this summer, and placed in all of them! The first was the S.M.S.A. International Championship, he placed third; next was the Falmouth Yacht Club Regatta, Andrew came in third; in the Megansett Yacht Club Invitational, he was third; Wild Harbor Yacht Club Invitational was next, Andrew placed second; in the Quissett Yacht Club regatta, Andrew won first place; and, in the Beverly Yacht Club three-day regatta in Marion, he finished in second place! What a summer of sailing for Andrew, and how proud all must be of his fantastic sailing ability and super-duper record! We sure congratulate you, and look forward to your sailing future!



Robin Spofford digs into a slice of watermelon at the library pet show last week. For more photos, see page 11.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy belated birthday greetings go to Ted Gledhill, he had a great day! Here's to many more happy ones Ted, you deserve them!

HONORS AT XAVERIAN

Matthew K. Lewis receives kudos this week, he earned himself a spot on the first honors list at Xaverian Brothers High School for the fourth marking period of the 1996-97 academic school year.

DEAN'S LIST AT UVM

The University of Vermont sends us word that Sarah E. Kirk, a junior majoring in biology, made the dean's list for the spring 1997 semester and we congratulate her.

NEWS FROM UMASS/AMHERST

Christopher W. Brown, John W. Kinchla, Erin C. McAllister and Adam M. McNamara all made us proud and pleased when we heard that they qualified for the dean's list for the 1997 spring semester at UMass/Amherst!

GRANDPARENTS DAY IS COMING

Sunday, Sept. 14, is a very special day indeed, it's Grandparents Day! The South Shore Community Center plans on celebrating it in style — with a Celtic Music and Ice Cream Social. Honor Grandparent's Day and bring not only your grandparents, but parents, aunts, uncles or friends to their Intergenerational Social! Adults are free and kids just $2. Pick up tickets in advance at the center. Space is limited and everyone needs a ticket for admission! Enjoy the sounds of traditional Celtic music and make a sundae with Ben & Jerry's ice cream! Oh yes, the time for the gala is 1 to 2:30 p.m. The afternoon is sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Hingham Institution For Savings, and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream of Hingham. Have fun!

BC GRADS NOTES

Boston College held its 121st Commencement Exercises May 19, with United States Attorney General Janet Reno as guest speaker. She issued a public service call to the class and urged the graduates to work for justice. Among those grads who will strive to build a just society free of hatred and violence were Caitlin Murray, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Murray, and Maximilien J-L Nivaud, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Francois L. Nivaud. Congratulations.

HAT'S OFF TO JESSICA SNOW

Hats off to Jessica L. Snow, an accounting major at UMass/Dartmouth, who made the dean's list for the spring 1997 semester.

SEND IN YOUR NEWS!!!

Summer sure is winding down fast, hopefully you will think of something to tell all of us about yours before it is all gone — or any happy memory that you have would be fun to share! Please call!

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Keleher/Stone

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The bride was given in marriage by her father. Michelle Anne Stone Noonan of Quincy was matron of honor for her sister. Wes Crowley of Quincy served as best man.

The bride is a graduate of UMass/Boston, with a B.A. in English. She is employed as director of corporate communications for The Codman Company.

Her husband is a graduate of Quincy High School. He is employed by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

A reception was held at Kimball's by the Sea in Cohasset.

After a wedding trip to France and Ireland, the couple will make their home in Brighton.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Keleher

Hingham Symphony auditions

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will hold auditions by appointment only for all sections of the orchestra on the following dates: Thursday, Sept. 4, 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 6, 2 to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 7, 2 to 9 p.m.

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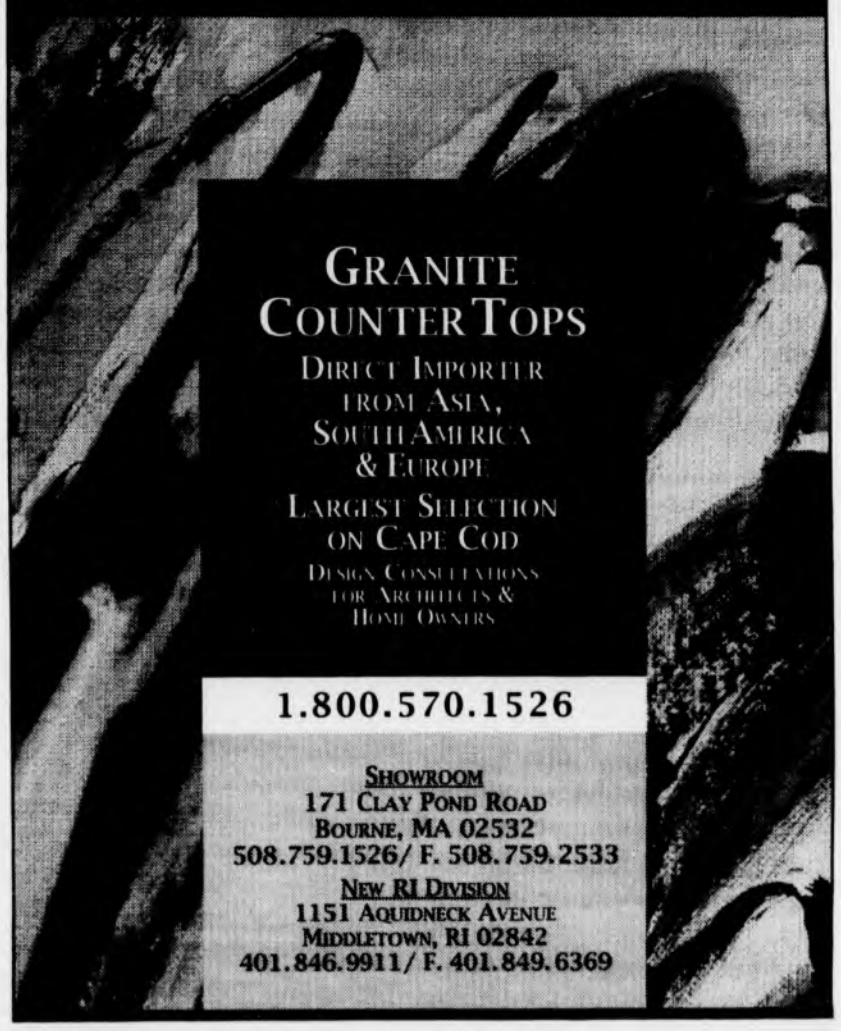
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8 a.m. Friday

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So it's a good time to give you, our readers, a friendly reminder about deadlines as your publicity chairmen get ready with press releases about upcoming meetings, events and fund-raisers.

Here's the scoop.

Copy for all "happenings" and school news must be in by 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. We realize while meeting that deadline can be difficult, most clubs and groups plan their activities well ahead of time.

So we ask you put us on your calendar. Thursday is the day when the Mariner arrives in your mailbox, but Friday morning is the time to get your news items in for the next issue.

Why do we need the early deadline?

Our typesetters and production team are based in Marshfield where 14 of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers are also produced. Getting our copy in early helps streamline the process and prevents typesetting log jams on the day when the paper goes to press.

For the record, we will continue to accept all letters to the editor, obituaries, and sports news (which happens over the weekend) up until noon on Tuesday.

If you forget to drop your news item off by Thursday, please call us. We will make exceptions but we cannot guarantee that a late item will get in that week.

Items can be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St., or at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal building at 73 South St. in Hingham Square. For your convenience, we also accept news items by FAX. Our FAX number is 741-2931.

We enjoy being your local paper — that's why we're in the business. So don't be shy. Let us hear from you, your clubs and organizations, and your schools. And we always welcome your opinion whether verbally over the telephone, in person or with a letter to the editor.

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— Mary Ford, Editor



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LETTERS

Positive role models at swim center

To the Editor:

In this world of disrespectful attitudes and overall contempt for values, I am happy to report that there is a group of young men and women at the Cohasset Swim Center, who have proven to be very positive role models for our kids.

My husband and I have three young boys who have had their third successful summer of Water Baby and Red Cross swim lessons. Our boys look up to their instructors/guards because "they are cool" — but in a very good way! We hope that the management behind the swim center realizes the enormous value they have within these instructors; and that they don't take their positive influences for granted.

The MacCarthy family would like to thank all the swim center's instructors and Water Baby volunteers for another great summer. We wish you all a successful year at school and hope to see you back at CSC next summer.

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Teen dance was a real hit!

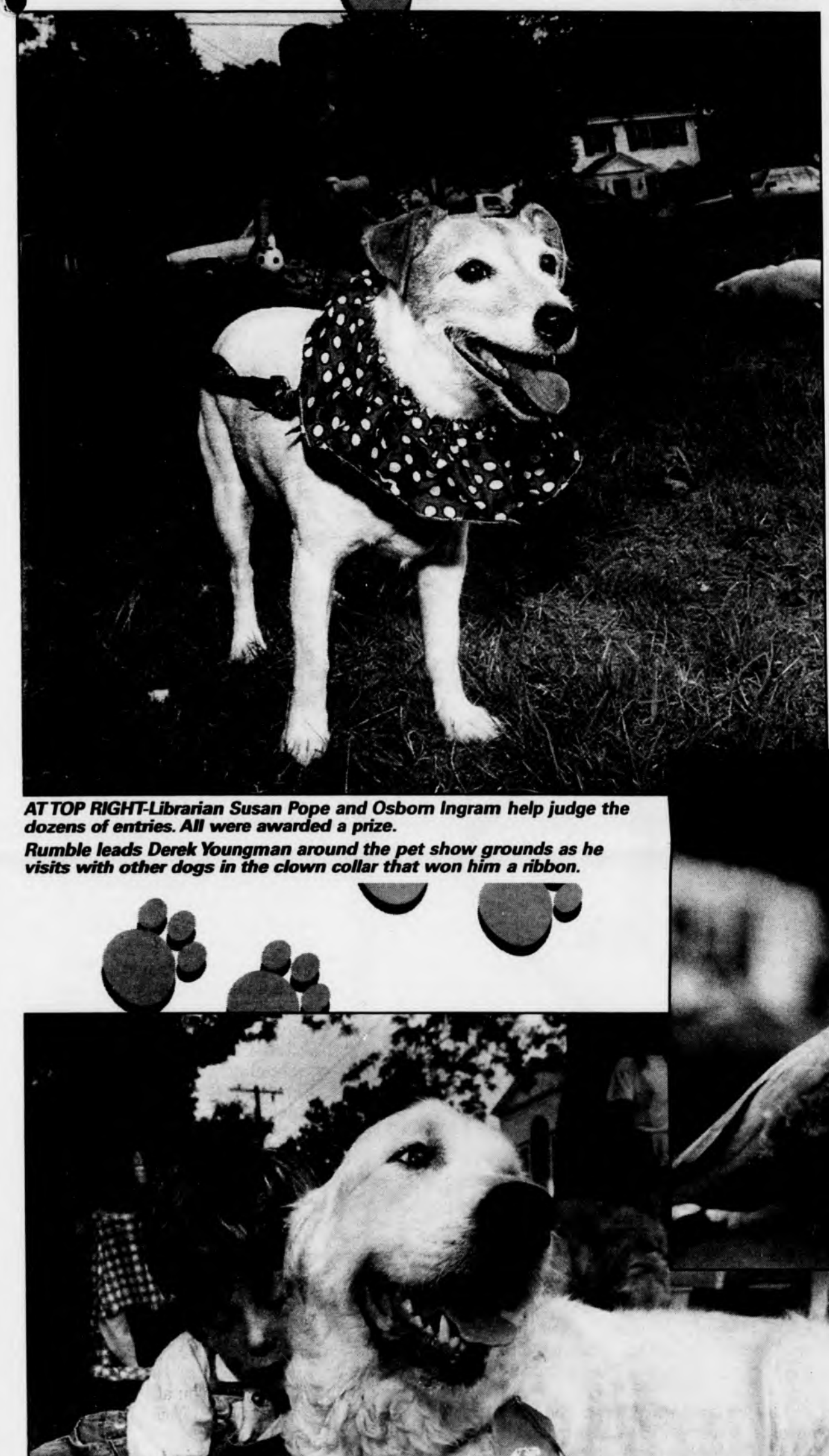
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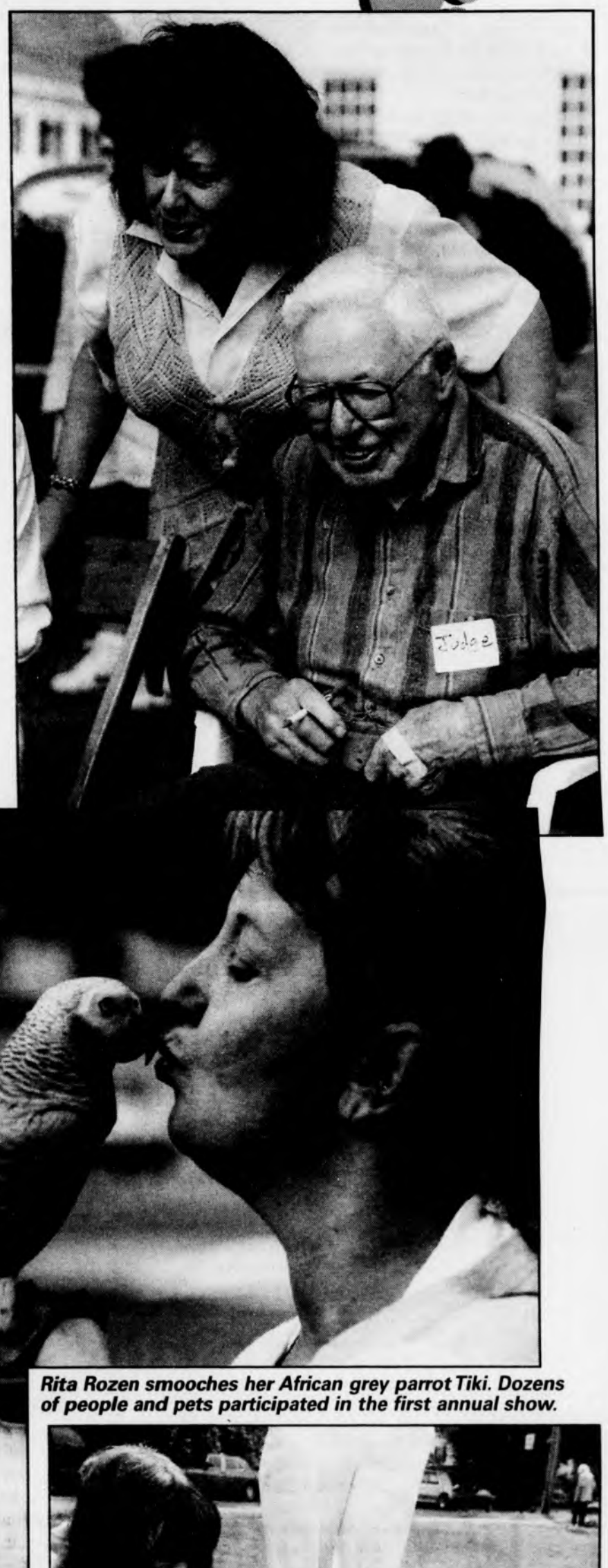
The first fund-raiser dance for the Drug and Alcohol Committee proved to be a huge success. We did it! We transformed the Town Hall where close to 100 teens danced the night away into a "beachy" dance complete with patio furniture, twinkling lights, floaties, and pink flamingos.

The teen dance committee could not have done this without the support of the following: board of selectmen, Town Manager Mark Haddad, fire department, Curtis Liquors, Stop & Shop, Peter Laugelle, Arthur Lehr, Margo Aikens, Jody Butman, Ann Whiteley, Terse D'Urso and our chaperones, Kate Collins-Wooley, Joanne Green and Pete, Nancy St. John, Martha Cook, Diane and Jack Sullivan, Officer Shelley, and Capt. Jimmy Rooney. Additional thanks to all the families that loaned us their patio furniture and lawn ornaments and to those who donated baked goods. A special thanks to D.J. Jay Fiori for generously donating his talent in support of local teens. We look forward to more successful fund-raisers this fall.

Jami Butman
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Library pet show is a real creature feature





AT TOP RIGHT-Librarian Susan Pope and Osborn Ingram help judge the dozens of entries. All were awarded a prize.

Rumble leads Derek Youngman around the pet show grounds as he visits with other dogs in the clown collar that won him a ribbon.



Doyle Calhoun congratulates his dog Boz on being a winner at the Pet Show on the common.

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Rita Rozen smooches her African grey parrot Tiki. Dozens of people and pets participated in the first annual show.



Catherine Cleveland's' silky chicken Winterfall is visited by a curious Italian greyhound Shadow.

Haddad and advisors clear the air on roles

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lieved to learn that the role of his committee had not evaporated.

"I wanted to avoid committee members saying 'why be on it,'" he said. "I want to make sure we still have a job to do. We are the go-between the town manager and the taxpayers."

Haddad, who came on board a month ago, said checks and balances in town government are critical.

"If anything your role is more important now than in the past," he said. "You're the board of directors as far as the budget goes. The town needs to see that Haddad is doing the job right."

Haddad assured board members that department heads over large budgets, such as fire and police, could still appear before them to answer questions.

Member Lee Jenkins said that if disagreements occur, it's up to the board to convince Haddad to make the budgetary adjustments.

"If we can't convince him, we can't convince the taxpayers at town meeting," he said.

Haddad said the board would not be getting the budget piecemeal as in the past. He will prepare a complete budget booklet with supporting information and have it ready for the advisory committee to review by the first of February. Town meeting is the last weekend in March.

Haddad also said he is considering asking selectmen to propose amending the by-law eliminating term limits for theadvisory committee. Advisors are limited to two, three year terms.

"It makes no sense to turn a finance committee over," he said.

Haddad explained that it takes years for advisors to become completely versed in the budgetary process.

"It's important to have people in place who know what's going on," he said.

It's back to school Sept. 3

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a bittersweet end," said Cantelmo, "but I am looking forward to the opening of the new Osgood school."

Classes at the middle /high school begin at 7:20 a.m. and end at 2:06 p.m. Students at Deer Hill School start at 8:25 a.m. and end at 2:25 p.m. The school day at Osgood runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Liz Alpert is the enrichment director for the Osgood and Deer Hill schools, and Mary Beth Butman is the health aide.

This year there will be six sections of kindergarten at Deer Hill, three each in the morning and afternoon sessions.

Three new members are joining the Deer Hill School staff, including kindergarten teacher Christine Hansell; inclusion teacher Diana Littleton; and technology coordinator Suzi Tuttle.

Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan is looking forward to the start of another school year.

"I hope everyone is happy and healthy and ready to get back to work," he said.

Middle school/high school Principal Curtis Collins is excited about the new middle school system.

"We have a separate staff for the seventh- and eighth-grade students," he said. "They will using a team teaching curriculum that is geared toward that age group."

There will be no bells to indicate the beginning or ending of classes at the middle school.

Eight new staff members have been hired at the high school, including: Roger Tait, special education; Christine DeLuca, world language; Mary DeLeon, art; Allen LaFountain, industrial technology; Kim Hurlbut and Sarah Shurtleff, instructional aides; Gina Achin, individual student aide; and Margaret McBride, library aide.

Jeanne Marois will teach reading at the middle school.

As a result of the Education Reform Act, which states that all children must be in school 990 hours a year, there will be no study halls at the middle school/high school.

"All students must be in an instructional classroom while school is in session," said Superintendent Stephen Hart. "Cohasset students will spend 1,080 hours in school this year."

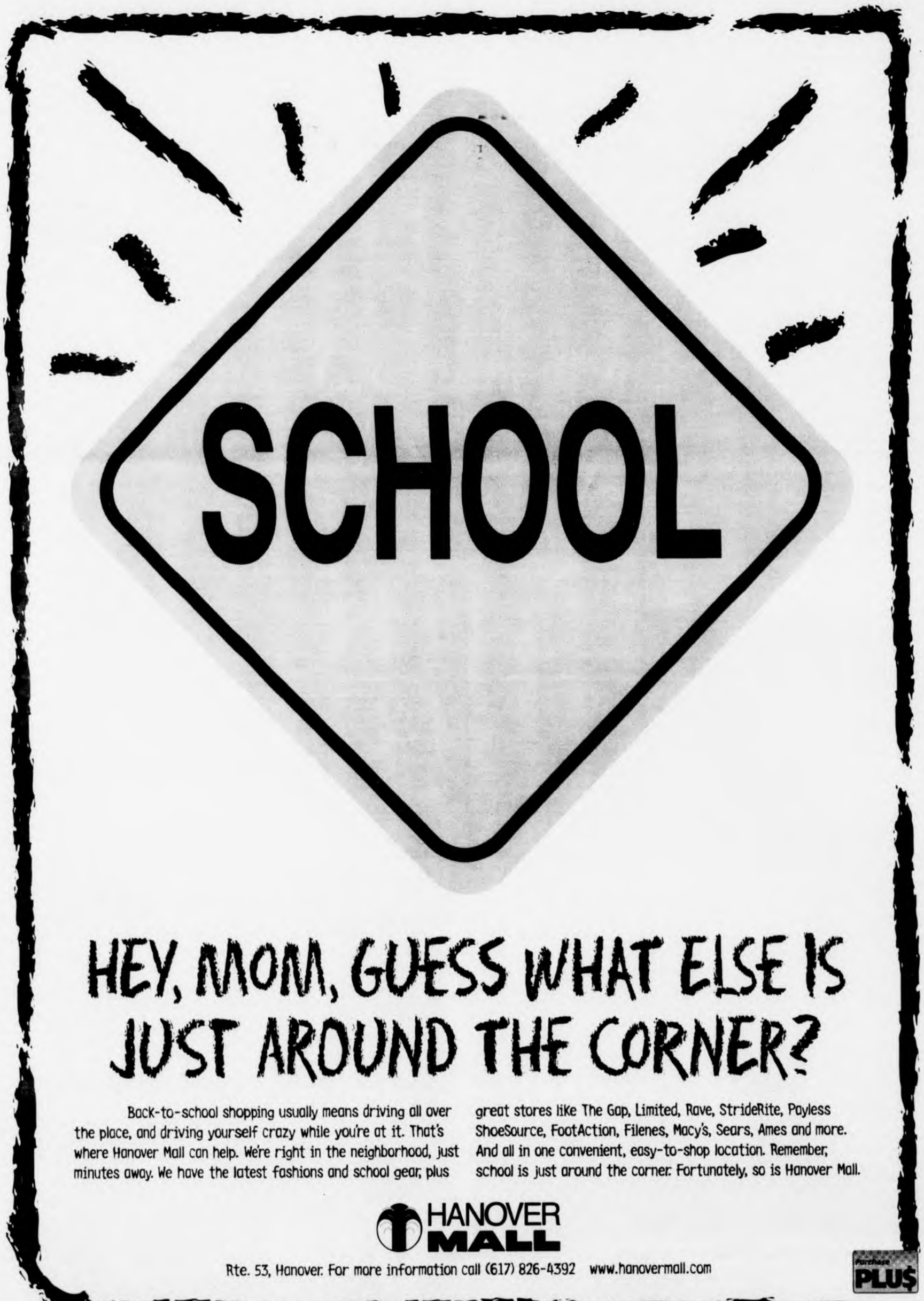
However, students are still allowed time out for lunch.

For those who don't pack a bag lunch, grilled hot dogs and a roll served with oven fries, celery sticks and chocolate pudding will be served on the first day of school.

At Deer Hill and the middle/high school, a la carte menu items are also available.

Lunch prices at Osgood have increased 10 cents to $1.50. At Deer Hill and the middle/high school, the cost is $1.75, up from $1.60 last year.

Milk prices have gone up to 40 cents, an increase of five cents.



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Lightkeepers group ready to take on Hagerty project

By Aleisa Fleming
CORRESPONDENT

It's been six years since the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation formed to tackle the $400,000 renovation of the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island.

Now the non-profit group, made up of local citizens, is set to take on an even bigger project: the Hagerty House on Parker Avenue.

Plans are to renovate the structure and turn it into a "Lobster Lab," an educational research facility.

The total project is estimated to cost about $800,000.

CLC president R. Murray Campbell will be before selectmen on Sept. 2 to discuss the proposal.

CLC is seeking a similar arrangement with the town that it has with the Lightkeepers Residence, which it leases for $1 a year.

Here is a little history on how CLC operates the facility that includes a function hall and two apartments.

CLC took over the site in 1991 and has restored it with the help of volunteers and donations. CLC has been able to maintain the site with function hall rentals and the two one-bedroom apartments.

The house opened in May 1994. The renovations were completed in late 1995.

The renovations equipped the building into a function room with a commercial kitchen on the first floor and two one-bedroom apartments on the second floor.

CLC's board of directors control the usage of the facility and collect rent from the two apartments. CLC earns income from the apartment rentals, function room fees, donations, membership fees and events.

The rental rates for the functional hall are $300 plus a $100 security desposit Monday through Thursday, and $500 Friday through Sunday and holidays.

"This includes a four-hour function time plus a two hour set-up and one hour clean-up time," Campbell said. "Residents of Cohasset are given a $100 discount on the function hall rental."

Non-profit groups can use the facility free of charge.

In 1996, CLC collected $21,000 from the apartment rentals, $23,880 from the function hall fees, and $23,072 from donations and membership fees. The total income for 1996 was $67,952.

"This money is used for operating expenses," Campbell said. The net operating income for 1996 was $37,229.

"Any left over money is put into an account to pay for additional upgrades of the property ," he said. "Our net of income over expenses leaves us with a zero balance."

Bancroft Hall which can hold meetings and dinners for 60-80 people, is named after Jane Bancroft Cook, one of the project's benefactors.

All of the fund-raising, planning, and engineering for the Lightkeepers Residence was done by volunteers.

"Most of the renovation work was done by contractors," Campbell said. "We now employ, through a contractor, a part-time custodian and a part-time booking person (for events)."

Except for major repairs, all other work is done by volunteers.

CLC is guided and controlled by an elected board of directors, currently there are 28 members, who serve staggered terms.

To become a board member Campbell said "you need to be a Cohasset resident and be interested in helping preserve the history of Cohasset."

The group's mission is "exclusively for the civic, social, charitable, educational and recreational betterment of the town and to repair, preserve, maintain operate and utilize the former Lightkeepers residence."

Lobster Lab lease is not a done deal

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To make the building handicap accessible, a ramp, elevator and second staircase would be added and enclosed at the rear of the building.

The proposed layout increases the usable second floor area from 830 to 1,856 square feet and the third floor from 475 to 1,282 square feet.

Selectmen have concerns that as the square footage increases so will the number of parking spaces to be set aside for the Lobster Lab as required under the town by-laws. Parking is already limited at the site which is also doubles the town's only public boat ramp.

And they are not the only ones who are upset. A majority of the Hagerty Property Committee, an appointed board charged with coming up with a recreational plan for the 2.2 acre Hagerty parcel, voted last week against the expansion of the house renovation plans.

But Campbell dismissed parking concerns as being put forth by those who are determined to kill the project.

"What difference does the number of spaces make, when they are not going to be used when another has a need for them?" he asked. CLC said it will not rope the spaces off and the lab won't even be used in the summer and on weekends when the competition for parking would be greatest.

Selectmen Chairman Michael H. Sullivan, who has had strong reservations about the entire proposal from the outset, said CLC increased the size of the building without consulting with anyone.

"This is outside the scope presented to town meeting," he said.

The town bought the Hagerty property four years ago for $475,000. Over the years, selectmen have considered leasing, selling, moving or demolishing the house which has fallen into disrepair under the town's ownership. Cohasset Colonials, a furniture kit manufacturer, relocated to Hingham after the town bought the site.

The Lobster Lab is the brainchild of local biologist Kevin Ulmer, who would serve as its volunteer director. Campbell said CLC was intrigued by Ulmer's proposal.

"It was too wonderful a concept to let it drop," Campbell said.

CLC formed six years ago to tackle the renovation of the Lightkeepers Residence which includes a popular function hall (see related story).

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Greek Orthodox Church to be consecrated

Through a ceremony originally performed nearly 2,000 years ago, The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church in Cohasset will be formally consecrated as a church in the Greek Orthodox faith Sunday, Sept. 7. The church, built in 1898 as a Protestant house of worship, became a home to Greek Orthodox worshippers on the South Shore in 1980. Known by many for its annual Greek festival in July, the parish has developed and evolved into a dynamic and progressive congregation under the spiritual leadership and guidance of Father John G. Maheras.

The consecration of the church building is a once in a lifetime event for a parish. The rite, which is performed by an archbishop or bishop, resembles Holy Baptism and Holy Chrismation. The word "consecration" in Greek, translated literally, means renewal. Just as an individual is renewed at the time of their baptism and chrismation, a building is "renewed," pledged to Christian worship forever.

Michael McNamara, president of the Board of Stewards of The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, attributes this opportunity to the faith and hard work of the entire parish. "Over the years, each of the 250 families who participate in this congregation, have given of themselves to the church and each other. This is an exciting and proud moment for all of us."

Archbishop Spyridon, traveling from New York City, will officiate this, his first consecration of a church in America, along with Bishop Methodios of the Diocese of Boston. The event begins Friday, Sept. 5, with a choral concert presented by the ecumenical community of Cohasset, along with the St. Mark Orthodox Church of Kingston.

Cohasset Library story hour

Registrations are currently being accepted for the fall preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Story hour will be held Thursday afternoons at 1 and Friday mornings at 10, beginning Oct. 2. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories and simple fingerplays, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3-1/2 to participate. To register, call the library at 383-1348.

From high ideals to failure fears

All kinds, all ages of kids are prone to stress

By Lesley Mahoney
STAFF WRITER

In a world and a time when "stressed out" has evolved into a household phrase, the pressure is on at every age, and adults are not the only ones to experience stress.

Jeri Broming, an adjustment counselor at Silver Lake Junior High School in Pembroke, says that adolescents and preadolescents are especially vulnerable to stress.

Beginning in junior high school, Broming says a source of that stress comes when students tend to start separating from their parents and identifying with a particular peer group. It's a time when children and teenagers are trying to figure out who they are and who they want to be, she says.

But Broming says some level of stress is healthy. "I think everyone has some level of stress — natural levels of stress from things that have been going on for generations. From dealing with stringent academics to maintaining high standards, trying to get on a sports team, maybe a student doesn't feel good enough for a parent or teacher, or coping with a disability — physical or mental."

Broming says it's time for concern when stress stems from things like problems at home or problems in a student's community. And without some kind of adult support, she says, students can have a tough time coping.

"Kids don't know when to seek help. They become desperate and find inappropriate ways to deal with conflict," says Broming, citing acting out in the classroom, performing poorly in school, failing classes, dropping out of school physically or emotionally, alcohol and drug use, and crime.

Broming says that at the school, teachers and staff look for the students who have traditionally done well and then things start to change — "kids who were always good who are all of a sudden getting into trouble."

On the flip side, Broming says students who haven't done particularly well in school and don't appear to be making any progress are also the ones to target.

She says there are all kinds of physical signs that a student might be stressed out — falling asleep in class, coming to class unprepared, lack of energy and poor hygiene.

Leaders of the pack

High achievers' stress stems from too much pressure to do too many things, Broming says, "when students are spread too thin or when they are just at a point they don't feel like they can rally."

Terri Rakauskas, health educator at Silver Lake Junior High, describes the high-achievers as "very intense, kids who want to do very well in school, in everything. They're involved in so many different things."

> ***"Dealing with a child approaching adolescence is like flying a kite. You have to figure out how much to hold on to and how much to let out. There's a danger when they don't have enough guidance and too much freedom. That's when students make poor decisions. That's when major stress begins. They don't have any mentors. That's when they become victims of peer pressure."***
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> —JERI BROMING

These are the ones who are the "classically great students" in elementary school. Broming says junior high might find them overwhelmed or confused. She says sometimes dealing with that is simply a matter of saying, "I can't do this," and recognizing the need for some extra space.

If they can't seem to do that, Broming says high achieving students will tend to internalize that sense of being overwhelmed. "They will turn a lot of that inward and are likely to develop severe depression, eating disorders or drop out," she says.

Low-achievers, on the other hand, will act out. "They don't like being low-achievers. They act out, get in trouble, disrupt the class," Rakauskas says.

As far as the "middle-of-the-road kid," Rakauskas says that's "usually the kind of kid who kicks back, knows the role, plays the role. Usually, they are the least stressed, or seem to be. They are probably the most ignored."

She says it's important for parents to recognized when their child might be stressed.

And Broming says oftentimes students will mirror their parents' stress. "The students say they are worried about coming to school when the parents are really the ones who are worried about junior high," she says.

Rakauskas says each student needs to be dealt with differently — encourage the low achievers to work harder, let the high achievers know they don't have to be perfect, and don't ignore the middle-of-the-road students.

In addition, Broming points out that "not all kids are dealt with the same deck (of cards)." Learning to deal with the hand that's dealt is a part of coping.

Broming says students at SLJH — who come from Plympton, Halifax, Kingston and Pembroke — are from an array of backgrounds. While she says that there is not such a diversity of race, students come from different economic backgrounds with diverse cultural and educational levels of parents.

"I think it's an issue for kids — they are very into how they dress and how they look, where they're from and what neighborhood," she says. "Some parents are professionals, some are unemployed, some are blue collar, some have no work ethic."

A hand to guide them

Regardless of background, Broming says having a mentor makes all the difference. "Usually the kids who are successful have some sort of mentor. They have learned along the way to be resilient."

Parents, teachers, friends and neighbors are all people an adolescent can look to for guidance. Before junior high school, many children are used to being taken care of. Then all of a sudden it's time for them to make more choices on their own, Broming says.

Acting as a mentor for one's child is one way parents can strike a balance between letting their children break away and become their own people while offering a hand to guide them, Broming adds.

"Dealing with a child approaching adolescence is like flying a kite. You have to figure out how much to hold on to and how much to let out," she says. "There's a danger when they don't have enough guidance and too much freedom. That's when students make poor decisions. That's when major stress begins. They don't have any mentors. That's when they become victims of peer pressure."

While she says all students face peer pressure, those who have someone to look to for guidance will fare better.

A matter of perspective

Broming defines stress as adopting a way to deal with disappointment. "There will always be setbacks and disappointments. Maybe a relative level of stress is a way to deal with disappointment," she says.

Rakauskas, who includes a unit on stress in her seventh grade health education class, says at the beginning of the unit 95 percent of the students in the class raised their hands when asked if they suffered from headaches.

"They are all stress-related (headaches)," says Rakauskas.

Rakauskas says junior high school students are more stressed than anyone else. "From the moment they come in, they're all uptight. They want to please so badly," she says.

The desire to please is coupled with having "a zillion rules they have to try and remember to do exactly right. It's amazing they make it through the first few weeks."

But Rakauskas says some people have the misconception that all stress is bad. "Stress is very positive is you use it in a positive way," she says.

Rakauskas, who coaches boys tennis and previously coached girls field hockey, says exercise and talking about one's feeling is one of the best ways to deal with stress.

A balancing act

Dealing with stress in the formative years is all about learning to balance.

Broming says it's a matter of balancing one's own needs with the needs of others — "peers, academics, certain adults. I think maybe some people don't realize how tough adolescence is. The first stage is dealing with all these needs and conflicting interests. All these things were dealt with for them as a child."

The same kinds of issues crop up again when students enter college. Those who learn coping skills early on will fare better later, Broming says.

The bottom line?

"It's about creating a balance and having outlets and mentors — someone to talk things through with. And knowing that some sense of stress and turmoil is normal," Broming says. "Life is not completely even — it has its ups and downs."

Three who balance their act

Jennifer Arthur, who graduated second in her Duxbury Junior/Senior High School class in June and is getting ready to enter Yale University, has learned to create the balance that reduces stress. She says one of the keys to her success has a lot to do with planning.

"It was a lot of foresight," Arthur says, explaining that if she knew chemistry homework would take a while, she would start working on it a few days early.

It was through foresight that she avoided what could have been a lot of stress given her busy schedule: She played field hockey for four years, golf freshmen year and lacrosse sophomore and junior year. Senior year, Arthur opted to work instead of playing lacrosse in the spring. She also participated in the academic decathlon and drama for four years.

"If it's something you particularly enjoy, it's easier," she says.

Arthur says she always made sure she had enough time for homework — about three hours per night.

Through it all, Arthur says she is her strongest critic. "If I'm not doing something up to my potential, I push myself."

Very real

Jana Whiting, a ninth-grader from Halifax, is also successful in creating a balance — despite a long list of extracurricular activities, she says she did not have that much stress at Silver Lake Junior High.

On the eve of entering Silver Lake Regional High School, she reflects on her junior high years. "My teachers were really helpful. They gave a lot of homework but not an overload," says Whiting, who also credits her parents and older brothers.

But at the same time, Whiting recognizes that stress can be a very real thing for junior high school students. Through her involvement as a mediator with the peer mediation program in junior high, she has seen first-hand the kinds of issues students face.

"A lot of stress comes from friendships, gossip and social groups," Whiting says. "People don't think it's a big deal to walk down the hall by yourself. But some kids feel like they don't fit in. Being in the corner of a classroom can be a big deal."

Whiting admits that it's stressful to write speeches and get up in front of people to deliver them. She also says she's a bit nervous for high school soccer try-outs. But, she adds, that's all positive stress.

"My mom just tells me to try my hardest, and if I couldn't score the winning goal at a soccer game or I mess up a speech, she says that's OK."

One thing at a time

Like Whiting, 14-year-old Patrick Flight, of Pembroke, just completed eighth grade at SLJHS and is getting ready for ninth grade at SLRHS.

Patrick says he thought junior high school would be a lot more stressful than it actually was. "You hear on TV about kids getting stuffed in lockers. That doesn't happen," he says.

Patrick considers himself fortunate that most of his friends from elementary school were carried over to some of his classes in junior high and that he was able to make new friends quickly.

Patrick says he thinks the best way to deal with stress is to take one thing at a time.

"I think the best way to deal with it is not to worry too much. If you just work through everything separately, then eventually the work will get done."

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Learn to identify signs of underachievers

By Caron Golden
CORRESPONDENT

He's lazy, she's bored; he's unmotivated, she's not reaching her potential.

Sound familiar? It's a common lament among parents and teachers. Your child daydreams during class and doesn't do homework. He seems undisturbed by low grades. She cuts classes.

They are, in a word, underachievers. But that word, overused and not exactly specific, can mean a variety of things to different parents and educators. Basically, however, we understand it as the big gap between a child's potential and performance. But that covers the difference between high IQ and low grades; it doesn't cover the potential causes such as family environment, relationships with peers, health, emotional issues, learning disabilities, cultural differences, drug use and the school environment.

We also have perhaps an unrealistic expectation of performance. We expect excellence in all subjects on a consistent basis. But, in reality, your child may excel in some subjects and be challenged in others. And there are expected slumps in certain grades when the work becomes more challenging — grades four through six, in particular, can be times when students are expected to take on more sophisticated responsibilities and activities that require some adjustment time with even the most stable home and school environments.

And, don't forget, grade six is also a time when puberty sets in, often throwing off even the most responsible and motivated child. For parents who understand what to expect, this unusual blip can be just that, but they will still need to help their child through the transitions caused by their bodies, new social experiences and teachers' higher expectations.

Parents need as well to understand that not all underachievers are alike, requiring different approaches to change their patterns. Working through the difficulty takes time, patience and extra work on the part of the child and the parent. That means that the parent, as the older and more mature party, has to take the long view to keep from frustrating the child and adding to an already tense situation.

Underachieving types

According to Harvey P. Mandel and Sander I. Marcus in their book, "Could Do Better" (Wiley), all the cajoling, tutoring, punishing, rewarding and course-switching won't do a thing to motivate your underachieving child — unless you understand what kind of underachiever he or she is.

The authors, who are clinical psychologists, have identified six typical underachiever styles:

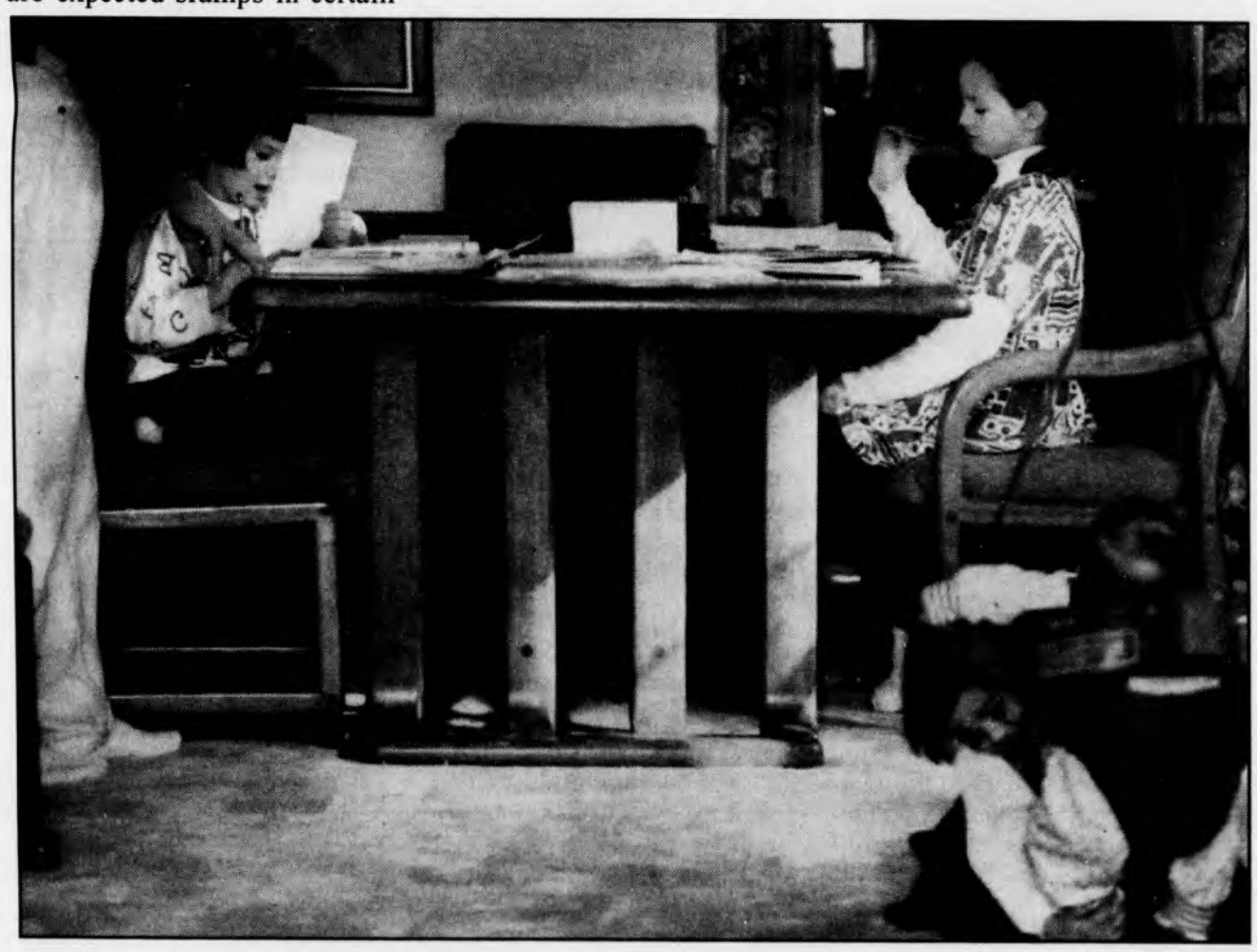
• Coasters: The ultimate procrastinators, they are usually described as easy-going and unmotivated.

• Anxious underachievers: They want to do better, but are too tense and uptight to work effectively.

• Identity-searchers: They are so wrapped up in trying to figure out who they are that they become distracted from their schoolwork.

• Wheeler-dealers: They are impulsive, charming or intimidating, manipulative, self-seeking and so intent on instant gratification that they see no benefit in doing well at school.

• Sad underachievers: Their depressed mood, low self-esteem and difficulty making decisions rob them of the energy they need to concentrate on schoolwork.



Take a look at home as well as school to see if there are reasons the underachiever is distracted or unable to concentrate.

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• Defiant underachievers: They underachieve as an act of rebellion.

Of course, these prototypes can be complicated by mixes and matches of the above styles, learning disabilities and being gifted. And some children, the authors admit, don't seem identifiable by any of these traits. Depending on which of these prototypes fits your child, you'll have to take the appropriate action.

The authors of "Could Do Better" describe in detail what that is in respect to each style. The same techniques that apply to a child who procrastinates and has poor work habits may not be right for another child who lies, disappears from home or is too terrified of failure to act.

Motivating your child

There are a number of things that parents can do for their child to turn around an achievement problem. These can go hand-in-hand with the suggestions that Mandel and Marcus offer.

Ruth Peters, a Florida-based child and family psychologist affiliated with Sylvan Learning Centers, has developed a list of tips for parents who are trying to find ways to motivate their child:

• Identify motivators and motivational barriers. Take a look at the school and the home. Is a family problem such as a divorce or sibling competition or peer pressure at school interfering with your child's ability to concentrate? Can you identify rewards or privileges that would be incentives to your child? Have you had your child tested for learning disabilities like attention deficit disorder?

Parents need as well to understand that not all underachievers are alike, requiring different approaches to change their patterns.

• Help evolve behavior and attitudes about school. Develop a study routine and implement a daily assignment sheet with columns for homework assignments, quizzes/tests, long-term projects and behavior ratings. Your child should complete the columns and get his/her teacher's signature.

• Reward your child with praise, encouragement and prizes. Take advantage of casual time during meals, riding in the car or doing errands to talk to your child about school. Congratulate him or her on accomplishments and establish rewards, such as privileges or small tokens, to reinforce the behavior.

• Implement negative consequences. When your child does an unsatisfactory job due to lack of effort, take something of value away. Help your child understand the other side of rewards are negative consequences.

• Seek outside counsel. Meet with your child's teacher and/or guidance counselor periodically to ensure that you are all working toward the same goal.

While Peters suggests that a supplemental education provider, such as Sylvan, may be useful, Marcus and Mandel also advise that counseling or other services might be appropriate, depending on the problem. And, they point out, that given the obvious tension that underachieving creates between parent and child, a third party can help diffuse the emotional aspect and allow the child to focus on the issue at hand.

Go with the flow

Joseph O'Neil, director of guidance at Duxbury Junior/Senior High School, thinks pressure is a real issue for teenagers.

"There is a lot on their plates," he says.

On the other hand, O'Neil doesn't think the level of stress has gone up in his 12 years at the school.

Yet O'Neil thinks students who live in "high achieving communities" feel more pressure than those in not-so-high-achieving communities.

"Very successful, high achieving parents tend to trickle down to the kids.

"They expect the same of themselves."

O'Neil says students' stress could be the result of the "world moving at a very fast pace and trickling down at a very young age. It's hard for kids to be kids."

Wherever the pressure stems from, O'Neil says the students he deals with seem to handle these expectations well "because they've grown up with it, because they have to manage it..."

He adds, "On the other hand, you can see spill-over at times — when students are besides themselves during exams.

"They become very, very intense almost to the point of frazzling themselves."

It is important to have a lot of talks with students about accepting themselves as they are, O'Neil says.

"I think it's just about talking with kids and their parents about liking themselves and being proud of who they are.

"That helps, because we all do a lot of things to compare ourselves to the next person."

—Lesley Mahoney

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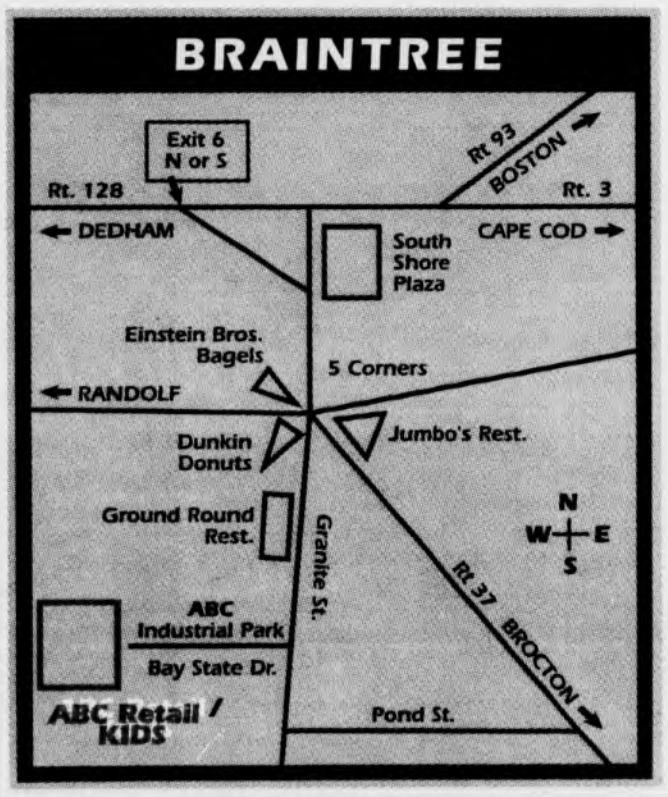
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Strike a balance between structured/free time

By John Godfrey
CORRESPONDENT

In today's rush to make ends meet, parents tend to find their date books crammed with important lunch meetings, hurry-up-and-wait appointments and last-minute errands to run on the way home from work.

We've grown accustomed to living in a hectic world, rushing from one place to the next without a moment's rest or the slightest bit of self-pity.

But how does this lifestyle affect our children? Some parents spend so much time managing their own schedules that they forget about their child's need for structure and stimulation.

Other parents subconsciously impose their busy lifestyle on their kids, penciling them in for one after-school activity after another and leaving them little time to be, well, kids.

Parenting expert Dr. T. Berry Brazelton suggests striking a balance between the stultifying world of afternoon television and the go-go rush of resume-building activity mania.

"Parents should know that they can overload a child just as easily as they can bore them," Brazelton says. "You have to hit in the middle somewhere. You have to plan each child's schedule according to the child's needs. But that means you've got to know the child and you've got to know what they can take."

And that means taking some time out from your busy schedule to map out your child's before-school, after-school and weekend activities. Understimulated kids are a particular concern to parenting experts.

"The problems with unsupervised, unstructured children is that they are being left alone with nothing to do," Brazelton says. "They're either turning on the television and getting pumped up and acting out based on what they see. The Academy of Pediatricians published a paper that showed that alcohol usage, drug usage and sexual acting out was much more prevalent in latchkey children between the ages 12 and 17."

The solution for these kids is getting them involved in a variety of endeavors — organized sports, a musical instrument, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, that kind of thing. The trick is convincing them to give these different activities a chance.

"Modeling is the most powerful way of teaching there is," Brazelton says. "If a parent models something for a child, they're more likely to follow the parent than they are by pressure from the outside. If I were trying to get my child interested in music I would take him to see some concerts and get him excited about identifying with somebody on the stage. Small children are very open about identifying with other people."

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Steve Bennett and his wife, Ruth, have co-authored a number of books, notably "365 TV-Free Activities You Can Do With Your Child" and "365 Outdoor Activities You Can Do With Your Child." He is a big proponent of getting your child involved in structured activities, but he is also aware that some parents go overboard.

"Organized sports, theater, music, other hobbies are really good," Bennett says. "It's really important for kids to take up something they enjoy. They should be able to do it in a concerted way that doesn't feel like school but does give them some structure."

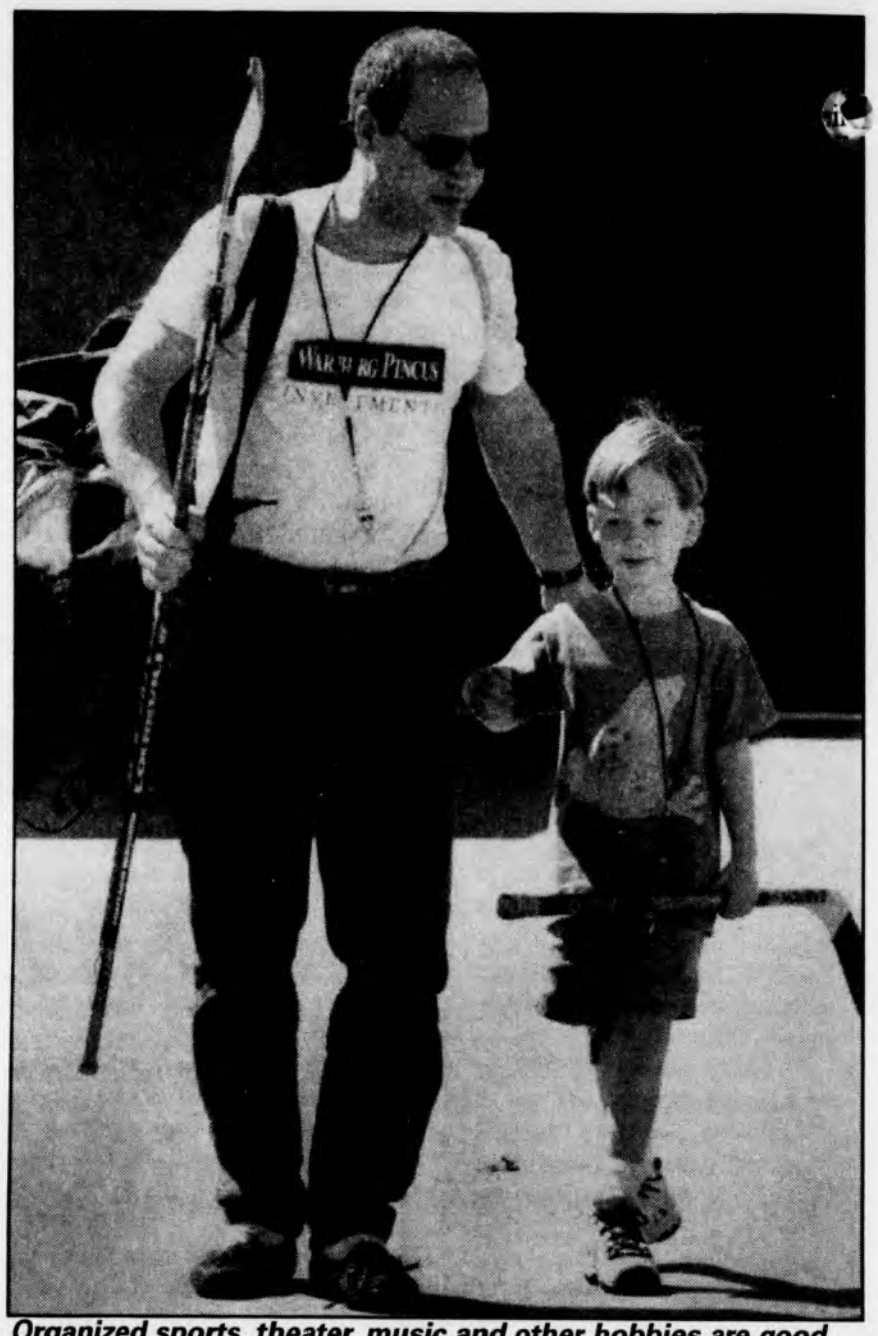
But Bennett also sees the need for unstructured time.

"Too many structured activities, on the other hand, can be problematic," he notes. "Kids need down time. Kids need to be able to kick back and do nothing. It's OK. There's this fear we have that if our kids are just sitting around that something is wrong, they're not motivated. In point of fact, I think adults are just jealous when they see kids taking it easy."

Down time doesn't mean sitting in front of a TV watching Bugs and Daffy reruns or blasting aliens to bits on a Sony PlayStation. Kids need to be reminded of their own resourcefulness and imagination, Bennett says, adding, "It's important for kids to recognize that they are perfectly capable of entertaining themselves and parents need to recognize (that children) have all the creative energy they need right between their ears."

So, is there a key for parents who want to tap into this mindset?

"Sure," Bennett says. "Be a kid. Kick back, clear your mind, watch the clouds, play a goofy game. Your kids will pick up on this and follow your lead. Safety issues aside, the only rules are there are no rules."



Organized sports, theater, music and other hobbies are good ways to provide structure during free time.

Bennett's favorite after-school activities include silly, make-them-up-as-you-go-along diversions that only require household items — toilet paper tubes, milk cartons, toothpicks, rice — and a good attitude. Empower your kids to take charge, he says, and you'll be surprised at how much they benefit from goofing around.

"There are so few walks in life (in which) kids get to make the rules. When you're a child, there is really very little you can negotiate for. When the child can make the rules of the game instead of following the rules on the inside of the box, that's a wonderful opportunity for them."

Sports: Are they stress relievers or stress givers?

By Lesley Mahoney
STAFF WRITER

Bruce Emerson has been coaching sports and teaching on the South Shore for 28 years.

Emerson, who coaches girls basketball at Marshfield High School and girls soccer at Norwell High School, says he sees sports as a stress reliever.

"I see kids really enjoying getting out and coming to sports. I don't think of sports as stressful at all. I think it's great for kids," he says. "Generally, I think they wouldn't come out if they didn't enjoy it."

Emerson, a Marshfield resident, says some level of stress and anxiety is normal before a game. He adds that it's important to strike a balance when it comes to sports as well.

Playing one sport all year long can be too much, he says.

"I totally feel if a kid is going to be a great athlete in sport, that kid is going to be a great athlete in more than one sport," Emerson says.

He says athletes who do this don't feel "the burn-out factor" and "come back rejuvenated, with vigor."

Owen McConville, an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, agrees.

"Single sport specialization at a young age can be a problem particularly if the kid is doing one activity, like pitching," he says. "I think a little of several sports is better than a lot of one."

McConville says the mentality — "If Susie is going to be an Olympic gymnast, she has to do it all the time" — can result in children "paying the price physically and emotionally.

"There is also more emphasis on little kids as big league athletes. Kids get treated as little adults when they are actually very different animals, psychologically and physically," McConville says. "I think if kids are in a competitive environment, make sure they are ready for it."

McConville, a Hingham resident, also says it's important to limit a child's activity when they start to complain. "No pain, no gain works better for adults," he says.

McConville says overuse is usually a result of well-meaning parents and coaches. A hockey coach for children ages 9 to 12 in Milton, he says it's more important to keep the emphasis on fun and improving skills and put less focus on winning.

Most overuse results in over conditioning while a child is still growing, McConville says, and the tissues are not ready to accept certain kinds of use.

McConville mentions males between the ages of 12 and 14, when they seem out of balance and gawky. He says they are developing and are less flexible — their muscles, tendons and bones are out of balance and their bodies are adjusting to the changing length of the bone.

"He's the one at risk for injury."

Tension and school daze

The first day of school can be stressful for both children and parents. And stress can cause headaches. Of the 45 million Americans who get chronic, recurring headaches, 90 percent are classified as tension headaches. Some tips from the National Headache Foundation for avoiding and alleviating stress:

- Start back-to-school shopping early to avoid the crowds.
- Ease separation anxiety by talking about the experience with your children ahead of time to reassure them that the separation is only temporary.
- Since fatigue and erratic sleep patterns are common headache triggers, get lots of rest.
- Practice your new routine ahead of time, allotting enough time for the morning routine.
- Learn to spot signs of anxiety and tension. Try to avoid stressful situations and control your reactions to them.
- Anticipate your child's fears — acknowledge them and don't be upset if she is unhappy in the beginning.

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Cohasset recaptures swimming championship

In an electrifying meet on August 16, Cohasset won the 33rd annual South Shore Swim League Championship, reclaiming the title from last year's winner, the Duxbury AquaDux. Prior to last year, Cohasset had won seven consecutive championships. Cohasset's 453 to 441 win over the Marshfield MASK, this year's closest competitor, was a tremendous victory, bringing the coveted championship trophy back to Cohasset.

According to team officials, this was the closest meeting in league history. Marshfield led at almost every checkpoint, with Cohasset trailing by only a few points. The Cohasset crowd roared with encouragement for our team throughout the meet, as the two leading teams battled it out.

Going into the last two events MASK and Cohasset were tied. With relays worth 16 points, the meet came down to the last event, the 17-and-under Girls Relay. The team of Kate O'Brien, Hillary Habershaw, Allison Berg and Gemma O'Brien pulled it out for Cohasset, breaking away from Marshfield in the last two yards of the meet.

The team swam hard, with every ounce of energy they had. Cohasset swimmers broke four all-time league records, and the 12-and-under boys teams were undefeated in every event, and broke meet records in the medley and freestyle relays. The 10-and-under boys team also broke the medley relay record.

Hats off to Cohasset's 1997 South Shore Swim League Champions!

Boys: Reed Dickenson, Alexander Hunt, Corey Faber, Jon McCarthy, Nick Zappolo, Teddie Straughn, Parker Berg, Jake Previte, Willie McCarthy, Zach Etkind, Alex Berg, David Crowley-Buck, Scott Faber, Rob Lehr, Bryan Bilton, Jeff Schneider, Christopher Golden, John Crowley-Buck, Alex Etkind, Justin Golden, Derek Bugley, Mike O'Hart.

Girls: Lindsay Durkin, Megan Sacks, Mary Previte, Caren Garber, Alyssa Campbell, Ashley Faber, Rebecca Lehr, Callie Ernst, Casey Anderson, Amanda Barrow, Kate O'Brien, Taylor O'Brien, Courtney MacDonald, Anna Roche, Emily Simmons, Yasmine Afshar, Gemma O'Brien, Hilary Habershaw, Allison Berg, Cara Foley, Maura Duffy, Jen Chastain, Sarah Harkness.

Following are Cohasset's results in each event:

100-yard Medley Relay:
8-and-under, Boys-first, Girls-second; 10-and under, Boys-first (League Record 1:14.95), Girls-fifth; 12-and-under, Boys-first (League Record 1:01.98), Girls-third.

200-yard Medley Relay:
17-and-under, Boys-first, Girls-second.

50-yard Free Style:
10-and-under, Teddie Straughn-third, Becca Lehr-fifth.

100-yard IM:
12-and-under, Alex Berg-first, Kate O'Brien-first (League Record: 1:07.01); 14-and-under, Jeff Schneider-first, Hillary Habershaw-second; 17-and-under, Justin Golden-third, Allison Berg-third.

25-yard Free Style:
8-and-under, Nick Zappollo, Lindsay Durkin-third; 10-and-under, Jake Previte-second, Ashley Faber-second.

50-yard Free Style:
12-and-under, Scott Faber-first, Courtney MacDonald-fifth; 14-and-under, Chris Golden-first, Gemma O'Brien-first; 17-and-under, Derek Bugley-first, Maura Duffy-seventh.

25-yard Butterfly:
8-and-under, Reed Dickenson-fourth, Alyssa Campbell-fourth; 10-and-under, Parker Berg-third, Becca Lehr-fourth; 12-and-under, Rob Lehr-first, Courtney MacDonald-sixth.

50-yard Butterfly:
14-and-under, Alex Etkind-second, Hillary Habershaw-second; 17-and-under, Justin Golden, Allison Berg-third.

25-yard Breaststroke:
8-and-under, Corey Faber-fifth, Lindsay Durkin-first; 10-and-under, Parker Berg-first, Casey Anderson-second.

50-yard Breaststroke:
12-and-under, David Crowley-Buck-first, Yazzi Afshar-fourth; 14-and-under, John Crowley-Buck-third, Cara Foley-seventh; 17-and-under, Mike O'Hart-third, Jen Chastain-sixth.

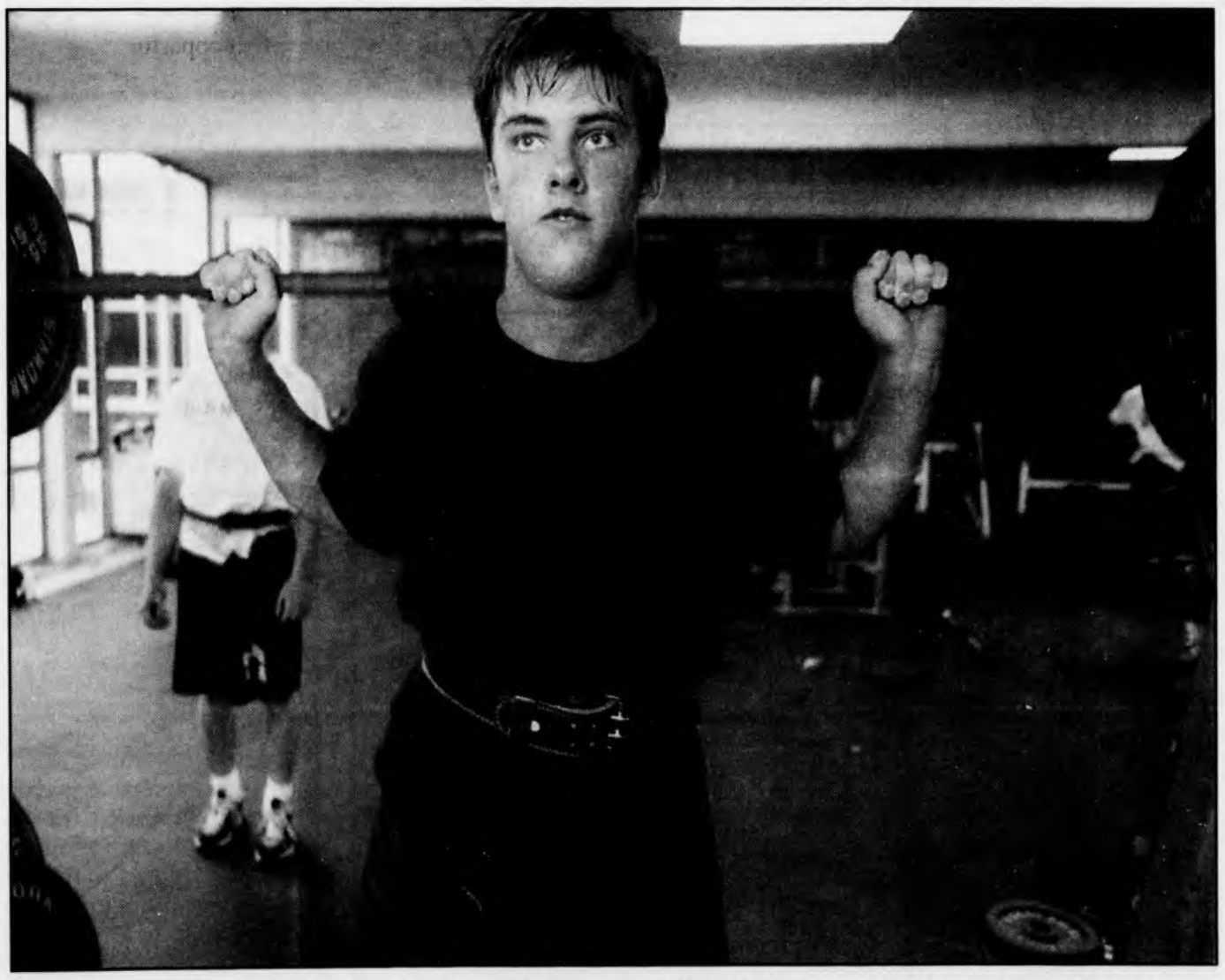
25-yard Backstroke:
8-and-under, Alexander Hunt-second, Caren Garber-second; 10-and-under, Willie McCarthy-first, Amanda Burrow.

50-yard Backstroke:
12-and-under, Alex Berg-first, Kate O'Brien-first (League Record 30:67); 14-and-under, Jeff Schneider-first, Gemma O'Brien-first; 17-and-under, Derek Bugley-first, Maura Duffy-second.

100-yard Relay: (Cohasset Team Results)
8-and-under, Boys-second, Girls-third; 10-and-under, Boys-first, Girls-fifth; 12-and-under, Boys-first (League Record 55:20), Girls-fourth.

200-yard Relay:
17-and-under, Boys second, Girls-first.

Football cross-training



John Kasameyer puts in his time in the weight room during the first week of football practice. The team went into double sessions this week in preparation for the annual football jamboree on Sept. 5.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Youth sports make way onto the information highway

Weymouth company puts Little League on the Net

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

The more things change, the more they stay the same

South Shore businessman David Jackson says that when he was a kid growing up in Stoughton he used to find out about the latest Little League standings and who made the All-Star team the same way everyone else did: by reading the crumpled piece of paper attached to the concession stand at the field.

More than twenty years later, Jackson, now 34, attended a youth baseball game and saw a vision from his past: kids huddled around the corner of a concession stand reading a piece of paper filled with league standings and other important information.

Thus was born an inspiration: Little League news and notes on the Internet posted by New England Youth Sports, a Weymouth business venture of Jackson and partner Rob Connella.

"Technology has allowed us to communicate so much

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Youth sports on the information highway

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better than when I was a kid, so it only seemed natural that something like this be available on the Internet," explained Jackson, a Stoughton native who put in web site into full action only three months ago. "The response has already been great from both the leagues as well as advertisers who want to be part of this web page."

Because of those advertisers, the company is able to keep the web page free to any youth league who wants to take part in the program.

Offerings on the page, which Jackson said will be developed along the lines of an Internet magazine, include league standings, game schedules, a listing of league officials and coaches as well as other news and notes that the league may want to publicize.

As well, the leagues are offered a space for a newsletter.

"That may be the most important part of all this," said Jackson. "The newsletter is straight from the league itself and it is their own voice where they can talk straight to their own people."

As with anyone who decides to put anything out for public consumption on the Internet, Jackson said his company has taken the needed steps to ensure the integrity of their product.

The site is "password protected" according to Jackson, meaning that the leagues themselves will not be posting anything onto their web page. Instead, all of the material will first be screened by New England Youth Sports officials and then posted by them.

As well, Jackson said the page will not include individual statistics such as the leaders in batting averages or home runs. "We don't want to discourage kids," explained Jackson of those omissions.

On the other hand, Jackson said if a league wanted to mention an accomplishment or an outstanding player in their newsletter he saw no problem with that.

To be included in the magazine as well will be columns from a nutritionist, a sports psychologist and another writer who will give tips to high school athletes about what college scouts are looking for in recruits as well as ways to improve their game.

According to Jackson, both advertisers and the sports leagues have quickly taken a liking to this project. Advertisers find the web site part intriguing because of the ability to target potentially profitable markets with children as well as their parents.

"With the exception of alcohol and tobacco companies, almost everything has a fit on this web site," said Jackson. "Clothes, soft drinks or anything else related to sports. It's a great chance to tap into a large and diverse mar[illegible]"

Jackson said that 55 towns in Massachusetts have made a commitment to the project and that the company would be expanding into the other New England states sometime in the near future.

The web site can be reached at www.neyouthsports.com. For more information on the service, call New England Youth Sports at 331-7898.

Cohasset Soccer Club registrations

The Cohasset Recreation Department and Soccer Club will conduct soccer registrations for boys and girls in grades K-6, on Saturday, Sept. 6, 9 to 11 a.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Registration includes both fall recreational soccer clinics and leagues and spring soccer leagues for boys and girls.

The fee for soccer is $55 for the first child, $45 for the second child, $40 for the third child and free for the fourth child registering from the same family. Checks should be made payable to "Cohasset Soccer Club."

A second check, also payable to Cohasset Soccer Club for $40 will be held for the uniform deposit. Please make certain you have two checks with you for soccer registration on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Fall soccer is scheduled to begin on Saturday, Sept. 20, 1997.

News from the Jade Forest

On Monday, Sept. 15, Jade Forest will resume its popular Drop In Tai Chi class. Appropriate for beginners, this class will meet every Monday, 7 to 8 p.m. Drop In fee is just $10. Jade Forest is also enrolling children, juniors and adults for its fall programs.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, John Loupos, owner of Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi, will teach a workshop in Taoist meditation and Chi Kung from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants will learn how to guide Chi (life force energy) through the body's acupuncture meridians, as well as how to use Chi Kung breathing and postures for improved health and well being.

Appropriate for beginners, the fee for the workshop will be $115, less a $20 discount for prepay.

Please call (617) 383-6822 for further information.

Major league try-out information

Try-outs for the 1998 Major League (only) level will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Barnes Field ("The Little League Field"), North Main St., Cohasset. Rain date: Saturday, Oct. 4.

Times: 9-year-old - 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

10, 11, 12-year-old - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Applications sought for Little League coaches

By unanimous vote of the Cohasset Youth Baseball Associations' (CYBA) Board of Directors, all current and prospective candidates for the positions referenced above, relative to the upcoming 1998 season, must complete, in a timely fashion, a newly created formal "Application" form before they can be considered to be eligible for the respective appointment as either Manager or Coach.

All 1997 CYBA program managers and coaches will have mailed, directly to their home address, one copy of this required "Application."

All other individuals who have a sincere interest or untapped desire of also and equally being considered for the position of a CYBA Manager/Coach during the upcoming 1998 season, should call (617) 740-2020 (Hingham) and request a form be mailed, or fax your name and address to 740-4420 (Hingham) and a form will follow, or pick up a copy at the Cohasset Recreation Department, Town Hall, Cohasset, during their normal operating hours.

All applications pertaining to a Major League position must be in the possession of the CYBA no later than Friday, Sept. 12. (Absolutely NO exceptions. The completed forms should be mailed to: CYBA, PO Box 121, Cohasset, MA 02025-0121.

Applications for the Farm and or Minor League level must be submitted to the stated address by Friday, Oct. 3. Failure to adhere to this prescribed timetable will exclude any applicant from consideration, at this time.

The CYBA is genuinely soliciting a response to this open solicitation from all aspects of our community. So, if you have any level of interest in working with our Cohasset youth enrolled in the CYBA Little League base ball program, we urge you to apply.

10K road race, 10K walk and 1K fun run is Oct. 5

T.K. O'Malley's and S.H.O.R.E. (Scituate High Opportunities and Resources for Education) invite you to participate in a 10K road race, a 10K walk, and 1K fun run for kids (14 and under). The race benefits the Scituate High School Students' Co-curriculum (fund-raising managed by S.H.O.R.E.). The race is sanctioned by the USATF-NE.

The date is Sunday, Oct. 5. 10K Road Race begins at 1 p.m.; Walk begins at 8:30 a.m.; 1K Fun Run begins at 11:30 a.m.; at Scituate Common, Scituate.

For the runners' divisions: Prizes to top three male and female finishers, 10K runners in each of the following categories: 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over. (Great merchandise prizes as well as refreshments will be available.

1K Kids' divisions: Ribbons and refreshments for all entries.

Pre-registration is by Sept. 20.

The 10K pre-registration fee is $12. ($15 fee registering on race day). Check-in is at Gates Middle School Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon).

The Walker pre-registration fee is $7 (with T-shirt: $12). Check-in is at Scituate Lighthouse, Sunday, 8 to 8:30 a.m.

The 1K Fun Run pre-registration fee is $5 (with T-shirt $12). The check-in is at Central Field, Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Long-sleeve T-shirts are guaranteed for the first 300 10K registrants/runners. T-shirts are for sale on race day for $12 (if available).

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Following the race, rally will be held at T.K. O'Malley's Sports Cafe (Front St., Scituate Harbor).

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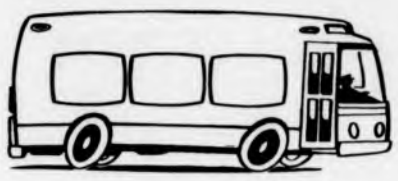
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Route starts at approximately 7:45 a.m. Gammons Rd. at Jerusalem; Fernway; 306 North Main St.; 347-348 No. Main St. inc. Rocky Lane; Cedar Acres; Heather Drive, turn around; 30 Forest Ave.; 49 Hull St.; Lamberts Lane at Hull; 81 Hull St.; 117 Hull St.; 173 Hull St.; 790 Jerusalem Rd.; 730-732 Jerusalem Rd.; Howe Rd.; 685 Jerusalem Rd.; Windy Hill; 579-580 Jerusalem Rd.; 348 Forest Ave.; Surrey Drive, turn around; Old Coach; 263 Forest Ave.; Linden Drive at circle inc. Rustic; Rust Way at Jerusalem; Jerusalem Rd. Drive; 268 Jerusalem Rd.; 32 Nichols Rd.; Howard Gleason at Atlantic; Elm Court at Elm; 42 Sohier St.; 79 Sohier St.; 164 Sohier St.; Fairoaks Lane.

KINDERGARTEN P.M.

Route starts at approximately 11:15 a.m. Whitney Woods at King St.; 274 King St.; 241 Pond St.; 321 Beechwood St.; 362 and 368 Beechwood St.; 472 Beechwood St.; 471 Beechwood St.; Doane St. at Beechwood; 439 Beechwood St.; 46 Church St.; 13 Church St.; Aaron River Rd.; Hillside Drive at Beechwood; 10 Woodway; 3 Ledgewood Drive; 23 Ledgeway at Brewster; 101 Beechwood St.; 12 Talarico Lane at Beechwood; 5 Norman Todd Lane at Beechwood; 392 South Main St.; 184 South Main St.; Westgate Lane at South Main; 17 Summer St.; 69 Summer St.; 23 Border St.; 9 Parker Ave.; 4 Otis Ave. at Border; 31 Border St.; 51 Hill St.; 90 Old Pasture Rd.; 64 Old Pasture Rd.; 4 Evergreen Lane; 15 Juniper Rise; 32 Old Pasture Rd.; 4 Tupelo Rd.; 10 Arrowwood St. at Clayspring; 20 Bayberry at Clayspring; 241 Pond St.; 164 Pond St.; Bancroft Rd. at Pond St; Holly Lane at Pond; Virginia Lane at Pond St.; Lantern Lane at Pond St.; Norfolk at Cushing; James Lane at Cushing.

BUS #1
A.M.

Route starts at approximately 8:15 a.m. 106 Beechwood and Hammond Ave.; Norman Todd; South Main St.; Summer St.; Border St.; Parker Ave. and Border St.; Elm St.; North Main St.

P.M.

154 North Main St.; North Main St.; Cedar St.; Hull St. and all streets included; Jerusalem Rd.; Forest Ave.

BUS #2
A.M.

Route starts at approximately 8:15 a.m. North Main St.; Cedar St.; Hull St. and all streets included; Jerusalem Rd. and all streets included; 554 Jerusalem Rd.; Forest Ave. and all streets included.

P.M.

Note: Bus #1 returns bus #2 students home.

BUS #3
A.M.

Route starts a approximately 8:15 a.m. Whitney Woods and King St.; King St. to Pond St. at King St.; Lily Pond at King St.; King St. at Schofield; Beechwood St. to Bound Brook Lane; Riverview including Wheelwright; 475 Beechwood St.; Church St.; Doane St. to Flintlocke at Aaron River Rd.; Bates Lane at Doane St.; Hillside at Beechwood St.; 456 Beechwood St.; Mill Lane; 388 Beechwood St.; 244 Beechwood St.; Ledgewood at Brewster; 670 CJC Highway (3A); Mendel Rd. at CHC Highway.

P.M.

Whitney Woods Lane at King St.; King St. and all streets included; Beechwood St.; Church St.; Flintlock and Aaron River; Bates Lane; Beechwood St. and all streets included; Ledgewood and Brewster; CJC Highway (3A) and all streets included.

BUS #4
A.M.

Route starts at approximately 8:15 a.m. Pond St. and Buttonwood Lane; Woodland to Holly Lane; Bancroft to Virginia Lane to Lantern Lane including 35 Pond St.; Spring St. to Oak St.; Norfolk at Cushing including Oak, Hill and Short Sts.; Pleasant St. including Smith Place and James Lane; 9[illegible] Pleasant St. including 65-96; Reservoir Rd. to Old Pasture Lane including 42-90 Old Pasture; Evergreen at Old Pasture Lane including 10-14 Old Pasture; Arrowwood at Clayspring including Tupelo; Clayspring at Pond St. including Bayberry and 167-176 Pond St.; 14 Pleasant St. including 21 Pleasant St.

P.M.

Pond St. and Buttonwood Lane; Woodland to Holly Lane; Bancroft to Virginia Lane; Lantern Lane including 35 Pond St.; Spring St.; Summer St.; Border St. to Parker Ave.; So. Main St. at Paul Pratt Library.

BUS #5
A.M.

Route starts at approximately 8:15 am. Kimball's at Margin St.; Margin St. to Stockbridge; 22 Atlantic Ave. to 6 Nichols Rd. including 88-150 Nichols; 374-430 Atlantic Ave.; Linden Dr. to Jerusalem Rd.; Deep Run at Jerusalem including all of Jerusalem Rd. to Gammon Rd.; Regate Lane to 154 North Main St.

P.M.

Elm St.; Margin St. at Kimball's; Atlantic Ave. to Nichols Rd.; Atlantic Ave. to Linden Dr.; Jerusalem Rd. to Deep Run at Jerusalem including all of Jerusalem Rd.; Gammons Rd. to Redgate Lane.

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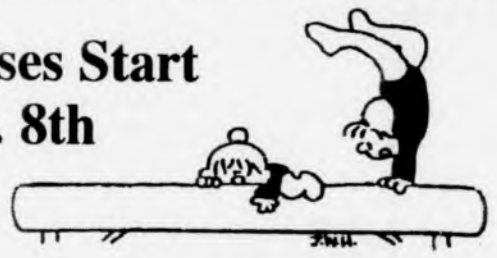
BUS #1

South Main at Beechwood; 175 Beechwood; Woolworth's; Hammond Ave.; Ledge Way; Beechwood at King St.; Bound Brook; Beechwood at Riverview; Beechwood Ball Park; Beechwood at Hillside; Beechwood at Mill Lane; Pine Ridge; 3A (670).

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BUS #3

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BUS #4

Clay Spring Rd. at Tupelo Rd.; Pleasant St. at Reservoir Rd.; Pleasant St. at Cushing Rd.; Cushing Rd. at Ash St.; Spring St. at South Main St.; Beach St. at Atlantic Ave.; Atlantic Ave. at Dean Rd.; Meadow Lane; Atlantic Ave. at Whitehead Rd.; Kimball's; St. Anthony's Church; Pond St. at Lantern Lane; Pond St. at Bancroft Rd.; 100 Pond St.

BUS #5

No. Main at Red Gate Lane; No. Main at Rosano Lane; Forest Ave. at Cedar Acres; Forest Ave. at Heather Dr.; Forest Ave. at Old Coach Rd.; Forest Ave. and Forest Notch; Jerusalem Rd. at Linden Dr.; Jerusalem Rd. at Deep Run; 262 Jerusalem Rd.; 356 Atlantic Ave.; 76 Nichols Rd.; Jerusalem Rd. at Nichols Rd.; Jerusalem Rd. at Red Gate Lane; Unitarian Church; Ripley Rd. at Tower Lane.

COHASSET MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

BUS #1

First stop 6:45 a.m. 245 South Main; South Main at Beechwood; Beechwood at Norman Todd; Woolworth's Parking Lot; Beechwood at King; King at Lily Pond Lane; 288 King St.

BUS #2

First stop 6:40 a.m. North Main at Cedar; 490 North Main St.; Hull at Cedar St.; Hull at Lambert's Lane; Hull at Grace Drive; Jerusalem at Howe Rd.; Jerusalem at Windy Hill Rd.; Forest at Forest Notch; Forest at Surrey Dr.; Forest at Heather Dr.; Forest at Cedar Acres Lane; King at North Main St.

BUS #3

First stop 6:45 a.m. Bound Brook Lane; 455 Beechwood; Beechwood Ball Park; 670 Chief Justice Hwy.

BUS #4

First stop 6:45 a.m. Summer at South Main; Kimballs Motel; 99 Atlantic Ave.; Atlantic at Beach St.; 88 Beach St.; North Main at Sohier St.; Osgood School; Sohier at Fair Oaks Lane.

BUS #5

First stop 6:40 a.m. North Main at Red Gate Lane; North Main at Rosano Lane; Jerusalem at Linden Dr.; Jerusalem at Deep Run; Jerusalem at Atlantic Ave.; Atlantic at Nichols Rd.; 76 Nichols Rd.; Nichols at Jerusalem; Jerusalem at Red Gate Lane; North Main at Green St.; Unitarian Church.

Osgood School registration

Registration for new students will be held daily to Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Birth certificates are required at time of registration if you were not a resident of Cohasset at the time of your child's birth.

The Osgood School manual, normally mailed to each student prior to school opening, will be sent home with each child the first day of school. Bus routes, usually included in this packet, will be published in the local newspapers.

Alpert appointed Enrichment Program director



Elizabeth Alpert

Alpert is both Elementary School Teacher and Office For Children certified and has worked in all aspects of the Cohasset Enrichment Program during the past three years. She anticipates an easy transition to the director's position. The Cohasset Enrichment Program consists of three separate programs which provides additional services to elementary school students and parents — the Breakfast Club, KEDs (Kindergarten Enriched Day Program), and After-School. Enrollment applications for September are currently being accepted at the Osgood Elementary School's enrichment classroom next to the gym. Questions about the program should be directed to Ms. Alpert at the Osgood School, 35 Ripley Rd., (617) 383-6860.

An open house is scheduled for Sept. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to register children for any and all programs. Alpert and the enrichment program staff look forward to meeting you.

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Stock splits: There's strength in numbers

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Wall Street analysts and finance professors have learned that one plus one doesn't always just equal two, at least not where stock splits are concerned. Stock splits are a signal to investors that a company is doing well and is expected to continue on a good course.

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As a result, when a company says it plans to split, it usually gets an enthusiastic response from investors, boosting the stock price immediately.

What most investors don't realize, however, is that split stocks often have an edge over comparable stocks that don't split - even long after the enthusiasm over the announcement has fizzled. So says a report entitled "What Do Stock Splits Really Signal?," authored by finance professors David Ikenberry, Graeme Rankine and Earl K. Stice. Shareholders not only get more shares as a result of a split, but a long-term increase in the stock's value as well--all for the price of one.

"A split is a seemingly cosmetic corporate event, yet the market reacts favorably to split announcements."

David Ikenberry
Rice University

"A split is a seemingly cosmetic corporate event, yet the market reacts favorably to split announcements," says Ikenberry of Rice University in Houston, TX. Split announcements usually push a stock up 3.4 percent, he says, before the news gets drowned out by other investor concerns.

What's more, a split helps the stock perform better than its peers over the following the three years thanks partly to investor psychology and partly to the fact that exceptional companies tend to do splits.

In fact, Ikenberry's study found that stocks that split in two (the most common type of split) return, on average, 15 percentage points more than comparable stocks over this period. The study looked at 1,275 stock splits on the New York and American stock exchanges between 1975 and 1990.

This finding may not come as a surprise to investors who have watched shares of Intel, Microsoft and Dell Computer soar after stock splits. Dell, for instance, has split four times in the last five years as it stock price blows past the $100 mark.

Judy Siegler of Chicago, IL, who acts as the Siegler family money manager, bought shares of Intel when it announced its two-for-one split back in January because she took "(the split) as a vote of confidence from the company." Intel's shares have jumped almost 30 percent since January 14, when it announced its split.

A stock split does indeed reflect a company's optimism for the future. Here's why: companies use stock splits to lower their stock's trading range, but they will only do it if they expect the stock to rise. Ikenberry knows of a Fortune 500 company, for example, whose board likes to keep its share price between $50 and $100. If the stock price goes much over that they begin talking about a doing a split.

Targeting a trading range can be important to a company's image. And it seems that a trading range helps woo a certain kind of shareholder. More expensive stocks, priced at $50 and over, are owned more by institutions, while less expensive stocks tend to be held by more individual investors, says Ikenberry.

Why? The average individual investor likes less expensive shares, because he can afford to buy them in 100-share increments called round lots. "One reason why companies do splits is to make (their stock) more attractive to retail customers who usually buy 100 or 200 shares," says Tony Howard, director of research at First Michigan Corp. And their preference for round lots can make financial sense; sometimes brokers charge extra for trades made in odd lots.

Therefore, when a stock moves to become a $80 stock from being a $170 stock, it may enter more investors' radar screens. In turn, increased buying by these investors can push up the stock price - responsible, in part, for the typical 3.4 percent jump in price after the announcement.

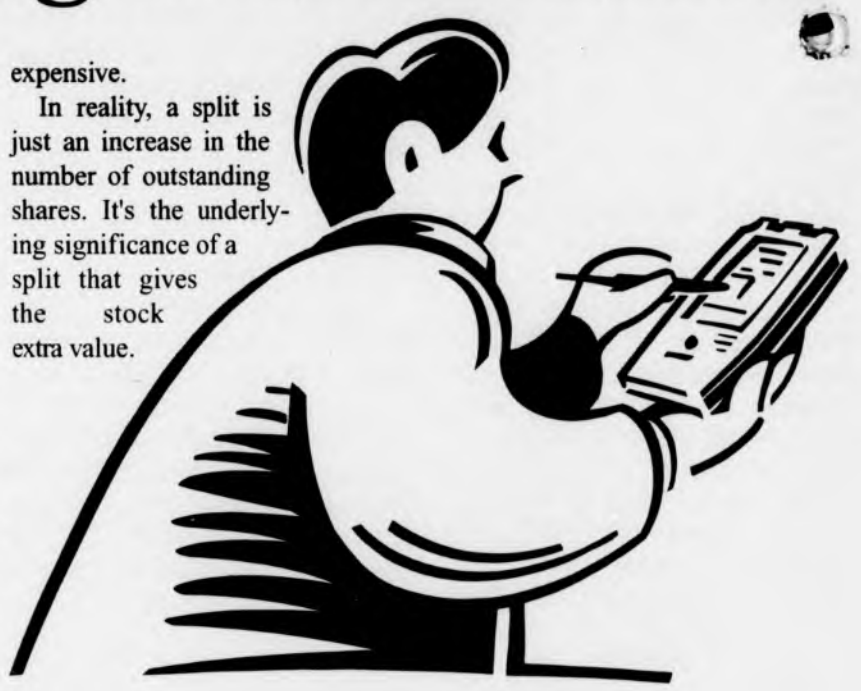
The other part of the split story is what happens after the honeymoon is over. In the first year after the split, the halved stock has returns of, on average, 8 percentage points more than that of comparable stock, according to Ikenberry's findings. Over the three years following the split, the stock performs, on average, 12 percentage points better than its peers.

The reason split stocks go on to do so well may be because strong and stable companies tend to do stock splits. Part of a company's decision to split (one that usually has to be approved by shareholders) is determining how the company's top executives see the company's future. Is there a chance of a labor strike? Is the business cycle slowing down? If something negative will pop up soon, there's a big possibility that the stock price will fall back into the target trading range on its own. Hence, no need for a split.

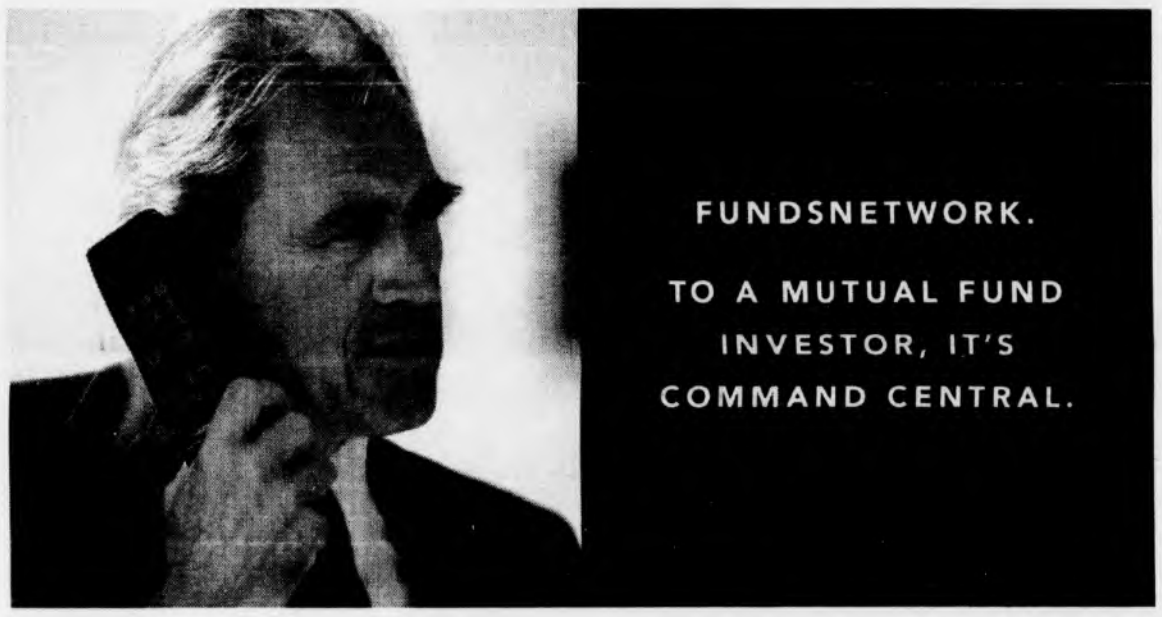
A bright future, on the other hand, would necessitate a split so that the stock didn't travel out of orbit. In this way, there is a kind of self-selection process in which, for the most part, only the fittest companies split. "Good firms tend to engage in splits," says Ikenberry. "Splits don't cause good things - they are indicative of good things."

Stock splits can be a two-pronged success. The fact of the split can attest to a company's Darwinian superiority. And the lower stock price can give it a psychological advantage - many investors make the assumption that lower-priced stocks have faster gains and that a $100 price tag means a stock is too expensive.

In reality, a split is just an increase in the number of outstanding shares. It's the underlying significance of a split that gives the stock extra value.



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HAPPENINGS

Community Center activities

The South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., will host a Celtic music and ice cream social from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14, to celebrate Grandparents Day.

Enjoy the sounds of traditional Celtic music and make a sundae with Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

Bring not only grandparents, but parents, aunts, uncles or friends to this intergenerational event.

Admission for adults is free, for children, $2. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the center. Space is limited and everyone needs a ticket for admission.

The event is sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Hingham Institution for Savings and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream of Hingham.

The community center is beginning its dance season with Donna Joyce Viau, directing for her seventh season.

Classes are offered in Creative Magic Dance, Dance Theatre, jazz and tap. Last season, excerpts from "West Side Story" and "Godspell" were performed. Students are involved in choreography development, creating inexpensive homemade costumes, designing and painting scenery.

Classes begin Sept. 9 for all levels.

For further information call 383-0088.

Bustin/McCloud perform at coffeehouse

The Coffeehouse Off the Square, located at the Old Ship Parish Hall, 107 Main St., presents Dillon Bustin performing original songs and singer/songwriter Heather McCloud, from 8 to 10:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20.

Tickets are $10 at the door and proceeds will benefit the Central American Medical Relief Fund.

The coffeehouse also provides an open microphone segment and refreshments are available.

For information, call Sue Krueger at (617) 545-2798.

Request program to end carillon series

Sally Slade Warner, carillonneur of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset, will play the final recital in the 73rd Annual Summer Carillon Recital Series on the 57-bell Cohasset carillon. The program will take place Sunday evening, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m., rain or shine. Featured will be requests submitted previously by listeners, as well as a selection of original carillon music, popular tunes, hymns, and transcriptions of works for other musical media.

For further information, telephone the church office at (617) 383-1083 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., or Sally Slade Warner at (508) 475-2599, or Mary Kennedy, assistant carillonneur, at (617) 383-9599.

Beach Volleyball is Friday!

Cohasset Teen Center is hosting its second annual Beach Volleyball night this Friday, Aug. 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Sandy Beach. All teenagers are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Cohasset Teen Center would like to thank all of the people that donated their time, space and supplies for our Teen Center Car Wash on Sunday, Aug. 24, including Peter Logan, Superior Truck Supply and Suburban of Braintree. We truly appreciate your support!

TV auditions being held

Kids Coastal Television (KCTV) is coming your way! Kerry Tondorf and Ilana Marks, both of Scituate, will produce and direct a mini-movie that will air on channels 3 and 53. The movie will be the final segment of an 11-week program which includes acting lessons for film, studio and location shooting, script writing, directing, lighting and editing.

The classes will be held twice per week, Sundays and one weekday, to be announced. The length of each class will be two hours. The price for the teaching program plus the movie-making is $280. Partial scholarships will be available.

Auditions will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14, at the First Parish Unitarian Church, 330 First Parish Rd., Scituate.

Nine- and 10-year-olds will be auditioned from 4 to 5 p.m.; 11- and 12-year-olds from 5 to 6 p.m.; 13- and 14-year-olds from 6 to 7 p.m.; and 15- and 16-year-olds from 7 to 8 p.m.

Interested children under the age of 9 will receive a mailing regarding the Junior Program. The cost of the Junior Program is $140. To be on the mailing list or for more information, please call the KCTV hotline at 545-8982.



Tom Anderson and Molly Flanagan make a cute couple at the teen dance with a beach theme last Friday. The dance was sponsored by the Drug & Alcohol Committee.

Fred Robertson photo

SENIOR SCENE/ Mary Londergan

Here comes September-and we have a wonderful fall menu to choose from!

Help-help-help. We are really in desperate need of volunteer drivers to be able to continue the driving van for our seniors—now that school has started, it would be wonderful if some Soccer moms could help us out. Just call the Senior Center at 383-9112. We would really appreciate any help we can get.

Our van provides monthly trips to South Shore Plaza and the Hanover Mall, also for Church services on Sunday.

Any Cohasset resident 60 years of age or older and anyone escorting an elderly person is eligible to ride the van. Call for your appointment. The best times are between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to allow us time for return trips. Vans are off the road by 3:30 p.m. and at least 48 hours notice before you need us is required.

KEEPWELL CLINICS FOR SEPTEMBER

Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N., Board of Health Nurse - Social Service League, Cohasset. Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center Luncheon. Friday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. at Harborview Seniors Housing.

"Anxiety Disorders" featuring Michael Jablon, Ed. D. Licensed Psychologist, clinical instructor in Psychology at Cambridge Hospital, Dept. of Psychiatry, Cambridge. Lightkeepers Residence, Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.. Open to the public at no charge. Refreshments will be served.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A design Public Hearing will be held by the Massachusetts Highway Department to discuss the proposed roadway improvements of Route 228 in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset. The project includes the portion of Route 228 from Route 53 at the Hingham and Norwell Town Line to the Hingham and Cohasset Town Line, and continuing north in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset to the Intersection of Hull Street (Route 228), Jerusalem Road and Rockland Street.

WHERE: Hingham Town Hall, Barnes Auditorium, 7 East Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 10, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed roadway improvement project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed roadway improvement project consists of milling the existing pavement and replacing the milled section with a new paved surface, reconstructing existing sidewalks, geometric improvements at critical intersecting streets along the corridor, establishment of a suitable cross section to provide a paved usable shoulder, drainage improvements, update of existing traffic control signals, and installation of new guardrail, signs and pavement markings, and other related work.

A secure right of way is required for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Hingham is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands within Hingham and the Town of Cohasset is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands within Cohasset. The Department's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at the hearing.

Written views received by the Department subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. The final receipt of these statements and exhibits will be ten (10) days after this Public Hearing.

Plans will be on display one half hour before the hearing with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project.

KEVIN J. SULLIVAN
COMMISSIONER
THOMAS F. BRODERICK, P.E.
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Boston, Massachusetts
8/28, 9/4/97

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NORFOLK DIVISION

DOCKET NO. 97P1769GM

NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR

To PRISCILLA ALBEE of PARTS UNKNOWN and LEE R. LENANE of COHASSET and to all persons interested in the estates of LEE R. LENANE in said County, minor. A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that DEBORAH J. CONSIDINE-ONEILL of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed Guardian of minor with custody without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon on September 17, 1997.

WITNESS, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this sixteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate
8/28/97

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POLICE LOG

Friday, Aug. 8

12:18 a.m., MV stop, King St.

12:49 a.m., suspicious auto, Mill Ln.

Arrested: Madej, John E., 5 Willow Circle, Scituate. DOB: 7/12/73. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor; failure to stop for a police officer while oper. MV; failure to stay within marked lanes.

1:14 a.m., disturbance gathering, King St.

1:51 a.m., suspicious auto, Pond St.

1:55 a.m., general services, Ledgewood Farms Dr.

2:07 a.m., vandalism, Beechwood St.

5:09 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.

5:44 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:01 a.m., MV stop, Red Gate Ln.

6:26 a.m., animal complaint, N. Main St.

6:29 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:36 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:42 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:47 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:50 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:58 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

7:07 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

7:16 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

7:39 a.m., property (lost), S. Main St.

7:46 a.m., animal complaint, Sohier St.

8:47 a.m., parking violation, area of 151 N. Main St.

9:05 a.m., MV accident, CJC Way at Beechwood St.

12:16 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

12:25 p.m., missing person, Sohier St.

4:00 p.m.., suspicious person, Deep Run.

4:45 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:27 p.m., notification, Ledgewood Dr.

7:19 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:41 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:00 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

8:16 p.m., suspicious person, Atlantic Ave.

8:39 p.m., general services, Jerusalem Rd.

8:47 p.m., MV stop, King St.

8:52 p.m., disturbance gathering, Government Island.

9:09 p.m., disturbance, Sohier St.

9:36 p.m., suspicious person, Main ST.

9:47 p.m., assist other agency, Hull PD.

10:03 p.m., disturbance gathering, Aaron River Rd.

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Future of former Webb-Norfolk site still in limbo

By Dave Rogers
CORRESPONDENT

Some Cohasset residents are beginning to eye the former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor site on Route 3A.

Glenn Pratt, of the town cemetery committee, said would like to see a well-coordinated town effort to utilize the 62-acre site as a multi-purpose parcel.

Mario Susi & Sons Construction bought the property, which sits across from Jonathan Livingston Plaza, in May 1995 for $1.3 million. The land, which is currently assessed at $1,895,600, has an estimated price-tag over $3 million. Susi & Sons could not be reached for comment.

Pratt thinks that it would provide ample room for a water tower, athletic fields and additional cemetery space.

Cemetery Committee Chairman Joseph Jerz recently said that perhaps the town could buy the entire property and then sell half to offset the cost.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he was unaware of any town efforts to purchase the parcel. Sullivan said the tract is too pricey to justify its entire purchase.

Wayne Sawchuk, who is developing a 62-unit assisted living center near the property as well as a 20 acre site for office use on 3A, said that he may be interested in the property when the price deflates.

"Undoubtedly they're going to sell it for more than they paid," said Sawchuk. "But that's a pretty hefty price."

Sawchuk said that with a residential variance from the town (the site is currently industrial) as well as a connection to town sewerage, the site could be a gold mine. Besides residential housing, Sawchuk said that a golf course would be possible.

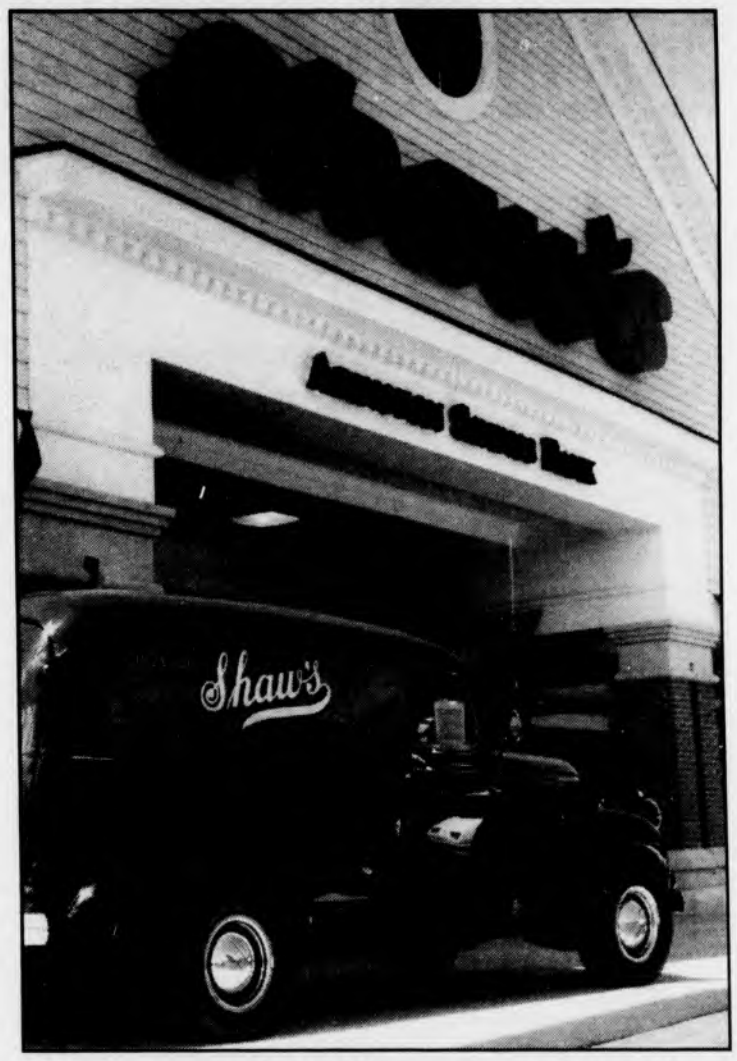
The site was formerly owned by the Jervis B. Webb Company, which for 30 years operated the Webb-Norfolk Conveyer plant, a company that produced motor-driven conveyers used by airports to move luggage and other industries to move product lines. Webb-Norfolk closed its doors in December 1994, laying off more than 50 employees and relocating others to its Michigan headquarters.

Part of the land may be taken by the town for the purpose of erecting a second $1.4 million town water tank, according to Water Commission Chairman Rob Kasameyer .

A second tank is needed in the town to increase fire-flow capacity town wide and to enable a tank to be taken off for periodic cleaning.

The Webb-Norfolk site is being considered because the original Bear Hill location raised aesthetics concerns with neighbors. Kasameyer, however, is wary of the land taking costs the town faces with Webb-Norfolk because they could be too high to justify choosing this site over Bear Hill.

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ADA compliance and the schools

The Cohasset School Committee is pleased to resume our monthly communication in the Mariner. In this first column of the new year, we will update you on a couple of issues that arose this summer.

The first issue was compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). The requirements of ADA for state and local governments became effective on January 26, 1992. In general, ADA prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities and requires that state and local governments "ensure that individuals with disabilities are not excluded from services, programs, and activities because existing buildings are inaccessible." This requirement is called "program accessibility" and may be achieved in a number of ways. For example, an existing facility can be altered to make it accessible, or programs and services held in an inaccessible part of the facility can be moved to an area that is accessible.

Some questions were raised over the summer regarding accessibility at the Cohasset Middle-High School. While the school department has always worked to make its educational programs accessible, that facility, when look at in its entirety, is not a fully accessible building. In addition to use by our students and teachers, this building is an integral part of our community activities (meetings of the school committee, school council, town meetings), and must be made accessible for those uses as well.

Over the summer, work has been done to improve accessibility within the middle-high school. The entrance [illegible] jacent to the auditoriun [illegible] being improved to comply with the width standards of the ADA, the walkway is being lengthened to achieve an appropriate slope, rails have been added to the interior ramp, four restrooms are now fully handicap accessible and additional signage has been added to parking spaces. In early September, with the help of the Massachusetts Office on Disability and our local Disabilities Commission, the school department will conduct a self evaluation and develop a transition plan for making the building fully accessible, as required by the ADA.

The second issue relates to school buses. Two vans used to transport handicapped children came up short during a July State Police inspection. Because we are committed to providing safe and reliable transportation for our students, we believe that failed inspections are unacceptable. A more rigorous system of accountability, aimed at improving several areas of bus management and driver supervision, is being implemented. These areas will be monitored by the superintendent and school committee. All school buses passed inspection as of August 21.

If you have questions or comments regarding the above or any other issues or a topic you would like addressed in this column, please call the superintendent or any of the school committee members. This column will appear on the last Thursday of each month throughout the school year.

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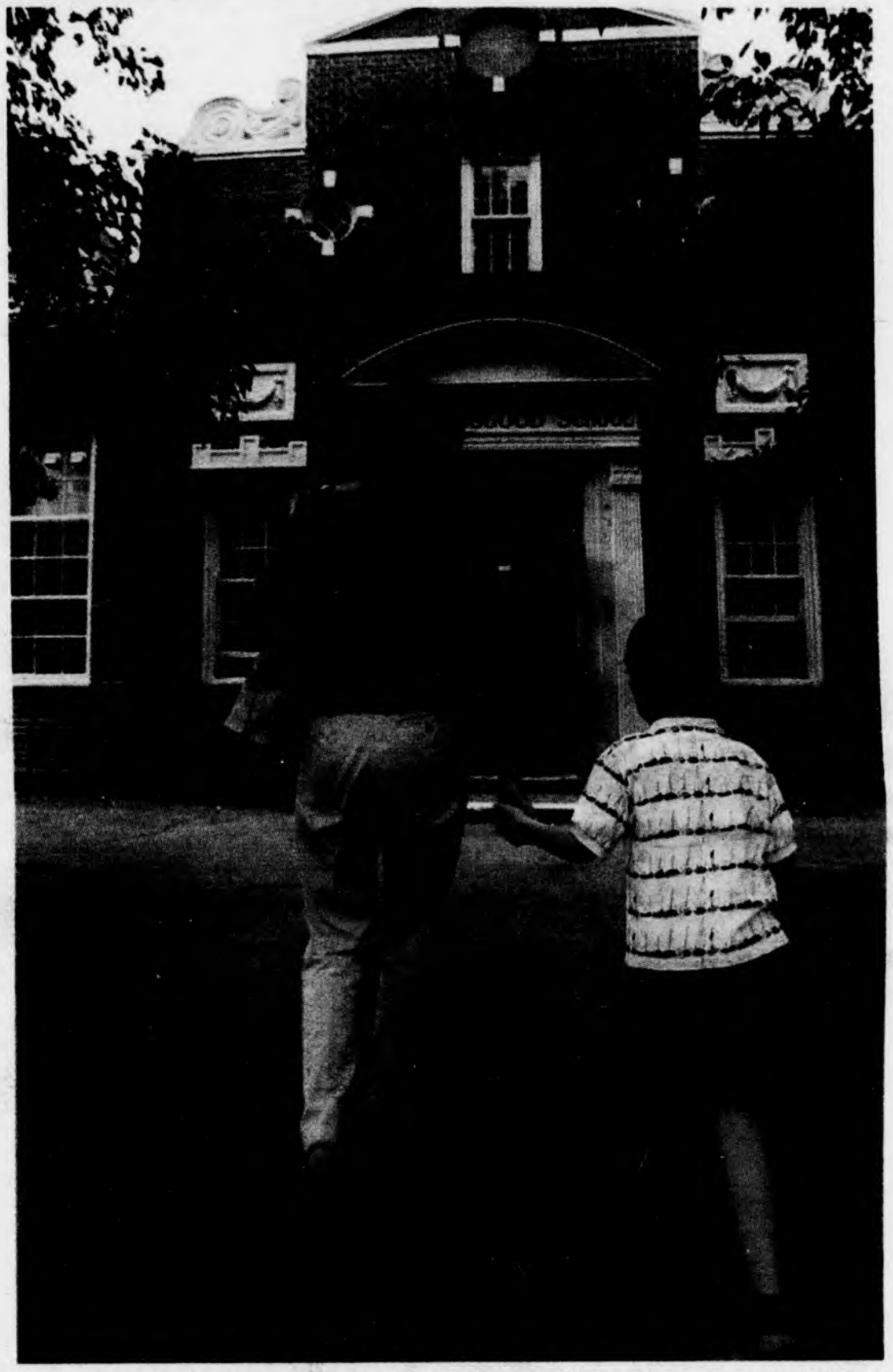
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More detail sought in Lobster Lab bid

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

It's still not clear if the non-profit Lightkeepers Corporation will be able to lease the Hagerty building on Parker Avenue from the town to develop a "Lobster Lab" there.

Most selectmen made it clear Monday that their problems with the proposal go well beyond limited parking at the site.

"Why should we be put in a position to sign off on something, when we don't really know what you're going to do and how you'll do it," Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said. "We have no idea what the audience is for this. There's a lot of comment but not a lot of substance (in the proposal)."

The now dilapidated Victorian house, which contained the former offices and showroom of Cohasset Colonials, a furniture kit manufacturing company, has been empty for more than four years. At the time, with the backing of town meeting — which agreed that the 2.2 acre waterfront site should benefit all residents — the town bought the property for $475,000. The Hagerty Property Committee continues to work on plans to develop a park there. (Cohasset Colonials subsequently relocated to Hingham).

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Teen dance hall plan gets the go-ahead

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The old highway garage in the town parking lot took a step closer to a total metamorphosis Monday.

To the delight of the drug and alcohol committee, selectmen endorsed the concept of turning the building into a teen dance hall.

"It's a good proposal, I'd like to see it go forward," Selectman Merle Brown said.

Tony Bramblett and Jami Butman, who are the two teenagers on the drug and alcohol committee, are the prime movers behind the proposal.

Monday, they got what they were looking for — the okay to keep the momentum going.

The next step is to present selectmen with a proposal containing more detail including a timetable for improvements and how the money would be raised. Organizers will also talk with the sewer commission about hooking the building up to the sewer system.

As Selectman Nan Roth pointed out, it wouldn't be possible to have a dance hall without a bathroom.

The proposal said the building would be transformed into a teen club where one dance would be held per week for grades seven through 12. Other activities will also be planned.

Teens who enjoy politics and debating may find themselves on the board, playing a key role in

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100 years of history

Greek Church celebrates consecration this weekend

By Mary Sheppard Earon
CORRESPONDENT

It is said, 'God works in a mysterious fashion.'

It was the accidental drowning of a young 18-year old boy more than 100 years ago that became the first in a series of events leading to the ceremony and celebration this weekend, Sept. 5 to 8, of the Greek Orthodox parish as they consecrate, or "baptize" the beautiful stone church at 811 Jerusalem Rd. in the name of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Panagia. The consecration represents that the building will be a permanent place of worship for those who practice the Greek Orthodox religion.

"The consecration is a formal service that is conducted in the history of each Greek church. Any structure can be a house of worship, but in order for it to be formalized, you must have a consecration service. It is similar to the Christian belief that in order to be a Christian, you must be baptized," said Father John G. Maheras, pastor of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Panagia Greek Orthodox Church.

Every Greek church is named after a saint or an event from the life of Christ or the Virgin Mary. Panagia is a name given

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Brush chipping is slated

Brush chipping at the RTF will be conducted from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13. No logs under four feet long will be accepted, Selectman Merle Brown said.

Surveys on smoking mailed

Town Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative is sending smoking surveys out this week to a sampling of Cohasset residences.

The survey asks local citizens for their feelings about smoke-free restaurants.

Godzik requests that residents who receive the survey complete and return them promptly.

Drug & Alcohol board meetings

The town's drug and alcohol committee will begin holding regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at town hall at 7:30 p.m.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark at 383-9900 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

EEE packets available

Packets containing basic information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and general measures for mosquito control are available at three Cohasset sites: Town Hall (in a receptacle mounted on the large billboard), the Community Center, and the Paul Pratt Library.

This information has been provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Audubon Society, and the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee (CMCC). For further information call 383-9900, ext. 121, or leave a note in the CMCC mailbox in town hall.

Citizens needed for town boards

There are two vacancies on the mosquito control committee; four on the sidewalk study committee and six on the town history committee which compiling information for the third volume of the town's history. Any citizens interested in serving on these boards should call the selectmen's office at 383-9900.

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Mon. 8	3:58	9.1	10:04	4:15	9.6	10:36
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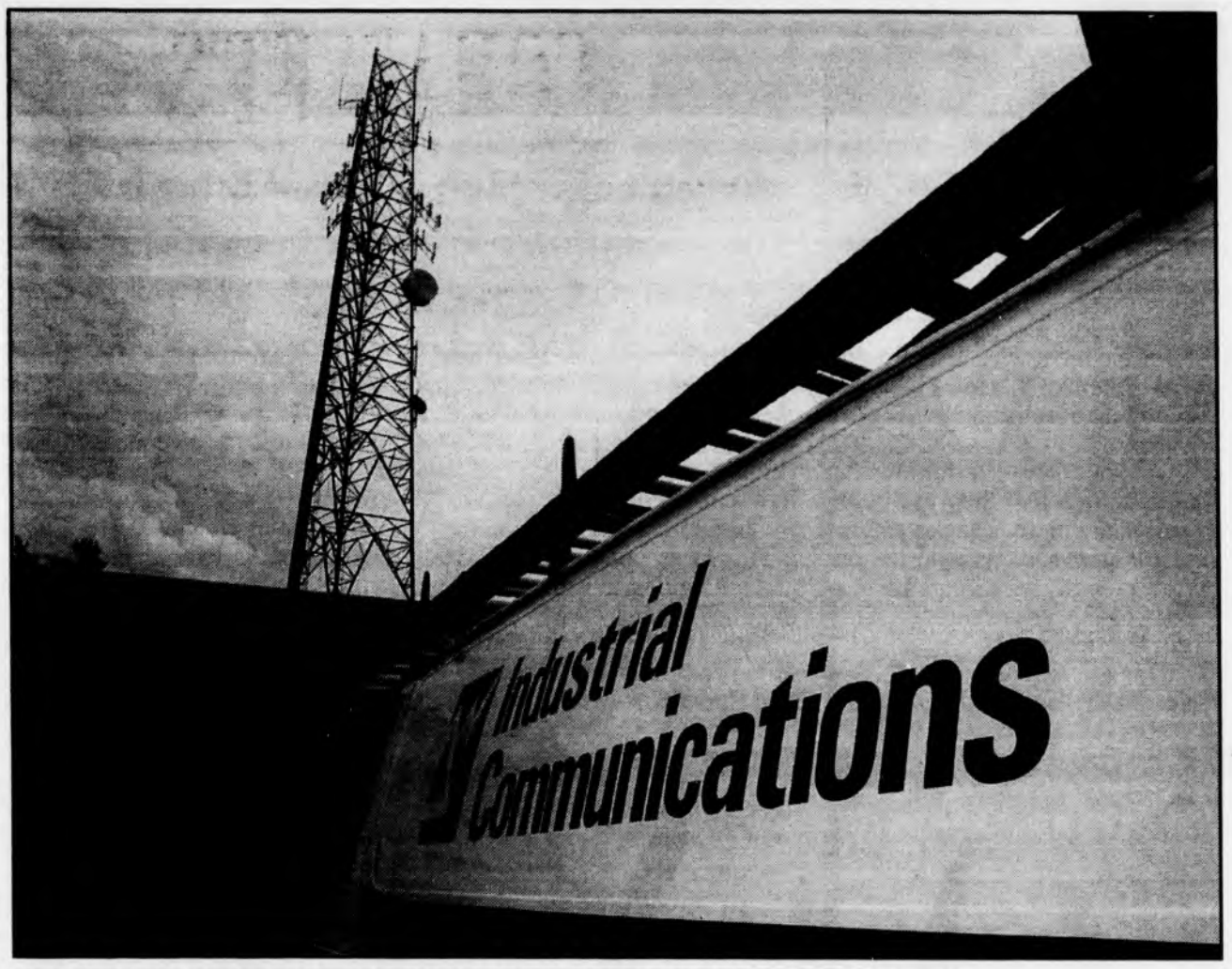
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A cellular phone tower looms over Industrial Communications in Marshfield.

Staff photo/ Alan Chapman

Causing static

Towns struggle with demand for communications towers

Norwell tried a creative approach, at first approving but later rejecting a plan by AT&T to donate $100,000 for lights at the high school football field in exchange for use of the light poles for antennas.

By David Tibbetts
STAFF WRITER

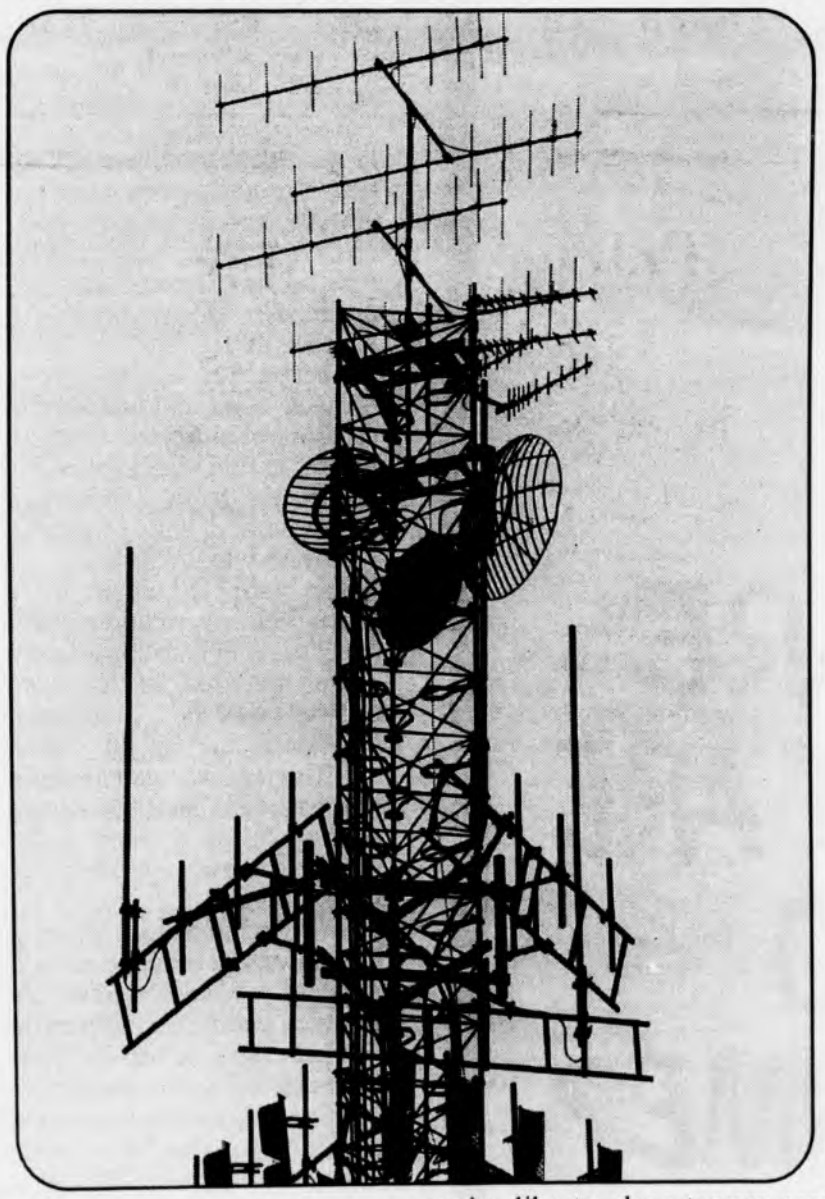
Few people complain about the benefits of cellular telephones. Portable phones have re-defined the way Americans work, live, and communicate.

Employers can instantly access employees traveling on business. Parents can call in late for a pediatrician's appointment while sitting in a traffic jam. Husbands and wives can make dinner plans from bus stops miles apart.

But the convenience and freedom that comes with wireless communication has come with an unexpected and unsightly price: communications towers, antennas, concrete equipment sheds and chain-link fences. And many people are complaining about these necessary but unwelcome structures.

Several communities on the South Shore have been inundated with requests from wireless service providers to install towers and antennas, while towns just 15 or 20 miles away have received few requests.

Building Inspector Douglas Jeffrey said Rockland has received no requests for new towers since the Telecommunications Act went into



effect (see sidebar). Rockland has received just a few requests to place new antennas on existing towers and one request to use the top of the town's water tower on Rice Ave.

Jeffrey said NYNEX received permission to place an array of six antennas on an existing tower at 55 Accord Park on the Norwell line.

The situation is very different in Canton, however. Portions of four major highways— Route 95, Route 93, Route 128 and Route 24— run through the town.

Wireless communications companies like to place towers near highways so callers can continue talking while traveling long distances.

Canton has received a flood of requests from companies seeking to build new towers or to add antennas to existing towers. Uncertain about what to do, town officials have decided to appease communications companies and offer one municipal property for a communications tower.

Selectmen recently issued a request for proposals (RFP) asking interested companies to submit antenna proposals for a town-owned site at the Ponkapoag School on Route 138.

Meanwhile, the local zoning board, backed by the town's 40-foot height restriction, has rejected every tower proposal submitted in the last decade.

In contrast to Canton, Marshfield has tried to embrace wireless communications and associated equipment.

Officials from the zoning board, planning board, conservation commission and selectmen have endorsed a plan allowing wireless service providers access to town-owned land for towers and antennas.

Town officials approved a plan to hire a consultant so Marshfield could collect the most money for leasing public land while controlling the locations of towers and antennas.

Norwell tried a creative approach, at first approving but later rejecting a plan by AT&T to donate $100,000 for lights at the high school football field in exchange for use of the light poles for antennas.

Town officials determined that the proposal would have to go out to bid because AT&T wanted a long-term lease. State laws require towns to obtain bids when leasing town-owned land for 20-years or more.

In Cohasset, members of the zoning board have been fairly open to antenna and tower proposals while expressing concern over the large number of requests.

"We take each application on its own merits," zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said recently. "But I don't want to allow Cohasset to look like a pin cushion," he added.

Sprint Spectrum LP submitted a proposal last June to build a new lattice-type antenna on a new 123-foot-high tower on Route 3A, but withdrew the application at the last minute when the zoning board appeared ready to reject the plan.

Sprint re-submitted its proposal with a single, mono-pole design. The zoning board has not yet reached a decision on the newest design.

Many factors determine where companies will seek to place wireless telecommunications equipment and how many towers are required. Six different communications companies have expressed interest in installing antennas in Canton: AT&T Wireless Services, Sprint PCS, Cellular One, Nextel, Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Mobile Communications, Omnipoint Communications.

AT&T representatives have told town officials in Norwell that they may need 10 towers just in that community to provide adequate service.

Preparing for onslaught

The persistence with which companies seek new towers and antennas has local communities preparing for the onslaught of requests with accurate research and strong zoning regulations.

Telecommunications companies, eager to begin earning profits with their licenses, say they are just responding to the needs of the market.

"This is a consumer-driven process," said Jim Aber, director of northeast operations for Sprint. "We're not building towers and antennas because we have extra money laying around. Consumers want better and cleaner service, and that's what we're trying to deliver."

Currently, more than 40 million Americans use some form of wireless communication, and analysts expect that number to soar to 100 million users by the year 2000.

Technology has also improved drastically during the past several years. Portable, wireless telephones have evolved from clunky, walkie-talkie-like monstrosities into lightweight hand units as small as pocket calculators.

Aber said three factors are behind the proliferation of antenna construction requests on the South Shore: population density, topography and new technologies.

A cellular telephone works on a radio signal, which travels in a straight line but cannot travel over or around objects. If a radio signal hits a hill, it will be deflected in the direction of the hill's plane.

Aber said it is useful to picture a radio signal as something that travels along a line of vision. You can't see over or around a hill, and a radio signal can't travel over or around a hill.

The craggy, hilly terrain of Northeastern Massachusetts requires more antennas than a flat plain in Texas.

Aber said antennas in New England need to be erected every 2.5-5 miles apart for maximum signal coverage. In the plains of Texas, antennas can be placed every 10 miles apart.

Population density also dictates how far apart antennas must be placed, because each antenna and

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Act promotes competition, drive to erect more towers

The real push to erect new communications towers began last year when President Clinton signed into law the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to promote competition among telecommunications' companies.

The Telecommunications Act expanded the number of licenses available to companies to provide nationwide cellular telephone service.

Prior to the 1996, the federal government allowed only two providers to compete in several regional markets across the country.

The Telecommunications Act doubled the number of providers permitted in any one market region from two to four. That number is expected to double again to eight providers per market in the near future.

Telecommunications companies spent billions of dollars purchasing the licenses from the Federal Communications Commission with hopes of reaping billions more in profit.

The FCC generally sells the licenses at auctions. The federal government has earned more than $20 billion from the auctions as some companies have paid in excess of $500 million for a single license.

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equipment shed can handle only so many calls. In a moderately populated area, antennas can be up to five-miles apart because of the relatively low number of callers.

In a densely populated metropolis like New York City, antennas must be placed on buildings every two blocks apart because millions of potential callers live in the city.

Many wireless service providers are also interested in switching over to new technologies which may also require new equipment.

Several companies are trying to upgrade their service from analog signals to digital signals. Analog signals are not as clear as digital signals, and are also prone to theft from thieves with special equipment. Digital signals cannot be stolen.

"The difference between analog and digital is like the difference between a phonograph record and a compact disc," Aber said. "Also, so many people have cellular phones that the analog channels are becoming clogged. Digital has better capacity."

Technology at a cost

But digital service also requires more antennas placed closer together than cellular service requires.

Aber said Sprint is aware that communities feel they are being inundated with requests or singled out for antennas. He said the demand is huge and telecommunications companies are scrambling to meet that demand.

"This is a mobile society," Aber said. "We're not singling out any one community. Cohasset and Canton are a very nice towns, but people travel highways in those locations and they want to be able to use their cellular phones."

The Telecommunications Act prohibits towns from enacting outright bans on towers and antennas, and forces towns to respond to requests in a reasonable timeframe.

Many communications companies are open to using public land and existing structure for antennas rather than getting locked into time-consuming legal battles.

Companies want to construct networks as quickly as possible, and are willing to work with communities in some cases.

Aber said Sprint has tried to respond to community concerns. He said Sprint first tries to find existing structures for antennas: water towers, existing antennas, high buildings.

Building a new tower from scratch is always a last resort because they are so unpopular, Aber said.

He said many companies, including Sprint, have offered to disguise antennas as flagpoles, church steeples, even artificial trees.

But some towns that don't want towers have also used creative methods to reject proposals.

In Canton, an attorney for Cellular One of Westwood failed to convince the zoning board that the company should be able to place a new antenna on an existing tower without triggering zoning rules.

Cellular One was seeking a waiver from the town's 40-foot height limit to install a new antenna array 124-feet above the ground on an existing 150-foot antenna. The company also proposed a new 12-foot-by-29 foot equipment shed at the base of the antenna.

The proposal called for the antenna array and the shed to be connected by coaxial cable.

Cellular One's attorney, Louis Levine of D'Agostino, Levine and Gordon in Acton, said the antenna was needed to fill a gap in the company's wireless coverage in the area.

"We don't propose to build a new tower, but to affix a new antenna array below the existing array consistent with the town's bylaws," Levine said. "We only propose to put something on there which this board granted in 1984."

The zoning board approved the construction of the tower and the existing antenna array in 1984. Levine said that approval created a precedent for Cellular One to install the new array at a lower height.

"Can you operate that antenna without the equipment shed and the coaxial cable?" zoning board member James Fitzgerald asked. "I'm suggesting that your structure begins on the ground in the shed and is attached by a coaxial cable to an antenna 124-feet of the ground."

Levine also reminded the board that the Federal Communications Commission prevents municipalities from discriminating against telecommunications providers. Levine said the town could not deny antenna requests without good reason.

"We haven't discriminated against anyone," Carroll said. "We've denied everyone for the last 10 years. That's not discrimination."

Another approach gaining popularity with South Shore communities is requiring new antennas to provide capacity for more than one cellular provider. Aber said Sprint tries to build towers that can accommodate at least three competing providers.

Aber said as long as consumers demand more and better service, telecommunications companies will try to find ways to provide that service at a profit. And towns will be inundated with requests for communications antennas.

The National League of Cities (NLC) advises municipalities to enact tower bylaws consistent with community needs and use leverage allowed under the Telecommunications Act.

Cities and towns can require companies to share towers, use public property, maintain the property and remove obsolete equipment.

While communities cannot prohibit towers, it is not necessary for wireless providers to have towers in every community. Sometimes, adequate service can be derived from existing towers nearby.

Telecommunications companies are also aware that forcing a tower into a resistant community can create a great deal of public outrage and damage its reputation.

Citizens advisory groups can be formed to work cooperatively with local governments and wireless service companies so everyone's concerns are heard and understood.

NLC points out that towers and antennas are here to stay, and communities should find ways to proactively derive maximum advantages from wireless service providers.



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ZBA to consider five condos at Quonset hut site

By Dave Rogers
CORRESPONDENT

Noel Collins, owner of the Quonset huts buildings at 430 S. Main St., will go ahead with necessary sewerage revision and schematic plans to build five condominiums on his property.

The Quonset huts saga continued at an Aug. 27 zoning board meeting where, because the meeting was not formally advertised, Collins had an "informal discussion" with ZBA officials.

"We're not here to say, 'We don't want Noel here,'" said ZBA Chairman Mark DeGiacomo. "But the point is really that on a lot that is zoned for a single family house — we want to know what this thing will look like."

Collins, who has already gone through three expensive models of the proposed sight and extensive other planning documents, wanted to know if the board would consider five units before he went ahead and spent more money preparing another proposal.

The ZBA realized the hefty costs and agreed to consider a schematic proposal of five units at a Sept. 17 meeting.

Collins initially proposed tearing down the Quonset huts and building ten condominiums but the zoning board rejected his request in Nov. 1996, citing density concerns.

The ZBA subsequently offered four units but Collins said that would be a losing proposition.

The informality of the business meant that the eight or nine residents on-hand, who had endured two-hours of other zoning board affairs, were not able to vocally show their support for Collins.

Corrine Cahill, 413 S. Main St., said that she felt "encouraged" by the fact that the ZBA gave Collins a "ray of hope." Cahill, and the other residents in attendance, said they feel the Quonset huts are an eyesore and welcome Collins' effort to remove them.

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Selectmen want more detail in Lobster Lab bid

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Most of the factory buildings at the site have been removed. The public ramp is being used by boaters and the parking lot was used to store yacht club floats last winter. The antique boat house is leased to the Cohasset Maritime Institute, a non-profit educational organization, which heads an educational rowing program.

But under the town's stewardship, the house has fallen into disrepair. Hagerty committee chairman Al Moore said the committee has not been able to come up with a good use for the building other than tearing it down.

"Then you got this proposal from a group to do something positive," he said. "Town Meeting said 'don't tear the building down'

"So even if you disagree with the sum of the specifics, the risk to the town is so small and either way the town wins (if the lab succeeds or fails).

"It's not like three or four other projects are waiting in the wings. In the meantime, time is wasting and the weather is getting into the building," he said.

The condition of the building coupled with a concept which they endorse, prompted the Lightkeepers to team up with local biologist Kevin Ulmer to propose turning the harbor-front structure into a marine research facility open to area students.

While Lobster Lab proponents see the proposal as an opportunity to save a building and create an educational center in the process — at Monday's board meeting, most selectmen continued to be skeptical.

The Lightkeepers, which formed six years ago to refurbish the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island, point to town meeting's decisive approval of the concept last March as evidence that the town agrees with them. The organization seeks a similar town agreement which it has with the Lightkeepers residence: a10-year lease for $1 a year.

They said they are confident special town meeting will back them if necessary and have reserved space on the warrant just in case selectmen refuse to grant them a lease.

A majority of selectmen say the proposal, which includes expanding the size of the upper floors and renovating the entire building estimated to cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, is too ambitious. Money for the renovations would be raised privately.

After 90 minutes of rancorous debate, selectmen held off demanding another Request for Proposal, a lengthy process, and opted to ask the Lightkeepers to work with Town Manager Mark Haddad over the next two weeks to come to a meeting of the minds. What's at issue is how much information selectmen should have or have a right to know about the future of the project.

Selectmen Michael Sullivan, Nan Roth and Ronnie McMorris were highly critical of the proposal submitted by the Lightkeepers as being too vague and lacking sufficient detail.

For starters, they want information on who the Lightkeepers would get the money from, precise details on permitting, and information about the Lightkeepers' board.

Campbell and Ulmer said they have provided selectmen with pages of information but some specifics would have to wait until plans were underway.

"I can't reveal the names of people who give funds...but we have 60 proposals out to foundations," he said.

Selectman Diane Sullivan backs the proposal as is. Selectman Merle Brown, who is a member of the Lightkeepers, recused himself from the discussion.

Diane Sullivan said she could find no negative impact on the town by approving the proposal.

"The town left this in the hands of the board of selectmen to implement," she said. "There is no harm in letting it go forward to see if it flies"

Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Rd., said a majority of the board was being biased and claimed that the project was being held to a different standard than the Lightkeepers Residence was.

"Volunteers are willing to work to make this another jewel in our crown," she said. "What does the town have to lose?"

Teen dance hall plan

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the development and upkeep of the dance club, the proposal said.

It will also be open around exam times as an alternative study location.

A "mostly teen" board of directors would govern the club. At this time, it is not clear how the board would be selected.

Bramblett agreed to talk with Town Manager Mark Haddad to keep him abreast of the proposal's progress.

In a related matter, Selectman Diane Sullivan said the teen beach dance, sponsored by the drug and alcohol committee, held at town hall two weeks ago was a big success. She said about 75 teens attended.

"The decor was outstanding and the kids enjoyed themselves," she said. "They left town hall immaculate and behaved admirably."

She suggested the group plan a Halloween party.

"I think that's a good idea and I think the police department would like it too," she said.

Last Halloween, groups of unruly teens in the village attacked police officers with dozens of eggs.

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Name: Ilene Colwill

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Best vacation: Motorcycle trip through the Adirondack Mountains.

Best day of your life: The day my twin daughters were born.

Biggest worry: Getting my kids through college....successfully!

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite TV show: "The Nanny."

Favorite movie: "The Ten Commandments."

Favorite book: Anything by LaVerle Spencer.

Favorite junk food: Anything chocolate.

Most embarrassing moment: There are too many to mention!

Person you'd most like to meet: Leona Helmsley.

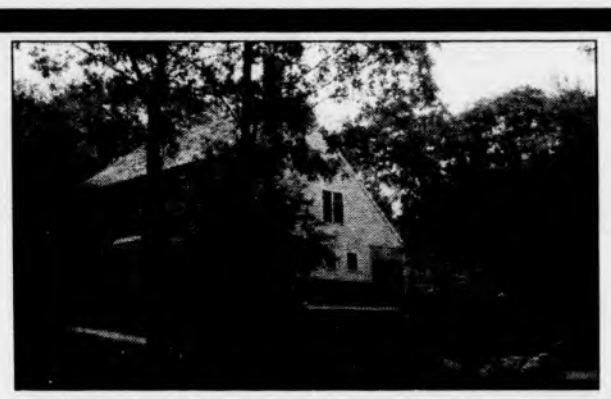
Pet peeve: Rude people.

Hingham Symphony auditions

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will hold auditions by appointment only for all sections of the orchestra on the following dates: Thursday, Sept. 4, 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 6, 2 to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 7, 2 to 9 p.m. Auditions will be held in the parlor (room next to the church office) of the First Parish Old Ship Church at 107 Main St. For an appointment, call coordinator Dee Caton at (617) 749-2998.



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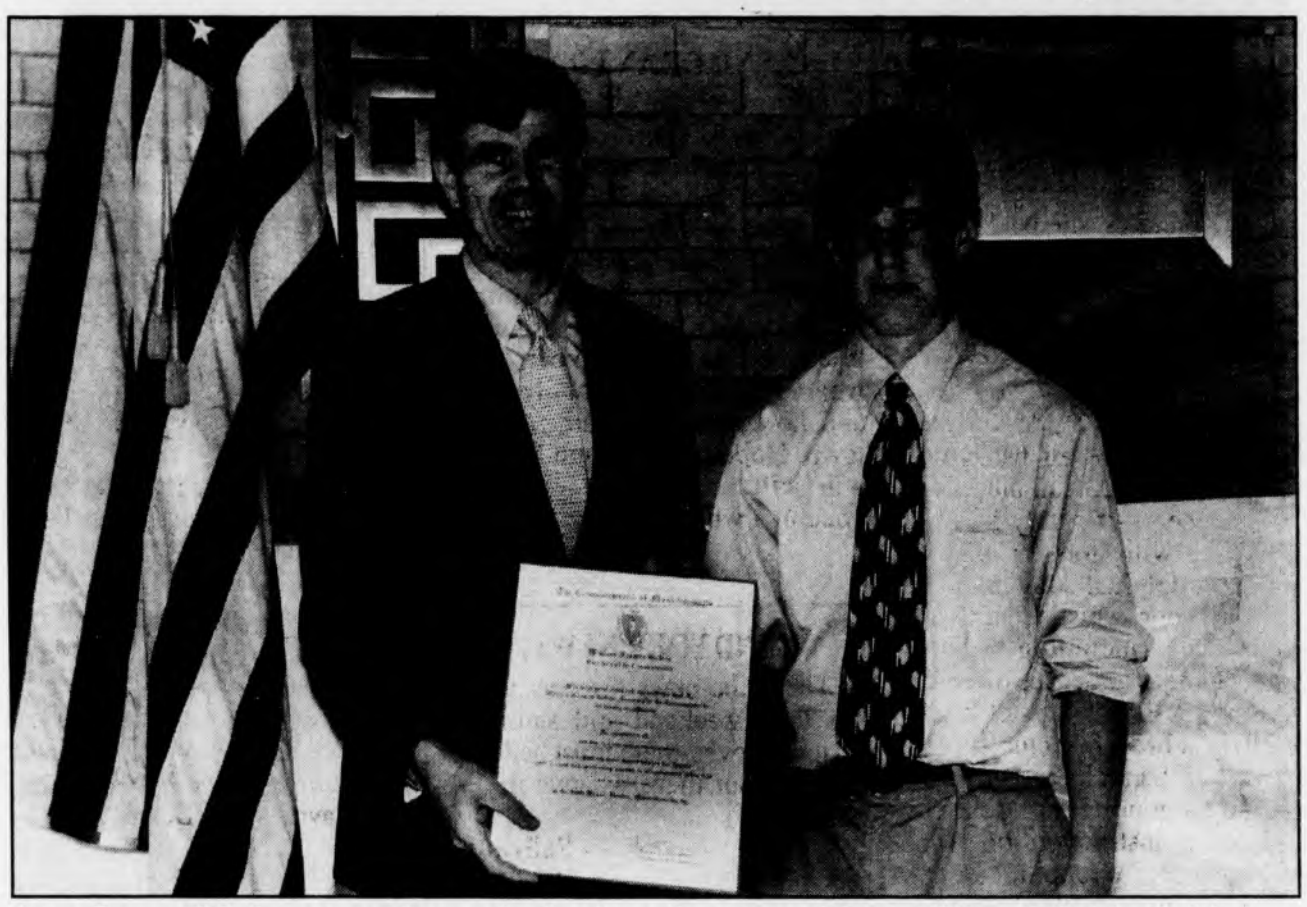
Benjamin Chittick, a Dartmouth senior, was among more than 1,000 students receiving bachelor of arts degrees during commencement exercises at Dartmouth College, June 8. Benjamin, son of S. Woodworth and Joanne Chittick, majored in history. Best of luck with all your future plans, we know you will excel in whatever you choose to do!

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We send Norman Swain Happy Belated Birthday greetings, his big day was Aug. 31. Hope it is a good one indeed, Norm.

FOOTBALL REUNION

As we reported quite some time ago, Clark Chatterton is planning a football reunion for the winning team of 40 years ago. He has contacted most of the members, and has had many responses already (all affirmative). The night the event will take place has been tentatively set for the Friday after Thanksgiving — he is planning to send a letter to everyone within a few weeks. The one person they are unable to locate is Jeff Cocoran. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, please give Clark a call!



Lane Forrer of Cohasset receives a citation from Secretary of State William F. Galvin. Galvin recently hosted the statehouse Summer Volunteer Luncheon and Anita Smith Scholarship Award Ceremony. The event was an opportunity to recognize student volunteers, like Lane, for their outstanding service as Statehouse Tour Guides this summer.

BENEFIT CLAMBAKE SLATED

Sept. 6 is the date to circle for the Christine Burke Clambake. It is an annual event, with all proceeds going to the Christine Burke Scholarship fund. The place is Sandy Beach, noon 'til sunset; the cost is $30 per person. Please call 383-9657 for more information or reservations.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 26 was an extremely special day for Sally and Dick Wheeler, that's the day they celebrated 58 years of marriage! Or, "matrimonial bliss," as Mr. Wheeler stated it! Isn't that just so nice? Anyway, they had a wonderful celebration with their children and their grandchildren at their home on Pleasant Street (the same house they have lived in since 1953)! Sally and Dick met at Derby Academy, where they were both students, they were married at the First Parish Church in Norwell, and they honeymooned on Chappaquiddick. All of us extend best wishes for many more years together; you are an inspiration to us all!

TYING THE KNOT

On the subject of weddings, Aug. 31 is the day that Joanna Fone and her beloved Tommy will tie the knot! They are being married at Ken and Sue's home in Maine (not in their home, but in a nearby church), and everyone is so excited about the event. We will be sure to fill you in on all the details afterwards, you just have to know it will be special — here's to a wonderful life for Tom and Joey, before you know it we'll be writing about your 58th anniversary!

HONORS AT TABOR

Tabor Academy sends us word that two of Cohasset's finest have made the honors list for the spring semester. They are: Junior Ryan L. Staszko, son of Mr. Donald Staszko and Dr. Barbara O'Pray; and freshman Erica S. Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Dean.

DEAN'S LIST AT BRYANT

The spring semester dean's list at Bryant College includes Cohasset student Erin E. Devine, a sophomore accounting major, and we congratulate Erin for her efforts!

AMERICAN LEGION EVENT

On Sept. 14, the Sons of the American Legion will honor past members from the original charter of 1935. All members of the Sons of the Legion, the American Legion and the VFW are encouraged to participate, as well as all veterans! Those who

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have already said they would be in attendance are: Frank Salvador, Norman Card, Lewis Mulvey, Francis Mulvey, Joseph Cappuccio, Frank Ayers, George Salvador, Robert Ayers, Robert Oliver, Rich Oliver, George Bowser, Donald Kennedy, Alfred Gonsalves, Joseph Gonsalves, John Roach, John Curtis and Ken Jason. Everyone will meet at the Legion at 11:30 a.m.; the memorial service will take place at noon at Woodside Cemetery. Please call Tom Wigmore at 383-9657 with any questions that you might have, or if you wish to participate. By the way, the public is encouraged to attend this event. And, we salute Tom and his able crew for this effort!

PLANTINGS AT DPW GARAGE

Hopefully lots have been to see the new Cohasset Department of Public Works garage on Cedar Street — if not, get up there before fall really gets underway, so that you can see what Lynn Eisenhauer and Mary Edmonds did to beautify the place! They "begged, borrowed and bought" plantings to decorate the perimeter of the building, and it looks grand! Be sure to thank them for their time and efforts when you see them — isn't it nice when people take a personal interest in beautifying town sites?

ELDER AFFAIRS NEWS

The Cohasset Elder Affairs fall programs are all listed in a new brochure you can pick up at their office — it surely is a full schedule, with lots of various things to do! Just some samples to "wet your whistle:" exercise programs (including yoga), bridge classes under the direction of Barbara Elliott (master bridge teacher), a breakfast club for just men (the Chanticleers), bowling, knitting, a gourmet cooking club under the instruction of Anna Abbruzzese; shopping tours, morning nature walks, computer programs, Mary McElroy instructor; a Journal workshop, America's sons and daughters, exploring personal heritage. Sara's Coffee Cafe will be open for business Sept. 19! All classes will start the week of Sept. 8, please call 383-9112/9116 for registration and/or information.

END OF AN ERA

Last week marked the end of an era, so to speak — Phil and Marcia James Carthus sold their parents' home on Ripley Road. Bob and Hazel James bought the house in 1941, and lived there until their passing. Knowing that it is no longer in the James family makes us re-remember how wonderful the James family was, and how much they did for our town. Hopefully Phil and Marcia will still come back for visits once in a while!

SEND YOUR NEWS

That's the news for now, with the long weekend and summer officially over, there must be tons of news out there — give me a buzz!

— Sallyann
383-0560

Annual flu clinics

For Senior Citizens - Annual flu clinics will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to noon at Second Congregational Church and Friday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. in Town Hall Auditorium.

For Cohasset residents - Flu clinics will be held in Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. and Saturday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m.

Come one and all to Grandparents Day!

Sunday, Sept. 14, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Celtic music and an ice cream social at the South Shore Community Center. Not just for grandparents—bring your parents, aunts, uncles or friends to our Intergenerational Celtic Music and Ice Cream Social.

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When to draw the line

The shocking loss of Britain's Princess Diana, who died in an automobile crash this weekend while being pursued by a group of photographers, must lead to an examination of conscience among those of us charged with reporting the activities of others.

Prosecutors in Paris, where the crash occurred, have not yet determined whether the dogged pursuit of paparazzi photographers contributed to the crash that took the lives of Diana, Harrod's department store heir Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul. Paul was reportedly drunk and driving recklessly at the time of the crash.

Nevertheless, the image of a relentless cabal of photographers stalking the world's most beloved public figure in her final moments should lead journalists of all kinds to reconsider the boundaries of their profession.

Just last April, for example, Cohasset police charged Martin Gould, a reporter for The Star, with assault and battery after he allegedly ran Victoria Kennedy, wife of controversial South Shore resident Michael Kennedy, off the road while in pursuit of a story.

Charges of intrusion by the media have not been limited to star-chasing photographers and tabloid magazines. Many local community leaders have argued that aggressive coverage by even hometown newspapers has discouraged qualified, public-spirited residents from participating in public office and has led to mistrust of officials.

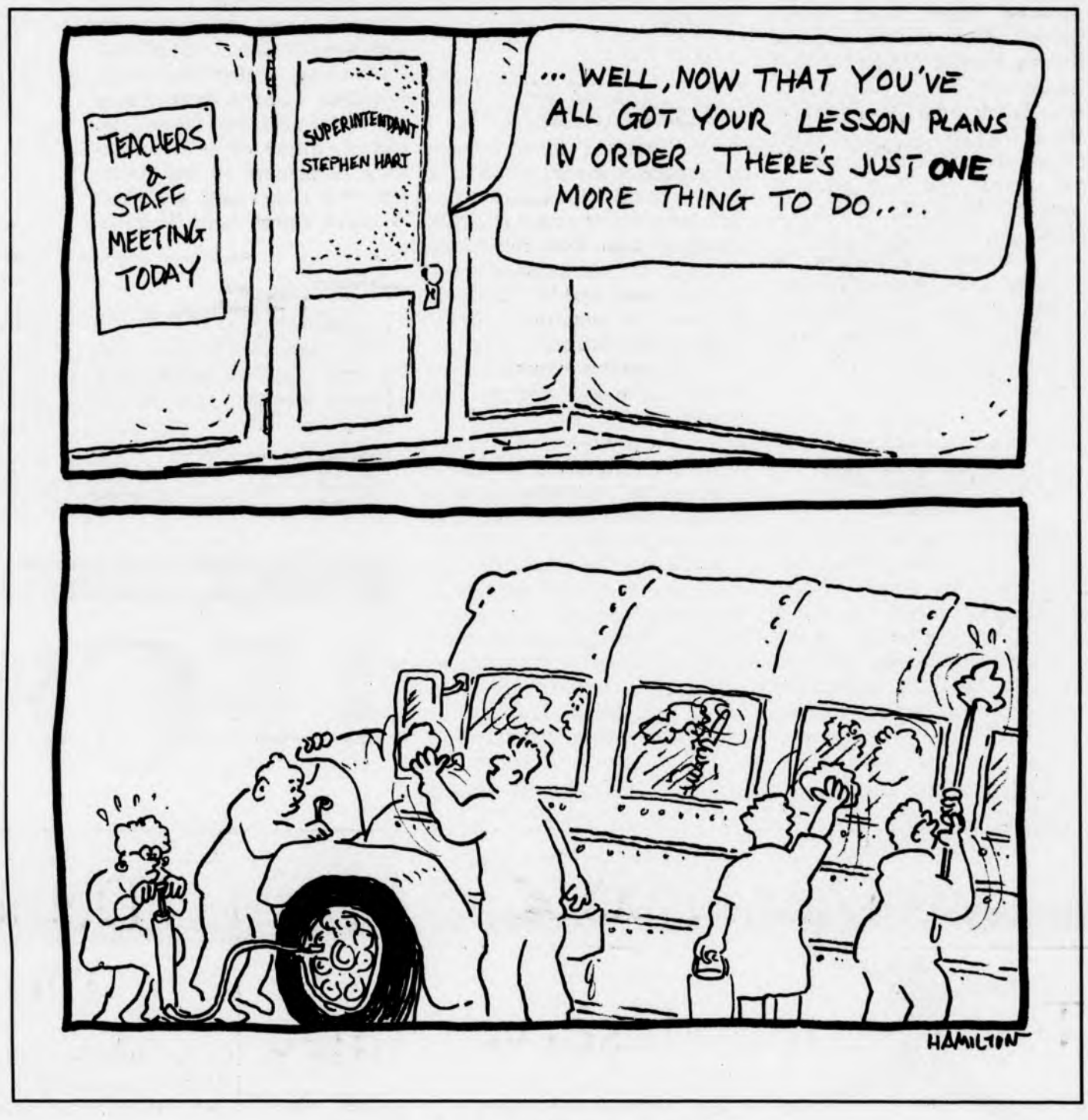
Certainly many political leaders and other celebrities thrive on the publicity provided by the media. Stars who complain of being hounded out of their private lives would not be able to command multimillion dollar salaries without widespread media exposure. The hunger of photographers for images of Princess Diana allowed her to use them to publicize causes she was devoted to, such as the danger of unexploded land mines, which otherwise might have received little attention in the press.

And certainly no market for intrusive stories and photos about public figures, crash victims and others stalked by unscrupulous journalists would exist without the insatiable demand of consumers for intimate details and revealing photos. Readers and television viewers must understand that every dollar spent on a lurid tabloid or Nielsen point averaged for a sensational program counts as a vote in favor of lowest common denominator journalism.

Nevertheless, every reporter, editor, photographer should consider, in the wake of this tragedy, the boundary between what the public has a right to know and what constitutes a private life. No one has the right to conceal information that could have a profound impact on the lives of others, and the media has a responsibility to uncover and report that information. At the same time, no one has the right to invade another's private life — however public that person may be — solely to shock, titillate or entertain.

—Rob Rogers

Rob Rogers is editor of the Marshfield and Kingston Mariners, two of The Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.



LETTERS

Cohasset Heights expansion, again?

To the Editor:

This is a call to the citizens of Cohasset to respond to the recent request by the owners "our not-so-welcome neighbor," the Cohasset Heights Landfill, to add 15 to 20 vertical feet to its dump in our watershed. This ("minor"?) modification in its permit will add another 50,000 tons of potentially dangerous debris onto its now nearly filled dump off 3A.

CHL's plans for expansion have been rebuffed by the Board of Health in '96, and it has appealed to the courts — a process which takes time and money. In the meantime CHL is filling and the cash flow is running out — so now this end run around the process. This is an affront to public opinion and public safety. This landfill has been declared a public nuisance, a threat to the safety of our water supply and air quality and our quality of life.

I call for all concerned citizens to take the time and write to and voice your opposition to this proposal, demand a detailed review of the potential impact, and demand a moratorium to the expansion plans of this company until a decision is final in the expansion appeal process. Please write or call: Secretary Trudy Coxe Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., 20th floor Boston, 02202.

Public comments will be accepted until Sept. 15. Act now to voice your concern for our water supply and the quality of life in Cohasset.

Jim Kinch
77 Forest Ave.

New commuter boat service is fine

To the Editor:

I have been visiting my family in Hingham over the summer and have read repeatedly the remarks regarding commuter boat service. I have taken my 7-year-old daughter on several day excursions into Boston. I for one love the new boat service. I was greeted by the most courteous individuals.

I have been on commuter boats all my life and I never felt that my safety or the safety of my 7-year-old daughter was ever in jeopardy on my trips to and from Boston.

It appears that some people are poor losers. Competition is very healthy for business, as is change.

If Nancy Ristuccia and other BRASS members are so unhappy, maybe they would prefer to drive to work on the Southeast Expressway parking lot.

Many more important social issues have been written about in your newspaper over the past seven weeks. Maybe those complaining individuals would be better served to invest their time into youth alcohol problems, drug abuse, teenage pregnancy and lime disease.

I think it is commendable that the Harbor Cruises LLC can offer a high standard of service and save the taxpayers money.

I wish the new commuter boat service well. I think you are offering a terrific service.

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LIFE IN COHASSET/ ROBERT ZIFF

Is summer really over?

With Labor Day behind us and the first official day of autumn the 22nd of this month, many people are wondering just how many more warm days are left in the year. Where can one go without putting on long pants and a sweater or a jacket; how many more days can we look out our windows and see the green leaves of summer rather than the barren trees of winter, and how many more days are left to go to Sandy Beach with a blanket and some food and enjoy a picnic, fly a kite, or just relax in the warmth of the sun?

Selene and Doug Eymer, along with their 2-1/2-year-old son Foster, clad in a wool sweater asleep in his carriage, live within walking distance to Sandy Beach and despite the thick blanket of fog that enveloped Cohasset on this past Sunday afternoon, they made their way to the shore.

"The fog makes everything enchanting and surreal," said Selene, "but I don't dread the upcoming winter. After all, fall's beautiful with all the leaves changing color, and then in the winter you have the holidays and the snow which is beautiful too. And I would rather it snowed than just be bleak and cold outside like it was last winter."

"When they take the Music Circus tent down, that's the sign for me that summer is over," Doug says.

He doesn't mind the winters that much, he says, because every time a snowstorm hits, it turns out he's out of town on business. Selene grimaces at the reminder. Go figure.

Kurt Morley, an avid runner, jogged down from Hingham to enjoy the picturesque scenery of Cohasset and to spend some time with some of his friends and their families.

"I hope this winter will be as mild as it was last year," he said.

However, he still comes down to the beach during the big storms to watch the waves pound the coast line. He finds it "exhilarating!"

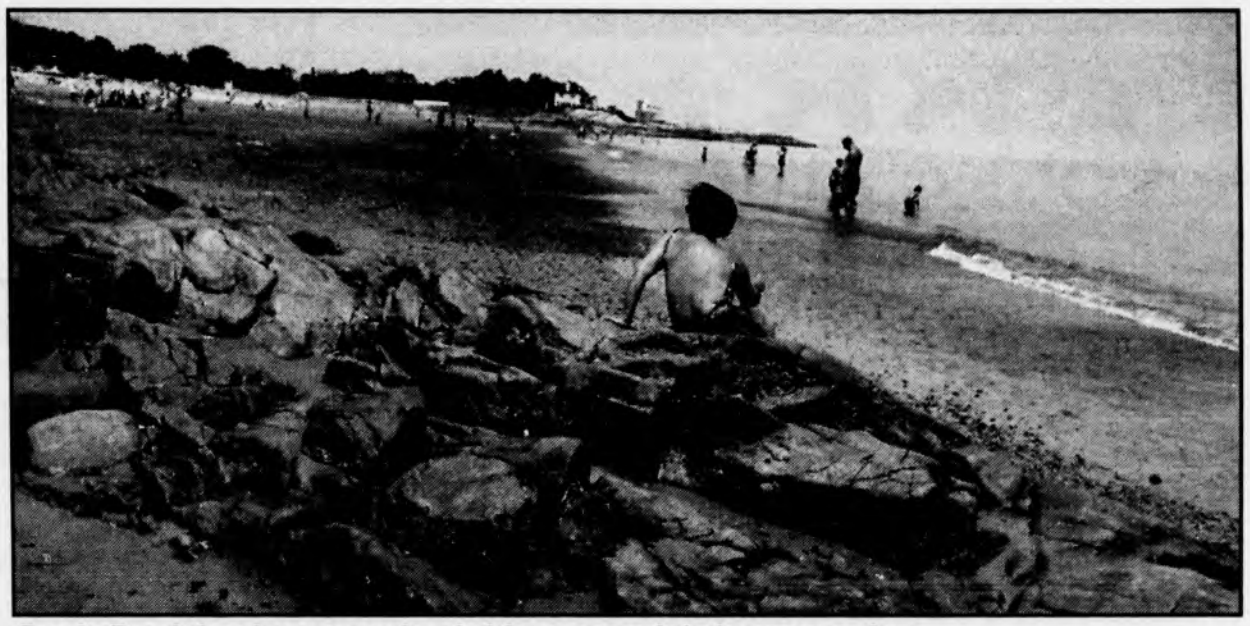
Cathy Morley said she considers this her last hoorah for the season.

Whether the winter is mild or brutal with its punishing northeasters, it is still winter and will begin Dec. 21, rain, snow or shine. That may seem like a long way off but in reality it's only a few months from now.

Pat Brendan, who has been coming to Sandy Beach for the last 12 years, was also at the beach Sunday with her family including her grandson, who calls her "Granny Blue Jay." She says she's at the beach three or four times a week during good weather. She likes walking on the beach in September and sometimes in the winter when she can collect sea glass.

Kim Turner from Westport, Conn., part of the Brennan family, was up for the holiday weekend and stated that the two or three times she does make it to Cohasset's beach during the summer months are definitely not enough.

This season could turn into an Indian Summer with warmer weather stretching through September into October, and possibly into November. Unlikely, yes. Impossible, no. The numerous snow removal contractors in the area are keeping their fingers crossed that this doesn't happen. The beach lover in all of us thinks of the summer as much too short. In any event, as the earth makes its way around the sun and one season changes into the next, no single day will be like any other. And it's important to take advantage of each and every day of this season, for tomorrow it may snow.



Sandy Beach is where many local citizens spend their summer days.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

LETTERS

Two Scouts deserve praise

Dear Mr. Collins:
Principal
Cohasset High School

This summer two students from the junior high school, Rachel McElroy and Kerry Long, who are members of the Girls Scouts, Cadette Troop 4773, volunteered to work with the Cohasset Elder Affairs. It is my pleasure to tell you they are outstanding girls. They accomplished many tasks and they worked diligently and efficiently. They positively are a credit to their families.

The following is a list of projects they worked on :

Computer flyers for upcoming trips; posters, presentations of summer classes; calls to luncheon participants, helped serve the Tuesday and Thursday luncheons; arranging our CEA programs albums in sequence of years; answered the phone and logged calls; checked in swimmers at the town pool, collected money and documented funds two days a week; designed spreadsheets for computer programs; fashioned handouts for new classes, ran errands to town hall, intercommunication, letter, etc.; developed spreadsheets in Excel; worked on fall brochure for SSCC organizing and inputting of information on programs; assembling information for monthly "Vista," collating, stuffing and mailing.

As you can see, these girls were very busy and productive this summer and they deserve to be recognized. We certainly enjoyed the opportunity to meet Rachel and Kerry and hope they enjoyed their experience with us.

The Board of Directors of the Cohasset Elder Affairs appreciate having young people working with the seniors and it develops a wonderful sense of intergenerational spirit.

Kathy Bryanton, Director
Cohasset Council of Elder Affairs

Ed's note: a copy of the letter was provided to the Mariner for publication.

Thanks for a great summer

To the Editor:

Having completed another successful summer season, the Cohasset Recreation Commission expresses their gratitude for support, interest and efforts to: Cohasset School Department, Department of Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department, Norfolk and Plymouth County Sheriffs Department, State Police, Wire Department and all the individuals, organizations and parents who helped make the summer of 1997 a memorable one.

Special thanks are extended to Mr. Chuck Jaffee who volunteered eight weeks of time and expertise conducting Lacrosse Clinics.

Jack Worley
Director

Democratic committee meeting is Sept. 16

Sen. William Keating (D-Sharon), a Democratic candidate for district attorney, will speak to Cohasset Democrats at a meeting of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Unitarian Parish House, 23 Main St.

"Senator Keating is highly qualified to serve Norfolk County as district attorney," said John McNabb, Cohasset coordinator. "He is currently the Senate chair of the Judiciary Committee and the vice-chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, and has a strong record of sponsoring and passing effective criminal justice legislation."

"Keating has always been very good on environmental issues," said McNabb. "He has consistently strongly supported environmental legislation, including bills to protect water supplies. He filed legislation this year to prohibit the siting of landfills over aquifers used as public drinking water supplies."

Cohasset Heights proposes vertical expansion

SAFE urges all Cohasset residents to submit comments on the latest expansion plan of the Cohasset Heights Ltd. (CHL) landfill.

CHL is now proposing a vertical expansion of 15-20 feet of their existing landfill, which would allow them to dump another 50,000 tons or more of waste in the landfill and to stay in business for another year.

"This expansion would make CHL the highest structure in Cohasset, and would potentially make the landfill visible from Route 3A," said SAFE President Linda Keller. "Also, CHL would be able to stay in business for another year, instead of closing at the end of this year as projected."

"We need to convince Environmental Secretary Trudy Coxe that this expansion will have significant environmental consequences and to require CHL to submit an Environmental Impact Report," said SAFE Vice-President John McNabb. "Otherwise, we will have no voice in the decision, since the Department of Environmental Protection does not allow public comments for vertical expansion proposals."

Comments should be sent to Secretary Trudy Coxe, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street-20th Floor, Boston, MA 02202, Attn: MEPA, EOEA #6290, Cohasset Heights Landfill, or faxed to 727-2754. Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 15.

Editor's note: This is a press release from SAFE, a grassroots group opposed to any expansion of Cohasset Heights Landfill.

Greek Church celebrates consecration this weekend

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to the Virgin Mary.

According to Father Maheras, the parish of a church must reach a certain level of maturity, a gauge used as proof that it will be ongoing and viable for centuries to come. This gauge is necessary for consecration.

The joy and pride in the hearts of the Greek Orthodox faithful is a far cry from the solemn day on Jerusalem Road when Charles Linder Pope drowned in the river that runs behind the church.

The Pope family, headed by Colonel Albert and Mrs. Abbie Pope, owned 99 acres of land in North Cohasset, including the land that the church stands on, which was then forest and river.

The Pope mansion stands today, divided into condominiums, at the end of Diab Lane off Howe Road. The former Pope stables and servant quarters are also condominiums, while the chicken and pheasant houses, and duckery are now three-bedroom homes.

The Popes spent their summers in Cohasset and their winters in Hartford, Conn. In Hartford, a park is named the Pope Memorial, also for the family.

Colonel Pope was well-known as a bicycle and automobile manufacturer, inventing the "Pope mobile" of which there were a handful made.

His son, Charles' untimely and senseless death deeply saddened the family. It was suggested to the colonel by the pastor at the time of the Bethany Chapel on West Corner that he build a church as a memorial on the land in front of the river where the boy drowned.

The idea appealed to the Colonel and in 1895, he proceeded to build the church, sparing no expense. The roof tiles were imported from Italy. The entire cost of the building was approximately $300,000. On the day of dedication in 1900, Colonel and Mrs. Pope placed a portrait of their son and a handful of gold coins in the cornerstone of the left front entrance of the church. It became the family church and was named the Pope Memorial.

Although the church at the time was non-denominational, it was eventually turned over to the Methodists as a church. When they could not keep up the expenses of it, the Pope family began renting it out.

The Greek Orthodox faithful used it Saturdays to serve the growing Greek population who came to the South Shore during the summers, beginning in the 1920s and 1930s. In Hull, they sold hot dogs and hamburgers to the thousands of summer visitors and residents.

Before and after World War II, the Greeks saw this area, Cohasset, Hingham, Scituate and Hull as a viable place to live and raise their children. It lacked the hectic pace of Boston. They became established and opened businesses here such as shoe repair shops, hotels and restaurants, barber shops and vegetables stands.

Through the 1940s-'50s, bonds formed between those who faithfully worshipped at the Pope Memorial Church, and it became evident in the 1970s, that many more Greek Orthodox faithful were moving to the South Shore, even though they were still obligated to go to Boston and Quincy for baptisms, marriages and funerals.

When the Pope family, now scattered, put the building and surrounding grounds on the market to sell, the Greek Orthodox faithful had already begun to feel the need for a home of their own, a parish and community where they could gather to share their religious heritage and their culture.

Upon word of the sale, remembering the past when they had worshipped so frequently in this structure for many years, these people quickly responded to the call to purchase the church.

"It was providential, not coincidental," said Father John Maheras.

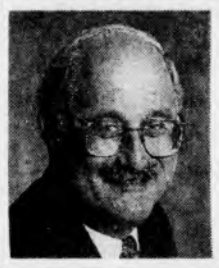
In 1980, the church became the property of the Greek Orthodox faithful and in April, 1981, the church was formally incorporated and given the name then of the "Nativity-Assumption of the Mother of God."

Maheras was the pastor of a church in Manchester, N.H., in 1985. When he was asked to come to Cohasset and pastor this new church, he obliged, and

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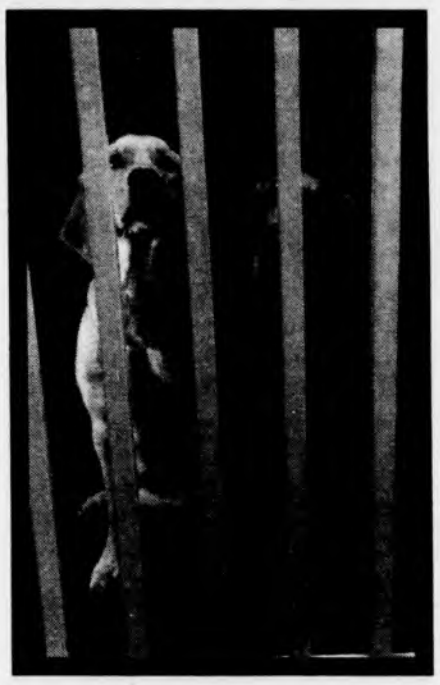
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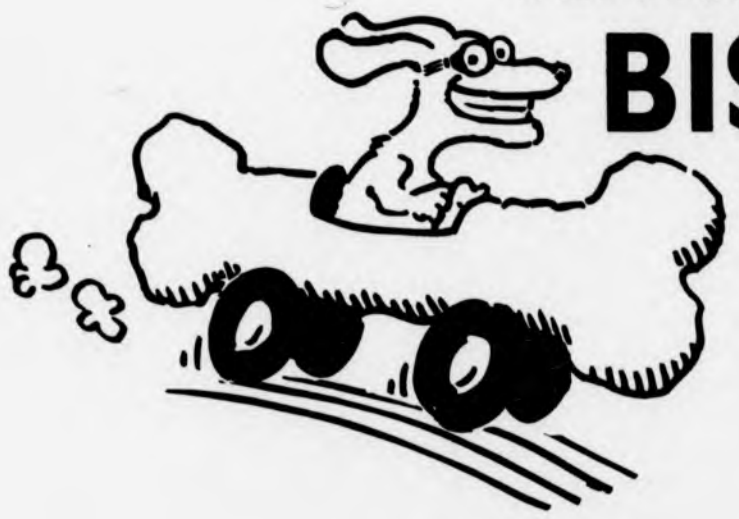
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since says, he enjoys being near the water.

According to Maheras, the parish has grown in leaps and bounds in the past 10 years. A ch[illegible]h choir was established, ch[illegible]n school was expanded, the youth program enhanced.

"People, in particular young ones, are feeling a strong sense of the Holy in their lives. Many have a sense of 'having it all,' yet feeling that something is missing. They are trying to rediscover in their lives the point of reference for the Holy. Many times, they find it by coming to church. It fills a void."

Maheras discussed the close relationship he has with the leaders of the other Christian churches in Cohasset. He said that they get together on a regular basis and talk and share the joys and needs of the community.

"The annual village fair in Cohasset is sponsored by the churches, something many people don't know. It's been done for the past 50 years or so, and is always held the first Saturday in December."

A reflection of the cooperative effort and support for each other by the church leaders is the Friday evening of consecration weekend when the choral concert will be the voices of the choirs of all Cohasset churches.

"That will be a moving moment. It is an expression of the town's church acknowledgment of the importance of our consecration," he said.

A youth walk Saturday morning for children and teenagers will begin at the church and end six miles later in North Scituate. Maheras refers to it as "a walk of faith."

Saturday afternoon at 5 will be a reception for the Archbishop Spyridon, who will be coming from New York City. The reception will be hosted by the church ladies.

Consecration services will begin Saturday evening at 7:30 with the vespers services, in which the inaugural prayers of the consecration of the church building will be said.

A children's dance troupe will also be performing Greek dances that evening.

Sunday morning, the service will involve preparing the embedding of religious relics from centuries past and setting them for eternity. The Archbishop will arrive with relics of saints and Father Maheras will bring his relics from Greek churches from the fourth, ninth, 18th and 20th centuries.

There will be an elaborate holy ceremony outside the church before entering and conducting a ceremony of embedding, washing and decorating the altar table with a Bible, candlesticks and a cross. The annointment of the four walls with holy mire and a Eucharist service will then follow.

"The ceremony of embedding the relics represents the continuity of the Holy in the church building," Maheras said.

Sunday afternoon will be a consecration luncheon at the Barker Tavern in Scituate at 2 p.m. Parishioners have been formally invited, as have been the other church leaders in Cohasset.

"There will be speeches of gratitude and acknowledgment to all of the many people who helped us get this far," he said.

Monday, Sept. 8, will be the final consecration ceremony. It is the day of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, which was how the date for the consecration was chosen.

Maheras said that not everyone who belongs to the church is Greek. The president of the Board of Stewards is Irish.

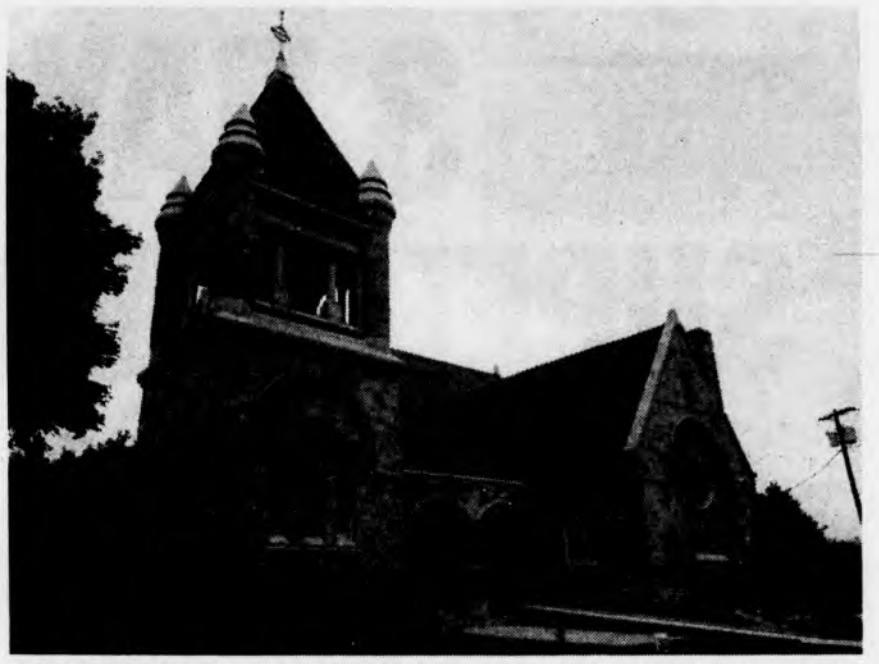
"The parish is comprised of many different ethnic groups. Some are from Roman Catholic background, who have become disenchanted with their religion's changing beliefs. The Greek Orthodox religion has remained constant is its beliefs from 1,000 years ago. That's important to the faithful who aren't comfortable with change," he said.

Maheras said that currently there are 200 families in the parish from the surrounding towns.

On promoting the Greek culture and heritage, Maheras said that their church does it as much as they can because "it contributes to the diversity that exists on the South Shore and shows that we can all live together."

Maheras referred to the Greek Taverna held each year on the July 4 weekend, which offers culture exposure and entertainment for the surrounding towns, and projects the faith and the Greek heritage as well.

According to church literature, the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Panagia Greek Orthodox Church is enjoying an average growth of a new family every six weeks.



The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Panagia Church, 811 Jerusalem Rd.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

"This is a very important weekend for our church. We want to share our history and culture, and we invite the general public to join us in this most meaningful celebration. We invite public support and ask that everyone pray for us and with us," Maheras said. "We are very grateful for the Providence, and will never forget how it evolved."

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Senior Center clerk to work 25 hours a week

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The "Senior Center" will have the services of a 25-hour per week employee over the objections of Selectman Diane Sullivan.

Sullivan is concerned that the hours of the position, which will be funded by a grant this year, have expanded making the employee eligible for benefits.

It is not clear if grants will be available in future years. If not, the town will pay for the position.

Marguerite Ritterhaus, 80, who was paid for 12 hours per week and held the job for about 10 years, recently retired.

Members of the Council on Elder Affairs, which governs the Senior Center, said Ritterhaus worked more hours than she was paid for. They said filling the position with volunteers doesn't provide the consistency needed.

"Volunteers just don't work out. It's like a hurricane there in the morning," said CEA board member Joe Buckley about the number of phone calls.

Sullivan used the proposal as a spring board to question the CEA about its entire budget which she thinks is large.

She said the annual CEA budget nears $100,000 when the recreation department budget is $72,000 of which $42,000 is returned to the town. Sullivan said about 4,500 are served by recreation department programs and challenged the CEA to justify its budget when some of its classes draw as few as 10 participants. She also questioned why donations for the classes weren't returned to the town.

Buckley explained that the donations are put into a gift fund as required by state law. The money is used to help pay for the cost of instructors so the classes break even. The Senior Center cannot charge for classes under the Older Americans Act.

Buckley pointed out that the CEA budget is less than one percent of the town budget and serves 21 to 25 percent of the population.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris suggested Sullivan compare the CEA budget to the school budget which is about $6 million. She accused Sullivan of making an arbitrary comparison.

"Their (CEA) function is not recreation. They have a multi-service agency," she said.

McMorris pointed out that seniors receive relatively few town services for the taxes they pay.

CEA director Kathy Bryanton explained that many CEA services are outside the Senior Center. An outreach worker helps seniors with insurance issues and provides other functional rather than medical services. She noted that when a worried son from Rhode Island called recently and they were able to send someone over the his elderly parents' home to spend the night until other arrangements could be made.

Sullivan said the town is in fiscally demanding times and could not support increasing the position to 25 hours.

The other selectmen supported the CEA's request. Starting salary for the position is $9.36 per hour or about $12,500 per year.

Cohasset Library story hour

Registrations are currently being accepted for the fall preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Story hour will be held Thursday afternoons at 1 and Friday mornings at 10, beginning Oct. 2. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories and simple fingerplays, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3-1/2 to participate. To register, call the library at 383-1348.

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'Friends' of Swim Center gather to discuss enclosure plans

By Jason Boufford
CORRESPONDENT

The "Friends of the Cohasset Swim Center" are prepared to wade waist deep through layers of tasks in order to complete their plan to enclose the swimming pool at the Hugh Bancroft Charitable Trust Swim Center.

A Aug. 28 meeting of the "Friends" at the South Shore Community Center brought to light several issues which the group must tackle before the pool enclosure project can come to fruition.

"There are several major considerations that we need to address," said group head Joseph McElroy of Windy Hill Road.

Community support will largely determine the project's success. The "Friends" each showed strong enthusiasm for the project, but McElroy hopes to plan the project in such a way that neighbors to the swim center will be as enthusiastic. He views their support as crucial, but appeared confident that most would back the enclosure.

"An enclosure might diminish the carry of sound," he said.

The group also must handle the issue of cost. The project is expected to have a price tag of about $1.2 million, based on estimates obtained from Structures Unlimited, a New Hampshire-based firm. "Friends" member Josiah Stevenson met with a representative from Structures Unlimited to discuss the design of the proposed enclosure, and expected to recieve a more exact cost figure soon. Based on early estimates, the project will require substantial contributions.

While McElroy plans to launch a broad fund-raising campaign, he hopes that a few large contributions will come along to ease financial burdens.

"It's nice to say that the pennies add up, but it's the big hits that make the difference," McElroy said.

McElroy's optimism about the project's ability to take off led him to reserve the Lightkeepers Residence for a fall fund-raiser. User fees could also help offset the project cost.

In addition to the cost imposed by the construction of the enclosure, the group must look at the costs brought about by year-round operation of the pool facility. Increased staffing and maintenance are a few of the expenditures which will increase drastically when the pool's open season quadruples.

McElroy must also market the plan well enough to garner support from the facility's trustees and board of managers. A public hearing process would likely be the final hurdle.

A key to gaining support from influential parties might be the simplicity of the current proposal. McElroy noted that a previous attempt at tackling the pool enclosure project apparently lost momentum when town decision makers realized the cost of the project.

"I think the high price tag turned people off. The design was perceived as gold-plated," McElroy said. This time around, costs will be lower, and the "Friends" will aim to find the proper balance of building an attractive facility and keeping costs in check.

The proposal of ten years ago featured three options, varying in price from the low $1 million range to $4 million. The current proposal will likely fall close to the low-end option from the 1980s. However, factoring in the value of today's dollar versus that of ten years ago, the new proposal will cost considerably less.

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The Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox is new minister at First Parish

The excitement is palpable at First Parish in Cohasset, Unitarian-Universalist, as members and friends prepare to welcome a new minister, two years after the death of long-time minister,

The Rev. Edward T. Atkinson. The Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox has been called to office unanimously by the congregation which will be looking to her as an inspiring guide and counselor. On Sunday, Sept. 7, at 9 a.m., a pancake breakfast, open to all, will be held in the parish house at 23 North Main St. It will be followed by a service of worship in the Meetinghouse on the Common at 10:30 a.m. Child care is available.

The Rev. Tarbox will preach on "The Talking Stones." She is the 16th minister for the parish as it celebrates the 250th year of the Meetinghouse. During this time, 13 ministers have averaged 19 years of service each — a history which demonstrates an unusual ongoing fidelity of minister to congregation and congregation to minister.

Tarbox is delighted to be coming to Cohasset to serve a congregation that has flourished for 250 years.

"I follow in the footsteps of some outstanding ministers whose service to First Parish has kept the flame of religious freedom burning brightly in this town," she said. Unitarian Universalism is a principled and thoughtful religion which encourages spiritual growth and commitment to social justice.

I anticipate some interesting challenges ahead as we continue to explore and uphold our religious principles. I look forward to joining a Parish that has been steadfast in times of trouble and is ready to face the future with hope, vision and enthusiasm."

English by birth and upbringing, Tarbox is now an American citizen who is grateful for the opportunities this country has afforded her. She is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School, has served as student minister in Norwell and as chaplain at Boston City Hospital. Since her ordination in 1990, she has been Minister of the Middleboro First Unitarian-Universalist Society. Her formal installation as Minister at First Parish will be held Sunday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m.



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The last to go

Bittersweet is the passage into kindergarten, college

By Mary Sheppard Earon
CORRESPONDENT

Blanche Whitman has had children in the Cohasset school system for the past 24 years. Eric, the oldest of seven sons, entered kindergarten in 1973. This year, the youngest sons, twins Mark and Chad, graduated from Cohasset High School and marked the end of an era in the Whitman family and its continuous feed to the Cohasset public schools. In between Eric and the twins are Adam, Jason, Joel and Josh.

In reflecting back upon a life that revolved around her children for more than a quarter of a century, Blanche says now, as the last ones leave, one for Babson College and one for Bryan College in Rhode Island, "It's hard to believe when you're neck deep in diapers that that stage will ever end. My own mother told me it would, but I didn't believe it. Now, here we are."

Putting away the crib for the last time wasn't hard, Blanche says. But then, a mother goes through all the little stages like the end of nursery school and the last Christmas concert at school. "This is the big one," she says, referring to the twins' departure for college. "They're young men, they're ready, heading into their futures. I think they'll put a good face to the world out there."

Blanche and her husband Peter have had their young leaving the nest for several years. Those who did currently live in the greater Boston area and come home to Cohasset regularly. When they were in college, they came home "with their dirty laundry and to get more food," Blanche laughs. She expects the same from Mark and Chad.

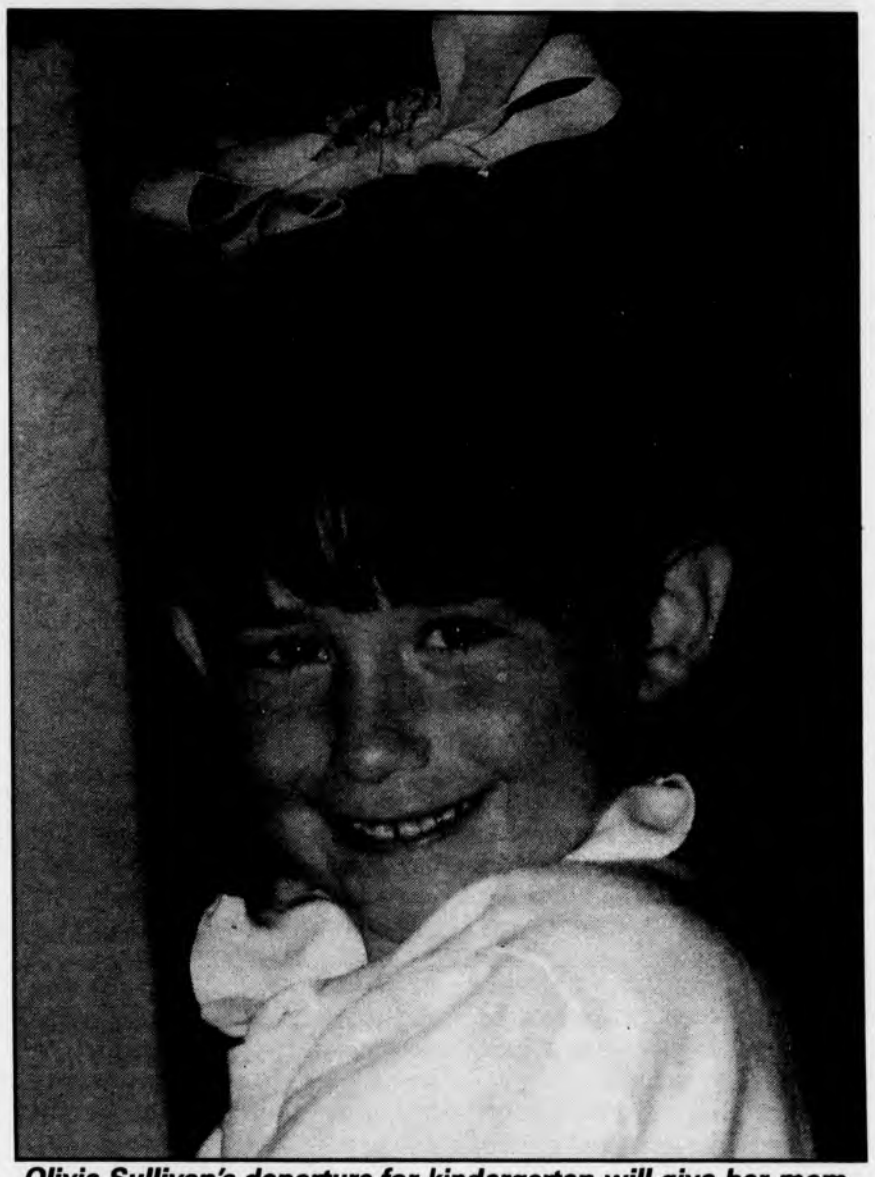
"When the boys show up here all together, I think, what are they doing here now? But I also miss them when they leave to go home. I get sad. I know you can't feel both ways about it, but I do."

Blanche says that although she's thrilled and happy for the twins' going off to college, "for 29 years, I've had somebody at my ankles, so to speak. Now, I don't have anyone else to diaper or feed or take to the doctor. I've had a lot of fun with the kids and it's hard now for the last ones to go."

As far as adjustments that she and Peter will be making as a result of the last child's departure, Blanche has definite thoughts. "Peter and I are looking forward to traveling. But first, there's some work to be done in the house now." Watercolor classes and continuing as a volunteer at the South Shore Social League are also in her plans, as well as seeing her friends more.

Blanche, as the mother of seven children ranging in age from 29 to 18, feels the only bit of advice she can offer to mothers who are beginning to build their families is this: "Enjoy them as much as you can. The years really do go by fast."

Mary Sullivan, also of Cohasset, agrees with Blanche.



Olivia Sullivan's departure for kindergarten will give her mom some time for herself.

Staff photos/Fred Robertson

Mary and husband Michael are the parents of four, the oldest, Corey, entering the eighth grade at Cohasset High School, the youngest, Olivia, going into kindergarten. Emily and Daniel are in between.

Mary's feelings about her last leaving for kindergarten are bittersweet. "I've had someone home for 14 years. I've enjoyed my time with Olivia. But at the same time, it'll be nice to have some time, my own that I can count on."

Mary laughs when she compares her years as a young mother with her other three children. "I think it's important for at-home mothers to make friends with mothers whose children are the same age. Mothering gets lonely. It helps to have others in the same boat. So, when it was playground time, it became my mission to make friends for myself as well as for my children. Many of my friends today are from those playgroup days with the older children. Back then, I would just hang out and talk. That was a big part of the day. But it was important because they were relationships we began when the children were small and they lasted through the years."

The real challenges now, however, revolve around the different energies it takes to nurture teenagers as well as a kindergartner and an active fourth-grader who is into hockey and being a boy.

"Teenagers don't always want you around. When Corey seeks me out to talk, I try to drop everything to listen. But then, with Olivia being used to people dropping what they're doing for her, it gets tricky if it happens at the same time the teenager needs you."

Mary wouldn't trade her life with anyone, she says. "I enjoy mothering. My focus is on my family and the time out for me usually doesn't take away from that. It's not because I'm a martyr, it's because that distinction makes me happy, even on the days when I could pull my hair out."

Sometimes while pregnant with Olivia, Mary would wonder if her decision to have a fourth child had been a way of delaying the last one going off to kindergarten for five more years.

"Entering the next phase of your life can be scary. Some mothers who have the choice to have one more, may make it for that reason. But, what to do after the last one leaves is overwhelming. I think to myself, what am I going to do? I'll worry about that later."

Overall, in reflecting upon Olivia's passage into kindergarten, Mary smiles and says, "For me, it'll mean having just a little more time, and that's a nice thought."



Chad and Mark Whitman are the last of seven to leave the nest.

Playground politcs: Understanding, surviving children's cliques

By Cathy Goldstein Mullin
CORRESPONDENT

Playground politics. Cliques. Pecking order. Call it what you will, we've all been there, watching our children in silent dismay. As the school year begins and new alliances form in classrooms and playgrounds, cliques are at their most powerful — and potentially destructive — stage. Luckily, there are things parents can do to ease, if not erase, the influence of these exclusive social groups.

• **Try to understand the allure of a clique.** Talk with your child about her desire to join a certain group. What does she feel it has to offer that she needs? Are there other ways for her to meet this need?

• **Always validate what your child is feeling.** Telling a child who is left out "not to worry" doesn't help. Saying, "You must be feeling sad" will help her realize that you understand and sympathize.

• **Try role playing.** If your child is nervous about how she will deal with children leaving her out, practice the situation. Act out the part of a clique member while she plays herself. Brainstorm specific things she can say or do in response to a slight.

• **But don't solve her problems for her.** Telling your daughter how to handle the situation may simply increase her sense of insecurity. Instead, help your child come up with her own strategies for dealing with exclusion or hurt feelings.

• **Build your child's self-esteem.** Do all you can to help your child feel confident and competent. Help her to realize that she deserves friends who appreciate her. Try to make your child realize that being in a clique doesn't change who she is.

• **Encourage friendships based on shared interests and activities.** Talk with your child about the true meaning of friendship. Encourage her to make friends through sports, clubs and other mutual interests.

• **Get to know a variety of children.** Advise your child to not limit herself to just one friend. If she is willing, suggest that she sit with someone new each day for lunch. Expand your child's circle of friends with those from different schools or neighborhoods. Then, if your child's friendships falter, she will know she has other friends who don't see her through the same eyes.

• **Increase your child's empathy for others.** If your child is leaving other children out, do what you can to help her see things from another's point of view. Ask her, "How do you think Sara is feeling when she is not included?" Talk with her about the importance of compassion and loyalty.

• **Support your child as a positive role model.** If your child is in a clique and well-liked, suggest that she use her influence in a positive way. Explain that she has an opportunity to make a meaningful impact on others in the group.

What's hot in back-to-school fashions

By Judy Massey
CORRESPONDENT

On the first day of school this year's kids will be comfortable and stylish in fabrics ranging from cotton to polyester to pleather. The good news for parents is that the oversized look is hot for both boys and girls, so clothes will fit for years to come.

Rugged Bear stores are especially popular with parents of tots just out of nursery school. Rugged Bear has been known for children's heavy duty sports and outerwear, even though it now also carries dresses, pants, sweaters, and shirts as well. There are locations in Hanover, Norwood, Sudbury and Wellesley.

"Our big line is still outer wear," says Mariann Widder, manager at Hanover's Merchants Row store. "The funky ski caps are the hot sellers, the jester caps, anything weird and way-out. Customers start asking for them in July."

Still popular this year in the clothing line are oversized tops and leggings for girls and anything with sports on them for boys, Widder says. Kids like comfortable wear, preferring pull-on pants to "constructed" clothing, she says. "Parents like our clothes that wear well, cords and twills."

Rugged Bear private label twill pants, in nine colors and sizes two through 16 in 100 percent cotton, are built for wear and tear. Acrylics, too, are really big for boys and girls this year, and colorful pullover sweaters are made to go with the hues in the Rugged Bear twill pants. They wash easily and are not as itchy as some wool sweaters, plus the sweaters come in designs for kids who love bears, dinosaurs or stripes.

Besides cotton and easy to care for acrylics, girls will wear pleather this fall, a fabric with the look and feel of leather but the durability of vinyl. Off-price retailer T.J. Maxx offers pleather boot-cut pants, blazers and three-quarter length jackets.

Budget shoppers will begin with basics like jeans and solid or patterned tops and add one piece in pleather, perhaps a vest or jacket. "For optimal fashion, wear pleather with poly/satin tops and chunky heeled boots or shoes," says T.J. Maxx fashion spokesperson Laura Cervone.

Clothes with plenty of pockets are also optimal this year, but that is no surprise. Where else would a kid keep a Beanie Baby or virtual pet? T.J. Maxx shows farmer jeans with pockets everywhere. For girls, last year's stylish tiny purses have given way to big sacks in suede, leather or fabric.

Larger bags look great with the newest styles in blue jeans, faded denims that flare at the knee to wide legs often embroidered with flowers and hearts.

"It's everything we wore in the 60s," says Ilene Levin, fashion consultant and personal shopper for Macy's By Appointment. Levin's services are free to Macy's customers who can shop with her in person or via e-mail.

In Macy's girls' department, Levin found polyester bell bottom pants in black, white or chocolate by Ally B. Some pants sport chain belts at the hip. "Wear bellbottoms with a cropped top and chunky shoes," she says.

"Little girls want to look like teenagers," Levin says, pointing out long slim black skirts to wear with tiny tops. The look carries through to the junior department where long black skirts are shown with matching jackets. The suit can be worn with a colorful tiny T-shirt (pumpkin is a hot color this fall) or a dressy lace blouse for a more formal tone.

"I like the pleather and polyester," said high school senior Patrice Ruff who was shopping at Macy's. She says that fashion has always been important to her. "I don't wear sweatshirts," she added.

What she does wear are long skirts with dressy boots. She likes lace tops and the look of crocheted shirts. Ruff owns 12 pairs of velvet pants.

"There are so many fabrics: velvet, corduroy, denim, and cotton as well as the new pleathers and polyesters," Levin says. "That means that parents and children should be able to find what they want to look great on the first day of school."





Today's junior girls are ready for back to school in the coolest looks of the season: "boyfriend/snowboard" sweater and flare jeans with floral appliques, left; pleather jacket and boot-cut pants, right. Available at T.J. Maxx.

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AT RIGHT-Snowboarder caps are hot at The Rugged Bear.

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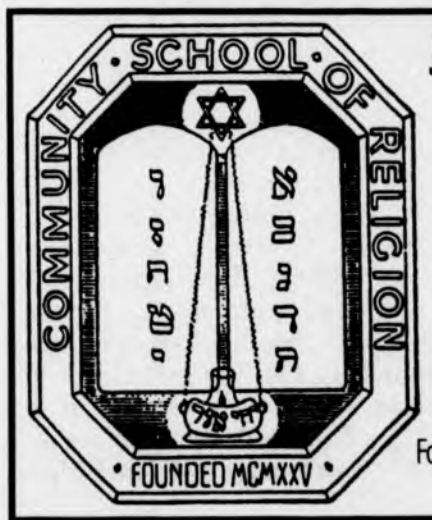
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Savvy back-to-school shopping



• Take one child at a time, leaving siblings home. Instead of paying a sitter, trade childcare with a friend.

• Shop magazines and circulars before you go. Tell your older child how much you will spend and let him make a budget plan. Practice with a catalog before hitting the stores.

• Set up a shopping plan that is organized, yet flexible.

• Look for a backpack with reinforced rubber bottom to stand upright. Eastpak and Jansport offer lifetime warranties.

• Look for deals on summer T-shirts to be worn under sweat shirts or baseball caps in dark colors. Classrooms can range from hot to cold, so kids need to be able to remove layers.

• Catch end of season sales on baseball caps. Look for darker colors for fall.

• Stock up on essentials like socks and boxers. Allow room in the budget to buy necessities like rain boots in August. By October choices will be limited.

• Buy only one fashion outfit before school starts. When kids see what others are wearing they can sometimes lose enthusiasm for new clothes.

• If you decide to buy several outfits for younger children, be sure that all tops coordinate with all pants or skirts so that a child (or busy parent) can easily create no-fail outfits.

• If you buy all polyester fabrics for your child, follow laundering instructions carefully. Most are easily washable but need to be line-dried to avoid pilling in the dryer.

• Try to shop on a weekday morning when sales personnel are available to help you coordinate outfits.

Cap on Spending

Youth apparel is a $20 billion industry that hits its peak in the fall, when spending hits an average of $400 per child, according to the National Retail Federation.

But when it comes to back-to-school planning, time really is money. Faced with time pressure, many parents don't make wise choices based on what kids need, rather than what strikes their fancy. Some tips:

• Evaluate what your child already has.

• Budget for basics first.

• Work with a basic color to pull together a new back-to-school wardrobe. But don't forget a few unusual items that will add versatility to your child's basic wardrobe.

• Buy easy-care, durable clothes, which are best for younger children.

• For adolescents, spread purchases over time. They tend to have growth spurts.

Teen Spirit

Although we often think of adolescence as a difficult time, teenagers may see things differently. About 57 percent of the adolescents who participated in a recent React magazine survey said they would like to be teenagers forever.

The majority of respondents, 54 percent, said 18 to 24 is the ideal age group; 38 percent said they would choose to be 15 or younger; 6 percent voted for 25-35; and only 6 percent said that 36 or older would be best.

Taming the Tube

The National Institute on Media and the Family recommends the following guidelines for getting control of your children's use of television:

• Avoid using the television as a baby sitter.

• Know what your kids are watching.

• Watch with your kids when you can.

• Set guidelines around when and what your children watch.

• Turn the television off during meals.

• Talk to your child about what she's watching.

• Put the family on a TV diet and schedule some fun alternative activities.

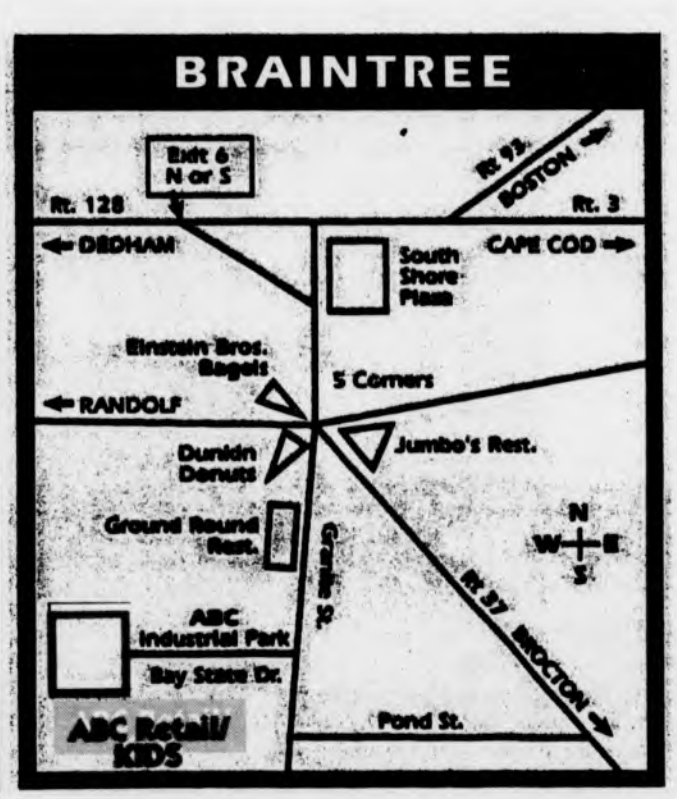
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Dress Codes: *You are what you wear*

By Mary Kate Shea
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What students don't wear this fall may be as important as what they do wear.

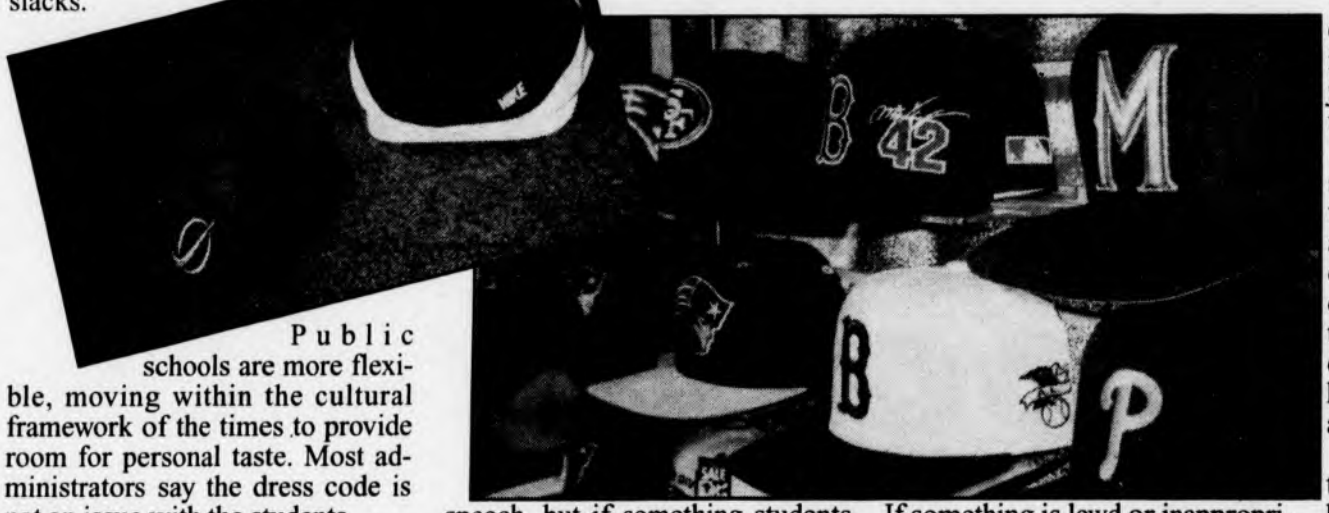
Massachusetts Commissioner of Education Robert V. Antonucci says, "Dress codes and school uniforms are completely local options for Massachusetts school districts. If a district chooses to have them, based on full discussion with parents, then that's terrific. If they choose not to, based on full discussions with parents, that's fine as well."

Though uniform and dress codes are individually established at private, public and vocational schools, most adhere to the tenet that articles of clothing must not disrupt learning, destroy property or injure students. Freedom of expression is allowed as long as students are not infringing on the rights of others, and health and safety codes are followed.

Uniform policies are longstanding at private schools. Some educators believe that uniforms are less expensive and provide an orderly, equal footing for students of all economic backgrounds. Individuality, though not shown in dress, may be expressed through class work.

At Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, school spokesman Mary Barry says, "The required pieces of uniforms for the female students are a plaid kilt skirt with a short sleeve, white polo shirt or white turtle neck in the winter. They can also wear a navy blue pull-over or cardigan. Students are not allowed to wear anything else."

Thayer Academy in Braintree has a dress policy which states, "Students should dress appropriately for a learning environment. Any distraction to learning is unacceptable. The administration asks students not to wear such items as jeans, T-shirts, tank tops, miniskirts, sports clothing and clothing with inappropriate messages. Hats are not allowed in campus buildings." Students are required to "dress up" on Mondays for guest speakers. Girls wear skirts or dresses and boys wear sport coats, ties and slacks.



Public schools are more flexible, moving within the cultural framework of the times to provide room for personal taste. Most administrators say the dress code is not an issue with the students.

Assistant principal at Marshfield High School, Arthur Barry, looked up the code in the student handbook. "The student's mode of dress or appearance must not be disruptive of the teaching/learning process, unclean or violate the health and safety regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; ie., student's hair and attire must reflect the generally accepted standards of cleanliness; sandals or shoes must be worn; metal taps or footwear that mark floors or cause destruction to school are prohibited."

Barry says, "Dress codes are not an issue. Most of the kids dress fairly well and the code isn't used that much. If there is an infraction, normally we'll call the student down to the office and talk to the student and ask them to comply. They generally do. We don't have a lot of trouble with this at all. I think we've come to a higher level here."

Prudence Goodale, principal at Scituate High School, says, "The dress code at Scituate High School right now is that the students are expected to dress appropriately and would not wear anything that would cause distraction or disruption. We do allow the laws of free speech, but if something students are wearing is offensive, we would speak to them. " She adds that hats are allowed, and shoes or sneakers are required.

Hanover High School has made a change in its dress policy this year by not allowing hats, hoods or bandanas in the school building or classrooms. "What the dress code does is set an atmosphere that won't adversely affect learning," says Principal Thomas Nee. "We can't have specific dress codes as per the court, but T-shirts that provoke other people or promote tobacco, alcohol or drugs are not appropriate.

"For the first time we have a no hats or hoods policy. The students don't wear hats in middle school; for reasons of health and safety we can have this policy. In the past a lot of the teachers asked students to remove hats in their classrooms. We'd like to be consistent on that."

Nee says he doesn't feel the new code will be an issue.

Student Timothy Sullivan attended the sub-committee meeting that recommended the change. Sullivan, a senior, is Hanover High School's co-chair of the student advisory council for the school committee. "We have a pretty lenient code. We can wear jeans, shorts, short sleeve shirts all year-round. If something is lewd or inappropriate, the student might have to turn it inside out for the day.

"The no hats policy is based on safety concerns and old school traditional values. The administration's point of view is that it's appropriate to take your hat off as a sign of respect when talking to someone or when in a public building for seven hours. I can see that point, and also it ups the professionalism of the students.

"I think what is gained by having a dress code is you limit some problems that might present themselves. It's more professional and the school looks that much better. It's really not the constitutional issue some people would like to make it, and I don't see a huge uproar from the students. We have nothing to gain by hitting the street over it with signs. We don't want to waste our time on that during senior year."

In area vocational schools, dress codes are established to provide safety and to promote the importance of personal appearance in technology and business professions.

Richard Donovan, vocational coordinator at Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School in Canton, says, "The top reason for a dress code is safety in the shops. That is why we have uniforms. The code goes beyond articles of clothing to include footwear, hair and jewelry, depending on the individual program's regulations."

The 15 vocational shops at the school have industrial designated uniforms that students purchase and maintain. During academic classes, appropriate footwear is required and excessive hair length, torn or dirty jeans, spandex or cut-off shorts, tank tops, headbands, hats and wallet or garment chains are not acceptable.

"There is always a place for extreme fashions and casual wear, but school is not a place for those things," says Donovan. "Overall, none of the students have a problem accepting the requirements. Incoming students see that the upper class is following the policy. There are always the exceptions that will test you and those students are sent home for a change of clothing, or if there is a safety problem, we put the student into a different environment.

"What you wear is a showcase of your attitudes and values. We try to develop social skills as well as technology skills to make a complete person. We're involved in trying to instruct these students on how to go on interviews and what's expected of how you dress. How you appear to your potential employer may depend on if you get the job or not. Dress and appearance are important parts of your life."

Brown-baggin' it

By Chad LaBonté
CORRESPONDENT

My mum was proudly feeding us kids healthy lunches before healthy lunches were cool. I remember sitting next to the kids with the Great Space Coaster lunch boxes filled with Doritos and Ring-Dings, wishing just once I could find someone willing enough, or weird enough, to trade for my sprouts on whole wheat and apple. Yet I must admit, there were a few occasions when even I traded a cookie for the 25 cents my mother intended for milk and drank from the water fountain.

It must have been tough. My mother did a great job at least trying to get us to eat well at the one meal over which she had no control. Today's mothers have an even more difficult job. Back then, we had four food groups — today you've got a whole pyramid to know and follow. The Academy of This tells you to follow these guidelines while the Center of That tells you to follow these better guidelines. One minute granola is good. The next minute it's bad. Dried fruit was good for your kids. Now it isn't. Now it is. You have to balance feeding your kids the right foods with the knowledge that they just might not eat the lunches you pack. I think the best advice I've heard on the subject of childhood nutrition is to pay closer attention to the overall nutritional intake of your children. Yes, you need to watch their fat and caloric intakes, but a brown bag lunch should not become such a stress-point!

The parents who follow the food pyramid guidelines and make sure their children are getting plenty of exercise are much better off than the parents who give themselves a migraine over filling a bag with non-fat, noncalorie, sproutish, organic, leathery nonsense. The simple fact is that the kids can tell the difference between carob chips and chocolate chips!

Will the world end if Johnny has some reduced fat potato chips in his lunch on Monday? Probably not. If little Karen chooses gummy bears instead of an apple, will she be damaged for life? I don't think so. We're not talking about letting them loose with the entire bag. You still control the portions and the range of choices that go into the brown bags.

Why not sit down with your kids and talk over their lunches with them? This way the kids get some input, you get the opportunity to teach them a little about nutrition and you both have a better chance of having the brown bag empty when lunch is over — the contents eaten by your children.

One evening a week, sit down with the kids and plan out their lunches. Present your children with the ability to make some choices and to exert some control over the foods they eat. Hey, you never know, your child might actually choose the carob chip cookies!

If you're feeling a bit uneasy about what types of foods to suggest to your little ones at your first Brown Bag Board Meeting, you can always consult your pediatrician or a local nutritionist. These people are there to help you figure out all this craziness. In all she did, one of the best ways my mum tried to make our lunches truly "healthy" was to include a little love note every day. I remember sitting in the school cafeteria reading messages like "I love you" and "hope you're having a great day" while crunching carrot sticks. (Somehow these simple notes made even sprout sandwiches taste better!) Make sure to include lots of big hearts, smily faces and exclamation points. Don't worry if your children are getting older — keep writing those notes. Even if you're child is too cool and embarrassed to read them, at least they'll know the notes, and feelings, are there.

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Duxbury	$1.25	$1.50, $2	$1.50, $2
Hanover	$1.50	$1.50	$1.75
Hingham	$1.40	$1.50	$1.50, $1.75
Holbrook	$1.50	$1.75	$1.75
Kingston	$1		
Marshfield	$1.25	$1.25	$1.25
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SPORTS

COHASSET MARINER

Building blocks in place for improved football squad

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

If experience counts, the Cohasset High Football team should be counting a lot more victories this season.

Last year, the Skippers finished with a 1-9 record in the South Shore League. However, last year was a true rebuilding year for Cohasset. The building blocks have been put in place.

Last week, among the 42 players that turned out for practice, 17 of them were returning juniors. You might say the 17 give the Skippers instant experience.

Besides the large number of experienced juniors coach Bob Knurek has coming back, he also has a quarterback in Pat Hurley who brings a whole lot of experience to the team.

Hurley, a captain, will be starting his third year at quarterback. Andy Hamilton, another captain, will also be bringing plenty of savvy to the team, starting at fullback and linebacker.

Other experienced seniors on the team are Jamie Buick, who plays end both ways and John Kasamaeyer, an offensive guard and defensive end.

Knurek, who is starting his fourth season at Cohasset High, third as head coach, is thrilled with the large turnout of players. Said coach Knurek, "It's quite a difference since my first year here. We started out with a small group that season, and by the end of the season we actually had just 16 players left on the team."

"Things certainly seem different now. Many of the kids that showed up have been working out all summer long. They are in great condition and have shown an unbelievable commitment to making the upcoming season a winning one. This work ethic is truly something new with the kids. I hadn't seen it before. You just know the kids want to improve on that record of last year."

One of the big surprises that confronted coach Knurek at the start of practice, was truly a big surprise. A 6-3, 230-pound transfer student John Considine has joined the team. You can bet coach Knurek will find a place in the starting lineup for Considine.

Knurek is also looking for big things from his third captain, junior Justin Goldin, who plays fullback and linebacker.

Another junior who will play a major role on the team this season is Alex Russell, a center and nose tackle. Nothing like having an experienced player at that position.

An optimistic Knurek continued to praise his juniors, "those kids got plenty of good playing time last year and we think it's going to pay off this season."

Unable to find an opponent for the season opener on Friday, Sept. 12, Cohasset will open its season on Friday night, Sept. 19 at East Bridgewater.

Attempts to fill the open date just didn't happen, but there's a strong rumor Cohasset will hold an interesting scrimmage on that day.

All of Cohasset's home games will be on Friday nights, under the lights. Cohasset's lights went in last year. All eight teams in the SSL have lights.

Cohasset will play two Saturday afternoon games, both non-league games, one against Norton at Norton and the other against South Boston High at White Stadium, Boston.

The other non-league game will find Charlestown High at Cohasset.

Cohasset played the two Boston teams tough last year, losing to Charlestown, 16-12 and bowing to South Boston, 8-6.

And, of course, there's the biggest game on the schedule, which finds Cohasset playing the ever powerful Hull High School team on Thanksgiving Day.

Commenting about Hull, all coach Knurek, who coached in Michigan prior to Cohasset, could say, "that Hull team is certainly one of the big powerhouses in the state."

The Skippers appear to have all the ingredients for a good season, and possibly a very successful season, thanks to the load of experienced players that the team will field and the excellent condition the players reported in. This year's football should certainly be interesting for the fans who suffered through last year's dismal season.



Head football coach Bob Knurek watches his charges do laps during a recent practice.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Sailing Club caps summer season

By Michael McWilliams
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Sailing Club recently wrapped up its hugely successful 1997 season.

One of the townís finest summer traditions, the club brought the thrill and camaraderie of sailing to a record number of kids, adults, and families this year. Of course, there were also the perennial charms of socializing and setting sail on one of the most beautiful harbors along the New England coast.

On Sunday, August 24, club members gathered to cap the season with a day of racing and awards, topped with a family cookout.

A select squad of skilled seamen and seawomen carried the Award Day competitions.

Sailor Class

First place: the team of Jon Littauer and Jake Kovak

Second place: the team of Teddy Straughn and Luke Murray

Mate Class

First place: the team of Elisa Jerome and Rachel Doyle

Second place: the team of Phil Strazzulla and Drew Musto

Skipper Class

First place: the team of Betsy Reynolds and Julie Shae

Second place: the team of Martha Henderson and Alexis Bugley

Captain / Sailing Master Class

First place: Geoff McWilliams

Second place: Peter Whorisky

Third place: Sean Chase

Adult

First place: Cliff Chase

Second place: Joe Jerz

Third place: Ann Musto

At the event, the clubís instructors and officers recognized season-long excellence in all major categories:

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FISHING STORY

BY MARK TRASK

Of pogies, stripers and the ones that got away

Cool fingers of fog wafted over the moors of the North River as I rattled across the permanent temporary bridge. Darn, I thought to myself. Great weather all summer long and now fog and showers to start the holiday weekend. Little did I know, regardless of the weather the tenacious anglers of the South Shore would have a wildly successful three days of angling.

Barry Sladen Jr. of Scituate, started it off by bumping Mike Russell out of the top spot of the Beachcomber Tournament. Barry's big bass inhaled a pogie and stretched the scale to 27 pounds 1 ounce.

Paul Hansell groaned when his mussed by an ounce. By the end of the weekend however a new fish stood at the top of the leaderboard.

Todd Cowden captured the top spot Sunday and is currently holding forth with a 27-pound 8-ounce striper. Nice fish!

Speaking of 27-pound fish, Kathy Marks of Cohasset showed the ladies how to do it with a hefty 42-1/2 inch bass. A fresh pogie was the trick to fooling the 27 pound 8 ounce fish adjacent to Shag Rock. Daughter Laura made the scale with a 42-incher as well. Another pogie and 23 more pounds of fillets!

What about Dave? Somebody's got to run the boat, said he. His fish tipped the scale to 23 pounds 10 ounces. Caught on? One of these great pogies he laughed as he counted out six more.

Nils Sceery and Jon Littauer were hanging around the rocks under the Bigelow villa waiting for Tom Littauer to come around from the harbor to take them out fishing. While they waited, Jon practiced flipping his Sluggo lure with a lightweight freshwater rig he had brought along.

As he approached Sandy Cove in the boat, Tom could see the boys waiting. Drawing closer he could see that the boys were all excited. What he saw next caused his eyes to pop. Slung between the boys was a big striper!

Incredulous shoppers took a moment and left shaking their heads as they saw the rod Jon had used and the scale wavering at 24 pounds 5 ounces! (Over the next two days Tom kept the string alive catching a brace of 100-pound tuna on towed squids).

Then there was the "Kahuna." Chris "Kahuna" Barrow of Cohasset, slayer of mighty fish in fresh and saltwater alike. Chris was fishing the wall at Lily Pond and caught a minuscule sunny. He practiced adjusting the drag like dad had taught him.

Suddenly a huge bass shot out of the depths and inhaled the sunny and took off for Beechwood. Chris had all he could do, leaning back, holding onto the rod for dear life, the drag singing a whining buzz.

"And?" I asked. looking into the trunk for the big bass to weigh.

"Oh he spit the hook?" exclaimed Chris. A few days later the fabled Kahuna made a trip onto the briny with Tom Lagrotteria and mom Christine.

"How'd you catch them?"

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FISHING STORY

BY MARK TRASK

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"Drifting pogies at north Hogshead," Chris chattered, "that's how we caught them," as we unloaded twin stripers at the scale. Tom snickered at the location. Kahuna's fish went 21 pounds 1 ounce! Tom's made 20 pounds 4 ounces.

The McGowan crew had a threefer. Pogie chunks caught Charlie a 39-incher, Pat a 34-incher and Jay Kasianowicz a 36-inch striper. Mike and Jon Grimm had good luck at the Shag's fooling a 33 inch and 37 inch striper respectively on mackerel chunks.

Wally Phipps nailed a couple up in the Gulph River. Minot's Brendan O'Donnell got his first keeper. Brendan's 39 inch fish weighed 18 pounds 7 ounces.

Over on Little Harbor, Paul Verrochi maneuvered the Zodiac for what must have seemed like forever as son Mark deftly battled a strong striper on his 8# fly rod.

Using a dark-colored Lefties Deceiver and an 8-pound tippet, Mark managed to bring the fish to net in slightly less than an hour. The 13 pound 7 ounce, 35 inch fish is being evaluated for submission to the International Game Fish Association to see if it qualifies for world record status.

Freshwater fishing has picked up nicely. Robin Barrow of Scituate with help from sister Amanda caught a 4 pound 3 ounce Lily Pond largemouth. Paul O'Neil sprinted to the shop from Hunters Pond to weigh in his largemouth bass. Paul released it live. Tom Judge is happy to be back fishing and celebrated by catching a 5 pound 2 ounce bass with Rick Hutchinson. A seven-inch black shad worm did the trick.

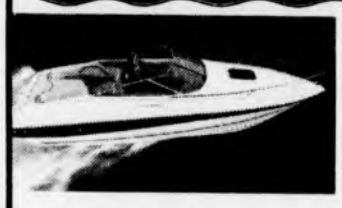
Now we enter the best fishing month of the year. With chunks capturing a large number of fish other anglers quietly ply the rocks with tube and worm rigs. One pleased angler who wishes to remain anonymous caught and released 17 keepers Sunday night. Beachcomber Tournament entries are available at the shop.

Catch one that is hard to carry!



AT RIGHT-11-year-old Laura Marks poses proudly with the 23 pound 8 ounce striper she recently caught at Shag Rock.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Coast Guard boating course

The United States Coast Guard Auxilliary XII will be holding a basic boating and seamanship course starting on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Hingham High School at 7 p.m.

The cost for the course, which will run for 12 weeks, is $45.

The course is for the power boater and includes lessons in language, trailering, federal and state requirements, courtesy motorboat examinations, rules of the road, aids to navigation, piloting, weather radio, telephone, sailing and much more.

This course will meet the requirement for children 16-and-under to obtain their Massachusetts state certificate.

Diamond girls come home with all the gold

Cohasset girls softball officially ended their summer season by taking home the District Eight Championship. Cohasset shocked everyone by defeating Avon in an exciting 8-7 win.

This summer team was made up of players who had participated in Little League's spring softball program and wanted to continue to play and improve. A sincere thank you is extended to South Shore Chevrolet for its generous sponsorship of this special team.

This championship is the result of hard work and commitment by these girls and their coaches in order to become the best softball players they could be.

A thank you is also extended to coaches Stephen and Lottie Cook, Bob Lewis and Mike Pereino for putting a great deal of their time and unique talents into building a competitive summer league team.

Practices were held regularly, during which the girls were drilled in the fundamentals of the game. During the season, all 12 girls saw plenty of action and their positions were interchangeable.

These coaches showed a good balance between managing a competitive team and also making it fun for each girl who participated in the summer girls softball program.

"It was a pleasure coaching and watching every player improve," said Lottie Cook.

Cohasset reached the finals by beating No. Randolph, 14-5.

In the final game against Avon, Kelly Holway pitched for Cohasset and found herself in a tight game.

Cohasset was trailing 3-1 after three innings.

In the top of the fourth, Heather Peraino and Holway singled, Rachael Doyle walked and with the bases loaded, Sera Genovese singled home Peraino and Holway. This tied the game at 3-3.

Avon took the lead once again with three runs in the top of the fifth. The score was now 6-3.

Cohasset once again would not quit. Danielle Pinkus led off with a double, Kerri Esposito walked, Ashley Cook singled home Pinkus and Lindsey Grossman singled home Esposito and Cook to tie the game.

After Maura O'Brien singled, Grossman stole home to put Cohasset in the lead.

Peraino then singled in O'Brien to give Cohasset an 8-6 lead going into the sixth.

Avon refused to give up and got another run. Trailing 8-7 with the bases loaded and one out, Avon's top hitter, Lisa Donahue, hit a deep line drive to right that had homerun written all over it.

Maura O'Brien somersaulted in a backward dive to make a spectacular catch, got up and threw a bullet to Cook at home plate to hold the tying run at third.

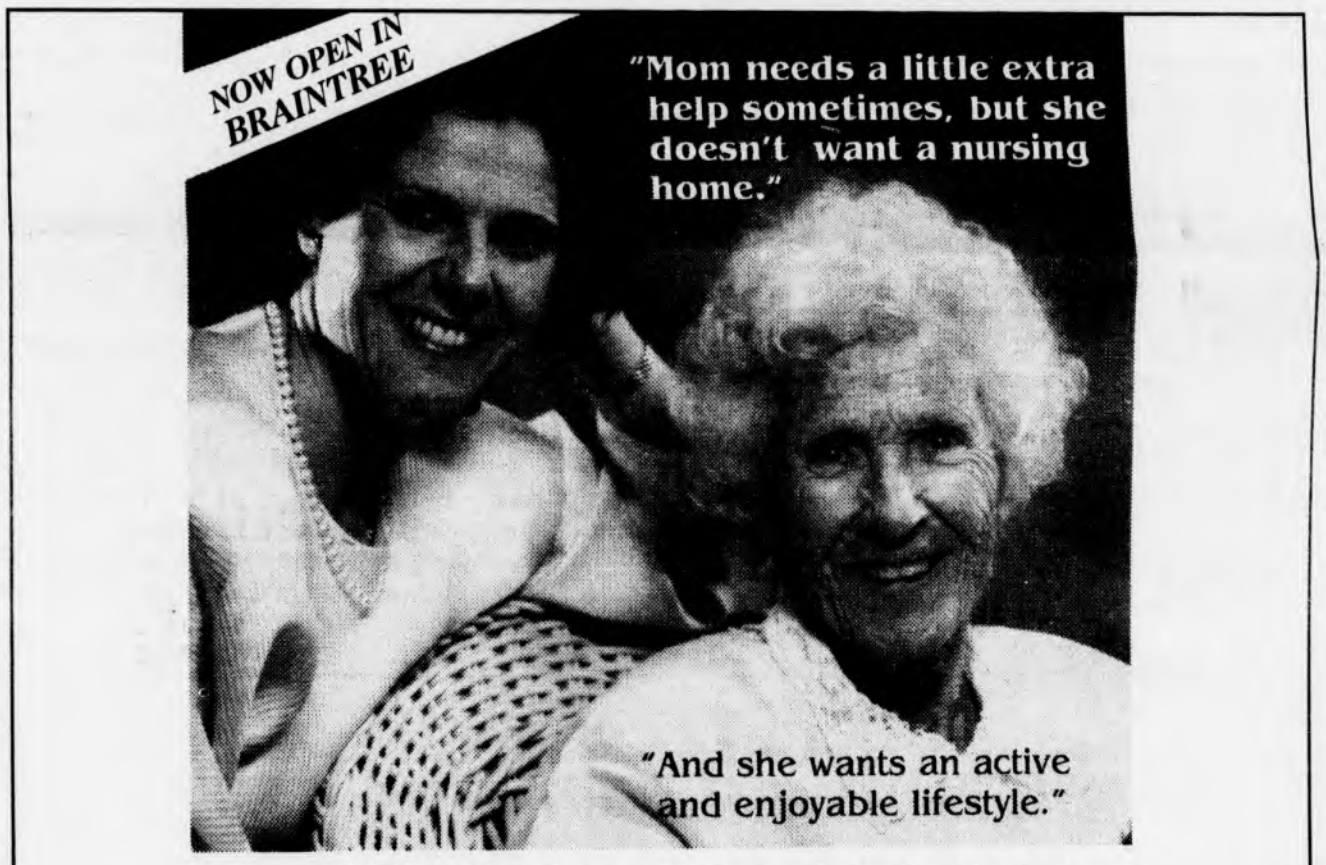
The crowd went wild as Holway struck out the last batter to secure the District Eight Championship for Cohasset.

This was a complete team effort with so many players who were able to confidently play different positions, such as Katie Portanova, who played first, third and outfield; Caroline Carr, who played third and outfield; and Sarah Brady who played second, third and outfield.

"After watching these girls play in a very competitive league, Cohasset has a great future in girls softball, stated Lewis. "The town should be proud of these girls. They represented Cohasset with good sportsmanship."



These local girls recently took the District 8 softball title. Pictured are (bottom row) Katie Portonova, Caroline Carr, Sera Genovese and Maura O'Brien. In the second row are Kerri Esposito, Heather Peraino, Kelly Holway, Lindsay Grossman, Rachael Doyle, Danielle Pinkus and Ashley Cook. Coaches Mike Perano, Bob Lewis, Stephen Cook and Lottie Cook are in the top row. Missing from the picture is Sarah Brady.



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Sailing Club caps summer season



A flotilla of competitors sets out across Cohasset Harbor.

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Most improved: Evan Sacks
Most improved: Michelle Lemaire
Excellence: Jake Previte
Excellence: Caroline Henderson

Sailor II
Most improved: Mark Lehman
Most improved: Lucy Gardner
Excellence: Andrew Jerz
Excellence: Laura Marks

Mate I
Most improved: John DeWaal
Most improved: Rachel Doyle
Excellence: Justin Runey
Excellence: Elisa Jerome

Mate II
Most improved: Andrew Wise
Excellence: Philip Strazulla
Excellence: Nicole Turgiss

Skipper
Most improved: Laura Genello
Most improved: Nick Spirito
Excellence: Julie Shea
Excellence: Betsy Reynolds

Captain
Most improved: Greg O'Connell
Most improved: Amanda Cellucci
Excellence: Eric Libby
Excellence: Courtney Anton

Sailing Master
Most improved: Geoff McWilliams
Most improved: Andrew Kinch
Excellence: Robin Cunningham
Excellence: Kate Henderson
Excellence: John Cotter

Waaser Cup
First Place: the team of Sean Chase, Peter Whorisky, and Eric Libby
Second Place: the team of Robin Cunningham and Geoff McWilliams
Third Place: the team of Kate Henderson, Sarah Motley, and Courtney Anton

Congdon Trophy
First Place: the team of John Cotter and Nick Spirito
Second Place: the team of Kate Henderson and Martha Henderson
Third Place: the team of Ronan Buick and Andrew Kinch

Match Racing
First Place: Robin Cunningham
Second Place: Betsy Reynolds
Third Place: Andrew Kinch

Bringing the event to a close, Commodore Chuck Peterson credited the growing popularity and success of the Cohasset Sailing Club to a hard-working roster of officers, including Kevin O'Connor, Peter Pescatore, Ann Musto, and Lynne Previte.

The Cohasset Sailing Club has a charter to promote safe and enjoyable sailing for everyone in the town, young and old. In addition to training programs and competitions, the club makes its boats available for free-sailing most evenings of the week as well as weekend afternoons.

Details of the 1998 Season will be available in the spring.

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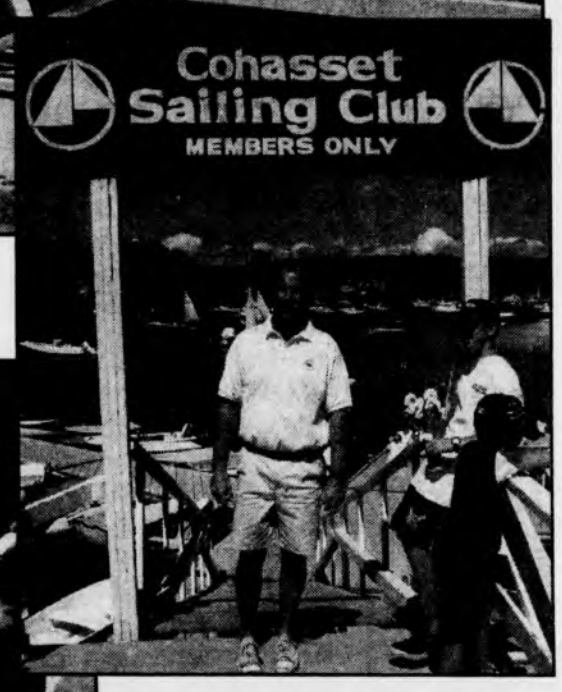
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Head instructor Sarah Kramers prepares a boat mast to be stowed for the season.







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AT BOTTOM LEFT-Hungry sailors line up for lunch.

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AIR FORCE ONE (R)
1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50

COP LAND (R)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

G.I. JANE (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

HOODLUM (R) 1:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40

LEAVE IT TO BEAVER (PG)
1:00, 3:00, 5:00

CONSPIRACY THEORY (R)
7:00, 9:45

AIR BUD (PG) 12:45, 3:00

MEN IN BLACK (PG13)
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Top honors awarded at junior sailing championships

More than 200 young sailors, from 8 to 18, participated in the sixth annual Mass Bay Boston Junior Sailing Championships at the Eastern Point Yacht Club, Aug. 12-14.

The three day event consisted of 40 races in four boat classes: International Optimist Dinghy; Laser (Olympic Boat); Laser Radial; and Club 420. Participants hailed from a number of eastern Massachusetts communities including Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate.

Top honors were awarded in the following categories: Optimist Overall, Robbie Gorman, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; Opti Red (ages 13-15), D.J. Driscoll, Scituate Harbor Yacht Club, Scituate; Opti Blue (ages 11, 12), Robbie Gorman, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; Opti White (ages 8-10), Thomas Barrows, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; Opti Green (novices of all ages), Christopher Snow, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; Laser, Matt Allen, Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly; Laser Radial, Wiley Wakeman, Cohasset Yacht Club, Cohasset; Club 420, Alex Hamlin and Kit Lonergan, Manchester Sailing Association, Manchester, Mass. Top three finishers in each class:

Optimist Overall: first place, Robbie Gorham, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; second place, Seamus Kraft, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; third place, D.J. Driscoll, Scituate Harbor Yacht Club, Scituate.

Opti Red (ages 13-15): first place, D.J. Driscoll, Scituate Harbor Yacht Club, Scituate; second place, Connor Fitzgerald, Hingham Yacht Club, Hingham; third place, Erin Clancey, Scituate Harbor Yacht Club, Scituate.

Opti Blue (ages 11, 12): first place, Robbie Gorman, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; second place, Seamus Kraft, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; third place, Kip Doble, Hingham Yacht Club.

Opti White (ages 8-10): first place, Thomas Barrows, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; second place, Greg VanDeinse, Portland Yacht Club, Portland, Maine; third place, Emily Doble, Hingham Yacht Club, Hingham.

Opti Green (novices of all ages): first place, Christopher Snow, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; second place, Nathaniel Taylor, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; third place, Jay Hydren, Manchester Sailing Association, Manchester, Mass.

Laser: first place, Matt Allen, Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverley; second place, Matt Savis, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; third place, Jordan Smith, Wessagussett Yacht Club, North Weymouth.

Laser Radial: first place, Wiley Wakeman, Cohasset Yacht Club, Cohasset; second place, Ben Quigley, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; third place, Jessica Clayton, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead.

Club 420: first place, Alex Hamlin and Kit Lonergan, Manchester Sailing Association, Manchester, Mass.; second place, Christen Sager and Sean Greeley, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead; third place, Tom Loutrel and Ilisa Mazareas, Pleon Yacht Club, Marblehead.

Men's volleyball

Men's volleyball will be held at 7 p.m., Mondays, beginning Sept. 8, at Plymouth River School. For more information, call Bill at (617) 682-1007.

T.K. fun runs on tap for October

T.K. O'Malley's and S.H.O.R.E. (Scituate High Opportunities and Resources for Education) invite you to participate in a 10K road race, a 10K walk, and 1K fun run for kids (14 and under). The race benefits the Scituate High School Students' Co-curriculum (fund-raising managed by S.H.O.R.E.). The race is sanctioned by the USATF-NE.

The date is Sunday, Oct. 5. 10K Road Race begins at 1 p.m.; Walk begins at 8:30 a.m.; 1K Fun Run begins at 11:30 a.m.; at Scituate Common, Scituate.

For the runners' divisions: Prizes to top three male and female finishers, 10K runners in each of the following categories: 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over. (Great merchandise prizes as well as refreshments will be available.

1K Kids' divisions: Ribbons and refreshments for all entries.

Pre-registration is by Sept. 20.

The 10K pre-registration fee is $12. ($15 fee registering on race day). Check-in is at Gates Middle School Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon).

The Walker pre-registration fee is $7 (with T-shirt: $12). Check-in is at Scituate Lighthouse, Sunday, 8 to 8:30 a.m.

The 1K Fun Run pre-registration fee is $5 (with T-shirt $12). The check-in is at Central Field, Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Long-sleeve T-shirts are guaranteed for the first 300 10K registrants/runners. T-shirts are for sale on race day for $12 (if available).

Race day registrations run the risk of not getting T-shirts, so preregister for all events.

Please send non-refundable check or money order (made payable to T.K.'s 10K) to T.K.'s 10K, c/o Howie Ardolino, 299 First Parish Rd., Scituate, 02066.

Following the race, rally will be held at T.K. O'Malley's Sports Cafe (Front St., Scituate Harbor).

For more information, call Howie Ardolino at (617) 545-1463.

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Sandwiches. We now offer roll-ups and pita bread sandwiches, in addition to bagel sandwiches. Over 10 varieties of meats and main toppings, 5 cheeses, our cream cheeses, and a full selection of added toppings give a near endless variety of sandwich possibilities. Try roast beef on a spinach roll up with horseradish and bacon cream cheese, lettuce and tomato, or a turkey with stuffing and cranberry sauce on a plain roll-up, or an egg, cheddar cheese and sausage bagel sandwich, or a gyro on pita bread or as a Greek roll-up, or a grilled chicken breast sandwich with grilled onions and peppers.

Soups, salads and light dinners. We currently offer freshly made salads with a large variety of toppings, including grilled chicken breast, chicken and tuna salad, or cold cuts. Hot soups and chili will replace the summer soups as the cold weather approaches. Light dinners and lunches will be added as well.

Ice cream is currently offered, as well as frappes, sundaes, freezes and more.

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SCHOOL NEWS

P.A.C. meeting is slated

The Parents Advisory Council will hold its first monthly meeting of the school year at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9, in the Deer Hill School teacher's lounge. All parents/ guardians of children receiving services under Chapter 766 are welcome. For further details call P.A.C. chairperson Kim Maynard at 383-2707.

PSO calendars are in the mail

The Cohasset PSO Yearly School Calendar has been mailed. In the event you have not received your copy, please note that extra copies will be available at all school office locations. The Cohasset PSO wishes the administration, teachers, students and parents a wonderfully productive and exciting school year.

Schools Lunch Menu

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

Chicken nuggets with sauce, potato salad, fruit cup, cake with frosting.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

Sliced turkey on pita with lettuce and tomato or grilled hot dog with roll, cole slaw, fresh fruit.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

Ham and cheese sandwich with lettuce and tomato or chicken filet on bun with lettuce and tomato, potato salad, fruit cup

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

Tuna salad croissant with lettuce and tomato or cheeseburger with roll with lettuce and tomato, oven fries, apple sauce.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

Greek salad with pita or oven baked pizza, salad, pineapple tidbits.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

Chicken salad on roll with lettuce and tomato or meatball sub., mixed fruit, cookie.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Investor alert: All index funds are not created equal

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

The widespread gains of the stock market over the last few years have made indexing the catchword of the mutual fund industry. Investors have asked themselves why they should take the trouble to shop around for successful, actively managed funds when it's the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index that climbs, seemingly unfailingly, to new highs every month. And – more importantly – why spend the time when the S&P 500 posts returns that many equity funds can't mimic?

The answer to those questions has come in the form of billions of dollars pouring into 91 funds that mirror equity indexes over the last year. It's indexing mania.

What many investors may not realize amid this general euphoria is that all index funds are not created equal. While there are dozens of funds that tie their performances to that of the S&P 500, there are also a bunch that mirror indexes gauging everything from technology stocks to trucking stocks. These more narrowly-focused index funds can be riskier investments.

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And some index funds cost more than others, with charges ranging from nothing at all to 2 percent of assets to cover expenses. It's safe to say, though, that all funds that mimic the S&P 500 index have been universally successful for the last two and a half years as the market rallied. What's more, S&P 500 index funds almost always beat the money manager who actively invests in the overall market. A mere 7 percent of equity funds that invest in the overall market (general equity funds) have done better than the S&P 500, according to Lipper Analytical – a pretty compelling reason to follow the index.

The reason that money managers have a hard time beating the S&P 500 is that stocks of blue-chip and large multinational companies tend to be well-researched. And that makes it more difficult for the managers to discover some hidden value in the company that other investors haven't realized, says John Markese, the president of the American Association of Individual Investors.

Yet the opposite is true for money managers competing with indexes of small-cap and of international stocks. They tend to reap better returns by actively researching and buying stocks in those groups than by simply following corresponding benchmark indexes.

This is partly because these two areas of the market include a bevy of stocks not followed by Wall Street analysts. That gives a good money manager the opportunity to find stocks that trade for less than they are worth – unknowns that will be tomorrow's stars. The potential for gains (and, in turn, losses) thereby increases. (The classic example of the 1980s is the little computer software company called Microsoft.).

In fact, narrowly-focused index funds have tended to not do as well as actively managed funds with similar focuses (an actively managed fund is one in which a money manager determines the stocks which are purchased, within the guidelines of the portfolio).

Consider this: As of July 31, some 55 percent of small-cap funds had outperformed the Russell 2000 Index this year. And, over that same period, an impressive 73 percent of international funds returned more than the benchmark Morgan Stanley Capital International Europe, Asia and Far East Index (EAFE).

Money managers of active funds can usually avoid obviously laggard stocks or sectors which are included in the Russell 2000 and Morgan Stanley EAFE (included no doubt to make them comprehensive gauges).

A money manager who shunned stocks of Malaysian companies this year and loaded up on shares of companies headquartered in Switzerland, for example, would have done better than the Morgan Stanley EAFE. The index, which contains stocks from 20 countries, has returned only 11 percent so far this year, with Malaysian stocks dropping 20 percent countered by Swiss stocks gaining 34 percent. An EAFE index fund would force you to stay in a group that a money manager could easily avoid.

By the same token, money managers can increase their bet on rising sectors. For example, a small-cap index fund may be without a significant holding of technology stocks, which are often the leaders of market rallies. In the second quarter of this year, technology stocks in the Russell 2000 gained 24 percent, fueling the index's 15 percent rise. An active small-cap fund could load up on technology and stay away from less spectacular sectors, beating even the Russell 2000's success with their modest holdings of technology.

On the other hand, betting on the success of a whole market sector can bring great rewards when it's hot – of course, it can leave you vulnerable when it's not. If sales of personal computers plummet, chances are active funds and indexes that are heavily weighed in technology, like the Pacific Stock Exchange's technology index, will fall in unison (note that index funds based on the S&P 500 might not suffer because the losses would be balanced out by the success of another sector). And that's the risk investors run of being less diversified in their holdings.

Index funds do, however, tend to be cheaper than funds that rely on money managers since they have no research expenses.

And keep in mind that index funds usually lag slightly behind the returns of their designated index. For one thing, costs tend to skim off some of the return. And, most funds keep a certain amount of cash. A buffer, perhaps, for the day when index funds fall out of fashion.

1997 Taxpayer Act has benefits

The tax bill recently signed into law by President Bill Clinton is being called the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (TRA 97). It includes the most significant tax changes since the Reagan tax cuts of 1981. Nearly everyone gets some relief.

Among the more important changes, TRA 97 does the following:

- Cuts the top rate on capital gains from 28 percent to 20 percent effective May 7, 1997
- Provides for a $500,000 exclusion on the gain on home sales for married couples
- Provides significant death-tax relief, including a gradual increase in the estate and gift tax exemption from $600,000 to $1 million
- Includes a $1.3 million estate tax exclusion for family businesses and farms
- Establishes a child tax credit and provides assorted tax breaks for higher education
- Expands IRAs and creates a "Roth IRA" in which the income from qualified withdrawals may never be taxed
- Establishes more favorable rules for home office deductions

There are numerous effective dates for the new provisions-some retroactive, some current and some prospective. A more complete review of TRA 97 is available on-line at http://www.graymail.com/afai/ftw.html.

(Michael D. Koppel, CPA is the senior tax partner with Gray, Gray & Gray Certified Public Accountants, in Boston.)

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Paul Pratt Library pet show was a big success

After a rain delay during the last week of August, the Paul Pratt Library First Annual Pet Show scored a big win with children of all ages in Cohasset. Organized by Suzanne Terry, the children's librarian, the show featured 22 dogs, four cats, three rabbits, four birds, one opossum, one fish, two hermit crabs, one frog and two stuffed animals. All participants received blue ribbons, awarded by judges, Suzan Redgate, Ozzie Ingram, Sara Roche and Gitte Shea. Watermelon was donated by Stop & Shop. Here are the award winners:

Most Awesome: Nicole Buckley and her opossum, Awesome; Most Precocious: Julia and Jeffrey Scribner and their Jack Russell terrier, Ayla; Softest fur: Max MacCleave and his cat, Blackie; Most Excited: Devon and Kelsey Bell and their dog, Blake; Most Naughtical: Doyle and Riley Calhoun and their dog, Boz; Waggiest tail: Jenny Roche and her dog, Brillo; Best Soccer Header: Tori Gavaza and her dog, Bud; Floppiest: Kevin O'Connell and his stuffed dog, Buddy; Tweetiest: Chris and Margaux Donze and their bird, Chico; Longest Tongue: Alexander and Natalie Hunt and their dog, Clyde; Most Laid-back: Corey Steffens and her rabbit, Floppy; and Most Colorful: Amelia Butman and her hermit crabs, Island and Sunshine.

Also, Twitchiest nose: Amanda Masotta and her rabbit, Julie; Garfield Award: Mike and Sam Kusek and their 15-lb. cat, Kato; Diggingest dog: Adam Johnson and his dog, Lady; Fruitiest Dog: David Snowdale and his dog, Luke; Most Laid-back Dog: Johanna Dolan and her dog, Maya Gump; Velveteen Rabbit Award: Caitlin O'Connell and her stuffed bear, Mr. Bear; Smartest: Kevin Ryan and his dog, Mocha; Mad Hatter: Amelia Butman and her cat, Molly; Most Patient: Virginia and Jennifer Spofford and their cat, Mookie; Most Playful: Torey Hart and her dog, Nugget; Bounciest: Molly Trisler and her dog, Peanut; Most Romantic: Emilie Shea and her parakeet, Petey; Dumbest Dog: Lucille McLoughlin and her dachshund, Pushkin; Circus Queen: Derek Youngman and his Jack Russell terrier, Rumble; and Most Athletic: Leah, Sarah and Rachel McMorris and their dog, Sam.

Also, Happiest Camper: Emily Nash and her dog, Sara; Jumpiest: Zack Strecker and his frog, Scooter; Most Talented: Ryan Ofsthun and his dog, Scout; Fastest: Catherine Cleveland and her mini-Italian greyhound, Shadow; Softest dog: Jessie Guild and her dog, Sophie; Fragrant Friends Award; Dan and Claire McCarthy and their dogs, Star and Muffin; Best Swimmer: Juliette Karp and her fish, Stripey; Most Colorful Tail: Nicole Buckley and her Tiki bird (parrot); Latest and Most Expensive: Mary Hartwell and her dog, Colby; Best Hairdo: Catherine Cleveland and her Silky Chicken, Winterfall; and Latest Bunny: Amanda Thompson and her bunny, Softie.



Zachery Stricker croaks like his pet bullfrog Scooter at the library pet show on the common two weeks ago.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Plymouth Division
Docket No. 97C0123-CA1
Notice Of Change Of Name

To JAMES C. TURNER of Cohasset, in the County of Norfolk, interested in the petition hereinafter described.

A petition has been presented to said Court by MARY F. FERREIRA of 67 Curtis Drive, Plymouth, Plymouth County 02360 and CAITLIN E. TURNER, minor, by MARY F. FERREIRA, HER mother and next friend, praying that her name may be changed as follows:

CAITLIN E. TURNER
to
CAITLIN E. FERREIRA.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Plymouth Probate Court, P.O. Box 3640, Plymouth, MA 02361 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fifteenth day of September, 1997.

Witness, Catherine P. Sabaitis, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of August, 1997.

JOHN J. DALEY,
Register of Probate

9/4/97

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 97P2053E1

Estate of JOHN H. DEAN late of COHASSET In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that CHARLES W. DEAN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and BOSTON SAFE DEPOSIT and TRUST COMPANY of BOSTON in the County of SUFFOLK be appointed executors named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on October 1, 1997.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this eighteenth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

9/4/97

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A design Public Hearing will be held by the Massachusetts Highway Department to discuss the proposed roadway improvements of Route 228 in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset. The project includes the portion of Route 228 from Route 53 at the Hingham and Norwell Town Line to the Hingham and Cohasset Town Line, and continuing north in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset to the Intersection of Hull Street (Route 228), Jerusalem Road and Rockland Street.

WHERE: Hingham Town Hall, Barnes Auditorium, 7 East Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 10, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed roadway improvement project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed roadway improvement project consists of milling the existing pavement and replacing the milled section with a new paved surface, reconstructing existing sidewalks, geometric improvements at critical intersecting streets along the corridor, establishment of a suitable cross section to provide a paved usable shoulder, drainage improvements, update of existing traffic control signals, and installation of new guardrail, signs and pavement markings, and other related work.

A secure right of way is required for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Hingham is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands within Hingham and the Town of Cohasset is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands within Cohasset. The Department's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at the hearing.

Written views received by the Department subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. The final receipt of these statements and exhibits will be ten (10) days after this Public Hearing.

Plans will be on display one half hour before the hearing with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project.

KEVIN J. SULLIVAN
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THOMAS F. BRODERICK, P.E.
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Boston, Massachusetts

8/28, 9/4/97

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POLICE LOG

Sunday, Aug. 10

12:01 a.m., noise complaint, Norman Todd Rd.

12:01 a.m., noise complaint, S. Main St.

12:05 a.m., noise complaint, Elm Ct.

6:05 a.m., info, general, Jerusalem Rd.

8:53 a.m., infor, general, Cushing Plaza.

10:36 a.m., suspicious person, Summer St.

12:06 p.m., parking violation, Border St.

2:07 p.m., suspicious person, Sandy Beach.

2:41 p.m., well-being check, Pleasant St.

4:08 p.m.., assist citizen, Lighthouse Ln.

4:27 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.

5:03 p.m., medical aid, S. Main St.

5:36 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

5:57 p.m., suspicious (other), Pond St.

8:30 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

8:43 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.,

Arrested: Roberts, William D.; 65 Franks Ln. 102, Hanover. DOB: 11/6/58. Charges: Operating a MV without a license; speeding in violation of special regulations.

9:14 p.m., noise complaint, S Main St.

9:53 p.m., transport, Hull St.

10:24 p.m., info, general, Sandy Beach.

10:46 p.m., MV stop, Old Coach Rd.

11:38 p.m., fire, structure, Country Way.

Monday, Aug. 18

12:01 a.m., property damage, Summer St.

1:06 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

1:19 a.m., assist citizen, Wheelwright Farm.

3:03 a.m., medical aid, N. Main St.

9:07 a.m., parking violation, Windy Hill Rd.

10:11 a.m., officer wanted, Cushing Rd.

12:26 p.m., suspicious person, Fernway.

1:20 p.m., assist citizen, N. Main St.

5:31 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

5:44 p.m., officer wanted, Sandcastles Daycare.

9:29 p.m., suspicious auto, Deep Run.

11:34 p.m., officer wanted, Doane St.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

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IT'S HAPPENING

Barefoot in Park audition

Hull Performing Arts announces auditions for Barefoot in the Park by Neil Simon. Auditions will be held on Monday, Sept. 8 and Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. at Charisma Realty Offices, 115 Nantasket Ave. in Hull. Please be prepared to do a cold reading from the script. Call (617)925-9086 for directions and other information.

Hull Performing Arts is a non-profit, tax-exempt community theatre.

Hingham Civic Music Theatre holds auditions

Celebrating its 50th season, the Hingham Civic Music Theatre presents auditions for "Once Upon a Mattress," 1997 Tony Award Nominee for "Best Revival of a Musical."

Auditions will take place at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8 and Tuesday, Sept. 9, at Hingham High School Auditorium, Union St. in Hingham. Performance dates are Nov. 7 through 16. For further information, call Mark Bono at (617) 696-6569.

Tour of Hingham Cemetery

A free, public tour of the Hingham Cemetery, a 325-year-old, non-sectarian, non-profit burial ground behind Old Derby Academy and the Old Ship Church in downtown Hingham, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 21, co-sponsored by the cemetery's board of directors and the Hingham Historical Society. The rain date is Sept. 28.

Highlighting the event will be an 1870 Victorian hearse, and mourning costumes and other Victorian items, displayed in the 111-year-old Queen Anne-style cemetery chapel. Genealogical documents relating to early settlers buried here since 1672 — coming not just from Hingham but also Cohasset (Cohasset was part of Hingham until 1770), will be available, and refreshments will be served.

The tour, to be led by Philip Swanson, retired science teacher and history buff; and Lucinda Day, landscape designer and a cemetery director, will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. and wind through the 16-acre "garden cemetery" and its arboretum. Along the way, participants will view graves of some of the town's earliest settlers, monuments honoring the first settlers and the town's Civil War dead, Hingham's original fort, built as protection against Indian attack as well as possible invasion by Dutch settlers from New York; and rare, non-native trees and shrubs.

Free outdoor concerts

"Music at The Gazebo" — Free outdoor family concerts are held each Sunday in September from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the gazebo at Veteran's Memorial Park in Hull (Nantasket and Samoset Avenues intersection). Sept. 7, South Shore Conservatory String Quartet plays "Vivaldi to Joplin to Rogers and Hart;" Sept. 14, Ed Sorrentino Jazz Quartet; Sept. 21, South Shore Conservatory String Quartet with Ed Pomeroy on trumpet; Sept. 28, Hank Doiron Quartet with jazz and pop vocals. Bring your own seating. For more information, call (781) 925-1977.

Alzheimer's support group meets

At the next meeting of the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m., Sanford Auerbach, M.D., will speak on Alzheimer's Disease: the Diagnosis.

Dr. Auerbach is Director of the Behavioral Neurology Program and of the Sleep Disorders at Boston Medical Center, formerly University Hospital. This program, which is free and open to the public, is held at Thaxter Community Hall, 30 Thaxter St., Hingham.

Dr. Auerbach is assistant professor of neurology and psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine and Medical Director of the Mediplex Center for Traumatic Brain Injury in Newton. He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern Massachusetts and a member of the Board of Directors of ADSGSS, Inc.

A question and answer period will conclude the presentation. ADSGSS is a volunteer nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to providing information and support to families dealing with the problems of Alzheimer's Disease.

For more information, call 749-5417.

Artists call for entries

The South Shore Art Center announces a Call for Entries for the Annual Blue Ribbon members show. The exhibition is open to all members of the Art Center and dues must be current through the end of the Blue Ribbon show. Artists interested in becoming members may join when they enter their work.

Work may be delivered to the Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset, Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Artists may submit one work and there is a $4 hanging fee. The exhibition will run from Oct. 3 through Nov. 9, with a complimentary opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 3. For further information, call (781) 383-ARTS (2787).

GALLERIES

South Shore Art Center; Bancroft Gallery Exhibition "Faculty Focus 1997;" Dillon Gallery, Featured Gallery Artists Exhibition through Sept. 21. More than 30 faculty artists representing all media, exhibit personal favorites, special student exhibition in Passageway Gallery. Docent gallery tour Sept. 21, 2 p.m., free. Gallery hours Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Wheelchair accessible.

COURSES/WORKSHOPS

Cohasset: South Shore Art Center, register now for fall, courses and workshops beginning Sept. 22. Day, evening and weekend classes and one- to three-day workshops available for ages Pre-K through adult. Classes in drawing, pastel, watercolor, painting, figure painting, collage, monoprinting, Chinese brush painting, clay, photography, papermaking and more. Call to register or for brochure. Business hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., all at 119 Ripley Rd., (781) 383-ARTS (2787).

Anxiety and panic disorders

The Social Service League of Cohasset announces a program on "Anxiety and Panic Disorders," presented by Michael Jablon, Ed.D., licensed psychologist and clinical instructor in psychology at the Cambridge Hospital, Dept. of Psychiatry, in Cambridge, Mass.

The program will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's Residence, 96 Border St., Cohasset. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

For information regarding this program, call the Social Service League office at (617) 383-0771.

Community Center activities

The South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., will host a Celtic music and ice cream social from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14, to celebrate Grandparents Day.

Enjoy the sounds of traditional Celtic music and make a sundae with Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

Bring not only grandparents, but parents, aunts, uncles or friends to this intergenerational event.

Admission for adults is free, for children, $2. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the center. Space is limited and everyone needs a ticket for admission.

The event is sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Hingham Institution for Savings and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream of Hingham.

The community center is beginning its dance season with Donna Joyce Viau, directing for her seventh season.

Classes are offered in Creative Magic Dance, Dance Theatre, jazz and tap. Last season, excerpts from "West Side Story" and "Godspell" were performed. Students are involved in choreography development, creating inexpensive homemade costumes, designing and painting scenery.

Classes begin Sept. 9 for all levels.

For further information call 383-0088.

Monet Chamber Ensemble returns

South Shore Conservatory presents the Monet Chamber Ensemble in concert Sunday, Sept. 14, at 4 p.m., at the Jane C. Carr Amphitheater.

The Monet Chamber Ensemble, comprised of Boston Symphony Orchestra musicians, first performed together at a benefit for the Carr Amphitheater in March, 1995.

The Sunday afternoon concert will feature music by Schubert and Dvorak. Admission is $15 for pavilion seats and $5 for lawn seats.

Each member of the ensemble has had extensive experience in solo and chamber music performance. They have performed numerous times together in various combinations and also with such groups as diverse as the Muir and Amici string quartets, Collage New Music and the Boston Musica Viva. They have performed at Symphony Hall, Tanglewood and Searles Castle in Great Barrington.

Members of the Monet Chamber Ensemble include violinists Tatiana Dimitriades and Victor Romanul, violist Edward Gazouleas, cellist Joel Moerschel and pianist Judith Gordon.

Parking for the concert is at the Hingham Bus Depot, 19 Fort Hill St., next to the Federal Credit Union and Thomas Auto Body. Shuttle service is provided to and from the concert.

The Carr Amphitheater, One Conservatory Drive, is handicapped accessible, and handicapped parking is available on site. For more information, call (617) 749-7565, Ext. 16.

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Launching of the 'Crystal Spray' delayed a year

By Kerry Herlihy
CORRESPONDENT

The launching of the "Crystal Spray" previously set for this past summer has been delayed until April 1998 due to unexpected problems with the construction of the boat and the threats of hurricane season. This is the ship to be used in the educational centennial circumnavigation reenacting Joshua Slocum's epic voyage around the world titled, "Voyage of the Spray." Although the delay puts the excitement for the students and teachers on hold, more time is now available for fundraising.

The "Voyage of the Spray" project, established through a cooperative partnership including the University of Alabama, is teacher-centered as opposed to traditional student-centered with a mission to improve education by expanding experiential learning. The premise is that teachers are the center of the educational process; administrators guide the process; parents and community facilitate and students are the product.

Teachers from all over the world will sail the replica of Slocum's vessel, Crystal Spray. The replica vessel is under construction at Winter Island in Salem. An expert team of shipwrights have been building the vessel as an in-house project and came across rot in the wood that supported the masts. The wood is currently being replaced to ensure better safety but pushes back the completion date. This voyage will start from Boston in April 1998 and end in Newport, R.I., approximately three years from departure.

> ***"We hope to be sailing during the winter of 1999 in the southern hemisphere, expectantly around Australia."***
> — ROBERT BERGQUIST, COHASSET TEACHER.

Teams of three teachers assigned a specific three-week leg of the trip of which they physically on the ship as crew members. During the rest of the Crystal Spray's trip, the team will assist the students with the Spray's travels and findings through the integration of multimedia activities which include Internet projects, periodic electronic field trips via satellite up-links, and video and documentary programs coordinated by the University of Alabama's Center for Communication and Educational Technology. Lessons incurred from this voyage will be interdisciplinary focusing on social studies, math, language arts and science.

The Cohasset team will include Robert Bergquist from the Deer Hill School, Ken Cisnaros from the Osgood School, and David Magnussen from the high school. These teachers will have a state-of-the-art Tiger computer in their classrooms for the duration of the trip. The Tiger computers decode digital messages sent from the Spray. This form of communication will allow the teachers to communicate with their classes while they themselves are on the voyage.

The new spring departure date puts the ship out of any risk with hurricanes as the previous summer departure date might have experienced and allots more time to raise necessary funding. Ocean Spray recently donated $2,000 to support the project. The Cohasset Education Foundation donated $5,000.

"The Board was sold by the fact that the voyage will be applicable to all grades in each school. We were also happy to learn that the project covers a two-and-a-half year time span and is not just a three-week investment," said Mike Hurley, president of the Cohasset Education Foundation.

With $8,000 remaining to meet the $15,000 goal, plans for community fundraising events are in the works.

"As soon as we have the money, we can secure our spot on the voyage. Therefore, we are searching all options for funding," said Bergquist, teacher at Deer Hill.

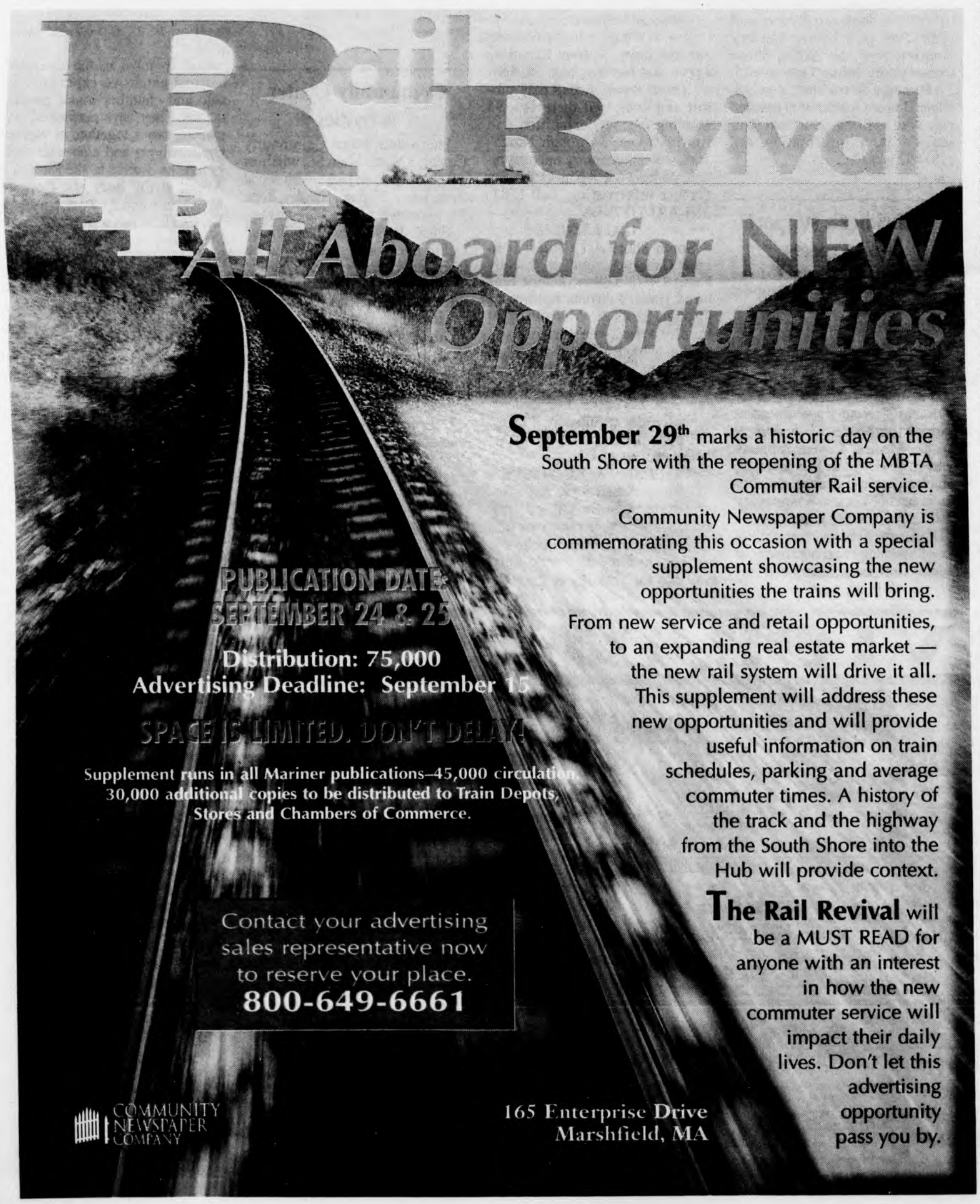
''When our spot is secured we will be assured what leg we will be sailing on and when that will take place. We hope to be sailing during the winter of 1999 in the southern hemisphere, expectantly around Australia. I have been involved with this project for more than two years. so hopefully I will have some pull on which leg we are assigned," Bergquist said.

Bergquist hopes students will participate in the fundraising.

"We would like to involve the students with raising the money to create ownership of the project and to introduce the reality of what a project like this costs," Bergquist said. Specific plans for fund-raisers have yet to be made public.

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Land mines link local man to Princess Diana

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Armed only with a backpack and and Arabic and Hebrew dictionary, then 20-year-old Jerry White set out to explore Israel on a hiking trip.

The Cohasset High grad and Brown University student had no idea that he and his two friends had entered a landmine field. They camped overnight and the next day, White stepped on a mine which cost him part of his right leg.

That was 1984 and at the time, White could never have imagined that his personal tragedy would someday link him with a beautiful princess.

About two years ago, White co-founded with Ken Rutherford, another amputee, the Landmine Survivors Network (LSN). LSN, which is based in Washington where White now lives with his wife and four children, is an association of mine victims worldwide, whose mission in to ban the production, stockpiling, use and export of anti-personnel mines.

Britian's Princess Diana, who made a trip to Angola last January to draw attention to the scourge of land mines, met White and Rutherford at a land-mine conference in London in June where she was the keynote speaker.

The princess subsequently chose LSN to host her three-day visit to Bosnia in August where she went house-to-house visiting landmine survivors and their families.

According to White's mother, Mimi White of Sheldon Road, her son and Rutherford met with Diana at Kensington Palace last month where she asked them to make the arrangements.

(Jerry White, who is currently in Oslo, Norway at an international conference to negotiate a global ban on landmines, was unavailable to be interviewed for this story).

In a commentary in the Sept. 3 Christian Science Monitor, White said:

"Travelling with Diana on this remarkable trip, I repeatedly witnessed the

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Taxpayer groups plan powwow

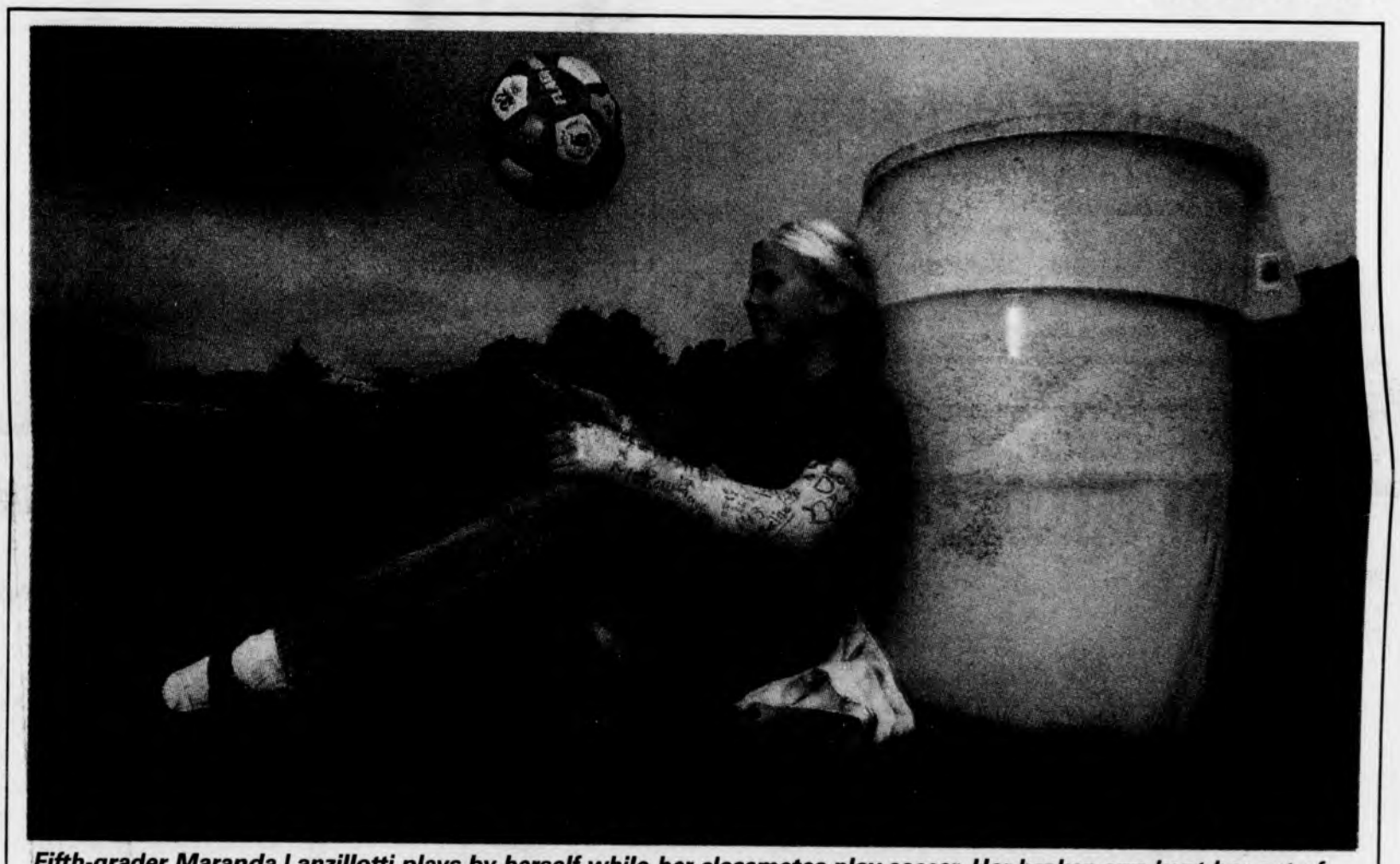
By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers, a grassroots tax watchdog group formed about 18 months ago, plans to reach out to its counterparts to the north and south.

The group, which has about 60 members, has invited Friends of Hingham Taxpayers and Scituate Citizens for Limited Taxation to a meeting from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sept. 25 at the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island in Cohasset.

"We thought it would be nice to get together with the other two towns and discuss some of the problems we've been having and think of creative ways for our

TAXPAYER GROUPS, PAGE 7



Fifth-grader Maranda Lanzillotti plays by herself while her classmates play soccer. Her broken arm kept her out of the action during recess at the Deer Hill School.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Founder vows to keep lobster lab afloat

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The Lobster Lab may not be sunk yet.

Local biologist, Kevin Ulmer, who proposed the project and would serve as the lab's volunteer director, hasn't given up the ship.

He was unable to attend Monday's selectmen's meeting where Murray Campbell, president of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation, told selectmen the Lightkeepers were going to pack it in.

The Lightkeepers, which raised money and organized the labor to refurbish the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island, planned to raise upwards of $800,000 to do the renovation work for the Hagerty house and establish a marine research facility there. The Lightkeepers sought to lease the Hagerty house from the town for 10 years at $1 a year.

Ulmer said he wasn't surprised by the Lightkeepers' decision and planned to move ahead with efforts for the lab at the Hagerty house on his own.

"I fully intend to press on with the lab project under a new, to-be-incorporated, non-profit entity, specifically organized for that purpose," he said.

Ulmer said he will go before selectmen Sept. 15 to discuss his proposal. It's not clear if the proposal will have to go back before town meeting, which approved the lobster lab use for the Hagerty house last spring. A special town meeting is slated for Oct. 27.

In a bitter prepared statement Monday, Campbell laid blame

LOBSTER LAB, PAGE 6

Greenbush foes steamed at Cellucci rail stance

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

The fact that acting Gov. Paul Cellucci has officially committed himself to the restoration of the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad has come as a shock to some South Shore residents.

Cohasset resident Peter Robb of the Coastal Coalition, a grassroots organization which is seeking alternatives to rail restoration, received the news in an Aug. 28 letter from MBTA General Manager Robert H. Prince Jr.

Speaking on behalf of Cellucci, at his request, Prince stated that the MBTA, the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction and the Cellucci administration "remain committed to this project."

"This is big news," said Nancy

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Volunteers sought for traffic committee

Selectmen are seeking three citizens at large to serve on the new traffic study committee. The committee's charge is to make recommendations to selectmen on issues involving speed limits, stop signs, lights, traffic counts, crosswalk locations, traffic flow in congested areas and so on. The committee will consult with the department of public works, and police and fire departments for advice and recommendations. Also on the committee will be the police chief or his designee and a member of the board of selectmen or their designee, Town Manager Mark Haddad said. Interested citizens should contact Haddad at 383-9900 or stop by the selectmen's office.

Resurfacing projects to begin

Weather permitting, the department of public works have scheduled the following projects:

Sept. 15-16, excavation and resurfacing of the driveway at the Paul Pratt Library will be conducted.

Sept. 18, resurfacing Cedar Street, Lamberts Lane, Mill Lane and Forest Avenue will begin.

Residents should expect some delays and use other routes when possible. Library users can park in designated parking spots on South Main Street and the town parking areas.

Clamming fee issue on hold

A clamming fee dispute between Scituate and Cohasset has been temporarily put on hold but is not a dead issue, said Scituate Selectmen Chairman Joseph Norton.

"The board just wasn't ready to deal with it," he said of the issue, which was table two weeks ago.

Several questions still remain over whether Cohasset clammers should be charged out-of-town permit fees to dig for clams at flats located in their own town. The town of Scituate legally controls the flats at Cohasset's Bassings Beach and currently charges Cohasset residents $50 annually to clam while Scituate clammers pay $20.

Norton said the board is worried about the precedent that might be set for sharing flats with other towns, particular if the North River clam flats open. Questions about how much to charge and whether to limit the number of Cohasset permits for Bassings Beach also need to be addressed, he said.

"It's certainly nothing that can't be worked out," Norton said.

Officials in Cohasset hope to reach an accord that will settle a dispute that first began when the flats reopened in 1994.

"I'm still working on it. As far as I'm concerned it is not dead yet," said Cohasset Selectman Merle Brown.

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Sun. 14	9:30	10.1	3:17	9:49	11.3	3:37
Mon. 15	10:23	10.8	4:11	10:44	11.7	4:32
Tues. 16	11:15	11.4	5:03	11:38	12.0	5:25
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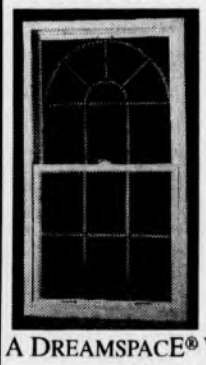
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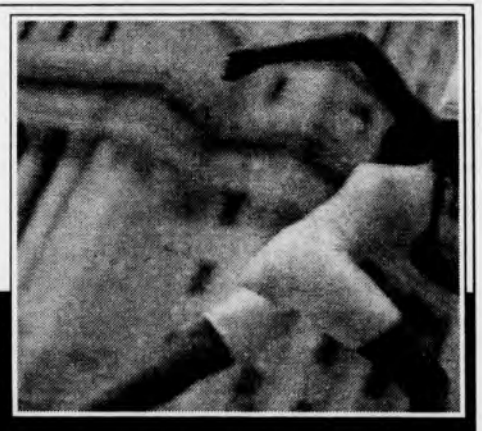
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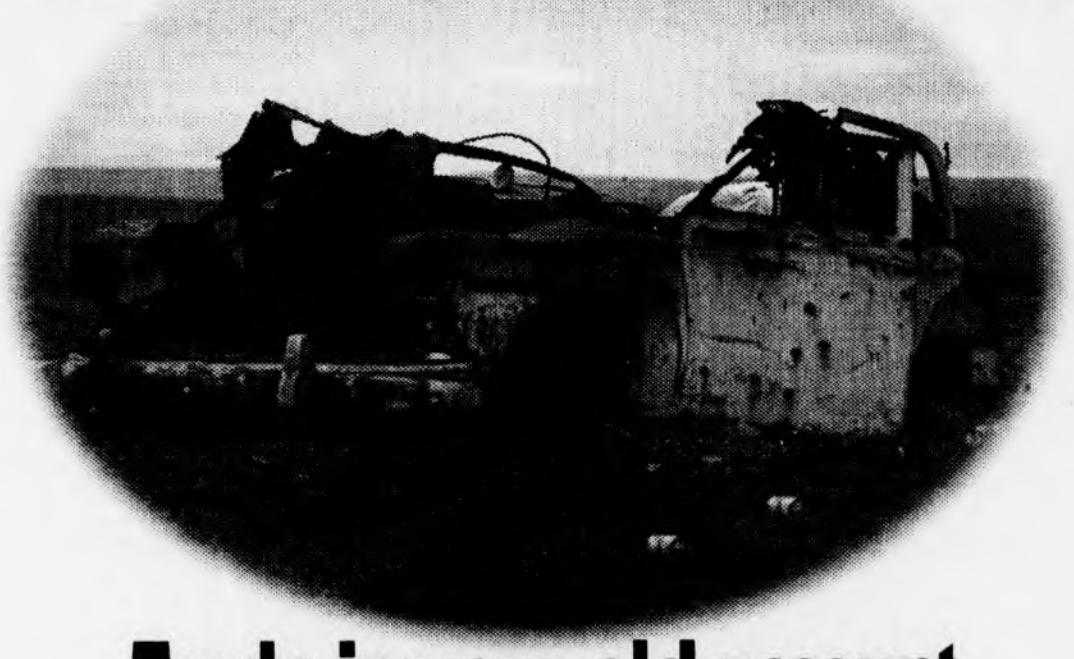
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Evolution of meetinghouses is local treasure

By Jeff Spencer
CORRESPONDENT

For anyone interested in the architectural history of the New England Meetinghouse, the South Shore affords an unique opportunity to witness the evolution of the meeting house in the structures of three local churches.

Architectural historians today classify three types of meetinghouse that, one after the other, dominated the New England landscape. Over the course of two centuries, from 1630 to 1830, the New England meetinghouse evolved from the stodgy puritan meeting hall to the now-familiar steepled churches that have come to symbolize New England.

Before there were churches, there were meetinghouses. When the early English settlers, mostly Puritans, came to Massachusetts in the 1630's, they built meetinghouses, simple structures that reflected the Puritans' desire to "purify" the Anglican faith of extraneous beliefs and practices. The meetinghouse was a place where both secular and religious meetings were held, not a "house of God," and they were void of ornamentation.

The earliest meetinghouses were, of necessity, crudely built and evidenced no common architectural style, but by 1650, a distinct new style of meetinghouse appeared in and around Boston, and soon spread throughout New England. Elizabethan in style, these buildings were square or nearly so, with hip roofs and turrets.

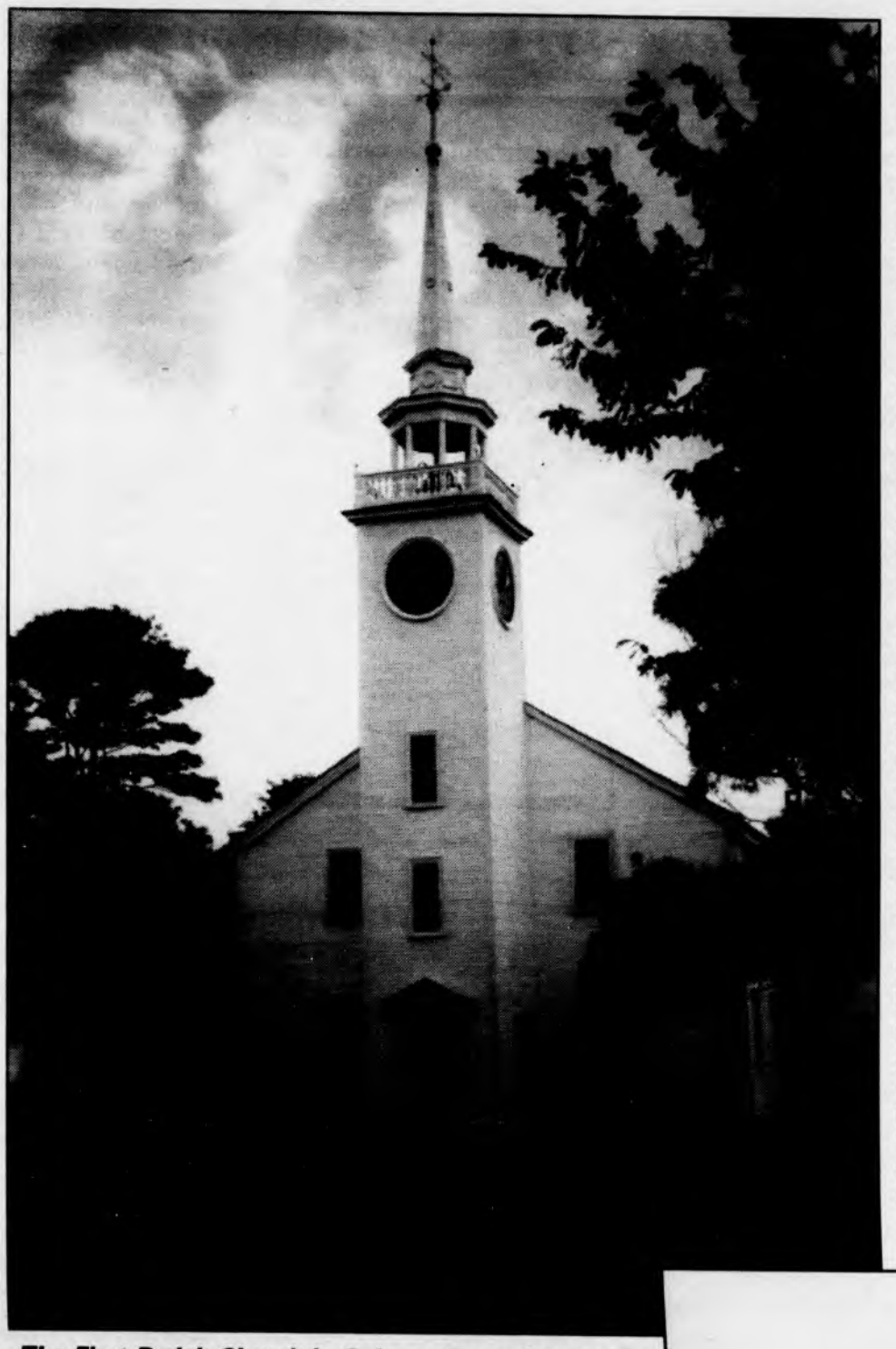
In 1679, the town of Hingham decided to build a new meetinghouse to replace the log structure built in 1635. Envoys were sent out to view meetinghouses in other communities, and Hingham's new meetinghouse was built to conform to the square, hip-roof style. When completed in 1681, it became the second largest meeting house in New England.

Since 1681, the Old Ship Meetinghouse has undergone changes both inside and out. Additions were made in 1731 and 1755, and the interior grew increasingly ornate until the restoration of 1930.

Architect Edgar T.P. Walker of Hingham oversaw the restoration. The ground floor was restored to its 18th century appearance, while the ceiling was removed to reveal its renown Gothic framework of 1681.

The Old Ship Church is the now only remaining example of this type of meetinghouse, and is a registered national historic landmark.

By 1700, a new style of meetinghouse had appeared. Rectangular rather than square, these pitched-roof structures featured an attached square tower and a two-story side entrance. Throughout New England there was little variation from this form, which remained dominant during the entire 18th century. These buildings, such as the Old South Meeting House in Boston, are commonly associated with the Revolutionary War period. Just five miles drive from the Old Ship Church, the First Parish Church on Cohasset Common perfectly illustrates this style. Built as a simple pitched-roof building in 1747, it acquired its entrance porch in 1768 and its square tower in 1799. Today it remains one of the few meeting houses of its kind to have survived.



The First Parish Church in Cohasset remains as one of the few meetinghouses of its kind to have survived.

Jeff Spencer photo

Back in Hingham, a third church represents the next step in meetinghouse evolution. The New North Church, just off the square in Hingham, was built in 1806, when the Federalist faction of the Old Ship Church (then called the North Church) bolted to form their own congregation. This church was built on a model inspired by Boston Architect Charles Bulfinch.

Bulfinch designed several churches at the close of the 18th century. By that time, meetinghouses had begun to drop their secular functions, and Bulfinch's churches took on a design recognized as characteristic of strictly religious buildings. In this form, the entrance is on one short side of the rectangular, pitched-roof building. Above the entrance are the facade and steeple, embellished with classical details. The New England meeting house had become a church.

Bulfinch's concepts spread rapidly throughout New England due to Asher Benjamin's publication of "The Country Builder's Assistant," in 1797, which featured the Bulfinch-inspired design for a church. Benjamin's illustrations became the starting point for New England carpenter-builders, who used their own creativity to produce countless variations on this theme, which remained pre-eminent until the Greek revival of the 1830's.

'The meetinghouse was a place where both secular and religious meetings were held.'



The New North Church in Hingham was built on a model inspired by Boston architect Charles Bulfinch.

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The Old Ship Meetinghouse in Hingham is a registered national landmark.

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Jeff Spencer is the Hingham Programming & Production Manager for MediaOne and produced the documentary "The Old Ship Meetinghouse," which may be purchased at the Old Ship Meeting House or at the Parish House at 107 Main St. in Hingham

Cohasset Heights Landfill seeks vertical expansion

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset Heights Landfill (CHL) could run out of space for new fill by the end of next year unless owner Paul Barry can expand the facility. The question now facing Barry is: can he expand vertically, since the board of health rejected his request to expand horizontally?

CHL filed a notice of project change Aug. 13 with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs asking for permission to raise the maximum allowable height of the currently usable portion of the landfill by 15-20 feet.

The current maximum allowable height of the landfill is 190 feet, and CHL's request, if approved, would increase the maximum height to either 205 or 210 feet.

The usual opponents — Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), the board of health, and the water resources protection committee (WRPC) — have already protested CHL's latest expansion plan.

Barry said he must expand either vertically or horizontally at some point to keep the landfill open.

"I don't know how long I'll be able to keep filling under current conditions because it depends on how much fill comes in," Barry said.

Last spring, the health board rejected CHL's request to expand "Area V" of the landfill from 22 acres to 27.5 acres.

Barry has appealed that decision to Norfolk County Superior Court in Dedham. A hearing is scheduled for Sept. 23.

The board of health has no jurisdiction over a vertical expansion at CHL.

Barry's lawyer, Anton Moehrke, said the vertical expansion is a sensible way to continue business while the appeal is heard in court.

"This is a way to take full advantage of the existing space at the facility," Moehrke said.

Moehrke pointed out that the state may favor expanding existing landfills in some situations rather than allowing for the construction of new facilities.

"This is just my opinion, but as proposals go, from opening a new site on virgin soil to extending an existing site by one day, this is a rather modest proposal," Moehrke said.

But John McNabb, a member of SAFE and WRPC, believes the latest expansion plan is a cover for a more ambitious scheme.

"They're just trying to buy more time and to make more money while they fight the board of health's decision in court," McNabb said.

McNabb said CHL wants to hang on until 2001 when the state plans to lift a moratorium on new permits for landfills that handle general refuse.

Currently, CHL accepts only construction and demolition materials.

"The state is saying that it will need more space for general refuse beginning in 2001," McNabb said. "If they can stay alive until 2001, they can try to get permitted for general refuse."

In a letter to the EOEA, A. Raymond Quinn of SITEC Environmental in New Bedford, Barry's consultant, said the vertical expansion is consistent with state standards and will benefit the whole commonwealth by providing a good location for waste disposal.

Quinn also states that an environmental impact report (EIR) will not be necessary because the entire active landfill was studied in an EIR for "Area V" that was approved in 1995.

Quinn said raising the maximum allowable height by 20 feet would add about 5 percent more material to the existing area in use.

But McNabb said his interpretation of state regulations convinces him that the vertical expansion will require at least one new permit from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

McNabb said the health board did a survey of the landfill that places its current height at about 175-feet, 15-feet short of the maximum height allowance of 190- feet.

At that height, McNabb said information from Quinn indicates that increasing the height by 15-20 feet will extend the life of the landfill by five percent, or one year.

The landfill has an expected life span of 20 years. It opened in 1978 and is expected to be completely filled in 1998.

"Five percent of 20 years is one year," McNabb said. "Using CHL's own information, 15-20 feet is equivalent to about one year of filling."

McNabb disagreed with almost every aspect of Quinn's letter. He said that either an EIR or some equivalent review should be performed to examine several aspects of the vertical expansion request.

The board of health met with its environmental consultant — Camp, Dresser and McGee (CDM) — Tuesday night to discuss the impact of a vertical expansion.

CDM informed the health board that CHL should study what the weight of an additional 15-20 feet of fill will do to the active area's liner.

McNabb pointed out that the landfill has an expected capacity of 1 million tons of fill. Adding five percent more material would add another 50,000 tons of weight to the landfill.

"CDM is concerned that the extra fill could rupture the liner, essentially leaving the town with an unlined landfill," McNabb said.

McNabb said the extra fill will also add more material that could end up as storm water runoff into nearby wetlands.

He said CHL has already been cited several times by the conservation commission and the DEP for wetlands violations.

McNabb said visual impacts must also be considered because it is possible that increasing the height of the landfill would make it visible from Route 3A and from Turkey Hill.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis is also making a determination on whether increasing the height of the landfill requires a height variance from the zoning board of appeals.

The height of all buildings is regulated within the town's bylaws

McNabb believes the landfill can be considered a building be-

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Landfill seeks vertical expansion

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cause of the way the bylaw is worded. He said the landfill is capped in several areas to protect the material underneath.

"Going up is not a change in use, but the landfill can be considered a building because it meets the definition in the bylaw of a building as a structure that has a roof or other covering designed to protect people or material," McNabb said.

State Sen. Robert A. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, plan to meet with SAFE on Sunday, Sept. 14 in the Unitarian Parish House, 23 N. Main St., at 7:30 p.m. to discuss CHL's latest plan.

If Barry cannot get permission to expand the landfill either vertically or horizontally, he will be faced with a limited amount of time to keep CHL open.

"If I can't expand, I'll have to cap the landfill," Barry said.

Barry hasn't yet looked that far into the future. He is still awaiting he outcome of the court appeal, and a decision on whether he can expand vertically.

But if all efforts to expand fail, Barry will have to close CHL. He said he has no plans to open another landfill in another community.

"If I have to cap the landfill, I'll have to think about what I'm going to do next," Barry said.

The deadline to submit written comments on CHL's request must be delivered by Monday, Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. to Trudy Coxe, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., 20th Floor, Boston, MA 02202.

Ambulance billing

The fire department billed for 27 ambulance transports last month for a total of $9,620.46. The department collected $7,971.09 in ambulance bill payments during August.

Computer software for cemetery okayed

Selectmen unanimously approved spending $2,500 for computer software designed to keep a record of cemetery lots in town. As it stands now, most records are kept on maps or in Peter Laugelle's memory, Town Manager Mark Haddad said. Laugelle is the cemetery superintendent. The money for the software will come from cemetery revenues, Haddad said. He said changes to the town's cemetery regulations are being developed by a study committee which will have a proposal by next week.

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Founder Kevin Ulmer vows to keep lobster lab afloat

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for the Lightkeepers' change of heart at the selectmen's feet.

"We didn't ask for the crown jewels, only for the use of a decrepit surplus building on a nondescript lot scantily used for parking on summer weekends," he said. "Of course we anticipated that the usual nay-sayers would be in the underbrush, and expected reasonable questioning and evaluation, not the barrage of allegations and objections phrased as questions that demonstrate lack of comprehension, or worse."

Selectmen have gone back and forth with the Lightkeepers for months demanding answers to more than 75 written, detailed questions about everything from fund-raising plans to what background and education would be required for any future staff hired at the lab.

The Lightkeepers have not provided the detail selectmen would like and have accused selectmen of trying to kill the project.

Last week, selectmen and the Lightkeepers seemed to reach an accord on how to proceed but the meeting was followed with a list of 10 more multi-part questions.

Campbell said the Lightkeepers are fed up.

"We were more and more concerned about putting our time and effort into this with the hostile atmosphere," he said.

Selectmen said they would hold off making a decision about what to do with the Hagerty house for a couple of weeks. The board could issue a request for proposal to raze the building.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she was surprised by the Lightkeepers decision and defended the board's relentless pursuit of specifics.

McMorris said after last week's meeting, she thought there was support from the Lightkeepers to provide that level of detail.

Murray said the Lightkeepers were "still smarting" from the first list of questions and accused Selectman Michael Sullivan of conducting a telephone campaign to "run down our efforts."

Selectman Michael Sullivan said the board had a responsibility to pursue questions and made the phone calls to express his concerns over the issue.

Selectman Diane Sullivan said she would vigorously oppose any attempt to move the building across the street, a proposal that was once presented by Paul Trendowicz, the owner of Cohasset Marina on Parker Avenue.

"I want this to sit a couple of weeks to hear what the townspeople have to say," she said.

Michael Sullivan said it would be in everyone's best interest to "knock the building down and be done with it."

Nan Roth said she wanted to hear what Ulmer has to say.

Selectmen to see where Hagerty park plans stand

Selectmen will ask the Hagerty committee to provide them with an update on plans for the 2.2-acre harbor-front parcel at their Sept. 15 meeting.

The committee, which has consisted of as many as 15 citizens, is charged with coming up with a recreational plan for the site the town purchased for $475,000 more than four years ago.

It is not clear where the plan now stands. After the town bought the property, the Hagerty Committee held an open house in the Hagerty house where schematics of a variety of recreational plans were displayed.

Today, the property remains undeveloped. The factory buildings which used to contain Cohasset Colonials manufacturing have been razed. The cutting room used for town storage is being torn down and removed this week.

The antique boat house on the site is leased to the nonprofit Cohasset Maritime Institute for $1 a year for a rowing center.

The Hagerty house — once containing the showroom and offices for Cohasset Colonials — has fallen into disrepair. Selectmen have considered leasing, selling, moving and razing the building.

The lobster lab proposal for the building, approved at the annual town meeting, may now be in jeopardy (see related story).

Purchasing recycled products policy

Selectmen voted unanimously Sept. 2 to adopt a policy on purchasing recycled products. The town must have a policy that shows it is committed to purchasing of recycled products in order to qualify for some recycling grants.

Inter-municipal sewer agreement

Cohasset has signed a sewer agreement with Hingham that provides the town with 55 percent of the capacity of the Hingham pump station at West Corner and 20 percent of the capacity of the Hingham gravity mains which runs from Lamberts Lane to West Corner on Hull Street. The agreement is part of the tri-town sewer project involving hooking North Cohasset and the Wier River area of Hingham up to the Hull sewer treatment plant.

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Taxpayer groups plan powwow

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towns to maintain a diverse tax base," said Lee Jenkins, vice president of the Cohasset taxpayers.

Jenkins said it is imperative that towns stay affordable for the elderly and others who cannot afford high taxes.

"I feel a diverse community is important," she said.

The Cohasset group organized following a successful $9.4 million override to pay to build a new school. Debate over the new school bitterly divided the town. CCT tried to rescind approval for the override by calling a special town meeting which was held at the Music Circus in August 1996. The attempt failed but the group has continued to monitor town government and strongly supported the town's switch to a town manager form of government earlier this year.

Norman MacConnell, head of the recently organized Friends of Hingham Taxpayers (FHT), said he welcomed the invitation. He said his group has a mailing list that exceeds 1,000.

The Friends formed this summer following a $39 million override to renovate and expand two Hingham schools. Saying the plan was too ambitious and too expensive, FHT collected signatures to call a special town meeting in July in an attempt to rescind approval for that project. Although FHT failed to win the necessary votes, the group vowed to stay active.

Norman Paley, head of the Scituate group, which started in the early 1990s and whose active membership fluctuates between 50 and 100 citizens, said taxpayer organizations send a healthy signal.

"Taxes are not their money but our money," Paley said about government.

Paley's group rallied earlier this year to help defeat at town meeting a $23 million plan to renovate and expand the high school.

"We try to structure our group like the Minutemen," Paley said. "When there is an intense need we get together to work on a project .

"Then we put down the sword and go back to the plow."

CCT president F. Roy Fitzsimmons said the joint gathering will examine ways of saving money by possibly regionalizing services such as animal control and looking at joint purchasing.

"There must be some way to save the taxpayers some money," he said.

Reservations are required for the meeting because seating is limited to 80. Call Jenkins at 383-0024 or Florence Jerome at 383-2139 for reservations and directions if needed.

Members from local taxpayer groups will also be featured on "On the Mark with Ilana Marks" at 8 p.m. Sept. 17 on cable channel 3.

Ahearn steps down from boards

Selectmen accepted with regret the resignation this week of Austin L. Ahearn, 4 Clay Spring Road, who is stepping down from the Cohasset Commission on Disabilities and the Council on Elder Affairs.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark at 383-9900 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

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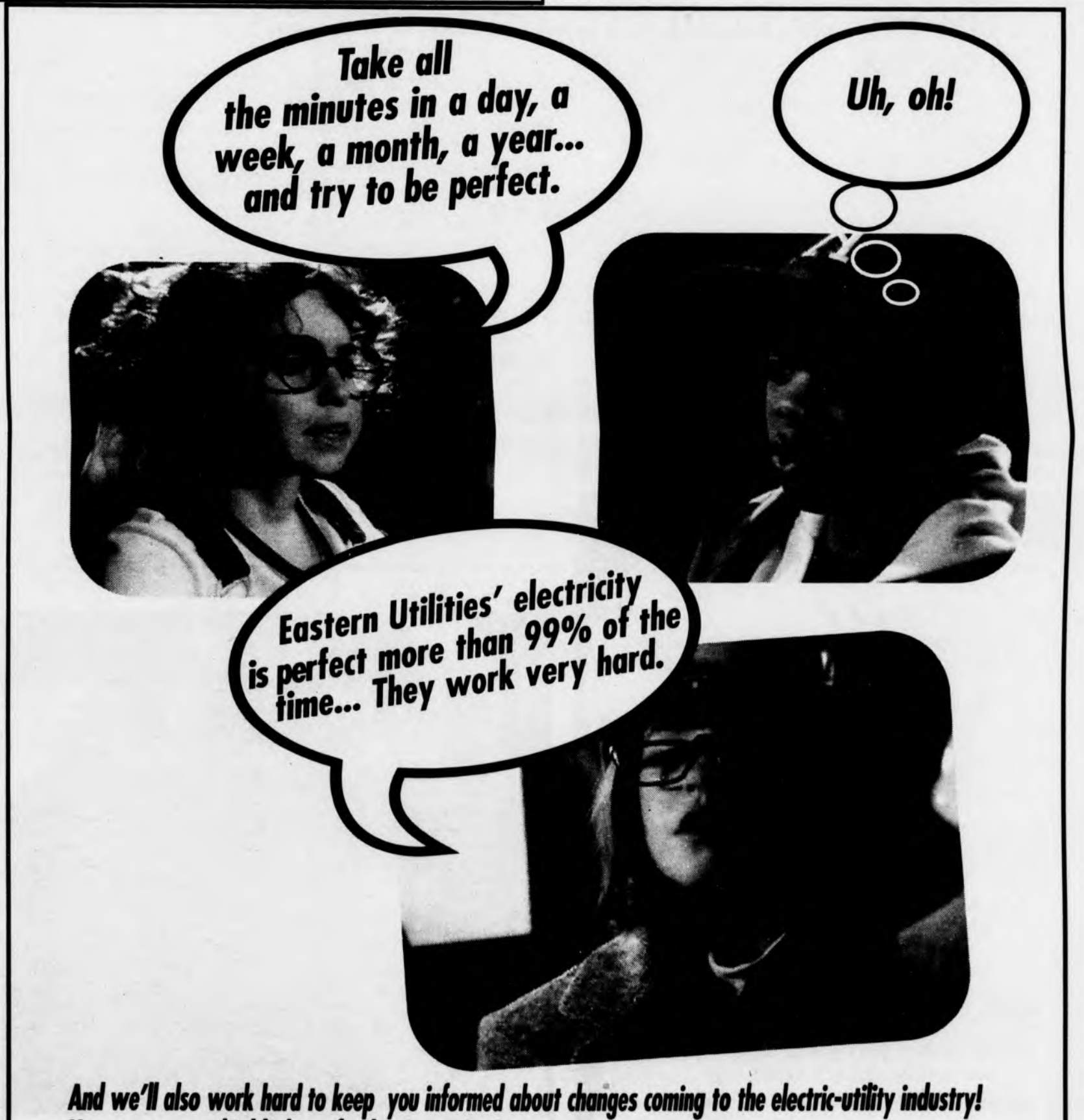
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HOLE IN ONE

"FORE" — Where is it? — In the cup! That's what happened to Janet Malloy Thursday, Aug. 7, at Cohasset Golf Club's 15th hole (135 yards). Janet was playing in a WSSGL team match against Halifax Country Club (the rest of the foursome was Sarah Hanlon, Ann McGrath, and Louise Mariani). Janet also won the Grandmothers Tournament in July! Congratulations, you sure put Cohasset on the map this summer!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

We extend belated birthday wishes to Mark William Rattenbury — he turned a BIG 2 years old Aug. 18, and we just know his day was a happy one!

The next belated birthday greeting goes to Mary Snow, her big day was Aug. 29. We will tell you that it was a "decade birthday" between 30 and 50! Hope your day was a happy one!

Finally, Sept. 3, Lee Stone celebrated his 34th birthday — watch for the young man to be cavorting with his new puppy any day now!

OFF TO BATES COLLEGE

Burke Z. Davis is attending Bates College this fall. Burke is the son of Roy and Elaine Davis, and a CHS grad. He was a member of the basketball and lacrosse teams, was a disc jockey for school radio, and was active in student television. Cohasset High's loss is surely Bates' gain!



Herb Towle of the Cohasset Sailing Club has an ideal seat to watch the Jack Hubbard Memorial Minot Round About. For story and more photos, see sports pages 17-19.

Lynne Layman photo

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Had a chat with Margaret Cotter the other day, the Soccer Boosters are hard at work planning their annual pancake breakfast. It will be held Sunday, Sept. 21, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Deer Hill School. These pancakes are famous town-wide, they are YUMMY! When a soccer player comes to your door, be sure to buy tickets for the whole family, they will love you for it! As will all of the soccer players; the proceeds go directly to what the players need to make their teams happy, healthy and very successful! If you cannot make the breakfast, why not buy the tickets to give to a friend? Or, make a donation; they will be grateful!

A COHASSET LEGEND

Sunday, Sept. 7, is a magical day for one Cohasset legend — "Babe" Trott will be 95 on that day! Send her best wishes, send tons of love, and send tons of hugs to her, she deserves it all!

CONGO CAPERS

Jo Jo Fichtner is at it again — she is going to direct and choreograph "Congo Capers '98," and is already hard at work! Auditions (for members of the Second Congregational Church only) will be held Nov. 10. Sign-up sheets will be in Bates Hall starting Oct. 15; the show will be at CHS May 8 and 9. JoJo promises lots of singing and dancing from recent Broadway shows; there will be something for everyone! Bob Leavitt will be directing the music, Kim Maynard, stage manager, Clark Young will be in charge of lighting and sound, and Grace Wilkins and Roberta Raffa will be doing costumes. The show is going to be dedicated to Herm Fichtner, you know it will be an awesome one! Any members of the church can call there for more information — we promise to keep you informed too!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Two lovely couples celebrate anniversaries this month, the Pratts and the Wheelwrights. Ruth and Carleton's big day was Sept. 4 (57 years), and Muriel and Frank's 58th wedding anniversary will be Sept. 28. We congratulate you, and wish you many more happy, healthy years together!

ATTENDED THEATER CAMP

Twelve-year-old Calla Staszko of Cohasset has followed in the footsteps of such noted young actors as Jennifer Jason Leigh, Robert Downey Jr., Natalie Portman, Mary Stuart Masterson, Jon Cryer and Helen Slater by attending Stagedoor Manor this summer, a unique theater camp in the Catskills. In each of the summer's three sessions the youngsters spent three weeks rehearsing 11 shows which were then performed for the public. Calla appeared in "The Dining Room." All of the youngsters at the camp will be watched by agents and managers who every year visit the camp to see if they can spot the stars of tomorrow. Maybe as a result of Calla's stay at Stagedoor, Calla will one day join the illustrious list of Stagedoor alumni who have made it in show business!

QUITE AN EVENT!

Edwin Ricketts celebrated his 81st birthday recently and it was a great one! His daughter Beverly came up from Florida for the event, and more family members came from California! Quite an event indeed!

DEAN'S LIST AT BOWDOIN

Final news for this week comes from Bowdoin College — Joanna R. Horn (Class of '98), William T. Horn (Class of '00) and Christopher M. Kondrat (Class of '98) all made the dean's list for the spring semester — we're proud of all of you and your continued efforts to be the best!

NEWCOMERS CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club is always open to new members and invites all residents of Cohasset and Scituate to join and participate in the activities. Joining is a great way to meet people with similar interests and to make new friends.

To join or receive additional information, call Susan at 383-6963 or Lee at 545-4614 or write to The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club, P.O. Box 623, Cohasset, Mass. 02025.

That's the news , keep yours coming!— **Sallyann 383-0560**

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Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Spring and autumn.

Favorite TV show: 'Lady of the House.'

Favorite movie: 'Mrs. Brown.'

Favorite book: 'The Boggart,' by Susan Cooper.

Favorite junk food: Potato chips.

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Person you'd most like to meet: Mother Teresa.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

The Lobster Lab deserves a chance

You have to wonder why the selectmen didn't ask for the age, sex, race, marital status and income of anyone who might ever rent the apartments in the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island before the lease for that building was ever written.

After all, the building is owned by the town and who knows what might have happened to it after it was virtually given away for $1 a year to an untried, untested group with huge ambitions.

We recall the group's founder Joseph McElroy coming before the board with updates and big dreams for money. The task of transforming a dilapidated old building into a show place was so daunting that it can only be likened to someone trying to row up stream without an oar.

Wouldn't it have been far better for everyone just to let the building die?

Apparently not. The Lightkeepers accomplished the practically impossible. Today, the town has a superb facility that is the pride of Cohasset even if the Ed Young parking lot at the site fills up at functions. Before the Lightkeepers Residence was refurbished the lot was mostly empty and attracted vandals who left shards of glass behind.

Why the majority of selectmen continually dog the Lightkeepers about the lobster lab proposal is baffling.

The Lightkeepers are tried and true. Maybe raising $1 million to refurbish the Hagerty House and start a lobster lab is beyond the realm of possibility. It's about double what they raised for the Lightkeepers Residence project. Yet, the group already had $100,000 pledged without even a lease in hand.

Should the selectmen ask some hard questions? Of course.

But the extent of the questioning borders on the absurd. Here's a sample from the latest barrage:

"What types of programs will be offered to students age 12-14? How many times a week will they be at the lab? Will they dissect lobsters; learn the biological systems of lobsters; research the basic life cycle; apply the content of what they learn to the academic requirements at the Jr./Sr. high school?" The question goes on to ask for detailed information about the programs for students ages 14-16, 16-20 and adults.

Granted, this is a much bigger project but these type of questions were never asked the Cohasset Maritime Institute, which leases the antique boat house on the Hagerty Property, or Cohasset Youth Resources which leases the Independence Building for a teen center.

If selectmen have another agenda regarding the Lightkeepers then they ought to come clean and let us know.

But what is apparent is that they may have blown an opportunity to save an old building at no cost to the town and allow it to be to turned into something that could be of real benefit.

They seem to have forgotten that town meeting gave the proposal its stamp of approval. What a shame they couldn't have approached the lobster lab with a "can do" attitude.

— Mary Ford
Editor

FOURTH IN A SERIES OF COHASSET ODDITIES WHERE YOUR OBSERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED FOR PUBLICATION

The Law of Inverse Proportions:

Selectmen support teenager's proposal for Teen Center; remain skeptical about Lobster Lab's ambiguous plans



LETTERS

School committee sets goals for year

To the Editor:

The Cohasset School Committee is pleased to announce our 1997-'98 school system goals. These goals, which were adopted at our meeting of Aug. 28, are a "road map" of what we hope to accomplish this year. Administrators and teachers will use this blueprint to guide the development of their school-based and individual goals and objectives for the new academic year.

A comprehensive list of our 1997-'98 goals is available from Superintendent Hart or from any member of the school committee. Some highlights from this year's goal statement are listed below.

Strategic Planning. To implement an annual strategic planning process which evaluates the progress we are making on the objectives listed in the five-year Strategic Plan adopted in 1996, modifies those objectives where warranted, and includes a long-range financial planning component.

School Committee Operations. To perform an informal bench marking study of Cohasset School Committee operations against peer school committees in order to evaluate ourselves and develop potential new ideas and procedures.

Curriculum. To evaluate, develop and refine curriculum and instructional techniques which are consistent with Commonwealth of Massachusetts standards and current research and which demand excellence from each student, teacher and administrator.

Technology. To finalize a five-year technology plan and present it to the Town.

School Facilities. To oversee construction of the new elementary school and to conduct a comprehensive facilities audit of the Deer Hill and Middle-Senior High Schools.

Community Awareness. To evaluate the effectiveness of our communications plan with a view toward continuous improvement of our efforts to provide and solicit information.

The school committee has set a very ambitious agenda this year for ourselves and for all members of the school community. We will update townspeople periodically as to the progress we are making in achieving this agenda. Meanwhile, we hope you will let us know if you have any questions about these goals or our plans for the year.

Ralph Kidder for the school committee

Stop CHL landfill expansion

To the Editor:

Cohasset Heights landfill (CHL) is now proposing a vertical expansion of their existing landfill, to increase the height of Area IV-A by 15 to 20 feet with an estimated 50,000 tons or more of additional construction and demolition waste. They have taken the first step in the approval process, by filing a "Notice of Project Change" with Environmental Affairs Secretary Trudy Coxe.

I urge every Cohasset resident reading this letter to send a comment to Secretary Coxe by the Sept. 15 comment deadline, urging her to make a determination that this expansion will be a "significant increase of the environmental consequences" of Area IV-A and to order CHL to file an Environmental Impact Report to fully describe the environmental effects of this additional 50,000 tons of waste.

Send comments to Secretary Trudy Coxe, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., 20th floor, Boston, 02202, ATTN: MEPA, EOEA # 6290, Notice of Project Change, Cohasset Heights landfill. Comments can also be faxed to 727-2754.

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Cohasset woman spreads the word about lupus

By Laura Caldwell
CORRESPONDENT

To observe Susan Shumaker is to receive a lesson in turning tragedy into triumph.

Shumaker is one of nearly two million Americans suffering from the autoimmune disease, lupus. Lupus is a disease predominantly affecting women that induces fever, achy joints, fatigue, anemia, skin rashes, hair loss, photosensitivity, ulcers of the mouth and nose, and a host of other problems. Shumaker is a unique lupus patient in that the systemic disease affects her central nervous system and hinders her ability to verbalize and concentrate.

However, Shumaker has used this debilitating disease as a forum for samaritan efforts. She is an active volunteer for the Lupus Foundation of America. Most notably, she spends many hours each fall raising funds and gathering participants for the foundation's Walk on the Charles River.

In May, Shumaker was honored with the Summa Award for volunteering, presented to her by the Lupus Foundation to recognize her efforts involving the Walk On the Charles and her commitment to educating the public about lupus.

Lupus, despite the fact that more people suffer from it than AIDS, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, sickle-cell anemia and cystic fibrosis combined, remains a relatively unknown disease.

According to Shumaker, "It's a real silent disease. People go through it in silence. But we're doing a lot better, and getting the word out.

"[The Lupus Foundation] is a great group of people. I'm delighted to do the little I can do", she adds.

Shumaker remembers the organization's invaluable help to her when she was diagnosed with lupus 14 years ago.

"I was so scared and so angry ... I knew nothing about the disease. I thought I was going to die," recalls Shumaker.

However, the Lupus Foundation rescued her from her initial shock and despair. She was flooded with information about the disease and joined a lupus support group.

"It was very, very helpful because it was education," she says.

Today, the former school teacher is determined to share her education and knowledge about lupus with others. She has spoken to many groups, including medical students, the Cohasset Rotary, and church organizations, about her experiences with the disease. And the visibility of lupus is on the rise.

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> — SUSAN SHUMAKER

"There's a lot of information out there now, educating people ... It's great, not having people being afraid or worried. They are informed. That's why I'm doing this," she says.

Education is also an effective means of raising funds for research on lupus. While there are a number of treatments for the disease, such as anti-inflammatory drugs and agents to suppress the immune system, there is no cure for lupus.

"When people give $10, $20, or $100, it does make a difference. That may sound trite, but it really does make a difference," she says.

Over the past several years, increased funding has made a difference in the treatment of and prognosis for lupus.

According to the Lupus Foundation, "The progress made in treatment and diagnosis during the last decade has been greater than that made over the past 100 years." Shumaker has seen this progress firsthand.

"From the time I was first diagnosed to now, the quality of my life has vastly improved because we know more," she says.

Other factors have facilitated Shumaker's experience with lupus. She points to a "...tremendous amount of support from family, friends, community..." which she has leaned on during tough times. She cherishes a deluge of encouraging letters from both friends and strangers wishing her luck and health. She is also grateful for "wonderful therapy" at Brigham and Women's and Beth Israel hospitals.

"My spiritual life and faith have grown with lupus," she says.

As the fall season draws near, Shumaker is preparing to kick off another successful year. The fifth annual Walk on the Charles will be held Sept. 28. (For information about the walk, please call Shumaker at 383-1443). Shumaker also hopes to spend time this winter volunteering in the Lupus Foundation office. While Shumaker devotes much time to her volunteering activities, neither the volunteerism nor the disease consume her life. She does not dote on the devastation that lupus can bring. She and her husband Jim, who have lived in Cohasset for 25 years, pass the summer at their beach house in Nantasket. She also has two children, Lisa, 28, and David, 27.

"I feel that [lupus] is difficult and painful, both physically and emotionally. But, I feel that I am not the disease. The disease is part of who I am," she says.



Susan Shumaker practices for the Walk on the Charles to benefit the Lupus Foundation.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

LETTERS

Alumni Field is a job well done

To the Editor:

The weather was perfect for the South Shore league's Fall Football Jamboree, held at Alumni Field Friday. Ten teams participated under the lights to initiate the season.

In addition to the teamwork displayed by the players, Alumni Field itself is a study in teamwork. Many town constituencies teamed together to do the feasibility study, to obtain funding at town meeting and the Prop. 2-1/2 override, and to build and supervise construction of the new tennis courts, the baseball field, the rearrangement of the layouts on Bancroft-Milliken Field, and the new track and field facility. A town philanthropist donated funding for the lighting system.

Numerous volunteers, school and town employees, and elected officials have worked consistently for the last four years to bring this new town asset to completion. This summer, volunteers built the press house, erected fencing for the bleachers, conducted the "Sidewalk of Stars" fund-raising campaign, and supervised finishing touches at the field.

The town's tree and park staff has done an outstanding job caring for the irrigation, fertilization and landscaping with the result that by the time of the jamboree, Alumni Field looked and played like the first class facility it is.

Four years ago, the Track and Field Study Committee visited comparable local facilities to develop guidelines on what Cohasset should do to cost-effectively improve our outdated fields. Now the situation is reversed: at the Jamboree Friday, representatives of several other towns asked if they could return to examine Alumni Field, as a case study for what their towns might be able to do.

The newly completed handicapped access to the bleachers was used successfully for the first time Friday. Besides handicapped access, our lighted field allows access to working parents to watch their children's games in a series of evening events programmed throughout the year. The all-weather track is a major benefit to the hundreds of walkers and joggers — from youth to senior citizens — who can be seen on it at all times of the year. The rearranged Bancroft-Milliken Field now allows the supply of town soccer facilities to meet the demand, as a visit any springtime weekend will attest; and the modern tennis courts are a boon to the CHS team as well as hundreds of Cohasset tennis players.

All in all, the town-wide effort that brought Alumni Field and the related improvements into being was a job well-done, and a demonstration of what can be accomplished at a modest level of budget by a town acting as a team and pulling together for a common goal. The taxpayers and all the townspeople who worked on this project are justified in a hardy round of self-congratulations!

Gary Vanderwell
Track and Field Study Committee

Hedlund holds full time office hours in district

Senator Robert Hedlund's district office, located at 66 Sea Street in Weymouth, will now be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The new hours are possible because of the recent addition of Hedlund's three new staff people, Abigail Bellivue of Kingston, Jennifer Bartecchi of Weymouth, and Brian Markarian, also from Weymouth. All staff members take turns serving in the district and Statehouse offices.

"The whole purpose of my district office is to meet with and serve my constituents. I want them to feel like they have a place to go when they need me," Hedlund said. "This relationship was impossible when my staff members were unable to work in the district." Hedlund went on to say that his district office was "just as important as the one on Beacon Hill, if not more so."

Appointments are not necessary for anyone who wishes to visit. The doors are open to any problem, large or small.

"It means a lot to me to be able to talk with constituents fact to face," Hedlund said "Together, we can get a lot done."

Democratic committee meeting is Sept. 16

Sen. William Keating (D-Sharon), a Democratic candidate for district attorney, will speak to Cohasset Democrats at a meeting of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Unitarian Parish House, 23 Main St.

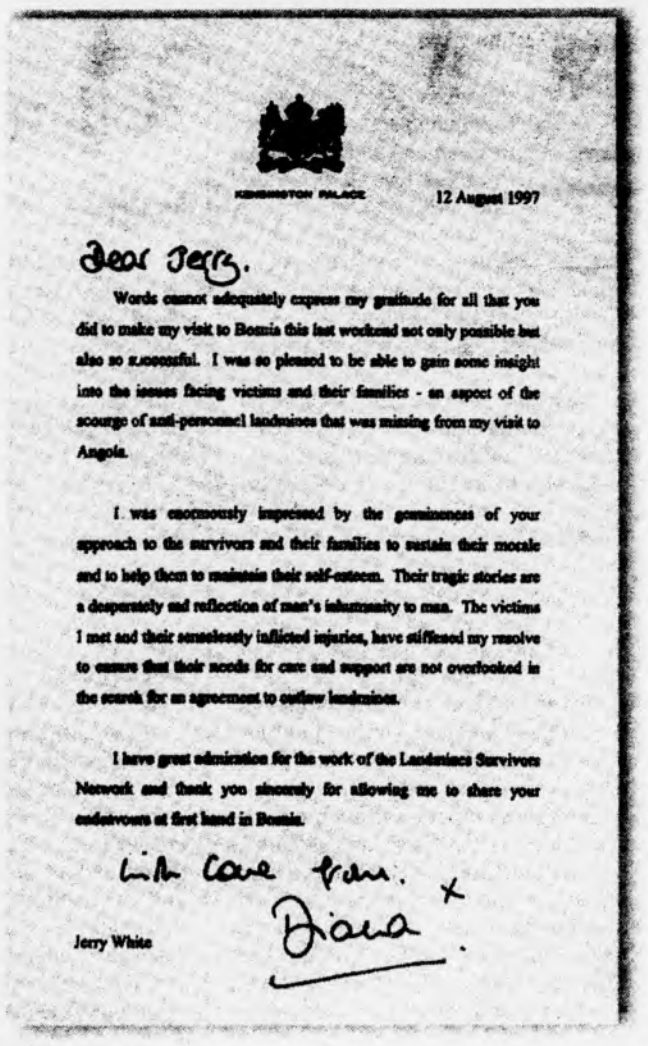
"Senator Keating is highly qualified to serve Norfolk County as district attorney," said John McNabb, Cohasset coordinator. "He is currently the Senate chair of the Judiciary Committee and the vice-chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, and has a strong record of sponsoring and passing effective criminal justice legislation."

"Keating has always been very good on environmental issues," said McNabb. "He has consistently strongly supported environmental legislation, including bills to protect water supplies. He filed legislation this year to prohibit the siting of landfills over aquifers used as public drinking water supplies."

Land mines link local man to Princess Diana

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princess' genuinely caring, almost magical way with everyone she met — from a 15-year-old girl, Mirzeta Gablic, wounded by a land mine this year in Sarajevo, to a grieving young Muslim widow whose husband was killed in May, leaving her alone to raise their two young children.



KENSINGTON PALACE 12 August 1997

Dear Jerry.

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for all that you did to make my visit to Bosnia this last weekend not only possible but also so successful. I was so pleased to be able to gain some insight into the issues facing victims and their families - an aspect of the scourge of anti-personnel landmines that was missing from my visit to Angola.

I was enormously impressed by the genuineness of your approach to the survivors and their families to sustain their morale and to help them to maintain their self-esteem. Their tragic stories are a desperately sad reflection of man's inhumanity to man. The victims I met and their senselessly inflicted injuries, have stiffened my resolve to ensure that their needs for care and support are not overlooked in the search for an agreement to outlaw landmines.

I have great admiration for the work of the Landmines Survivors Network and thank you sincerely for allowing me to share your endeavours at first hand in Bosnia.

With Love from. x
Diana.

Jerry White

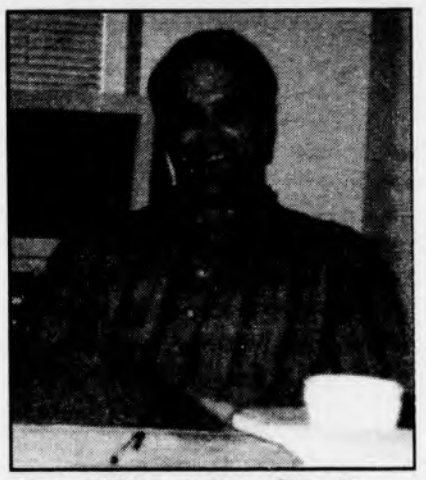
"On each visit, Diana reached out, not only emotionally, but physically as well, holding a hand, stroking a back, caressing a child's face, all the while easing the pain and suffering."

White was scheduled to visit Kensington Palace again Sept. 5 to meet with the princess and discuss a message she wanted to deliver to the Oslo conference.

"I planned to bring flowers for the princess to thank her for her remarkable work in Bosnia," White wrote.

Sadly, White attended Diana's funeral instead. Representatives from the charities the princess supported were invited to the service at Westminster Abbey on Saturday.

Mrs. White said her son was able to talk briefly to Diana's two sons, William and Harry, to tell them what a wonderful woman their mother was.



Jerry White at his office in Washington, D.C.

White pledges to carry on the work that Diana has drawn so much attention to.

"...on behalf of land-mine victims around the world, I want to express our thanks for the compassion of this woman," he wrote. "We also pray that her two boys, whom she told me were her 'best friends,' will inherit their mother's compassion, humor, and determination.

"And now with less light and heavier hearts, we'll carry on our work cleaning up the humanitarian disaster caused by up to 100 million mines strewn across more than 60 countries."

Landmine Survivors Network

The Landmine Survivors Network (LSN) was founded in 1995 by two American landmine survivors, Ken Rutherford and Jerry White (who grew up in Cohasset), to help the hundreds of thousands of innocent landmine victims alive today, and to prevent new victims from ever joining their ranks. "I was only four years old when Syrian soldiers, retreating during the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, laid Soviet-supplied mines in the Golan Heights. The soldiers no doubt hoped the mines would maim or kill Israeli troops. Instead, my mine waited silently in the ground for nearly 17 years until it exploded under my foot...," White wrote in a press release about LSN.

Among other things, the Network organizes and trains survivors in advocacy, medical work and civic organization. LSN has developed a specialized data base to track the rehabilitation of survivors and to link them with the organizations available to ease their suffering. The database will also create a global registry of care givers, including the hospitals, clinics, technicians and development workers who can help meet the medical, social and financial needs of victims and their families. For more information on how you can help land-mine victims, please contact White or Rutherford at the Landmine Survivors Network, 1701 K St., N.W., Suite 805, Washington, D.C. 20006. E-mail LSN@landminesurvivors.org. Website: www.landminesurvivors.org

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Greenbush foes steamed at Cellucci rail stance

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Buckley, co-founder of the Coastal Coalition.

"Up until now there has been a wait-and-see period with Cellucci, because on numerous occasions he has indicated to Coastal Coalition members that he agreed with us," said Buckley. "He seemed to be genuinely on our side."

Prince's letter was written in response to one Robb sent to Cellucci expressing concerns about environmental impacts, ridership estimates and costs.

Cellucci's support of Greenbush restoration is welcome news to Hingham residents David Clinton and Ross Hall.

"I welcome the governor's decision," Hall said. "Speaking as a member of Back on Track (a group which favors Greenbush restoration), I also support the option of a tunnel under Hingham Square."

Clinton called the news "fantastic."

He, like opponents of the project, said he has been wondering where Cellucci stood on the issue.

"I'm looking forward to being able to get into Boston easier," Clinton said. "I believe people will eventually see that the train is not the devil it's been made out to be."

But rail opponent Ilana Marks of Scituate said she feels that she and other train foes have been deceived by Cellucci.

Faced with former Gov. Weld's outspoken support for the restoration of commuter rail service to Greenbush, Marks and other members of the Coastal Coalition were hoping to find an ally in Cellucci.

Buckley, however, pointed to election year 1990, when Cellucci stood by then-Governor William Weld when they spoke with voters and public officials in Hingham.

At the time, Buckley recalls Weld saying that government was "taking on a life of its own and forgetting why it's there."

Weld added, "I'm raising a flag of warning on the Greenbush line."

Buckley said Weld's comments "indicated to us that he felt the state was ignoring the wishes of those communities which were opposing rail restoration," Buckley said.

In 1995, Buckley met with Cellucci in his Statehouse office to discuss the Greenbush issue.

"At one point he told me, 'Relax, you're winning,'" she recalled. "This recent letter is the first statement made by the Cellucci administration (regarding its commitment to Greenbush restoration)."

Marks and Coastal Coalition co-founder Randy Young were also present at that meeting.

"We explained our side to him, and he said that he didn't know why it was being built because it didn't make sense," Marks said. "He said he would continue to look into the issue."

Marks said as an anti-rail individual she is disappointed in the new governor's support for the project. As a person who met with him and spoke at length about her concerns with the train, Marks said she is disgusted.

"I have no respect for someone who can't tell me what they believe," said Marks. "I don't have any respect for him as a politician or as a person," she said.

Marks believes Cellucci's support for Greenbush is politically motivated.

"He's now backing the project for the same reasons Weld did," she said. "He's about to run a hugely expensive campaign, and he needs the backing of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce and other big money groups."

"None of this has anything to do with whether or not the residents will benefit," Marks said.

'Keep Politics Out'

But Hingham resident Fred B. Cole thinks politics should be kept out of the issue.

The decision should be made between those who are for and those who are against rail restoration, he said.

"I'm a supporter of the train," he said. "In fact, my late father rode the train to work for 43 years."

But, Cole said, the only fair way to make a decision is a "fair poll vote. I would never feel comfortable with rail restoration otherwise. It's only in the privacy of the election booth that you get the real answers."

Cellucci was unavailable for comment as the paper went to press.

"I think Prince and Cellucci are probably just giving us the party line," Robb said. "I think Cellucci is personally against the train, but he doesn't want to make waves. No one wants to stick their neck out on Greenbush."

Robb recalled that during Cellucci's 1990 visit to Hingham, he expressed "strong reservations" about the line after he had toured the railroad right-of-way.

At the time, Cellucci said, "Other alternatives could be established without leading to this disruption."

An article appearing in the Hingham Journal on Sept. 13, 1990, reported Weld's and Cellucci's comments.

Prince said those aspects of Greenbush restoration which Robb asked Cellucci to address "have been reviewed by people with expertise in those areas, some who are staff at the MBTA, consultants to the MBTA and by other independent outside agencies and organizations with oversight responsibilities that have no connection to the MBTA."

But Marion Sherman of Fort Hill Street is not convinced.

"I think it's an insult to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), which recently conducted its own hearing on the Greenbush proposal," she said. "It's premature for the Cellucci administration to take such a stand before the ACE makes its final decision."

The ACE is the lead federal agency involved in evaluating the Greenbush proposal.

Sherman pointed to the hazard of diesel emissions from locomotives as a key issue.

"I'm shocked. In my opinion, the proposed Greenbush railroad is dead, because in essence I don't believe it can be built under existing federal and state environmental laws."

Robb agrees.

"The EPA has determined that one diesel engine pollutes as much as 3,000 cars," he said. "Twenty-four Greenbush trains per day would pollute more than all the cars removed from the road."

However, Prince said, "While we realize that the direct abutters are critical of the project, we remain convinced that it is the appropriate project for the South Shore."

But Buckley pointed out that when she and supporters in Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate collected 8,000 signatures on a petition urging Weld to stop the train, a wide cross-section of people was represented.

"The petitions were not predominantly signed by abutters," she said. "And they represented residents from a wide variety of locations, including Crow Point, World's End and Jerusalem Road."

Continuing the fight

Support for the project, which was illustrated in Prince's letter, is due in part to the Conservation Law Foundation's endorsement of the project.

"We urge the Army Corps to not only issue the permit (for the project), but to do it expeditiously so that Greenbush can move forward as quickly as possible," he said.

Robb, on the other hand, said the number of "anti-train folks" at the recent Army Corps hearing "vastly outnumbered those who favored the train."

"This is a good indication that the already large opposition to Greenbush is still growing," said Robb.

But Clinton said Cellucci's support of Greenbush restoration has "nothing to do with the Army Corps of Engineers."

"We need to look forward," he said.

While supporting rail restoration to the South Shore, Prince promised to work with communities and residents along the corridor to avoid, mitigate or minimize the impacts rail restoration would have on the area.

Clinton said he's confident the problems relating to Greenbush which are of concern to some individuals, including safety, will be resolved.

"Education about trains is important, especially for kids — just as they learn not to run in front of a truck," he said.

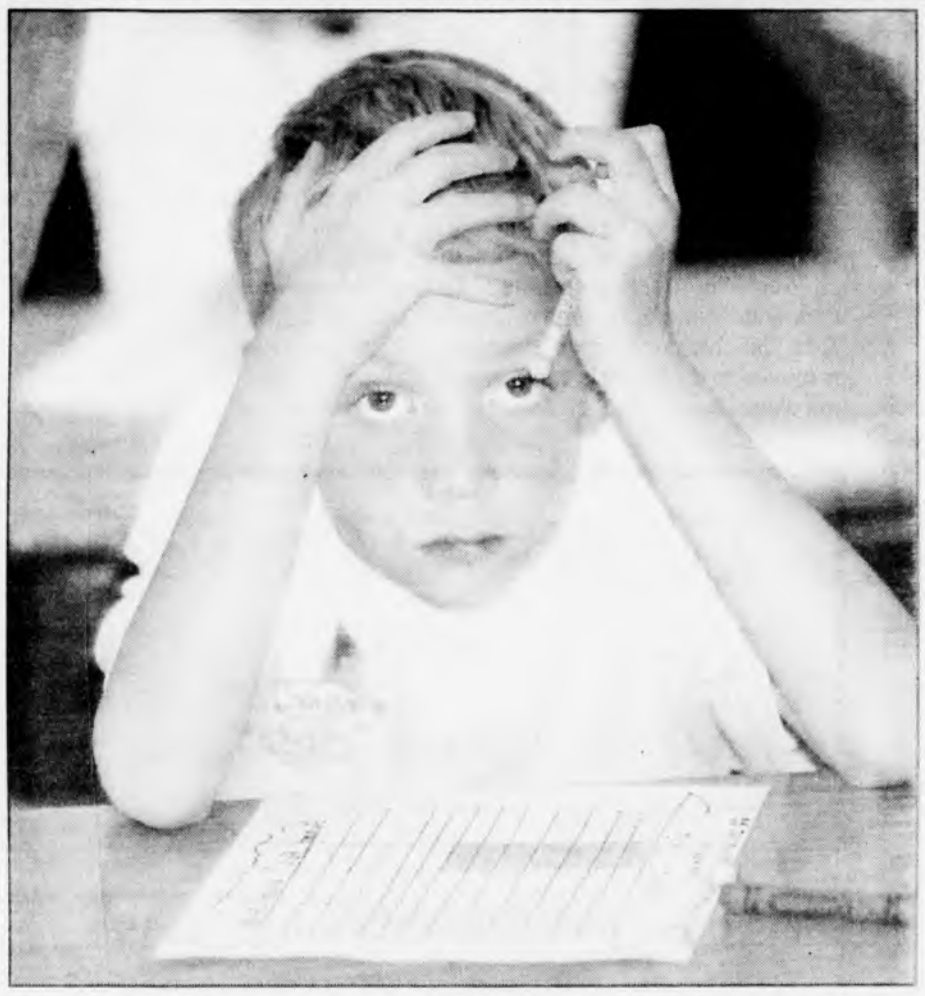
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First-grader John Smoot tries to get excited about his school work.

Back to school days at Osgood

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



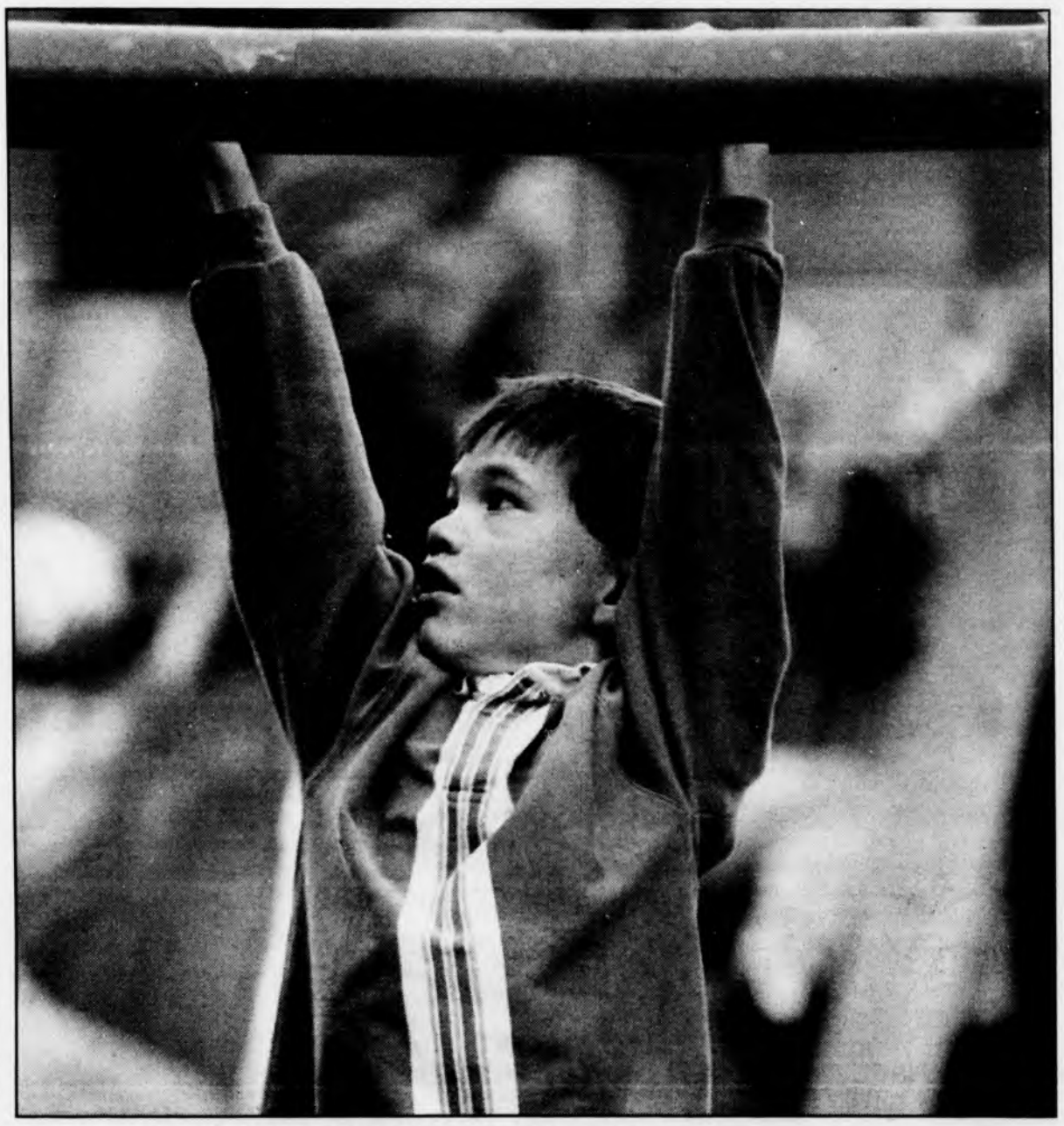
Jenny Cahill practices with her hula hoop during recess.



Derek St. Peter and Samuel Bilbo are all smiles during the first week in Mrs. D'Angelo's first-grade class.



Carly Salerno takes a snack break in Mrs. Prevett's first-grade class at Osgood.



An Osgood pupil works out on the monkey bars at recess.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK



New kindergarten teacher Christine Hansell greets Michael Gangemi as he tours the Deer Hill School before school opened last week.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Plays by the Sea

Now in its second season after two tremendously successful productions of The Wizard of Oz and Anne of Green Gables, for children in grades 4-8, the Cohasset Plays by the Sea has chosen a show for all ages: "Annie." This production has more than 30 speaking roles, along with many vocal and dance solo opportunities. So, for those who are singers and not actors, dancers and not singers, or just actors, this is the show for you! Our plan is to tap into everyone's specific talents.

The first "Annie" audition is for music which will be held Sunday, Sept. 14, anytime between 2 and 4 p.m., or 6 and 8 p.m. at Cohasset High School auditorium. Be prepared to sing a song of your choice. Please note that if you plan to audition for a lead, you must sing a song for that part.

The second "Annie" audition is for acting and will be held Monday, Sept. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Deer Hill Cafeteria. Both first and second auditions are mandatory.

Everyone who auditions will be in the production! Registration fee at auditions is $50 for activities for the full year.

Along with the camaraderie that a theatrical experience brings along, the club plans to spend time once a week to teach the basis of choreography, dramatics and vocal technique. In essence, this production is not only a play, but a lesson in theater that will stay with you forever.

They look forward to seeing you at the auditions! For more information, call Ron Nicynski, director, at 383-1329, or Sharon Weber, choreographer, at 383-0631.

Social dance classes offered

Donald Mason, Patricia Leahy and the committee for the Cohasset Assemblies announce that the Assemblies will start Tuesday, Sept. 30, at St. Stephen's Parish, Highland Ave.

The Assemblies are a series of social dance classes for Cohasset and Scituate fifth and sixth grades, designed to introduce youngsters to the basics of social dance and etiquette. Each class is opened with a formal receiving line in which the children learn to properly shake hands, look people in the eye, and introduce themselves.

Although the classes are well structured and supervised, they do include contemporary dances, party dances and dance games with prizes. This makes the Assemblies a fun way for children to learn and practice social skills with their peers.

The Assemblies are pleased to add Douglas Trudeau of Scituate to our staff this year. Trudeau is well known on the South Shore as founder, artistic director and performer of the Showstoppers Dinner Theatre at the Golden Rooster in Scituate, as well as director of the Showstopper Kids and the Showstoppers Youth Theatre. His youth programs have included children from several South Shore communities.

Invitations to the Assemblies have been mailed to all fifth- and sixth-graders. If you do not receive one and need information, please call Donald Mason at (617) 734-3447 or Patricia Leahy at (781) 383-1005 or one of the following committee members: Fifth-grade girls–Martha Ogrodnik, boys–Maureen Jerz; Sixth-grade girls–Lisa Koed, boys–Diane Dooley.

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Town to decide about air conditioning new school

$100K needed to install piping

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The new Osgood School could have air conditioning after all.

The school facilities committee will ask October's special town meeting for $100,000 to install the necessary infrastructure for air conditioning. The piping would set the stage so condensers could be added later in order to make the school available for possible use in the summer months.

It is less costly to do this now than to wait until the school is finished. To retrofit air conditioning work would cost triple, school officials said.

It is also not clear if the money would actually be needed. If the $500,000 school construction contingency fund is not used, then the school department would use that instead to pay for the air conditioning work. As with the rest of the project, the town would also be reimbursed 60 percent of the cost by the state School Building Assistance Bureau by getting the school air conditioning ready as part of the project now.

In May, the school building committee, which is overseeing the new school construction project, did not include money for air conditioning piping in the $8.47 million contract awarded to general contractor John T. Callahan and Sons of Bridgewater because of a tight budget. At that time, Callahan and Sons would have added the piping for $88,000 because it was included as an alternate with the bid.

> ***"There is public sentiment in town to do this. We think it's a prudent decision to make. So we'll put it before the town and let them decide."***
> — ROBERT SPOFFORD, SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Since then, school building committee member Robert Spofford said the public has shown interest in having the school air conditioned.

"There is public sentiment in town to do this. We think it's a prudent decision to make. So we'll put it before the town and let them decide," he said.

Spofford said the committee added 10 percent to the cost to cover the contractor's overhead but hoped to reduce that figure if possible.

He explained that the contingency fund should not be used for the air conditioning work at this time. Although, the contractor has not had to blast any ledge, a costly procedure, there are still some issues, such as hooking the school up to the sewer, which could use up the contingency funds.

"We're more comfortable going and asking for the money at this point," he said. "If we can give it back, then we'll give it back."

Pleasant Street water project begins Sept. 11

Starting Sept. 11, the water department will begin its project to clean and line the water main on Pleasant Street. The project, estimated to take about two months, will help improve water flow to the town by removing accumulated sediment from the water pipe and by the lining the pipe with cement, which increases the flow.

"This project will increase water flows and water pressure for our water customers throughout the town of Cohasset," said water commission chairman Robert Kasameyer. "Fire flows and fire protection will also be improved."

The project starting Sept. 11 also includes the cleaning and lining of water mains on Pleasant Street, Depot Court and replacement of valves at the intersection of Ripley Road and Depot Court. Fire hydrants will be replaced along the pipes being cleaned and relined.

Residents on Pleasant Street and associated side streets will receive individual notification prior to the start of the project, and will be advised that the project may cause some discoloration of water when the water main is turned off at the beginning of the project and turned back on at its completion. Affected residents will be tied into a temporary above-ground replacement main to supply water while the Pleasant Street main is cleaned and lined.

The contractor for this project is Federico Construction Corp. of South Boston, who was selected July 31 by the Cohasset Board of Water Commissioners as the contractor for their Water Distribution System Improvement, Phase IIIA project. Federico bid $448,895.10, about $100,000 lower than the $548,500 cost estimated by the project engineer, Tutela Engineering Associates.

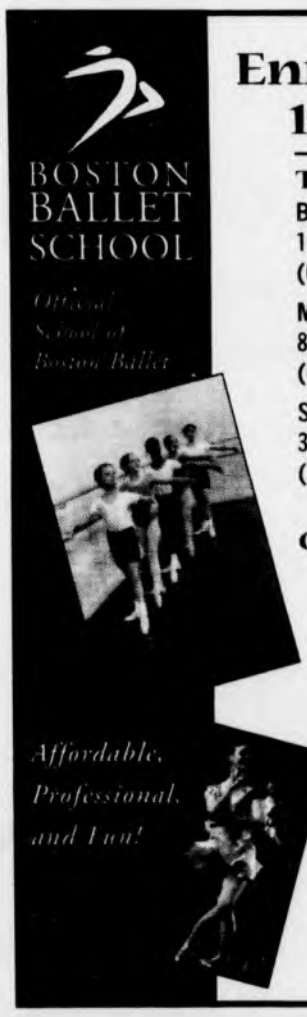
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River rapids challenge young and old kayakers alike

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Water still dripped from Scituate's Stew Mayer as he packed his gear into a duffel bag. Mayer had just finished a couple of hours worth of Sunday morning kayaking in the waters rushing under the Border Street bridge in Cohasset.

And though the sun was hidden behind a blanket of clouds and there was a chill in the air, the kayaking conditions couldn't have been better for the half dozen kayakers breaking through the surf in their multi-colored crafts.

Mayer has been kayaking for 20 years and knows the ins and outs of the sport as well as anyone on the South Shore. So when he says the location satisfies everyone from the beginner working on his form to the more advanced kayakers, you know it's coming for a legitimate source.

"This is a popular training spot," Mayer said. "It's safe without a lot of hazards. The rapids are driven by the moon and tide conditions, not an artificial water supply."

Mayer says the best time to head to any kayaking location is a couple of hours before high tide. Kayakers regularly check the tide charts to determine when they're going to navigate the white-foam surf.

Mayer has heard the rapids at Border St. are formed by underwater pilings from an old mill, though he is not completely certain. What makes Border St., such a good location, however, is the fact that the water comes in from the ocean and narrows as it heads under the bridge, moving faster at high tide. It then opens up again once on the other side of the bridge, giving kayakers the opportunity to rest, check their equipment or just paddle slowly.

One thing is for sure. Those who have kayaked in Cohasset haven't kept it from others. Word of mouth has resulted in kayakers descending on the location from as far away as New Hampshire to the north and Connecticut to the south. On any given day, there can be as many as 15 kayakers in the water.

Eleven-year-old Jason Duarte of Fall River was taking a

KAYAKERS PAGE 20



Adam Heffernan battles the rapids near the Front Street bridge.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Hubbard remembered in annual rowing race

By Lynne Layman
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

On Saturday, Sept. 6, rowers gathered in Cohasset Harbor for "The Jack Hubbard Memorial Minot Round About" sponsored by Alden Ocean Shell and the Cohasset Maritime Institute. Seas were a little slopping with a southwest breeze. About 35 boats participated. Most were single and double Alden ocean shells. There were also single and double dories, a rowing canoe and four local, wooden multi-oared boats.

Jack Hubbard, who passed away last spring, was a veteran Alden and skull rower and had organized the seven previous races. Hubbard was instrumental in raising the funds to refurbish the surf boat John Warrren, which was restored at Cohasset High School under the direction of Jack Buckley. Buckley's program at the Cohasset Maritime Institute restored traditional rowing in Cohasset. Hubbard was also past president of the Hull Lifesaving Museum.

Hubbard's wife, June, served as honorary chairman of the round about. Organizers were: Dimitrios Karamonlidis, vice president of the Alden Ocean Shell Association; Herb Everett, president of AOSA; Marge Martin, whose husband, the late Arthur Martin, designed the Alden Ocean Shell; Jack Buckley, who organizes the fixed seat boats. Other volunteers included: Lynne and Joe Previte, Debbie and Mark Arrenberg, Rick Allen, Dane Leahy, Dick Burbridge, Jo Previte, Maggie Merrill and Herb Towle. A dozen or so additional volunteers helped make the event a success.

A perpetual award was presented for the first time to a rower who has contributed his or her expertise to rowing and helped new rowers to enjoy the sport. The Jack Hubbard Memorial Chair was presented to Hergy Heap of Yarmouth, Maine. The chair was from Hagerty's Cohasset Colonials and as assembled and finished by rower, Debbie Arrenberg.

See photos on pages 18 &19

Field hockey squad hopes to stay on the rise

By Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

A pleasing trend seems to be developing in Cohasset High School sports lately: coach arrives, overhaul's program, possibly adding a team and moves toward winning record.

It's happened with basketball, lacrosse, baseball, and most recently, football. Add another to the list: field hockey. Coach Debbie Bostwick has turned the girls' team into a contender, bolstering the program with the addition of a junior high team this year.

With seven seniors and a host of talented underclasswomen this year, Coach Bostwick's team has a bright future ahead of them.

Led by captains Alia Afshar and Katie Buckley, the group of seniors also includes Whitney Cook, Lauren Dooley, Sue Gill, Lindy Holway and Kristen Reynolds. Bostwick emphasized the talent and leadership of her seniors. Megan Connolly, Katie Devine and Jill Magner anchor the junior class and add talent to the starting team.

"We have a lot of speed and quickness, not to mention a good group of kids. We've got several returning players and a lot of new additions from the JV who should help us a lot," Bostwick said.

"Right now, we need some help in net," she replied, when asked about the team's weaknesses. "We have new goalies this season; they're a little inexperienced, but they're working hard. Our defense is going to be strong. We lost two key defensive players last year, but we have girls taking over and doing a great job."

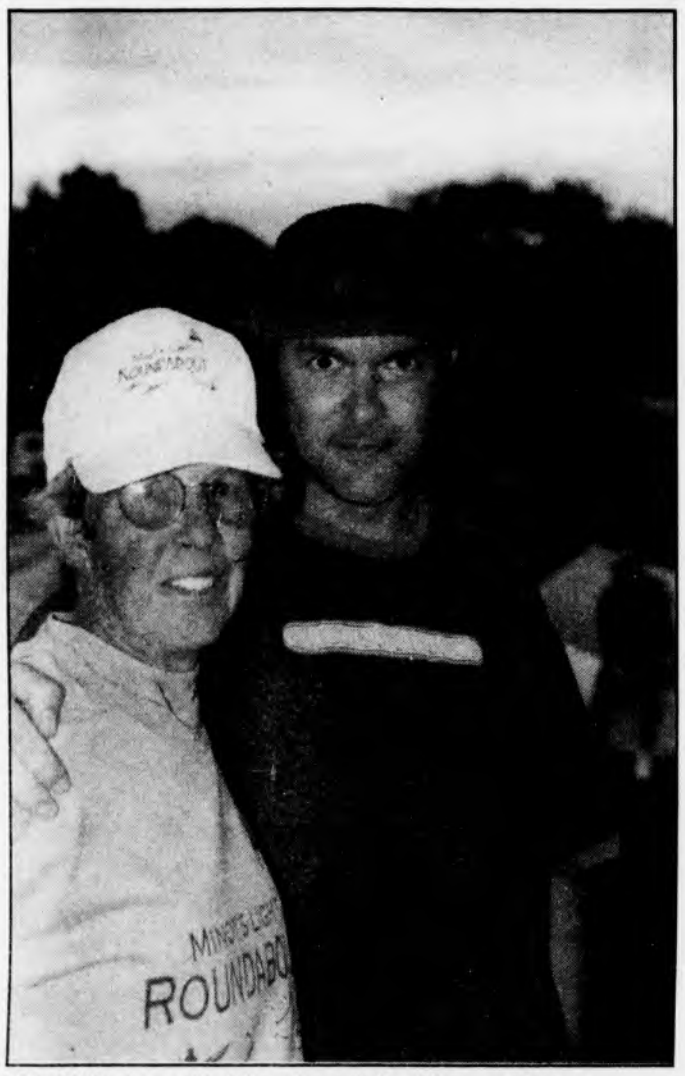
Bostwick pointed to Caitlin Donovan, Jen Meehan and Malissa Rosano as her strong sophomore and seemed excited about freshmen Kelly Lordan, Andi Shaughnessy and Maggie O'Connor.

Senior captain Alia Afshar was also enthusiastic about the team this year.

"We have six seniors, and it will be a good season. We don't have big numbers, but we'll be really strong, especially on offense. Our lack of substitutes could hurt us, but Katie Buckley is a great center and should help us out. Defensively, we have Linday, Katie and Jill and they're great. It should be a good year."

Coach Bostwick has the blueprints for success in front of her. She has the talent to carry out her plan. Cohasset field hockey should be fun this year.

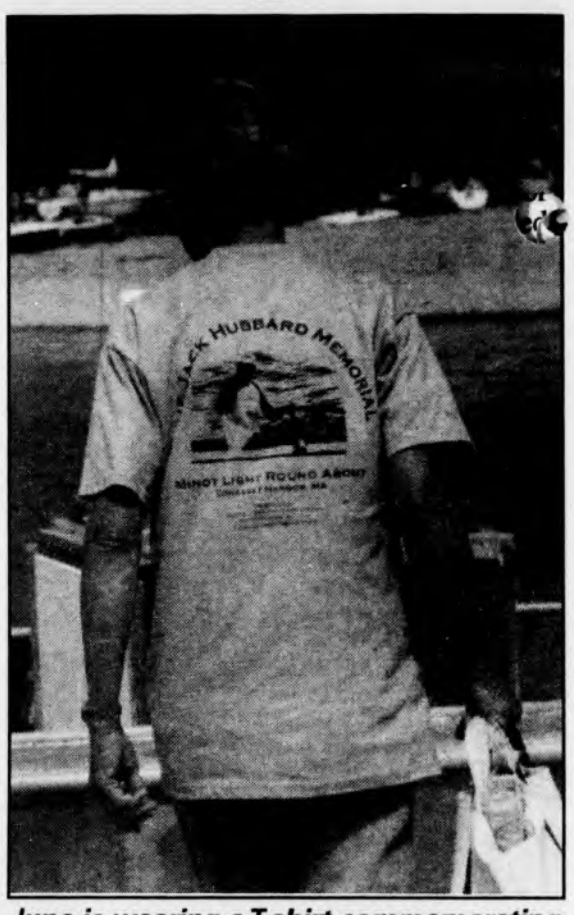
Hubbard remembered in annual rowing race



ABOVE-June Hubbard and Jack's son Peter Hubbard at the round about Sept. 6.

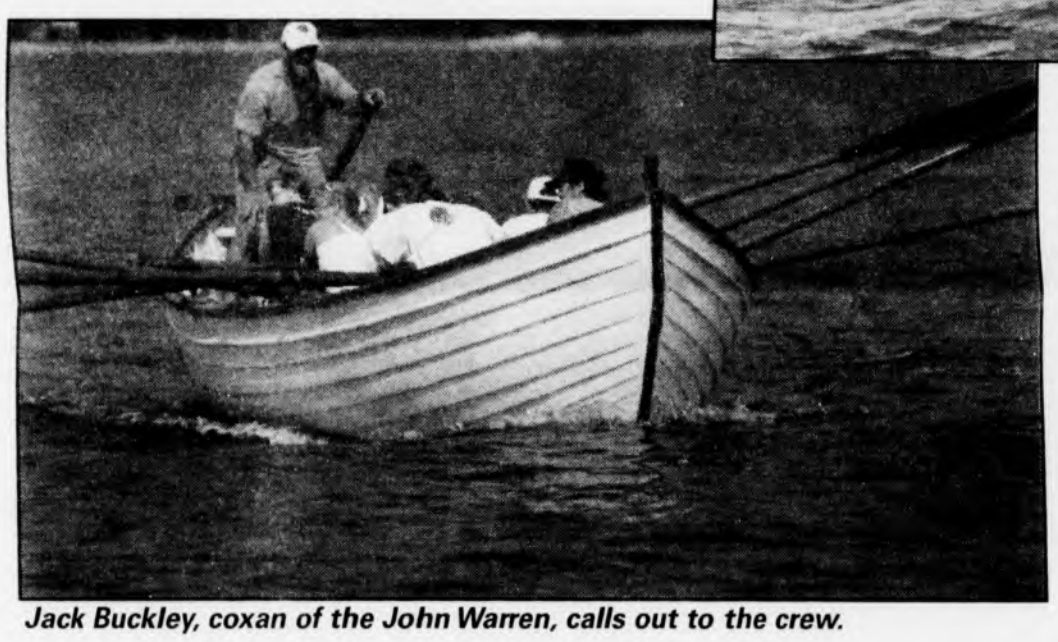


CENTER-A rower rounding Minot Light.

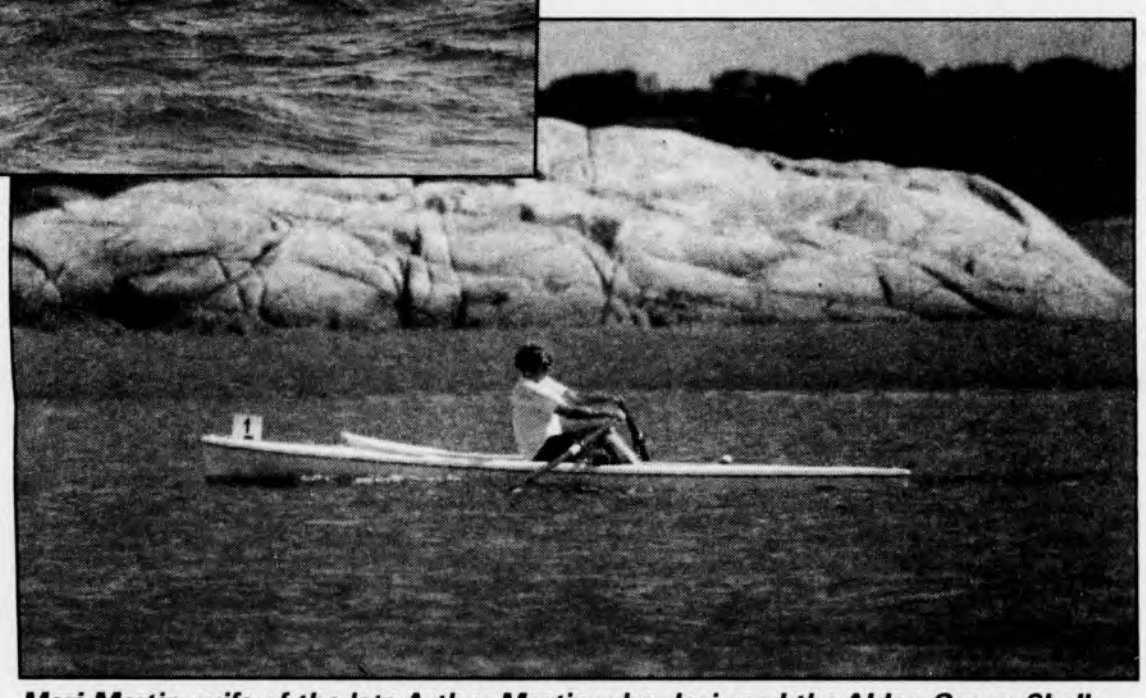


June is wearing a T-shirt commemorating the first annual Jack Hubbard Memorial Minot Light Roundabout.

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Jack Buckley, coxan of the John Warren, calls out to the crew.



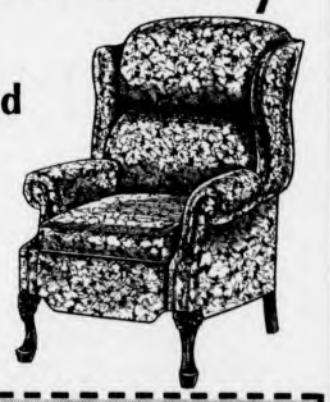
Marj Martin, wife of the late Arthur Martin who designed the Alden Ocean Shell, near the finish of the race.

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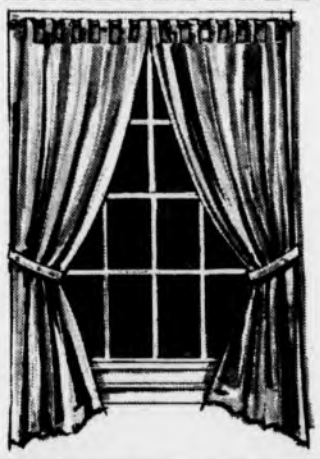


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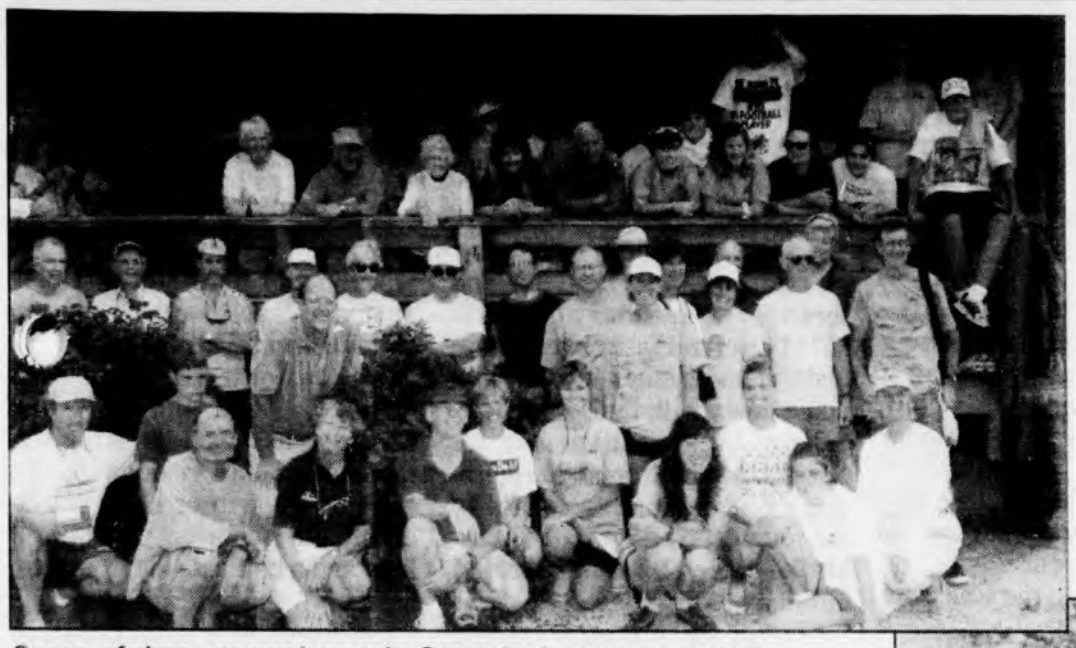
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Some of those to took part in Saturday's race pose at the Cohasset Sailing Club.

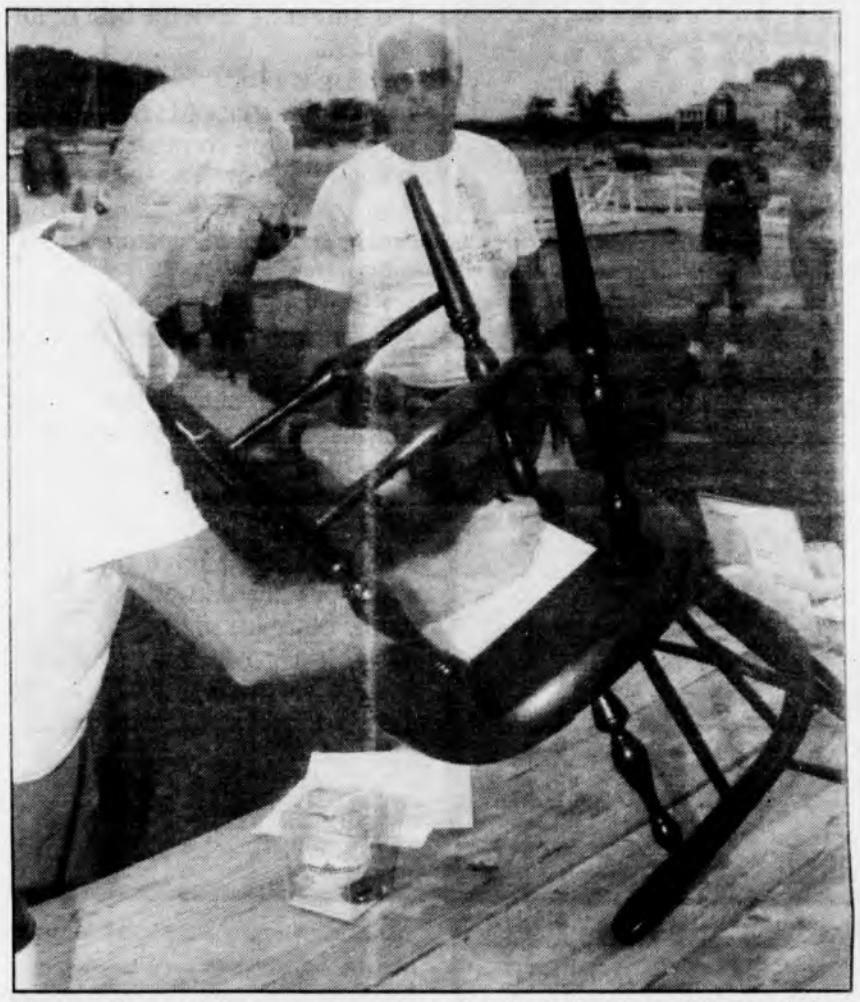


The crew of the John Warren, an eight-oared surf boat, races toward the finish.



Volunteers on the committee boat wave to the rowers.

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Hergy Heap, who was awarded the Jack Hubbard Memorial Chair, signs the bottom of the chair as Herb Everett looks on.

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This week at a glance

Sept. 11
Field hockey vs Hanover 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 13
Boys soccer at Carver 5:15 p.m.
Girls soccer vs Carver 7 p.m.

Sept. 15
Boys soccer at North Quincy 3:30 p.m.
Girls soccer vs North Quincy 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 17
Boys soccer at Abington 3:30 p.m.
Girls soccer vs Abington 4:15 p.m.

River rapids challenge young and old kayakers alike

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breather on the hill overlooking the water. Jason, dressed in a royal blue wet suit with yellow trim, has been kayaking for three years after his grandfather, Wayne Finey, took him to a lesson at UMass-Dartmouth and he enjoyed the experience.

Jason has been to the Cohasset site no less than 18 times and looks forward to every trip.

"My grandfather told me about it and I asked him if could come down with him," he said.

Jason likes what the area offers and has no trouble at all getting excited about every trip to the rough surf, despite the number of times he has barreled through it.

"There are a couple of big waves right here and you can surf it," Jason said. "You get thrown in and flipped over. It cools you down on a hot day."

Finey, who hails from Swansea, has been kayaking for three years and is hooked. He spends the winter skiing, but during the summer he is only an hour and a half car ride from Cohasset.

He has been to several different kayaking locations over the past three years, but considers the Border St. spot the best of all of them.

"This is probably the best one in Southeastern Mass.," Finey said. "Nothing compares with it. It's safe and it sets up a Class Three wave. They range from one to six. Nobody paddles a six unless they're crazy."

Finey believes beginners should have a couple of lessons before they venture outside the pool and into outdoor surf. Like Mayer, he says the area is perfect for working on the fundamental techniques and skills. Finey says because of the deeper water, kayakers don't have to worry about getting injured on rocks, unlike other locations.

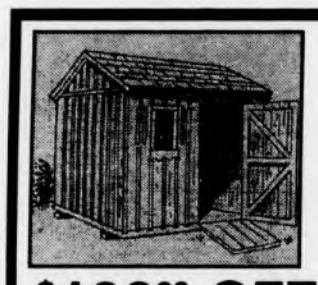
"If you go to a whitewater river with this kind of waves, there are rocks everywhere," he said.

In Cohasset, though, there is nothing but rushing water and people of all ages challenging the surf.

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Sports Briefs

Fall outdoor programs scheduled

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept mail-in registrations for Fall Recreation Programs for children aged four and five, and grades K-3. Programs are scheduled to commence during the week of Sept. 22 continuing for six weeks through Oct. 31. (Monday group ends Nov. 3 due to Columbus Day).

Monday, Grades K-3, Soccer Skills and Games, Osgood Field, 2:50 to 5 p.m. No class on Monday, Oct. 13, but will meet for final class on Monday, Nov. 3.

Tuesday, Ages four and five, Soccer Skills and Games, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Grades K-3, Arts and Crafts, Osgood, 2:50 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Ages four and five, Games and Sports, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Friday, Grades 1-3, Flag Football, Osgood Field, 2:50 to 5 p.m.

Each program meets for two hours weekly for a six-week period. Some programs will have to be postponed should inclement weather dictate and you may call the recreation office at 383-6791, after 1 p.m., if you are in doubt of program status. Osgood children will be advised and sent home should the program not meet.

Children may bring snacks/drinks to programs and all children must be picked up either prior to, or promptly at the concluding program times. Children may stay after school to participate once parental permission is given on the registration form.

Please complete the registration form, calculate the appropriate fee and make the check payable to: Town of Cohasset. Checks and forms may be either dropped off at the recreation office or mailed to: Cohasset Recreation Department, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025, prior to Sept. 18. Most programs depend upon weather. We will make every reasonable effort to make up days lost to poor weather.

Fee Schedules: Child(ren) in one six-week program: One child, $25; second child, $22. Child(ren) in two six-week programs: One child, $40; second child, $20; third child, free.

Hockey beginners instructional program

The Seahawks youth hockey program invites all boys and girls, ages 5 to 9 to join our beginners instructional program.

Requirements are a desire to have fun while playing, a hockey helmet with cage or shield, hockey gloves or waterproof winter gloves. Any skaters with full hockey equipment interested in playing hockey are welcome.

The 1997-98 season will start on Sept. 13 and will run through March. Weekly lessons will be held on Saturday nights from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Hobomock Arena (Rink 2) in Pembroke. Telephone 294-0260 for information.

Directions: Take Rte. 53 to Rte. 14, follow Rte. 14 to Pembroke center, take Rte. 36 for 3/4 of a mile to Hobomock Rink on the left.

Registration will commence at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 13. There will be a one-time registration fee of $12. This year's learn to skate will cost $40 per eight-week session. Registered skaters will receive a decal at the registration table to be placed on the child's helmet above the name tag. Only those skaters with decals will be allowed to skate.

Due to the growing popularity of this program and the long lines, we are asking all parents to please arrive early on Sept. 13. The registration table will be located in the lobby of Rink 1.

After registration, all skaters must dress in the locker rooms assigned to the learn to skate program.

No dressing will be allowed in the aisle.

News from the Jade Forest

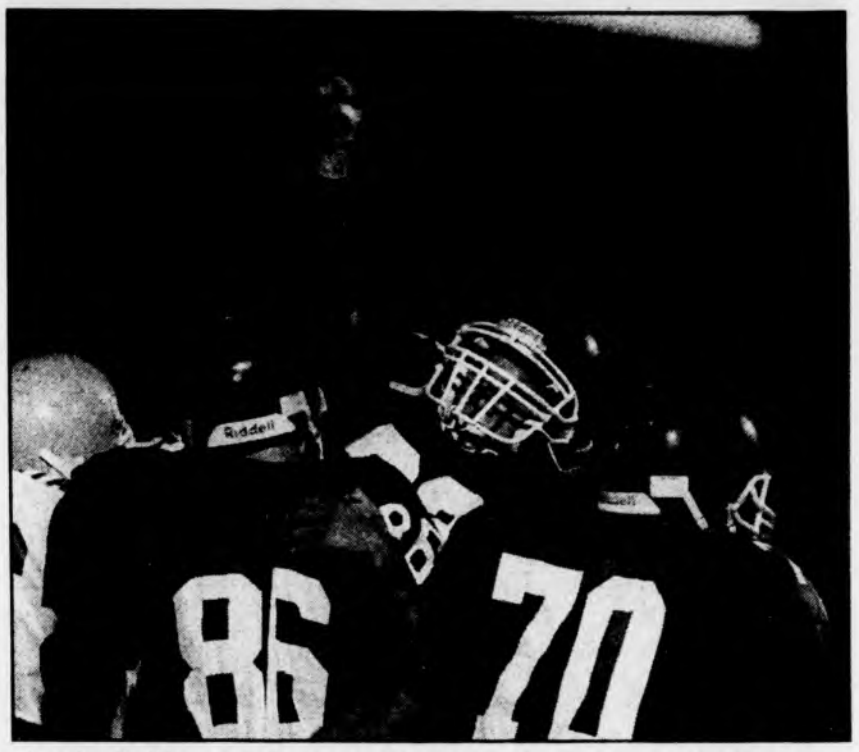
On Monday, Sept. 15, Jade Forest will resume its popular Drop In Tai Chi class. Appropriate for beginners, this class will meet every Monday, 7 to 8 p.m. Drop In fee is just $10. Jade Forest is also enrolling children, juniors and adults for its fall programs.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, John Loupos, owner of Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi, will teach a workshop in Taoist meditation and Chi Kung from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants will learn how to guide Chi (life force energy) through the body's acupuncture meridians, as well as how to use Chi Kung breathing and postures for improved health and well being.

Appropriate for beginners, the fee for the workshop will be $115, less a $20 discount for prepay.

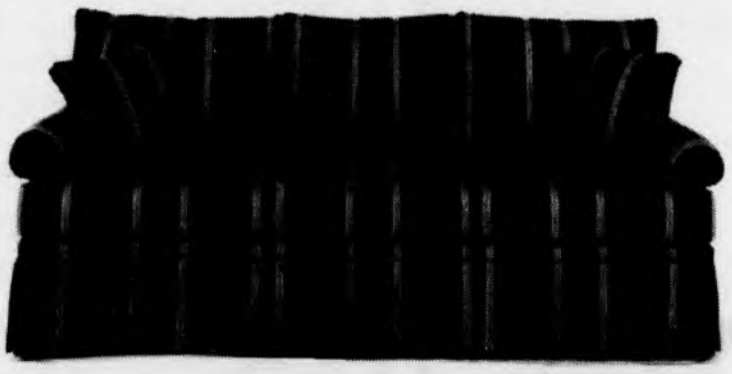
Please call (617) 383-6822 for further information.



Justin Golden celebrates with Jamie Buck, #86, and #70 J. P. Laugelle after a Cohasset touchdown last Friday at the annual South Shore League jamboree. The Skippers take this weekend off and officially open the football season Sept. 19 when they travel to East Bridgewater.

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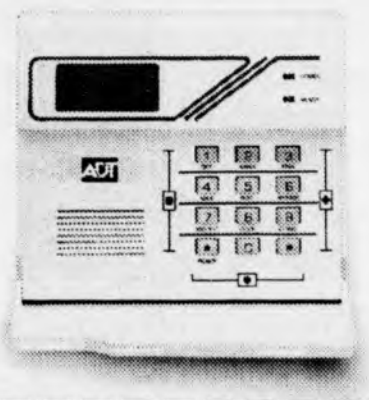
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MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING (PG13)
1:45, 4:30, 7:30*, 9:45
*(No 7:30 show on Sat. Eve. due to sneak preview)
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CONSPIRACY THEORY (R) 7:00, 9:45
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Major league try-out information

Try-outs for the 1998 Major League (only) level will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Barnes Field ("The Little League Field"), North Main St., Cohasset. Rain date: Saturday, Oct. 4.

Times: 9-year-old - 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

10, 11, 12-year-old - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend your prescribed time slot, you may try out at the alternate time. Age Criteria: You must be 9, 10, 11 or 12 BEFORE Aug. 1, 1998.

Applications sought for Little League coaches

By unanimous vote of the Cohasset Youth Baseball Associations' (CYBA) Board of Directors, all current and prospective candidates for the positions referenced above, relative to the upcoming 1998 season, must complete, in a timely fashion, a newly created formal "Application" form before they can be considered to be eligible for the respective appointment as either Manager or Coach.

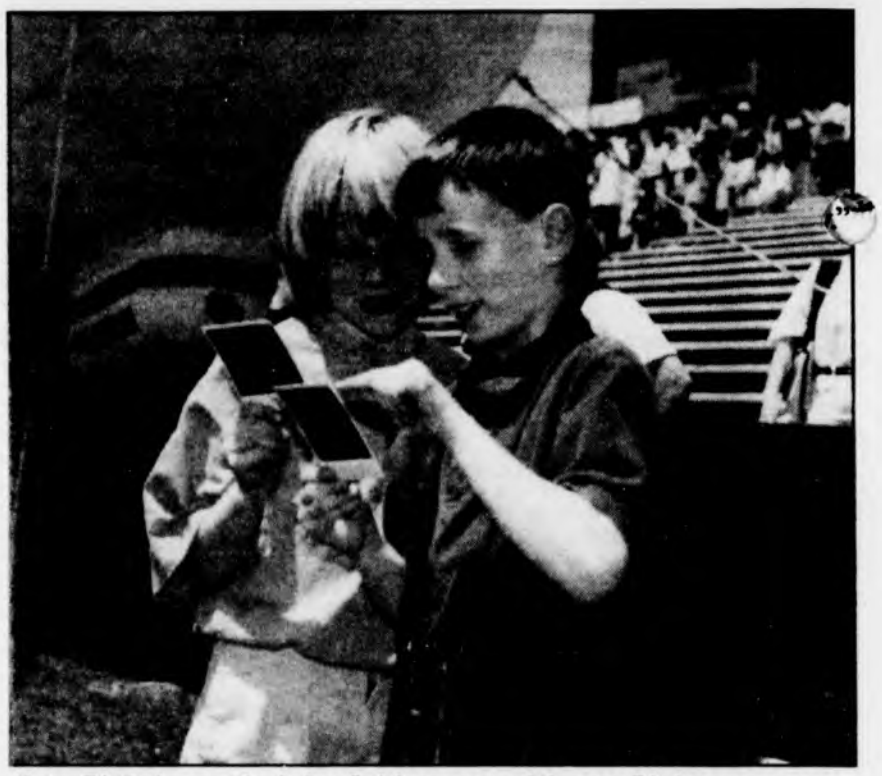
All 1997 CYBA program managers and coaches will have mailed, directly to their home address, one copy of this required "Application."

All other individuals who have a sincere interest or untapped desire of also and equally being considered for the position of a CYBA Manager/Coach during the upcoming 1998 season, should call (617) 740-2020 (Hingham) and request a form be mailed, or fax your name and address to 740-4420 (Hingham) and a form will follow, or pick up a copy at the Cohasset Recreation Department, Town Hall, Cohasset, during their normal operating hours.

All applications pertaining to a Major League position must be in the possession of the CYBA no later than Friday, Sept. 12. (Absolutely NO exceptions. The completed forms should be mailed to: CYBA, PO Box 121, Cohasset, MA 02025-0121.

Applications for the Farm and or Minor League level must be submitted to the stated address by Friday, Oct. 3. Failure to adhere to this prescribed timetable will exclude any applicant from consideration, at this time.

The CYBA is genuinely soliciting a response to this open solicitation from all aspects of our community. So, if you have any level of interest in working with our Cohasset youth enrolled in the CYBA Little League base ball program, we urge you to apply.



(L to R) Cohasset's John Schiepers and Aaron Bigley compare pictures of their favorite New England Revolution players before a recent contest with the Los Angeles Galaxy.

T.K. fun runs on tap for October

T.K. O'Malley's and S.H.O.R.E. (Scituate High Opportunities and Resources for Education) invite you to participate in a 10K road race, a 10K walk, and 1K fun run for kids (14 and under). The race benefits the Scituate High School Students' Co-curriculum (fund-raising managed by S.H.O.R.E.). The race is sanctioned by the USATF-NE.

The date is Sunday, Oct. 5. 10K Road Race begins at 1 p.m.; Walk begins at 8:30 a.m.; 1K Fun Run begins at 11:30 a.m.; at Scituate Common, Scituate.

For the runners' divisions: Prizes to top three male and female finishers, 10K runners in each of the following categories: 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over. (Great merchandise prizes as well as refreshments will be available.

1K Kids' divisions: Ribbons and refreshments for all entries.

Pre-registration is by Sept. 20.

The 10K pre-registration fee is $12. ($15 fee registering on race day). Check-in is at Gates Middle School Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon).

The Walker pre-registration fee is $7 (with T-shirt: $12). Check-in is at Scituate Lighthouse, Sunday, 8 to 8:30 a.m.

The 1K Fun Run pre-registration fee is $5 (with T-shirt $12). The check-in is at Central Field, Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Long-sleeve T-shirts are guaranteed for the first 300 10K registrants/runners. T-shirts are for sale on race day for $12 (if available).

Race day registrations run the risk of not getting T-shirts, so pre-register for all events.

Please send non-refundable check or money order (made payable to T.K.'s 10K) to T.K.'s 10K, c/o Howie Ardolino, 299 First Parish Rd., Scituate, 02066.

Following the race, rally will be held at T.K. O'Malley's Sports Cafe (Front St., Scituate Harbor).

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POLICE LOG

Friday, Aug. 22

6:43 a.m., malicious destruction, Linden Dr.

9:07 a.m., by-law violation, RR tracks behind #85 Ripley Rd.

10:17 a.m., disturbance family, Aaron River Rd.

11:23 a.m., suspicious (other), Hillside Dr.

12:22 a.m., vandalism, Forest Ave.

5:52 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Arrested: Hatzimanolis, Vasilious T., 537 Nantasket Ave., Hull, DOB: 9/18/76. Charges: given false name to police officer, operating after license or right to operate suspended, minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

8:48 a.m., suspicious auto, Bancroft Rd.

9:43 p.m., parking violation, Doane St.

10:04 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

11:18 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Saturday, Aug. 23

12:40 a.m., suspicious auto, Ripley Rd.

12:51 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

Arrested: Welch, Justin S., 402 Court St., Plymouth. DOB: 10/13/71. Charges: illegal possession of Class D substance.

2:41 a.m., suspicious auto, Hull St.

2:55 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.

4:47 a.m., MV theft, Jerusalem Rd.

10:10 a.m., parking violation, Summer St.

10:29 a.m., MV violations, Cushing Rd.

11:10 a.m., assist citizen, N. Main St.

12:06 p.m., MV violations, S. Main St.

12:30 p.m., MV violations, Church St.

12:30 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

1:01 p.m., MV violations, S. Main St.

2:04 p.m., MV violations, N. Main St.

2:32 p.m., disturbance, Elm St.

3:09 p.m., officer wanted, King St.

4:04 p.m., officer wanted, Beach St.

5:16 p.m., MV stop, Summer St.

5:39 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

5:39 p.m., suspicious (other), Elm Ct.

6:28 p.m., MV accident, N. Main St.

7:46 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:55 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

8:09 p.m., MV stop, Summer St.

8:35 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

9:10 p.m., disturbance gathering, Highland Ave.

9:48 p.m., MV stop, King St.

10:54 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:05 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:12 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:17 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:27 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Sunday, Aug. 24

12:25 a.m., general services, Ripley Rd.

12:52 a.m., noise complaint, Summer St.

1:00 a.m., vandalism, Rocky Ln.

1:40 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

2:56 a.m., noise complaint, Border St.

4:55 a.m., officer wanted, Border St.

10:20 a.m., B&E to an automobile, CJC Hwy.

10:42 a.m., disturbance gathering, Summer St.

11:48 a.m., medical aid, Marys Ln.

12:09 p.m., assist citizen, Norfolk Rd.

2:52 p.m., officer wanted, Forest Ave.

3:20 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.

4:16 p.m., MV violations, Doane St.

4:59 p.m., disturbance gathering, S. Main St.

5:40 p.m., parking violation, Atlantic Ave.

6:19 p.m., medical aid, Sohier St.

6:44 p.m., property (found), CJC Hwy.

7:13 p.m., fire, structure, King St.

9:24 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

10:09 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:38 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

Drug bust on Doane Street

Police arrested Jerry Cogill, 19, of 71 Doane St., during a drug bust at Cogill's home Friday evening where they found a pound of marijuana, steroids and hypodermic needles.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said the bust followed a year-long investigation.

Cogill was charged with illegal possession of a Class D substance (marijuana); possession of Class D with intent to distribute; three counts of possession of an instrument to administer a controlled substance; and illegal possession of a Class E substance (steroids). Police also charged Cogill with three counts of receiving stolen property valued at $250 or less. The items were: a street sign the property of Cohasset, a street sign the property of Norwell and a sign owned by NYNEX, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

Police officers William Quigley and Jeffrey Lennon conducted the investigation. They were assisted by officers Thomas DaSilva, Garrett Hunt, Jeffrey Treanor and Sgt. Richard Grimes of the Weymouth police canine unit.

After an arraignment on the charges Tuesday, Cogill was released on his own recognizance, Noonan said. A pre-trail hearing is scheduled for Oct. 29.

August police status report

The final month of the summer was a very busy one for the police department, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

In August, police made 25 arrests. Four for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol; two for possession of a false license; four for operating a motor vehicle without a license; two for being minors transporting alcohol; five for outstanding warrants; one for public drinking; one for assault and battery; one for possession of a Class D controlled substance; and five for protective custody.

There were three "breaking and entering," Noonan said.

The emergency dispatch center received 127, 9-1-1 calls last month.

During August, the bike patrols logged 239 hours.

"We plan to continue the bike patrols into the fall as long as the weather holds out," Noonan said.

The police department also sponsored a bike rodeo and a year-end law day picnic for the recreation department summer camp. Both events were held at the Deer Hill School.

Police were also awarded a $5,000 DARE grant from the Copeland Family Foundation for the PALS program (Police Assisting Local Schools).

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Seven-year-old Nancy Theodorou greets Archbishop Spyridon Saturday during Consecration Weekend of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem Road.

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Household hazardous waste day

The Town of Cohasset will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the parking lot of the new town Department of Public Works (DPW) garage on Cedar Street.

While the event is primarily for Cohasset residents, it is also open to residents of other South Shore towns who get a "Reciprocity Letter" in advance from their local board of health or department of public works and are in towns that are members of the South Shore Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board, which are: Abington, Avon, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Scituate and Weymouth.

Household hazardous waste items accepted include paint thinner, kerosene, gasoline, dry gas, paint strippers, spot removers, degreasers, antifreeze, brake fluid, waxes, photo chemicals, drain cleaners, glues, weed-killers, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, rat poison, insect repellents, batteries, acids and aerosols.

Wastes that will NOT be accepted include any type of commercial wastes, such as PCB's, dioxin containing wastes, radioactive materials, explosive materials, ammunition, pathological wastes, and compressed gases (other than aerosols).

The HHW collection has been moved to the new DEP garage, from its traditional location at the Swim Center, because of the proximity of the nearby Sohier Street wellfields, emergency water supplies now being restored to full service by the water commissioners.

Soccer pancake breakfast slated

Come to the soccer pancake breakfast Sunday, Sept. 21, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Deer Hill School cafeteria. Soccer players will be selling tickets for $4 each door to door, at local supermarkets and downtown. Support Cohasset High School soccer by buying tickets! Coffee for the breakfast has been donated by the Atlantic Bagel Co. in Cohasset.

Have fun and support CHS soccer.

New season begins for "On the Mark"

Please tune in Wednesday night, Sept. 17, at 8 p.m. and watch the first in the new season of "On The Mark with Ilana Marks."

Norman MacConnell, who will be discussing the new controversy on the South Shore, whether or not Hingham is really incorporated and a legal part of the Commonwealth, and what the ramifications of that may be, will be featured.

Also interviewed will be representatives from new citizens groups, which have formed in Cohasset and Scituate, to oppose various high spending projects.

If you would like to send in comments or questions by E-mail, the address is ilanamarks@aol.com. This show will be repeated at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23, on Channel 3 in Cohasset.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra auditions

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra, with Jin Kim, music director, has immediate openings in all sections of the orchestra. Auditions will be held from 2 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13 and Sunday, Sept. 14, in the parlor (room next to the church office) of the First Parish Old Ship in Hingham, at 107 Main St.

Their 1997-'98 season program will include works by Beethoven, Dvorak, Elgar, Haydn, Prokofiev, Poulenc, Respighi, Sibelius and Tchaikovsky.

Those interested in auditioning may call Dee Caton, coordinator, at (617) 749-2998.

Register for Scouts

There will be a joint registration of Cohasset Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, from 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Deer Hill School. For more information, call Linda Farrag, 383-9519, for the Boy and Cub Scouts; Mary McElroy, 383-0505, for the Girl Scouts.

Church harvest supper slated

Beechwood Church will holds its Harvest Supper Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will include ham, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, green beans, cole slaw, rolls and a beverage. An auction will be held following dinner. Tickets will be sold in advance only, by calling (781) 383-1298. Prices are $6.99 for adults and $3.50 for children.

Math workshops to be held

Stuart Murphy, a visual learning specialist and creator of the MathStart series picture books, will offer two free workshops Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham. Children ages 3 to 8 may attend the 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. session, while teachers and parents are invited to attend the 7 to 8:30 p.m. workshop.

The MathStart series features a host of notable illustrators, is developmentally appropriate and correlates to school grade levels and the curriculum standards of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The series is divided into three levels, from beginning math concepts such as counting and recognizing patterns, to multiplying, dividing and problem-solving strategies.

Murphy has extensive experience in educational publishing and art direction. He is a frequent speaker at Council of Mathematics Teachers conferences, and is a member of the Arts in Education Advisory Council of the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

The workshops are free, but registration is required as space is limited. Please call Buttonwood at 749-2665 to reserve your space.

Walkathon to benefit Wildlife Center

At noon, Sunday, Sept. 21, the New England Wildlife Center will hold its third annual Walkathon and Educational Wildlife Festival in Bare Cove Park in Hingham. The theme of the combined events is "A Walk on the Wildside" and will feature many live animals, such as llamas, owls, bunnies and snakes, many of which can be petted or examined closely.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Andean Folk Music Group, Gitano. There will be clowns, magic acts, carnival games, a teddy bear hospital, pony rides and tours of the hospital. The festival begins at noon; the two-mile walkathon begins at 2 p.m. and traverses Bare Cove Park. Admission to the fair is free. There is a $5 registration fee to participate in the walk. Individuals with the highest monetary sponsorships will receive gift certificates from Etonic, New Balance and Eastern Mountain Sports. All proceeds directly fund the center's wildlife hospital.

Tour of Hingham Cemetery

A free, public tour of the Hingham Cemetery, a 325-year-old, non-sectarian, non-profit burial ground behind Old Derby Academy and the Old Ship Church in downtown Hingham, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 21, co-sponsored by the cemetery's board of directors and the Hingham Historical Society. The rain date is Sept. 28.

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Sunday, Sept. 14, 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, SSCC will hold an Ice Cream Social with live Celtic music in honor of Grandparents Day. All are welcome: parents, aunts, uncles and cousins, to make it a real family event! Admission if $2 for children, adults are free.

SAT Prep. for high schoolers: Math: Oct. 2, 7 to 9 p.m., for five weeks, English: Sept. 30, 7 to 9 p.m. for five weeks.

Gymnastic and Gym Dandy programs begin the week of Sept. 15, ages six months through high school can enjoy the activities. Program for pre-schoolers include free play, bears in their snuggles, story telling and puppet shows.

Computer classes, dog obedience, tai chi, CPR and pediatric CPR, investment classes for women, and cooking classes are among the variety of interesting topics covered by our wide range of talented instructors.

The center welcomes new memberships. Family membership is $35, individual membership is $25, and senior membership is $15. Corporate memberships are available for $150. Members receive discounts on classes. The center is non-profit and is entirely dependent on tuition, memberships and donations for its support.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

A portfolio the most relaxed investor will love



By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

Investors do not need to have type "A" personalities to do well in the stock and bond markets. This news will probably come as a relief for those who don't have the time or the inclination to devour financial reports or follow stock prices in order to better their portfolios.

WORTH

Scott Burns, a financial writer in Texas and a monthly contributor to Worth Magazine, has found an investment strategy that suits most non-professional investors' schedules. It revolves around inactivity, not research.

Of course, there is nothing wrong with being a committed and diligent investor. Some individuals manage their funds with an intensity that could put a few money managers to shame. And some of them do quite well, and even enjoy themselves.

Burns' strategy is best suited for the armchair investor who does not want, well, to get out of her armchair.

Appropriately, Burns has dubbed it the Couch Potato Portfolio, and the most demanding thing it requires is for the investor to know how to divide by two.

Intrigued? Well, the method is basic: Invest 50 percent of your nest egg in a broad equity fund, such as an index fund that mirrors the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index, and 50 percent in a fund that follows the bond market at large, again an index fund will do.

The portfolio consists of just two mutual funds - individual stocks are off-limits. Then all an investor has to do is keep the 50/50 ratio balanced.

When market action causes the bond and equity portions to grow or shrink, changing the 50/50 ratio, investors must re-allocate funds. A couple of times a year you may have to divide the portfolio's new total in half and then transfer enough money into the laggard fund to make them equal (Okay, so you also need to know how to subtract and add - make your second grade teacher proud.).

The selling point for this method lies not only in its elegant simplicity but also in the results it produces. Burns calculated, for example, that a portfolio made up of the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index and Lehman Brothers Intermediate Bond Index would have provided above-average returns over the last 24 years (to note: index mutual funds would have produced returns slightly lower because of the funds' expenses.)

This portfolio would have provided a compounded annual rate of return of 10.9 percent for that period, compared with the 12.3 percent return of the S&P 500 Index alone. That may not seem spectacular, but consider this: The Couch Potato Portfolio only trailed the S&P 500 by 1.4 percentage points and beat most fixed-income indexes. The average equity growth-and-income fund trailed the S&P 500 by 2.6 percentage points a year over the last 15 years (the database Burns used only tracked back that far). And the average Treasury bond fund trailed the Lehman Brothers Government Bond Index by about as much.

With that kind of a batting record, Burns figured his portfolio falls somewhere between the top 25 percent and 50 percent of equity mutual funds for the period - a cut above the typical fund. What's more, the portfolio was less risky than the bond and equity benchmark indexes during that period, posting smaller losses in down years than those indexes, says Burns.

Burns' quest to create a portfolio to weather any storm (and of course, to provide robust returns) was started when he caught sight of an article written by Gerald Perritt, a Chicago investment-newsletter publisher.

In August 1987, Perritt wrote that investors should divide their money equally between stocks, bonds, cash, real estate and gold - a portfolio that he found had beaten the S&P 500 with less risk between 1968 and 1984 (eventually he revised the portfolio by taking out real estate, figuring most people owned enough of it already.).

Burns, in effect, took that portfolio and simplified it. He figured that with about a quarter of the S&P 500's earnings coming from overseas, the portfolio didn't need an international position in stocks. Coca-Cola, for instance, gets 80 percent of its profits from abroad. So an investor essentially gets foreign exposure by holding an S&P index fund.

By the same token, the S&P 500 has six gold mining companies whose performances for the most part track the price of gold.

There's no need to buy gold, Burns says, when you get the exposure in an index fund. Burns also simplified by adding the cash position to the bond allocation.

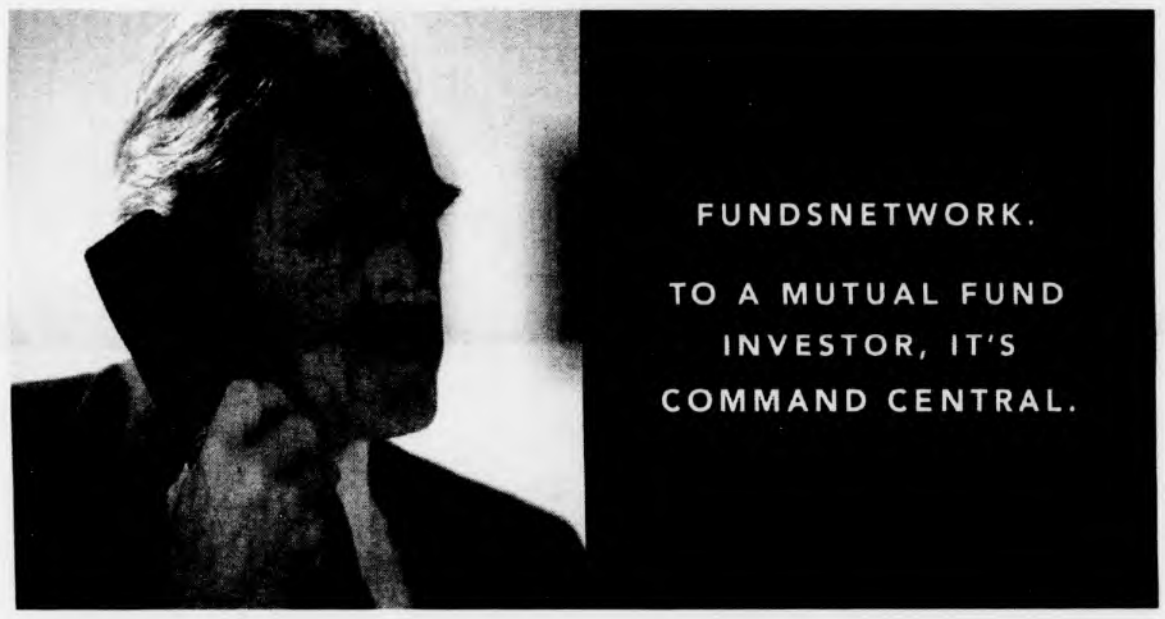
Make all of those changes to Perritt's plan and presto; you have the Couch Potato Portfolio. As Burns points out, you have very high odds of being in the second quartile for returns without the suffering of constant due diligence and hanging on edge about rumored Federal Reserve announcements.

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A public hearing will be held on September 18, 1997 starting at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA.
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HEALTH NOTES

Anxiety and panic disorders

The Social Service League of Cohasset announces a program on "Anxiety and Panic Disorders," presented by Michael Jablon, Ed.D., licensed psychologist and clinical instructor in psychology at the Cambridge Hospital, Dept. of Psychiatry, in Cambridge, Mass.

The program will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's Residence, 96 Border St., Cohasset. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

For information regarding this program, call the Social Service League office at (617) 383-0771.

Blood drive is Sept. 17

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, Sept. 17. The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Unitarian Parish House at 23 North Main St. from 2 to 7 p.m. As in the past, baby-sitting assistance will be provided after 3 p.m. The Red Cross depends on regular donations to meet the ongoing need for blood and blood by-products.

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Superintendent to retire at end of school year

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

After 12 years at the post, school Supt. Stephen Hart will step down at the end of this school year.

The school committee has known about Hart's plans for some time, but the 55-year-old Hingham resident made the announcement public last week.

School Committee Chairman Maureen Jerz said the school committee did not have a plan in place as yet to replace Hart. She explained that the board will meet a representative of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees to go over the process of searching for a new superintendent.

Hart's salary this year is about $94,000.

She praised Hart's work at the helm of the town's school system.

"With Steve's retirement, this town will lose a tireless advocate for the schools and children.

"I'd like to thank him for that and for his many years of service to the town."

The other school committee members also praised Hart and wished him well.

"The appropriate time to roast Mr. Hart is coming, so I'll save my comments for then," Ralph Kidder said. "But the town is losing a true friend to education."

> ***"With Steve's retirement, this town will lose a tireless advocate for the schools and children."***
> – SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MAUREEN JERZ.

Rick Shea said it had been a pleasure to work with Hart.

"I admire the level of energy despite his years on the job," he said.

Kathy Ofsthun said a simple "thank you" to Hart. And Joseph McElroy said he wished Hart all the best. Ofsthun and McElroy were elected to the school committee in April.

Hart said the opening of school Sept. 4 was bittersweet. He said seeing the buses on opening day brought back a lot of memories.

"I'm grateful to be in Cohasset which has given me the opportunity because of being a small school system to fill a number of roles," he said.

Hart, who joined the Cohasset School system in 1970 as a guidance counselor, also served as director of special education and assistant superintendent/business manager before becoming superintendent.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Hart said his retiremer
nothing to do with the expi
of his current contract at th
of this school year. He said the school board was willing to renew his contract but he felt the time had come to move on.

"It is good to have change," he said.

Hart has no immediate plans for the future. He does not rule out working again as a school administrator on a part-time or temporary basis.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

School warrant articles

The school department will ask the town for about $300,000 this fall to replace school buses, repair windows and to start installing the infrastructure necessary to put all classrooms on-line with computers.

The fall town meeting is predominately reserved for capital expenditures.

• $100,000 will be needed to start the first phase of window replacement at the Deer Hill School, Supt. Stephen Hart said. Hart explained that cracking and leaking is a problem with the aging windows.

School committee member Kathy Ofsthun asked that Hart try to have some sense of the total cost of replacing the windows before town meeting. She explained that citizens may want to know how much more will be asked for in later phases of the project.

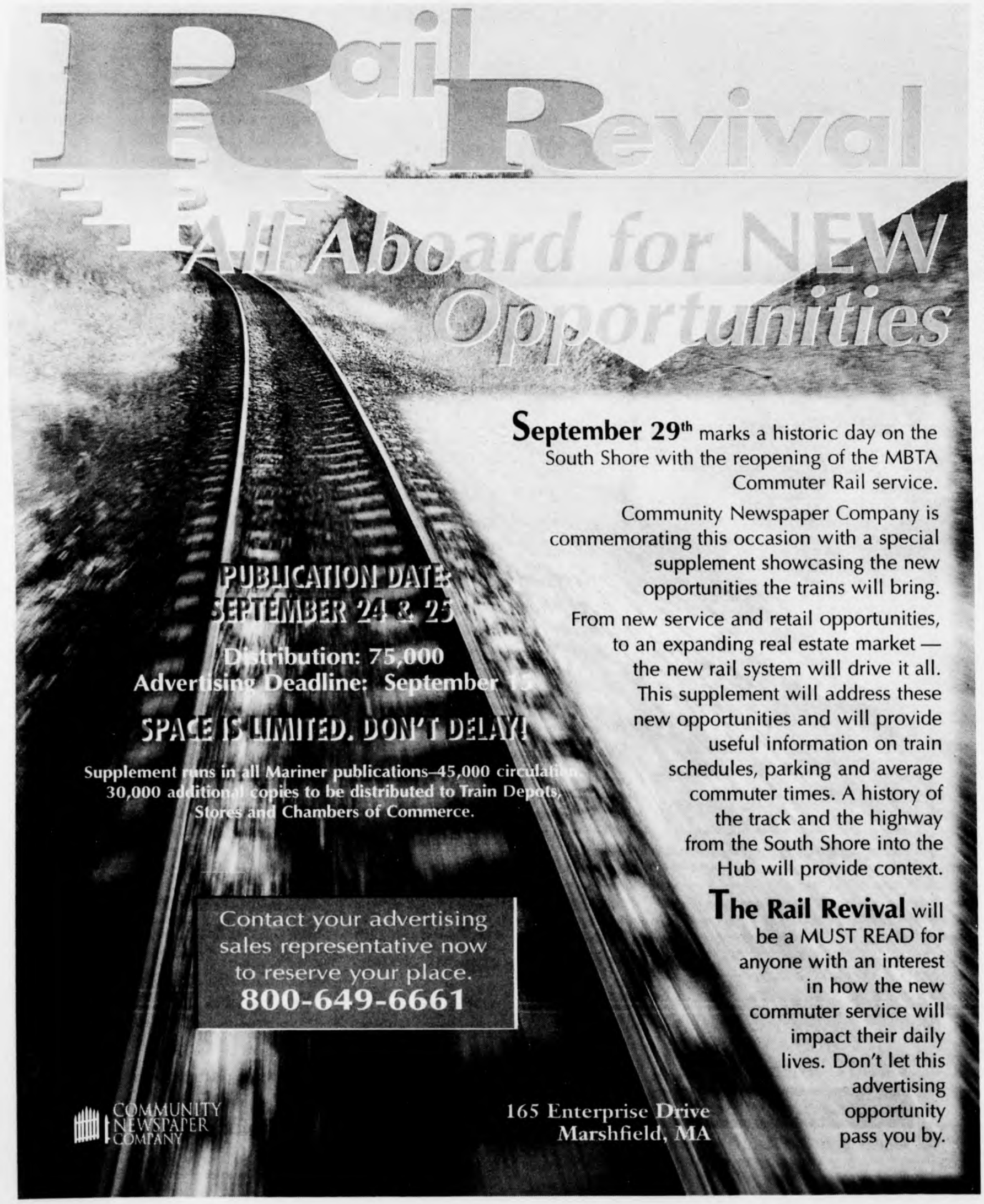
• The school department will also ask for $100,000 to begin implemenation of a five-year technology plan in the schools. It is expected that wiring the two schools will cost about $80,000. About $20,000 would be set aside for training. The money will be used to provide a network for the Deer Hill and Middle/High School. The new Osgood School, which is under construction, will have the necessary infrastructure built in. Initially the school committee planned to ask for $65,000 because a $36,000 state grant would make up the difference. But members agreed last week to ask for the full $100,000 in order to have enough money available for hardware, training and wiring. The schools are planning a net day when volunteers would help install the wiring so the amount could be scaled downward before town meeting. Plans are for the schools to eventually interface with the town computer system.

• Two new school buses are needed this year to replace two 1987 buses with 123,000 and 149,000 miles, Supt. Stephen Hart said. The next oldest bus in the fleet was built in 1989. Hart said five buses are used every day and most days a sixth is used for field trips and other events. There are a total of six buses in the school fleet plus one minivan.

• The school department will ask town meeting for permission for borrow about $51,000 to pay for half the cost of a special needs student who needs full-time residential care. The state has set aside money for interest-free loans for school districts which find themselves with special needs students entering the system after the budget has been allocated. School committee member Ralph Kidder explained that the school board does not put reserve into the special needs budget to cover these situations.

At a recent advisory committee meeting, chairman Roger Whitley said the town should pay its share upfront to avoid another debt. But Kidder said last week he couldn't understand why the town would not take advantage of an interest-free loan.

"Why pay back with today's dollars when you can pay back with tomorrow's dollars," he said.



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Selectman seeks to pave way for Bed & Breakfasts

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Just the thought of staying in a bed and breakfast conjures up the most romantic of images. Checkered blankets and lace curtains; hot coffee and sweet rolls; sunny rooms and friendly hosts. But behind the romantic image lies a lot of hard work by the owners of bed and breakfast establishments.

Bed and breakfasts have come to the forefront of Cohasset politics in the last few weeks. Selectman Ronnie McMorris has started lobbying for ways to make it easier for residents to open small bed and breakfast establishments in their homes.

McMorris believes that bed and breakfasts are a convenient way for retired residents to supplement their meager incomes while still living in Cohasset.

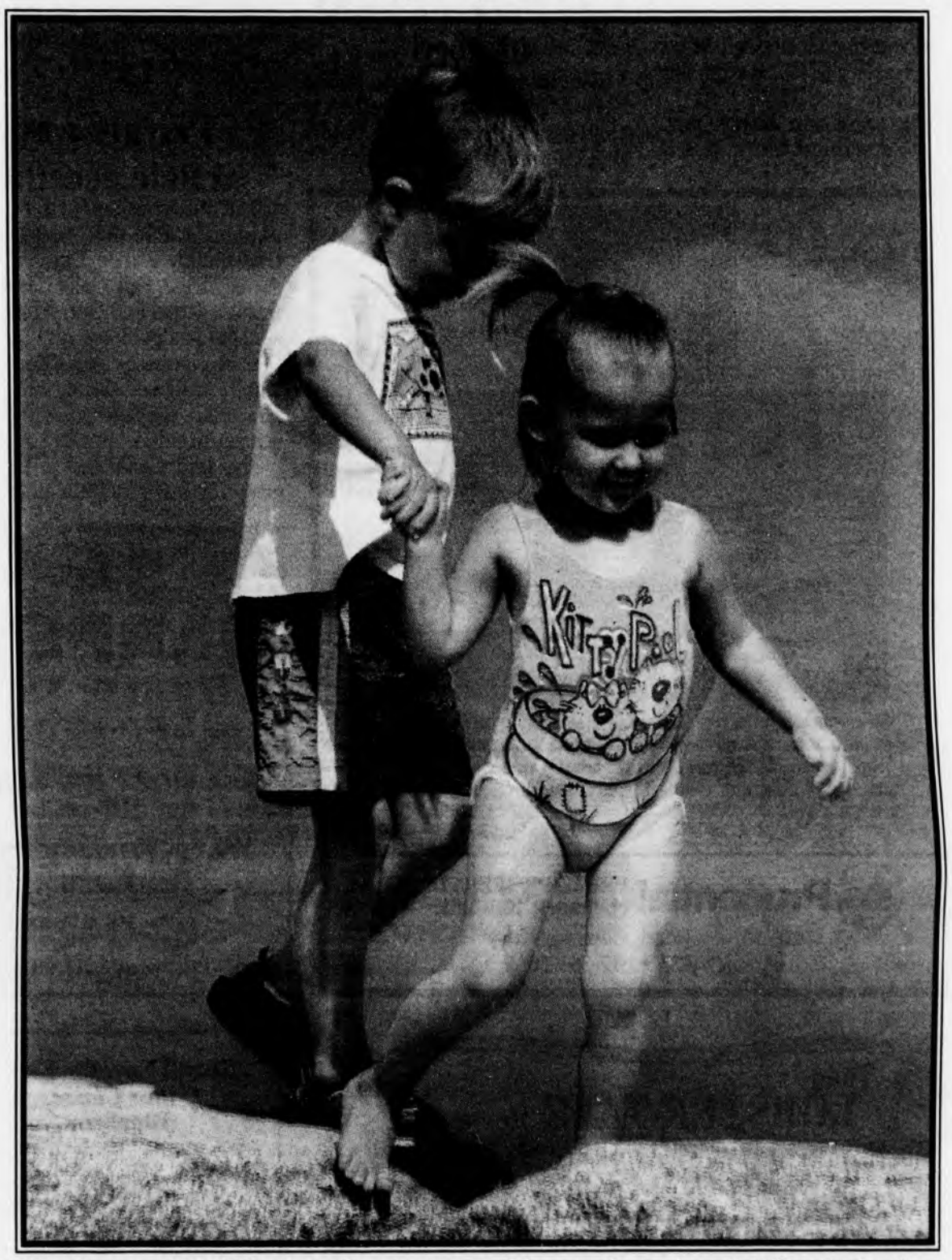
"This may be the only way for some of our residents to hang on to their family homes," McMorris said.

Cohasset bylaws allow lodging houses in residential districts for up to five people by special permit.

McMorris said she became interested when a resident, Dorothy Keville of 6 Stockbridge Road, withdrew an application to the zoning board be-

BED & BREAKFAST PAGE 22

Last days of summer



Wes Lane and his little sister Courtney scramble over the rock wall at Sandy Beach.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Lobster lab focus of town meeting

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset citizens will have their second chance within a year to decide if the Hagerty house should be turned into a "Lobster Lab."

It took selectmen more than an hour Monday to agree to place two articles on the Oct. 29 special town meeting warrant regarding the fate of the Victorian-era building. One asks the town to approve issuing a request for proposal (RFP) for a marine biology lab, the other asks the town to raze the building.

Complicating the matter is a citizens petition article with 120 signatures presented by Alex Koines, 380 Atlantic Ave., to see if the town will take down or move the building. Selectmen are bound to accept a citizens petition article for the warrant.

Koines, who feels public access to the harbor is crucial, said the lobster lab concept is fine but it can be located elsewhere in town. The 2.2 acre Hagerty property abuts the town's only public boat ramp.

Last week, in a surprise announcement the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation, a non-profit group that renovated the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island, withdrew its plan to take on the lobster lab project.

The group said it couldn't tackle the enormous task of raising upwards of $800,000 for the project without the support of selectmen, who have been divided on the concept.

The prime mover behind the lobster lab, Kevin Ulmer, a marine biologist, said in a memo to selectmen he is in the process of forming a new non-profit corporation and will continue to push for the lab. He could not attend Monday's meeting because he was out of town.

The unanimous vote to place their two articles on the warrant

LOBSTER PAGE 4

School audit to go forward

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The school department will be under the microscope this year because selectmen want it audited.

Although there is no evidence of anything being out of order, they say it's healthy to give town departments a deeper look from time to time.

The board of health, ambulance service, and water department have been audited in the past, selectmen said.

Tony Roselli of Tucci & Roselli, which has performed the town audit for the past six years, estimated the audit selectmen are seeking will cost about $3,000.

He explained that an operational audit, which selectmen want, focuses on procedural matters in relation to finances. It would have nothing to do with the educational process in the schools.

Roselli stressed that in performing the town audit every year, which includes an overview of the school department, no incongruities have come to light.

"Nothing in six years has led us to believe there is any material problem with the school department," he said.

Roselli said in some towns his firm has found problems with hot lunches or extra-curricular actives that could indicate poor management but he didn't expect anything like that to surface.

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Sewer tie-in is possible

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen this week that it is possible to hook the old DPW garage in the town parking lot up to the town sewer line.

Local teens, led by Tony Bramblett, have asked selectmen to lease the building to turn it into a teen dance hall.

"Fortunately, there is an existing stub going to that building that will allow it to be connected," he said.

Haddad explained the next step will be to determine the proposed flow from the building and then approach the sewer commission to request an actual connection. In the meantime, town health agent Joseph Godzik will determine if the existing cesspool can be used as a stopgap measure.

It is not clear at this time how much the sewer connection will cost.

No parking signs okayed

Selectmen okayed placement of two 'No Parking' signs on telephone poles in front of 77 and 81-83 Summer Street.

The Woods and Nobles families who live on Summer Street made the request because during functions at the American Legion and others in the harbor area, cars park on town-owned land in front of their houses.

The parked cars have caused water pipes to crack and can be a safety issue when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street making it too narrow for two-way traffic. The request for the signs was supported by the safety officer and police chief.

Private ways article accepted

Selectmen accepted a citizens petition article this week asking that Cedar Acres Lane, Cedar Acres Drive, Fair Oaks Lane, Old Pasture Road and Surry Drive be accepted as public ways.

Laura Doherty, 36 Cedar Acres Lane, said residents on these streets are taxpayers and they are not getting their money's worth.

She said Cedar Acres Lane is now beyond patching and is in danger of being overgrown with swamp grass.

Selectmen explained that the town cannot expend state highway funds on private ways. The town patches these roads but does not pave them. However, the town has established a private ways committee and set aside some money to start tackling upgrading the town's numerous private roads so they can be accepted by future town meetings. Unfortunately, this is a very lengthy process, they said.

Selectman Merle Brown said each road has to be surveyed. He said town counsel has to check out each lot to determine who actually owns the roads. He said the town has to pay each time town counsel has to go to Dedham to check a record.

Brown said the town would start with the roads that would not take too much to upgrade, those without drainage problems and without rocks that would have to be removed. Brown said it can cost as much as $200,000 to bring a street up to regulation.

Selectmen directed Town Manager Mark Haddad and DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield to take a look at Cedar Acres Lane to see if anything can be done in the im- im.

Doherty said she and her neighbors are tired.

"You may see a move for some tax abatement," she said.

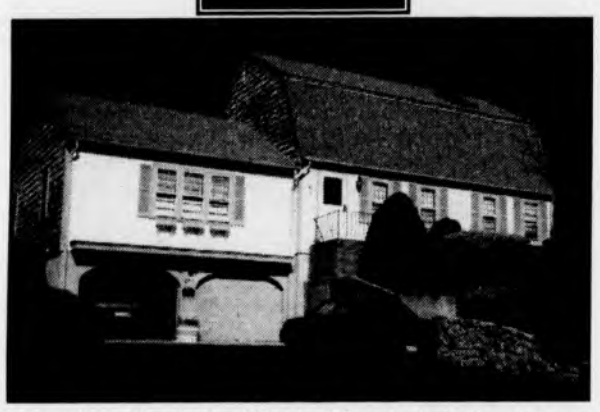
Haddad questioned why town counsel had to research all the deeds.

"Can't the streets be taken by eminent domain?" he asked. Haddad said he would look into the matter.

Hazardous waste day Sept. 20

The Town of Cohasset will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the parking lot of the new town Department of Public Works (DPW) garage on Cedar Street.

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Mon. 22	4:07	10.2	10:09	4:27	10.8	10:48
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South Shore Vo-Tech offers education options

Nine Cohasset students attend regional school

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Not every student wants to be an English or math major. That's where South Shore Vocational Technical High School (Vo-Tech) in Hanover can offer an alternative to traditional high school education.

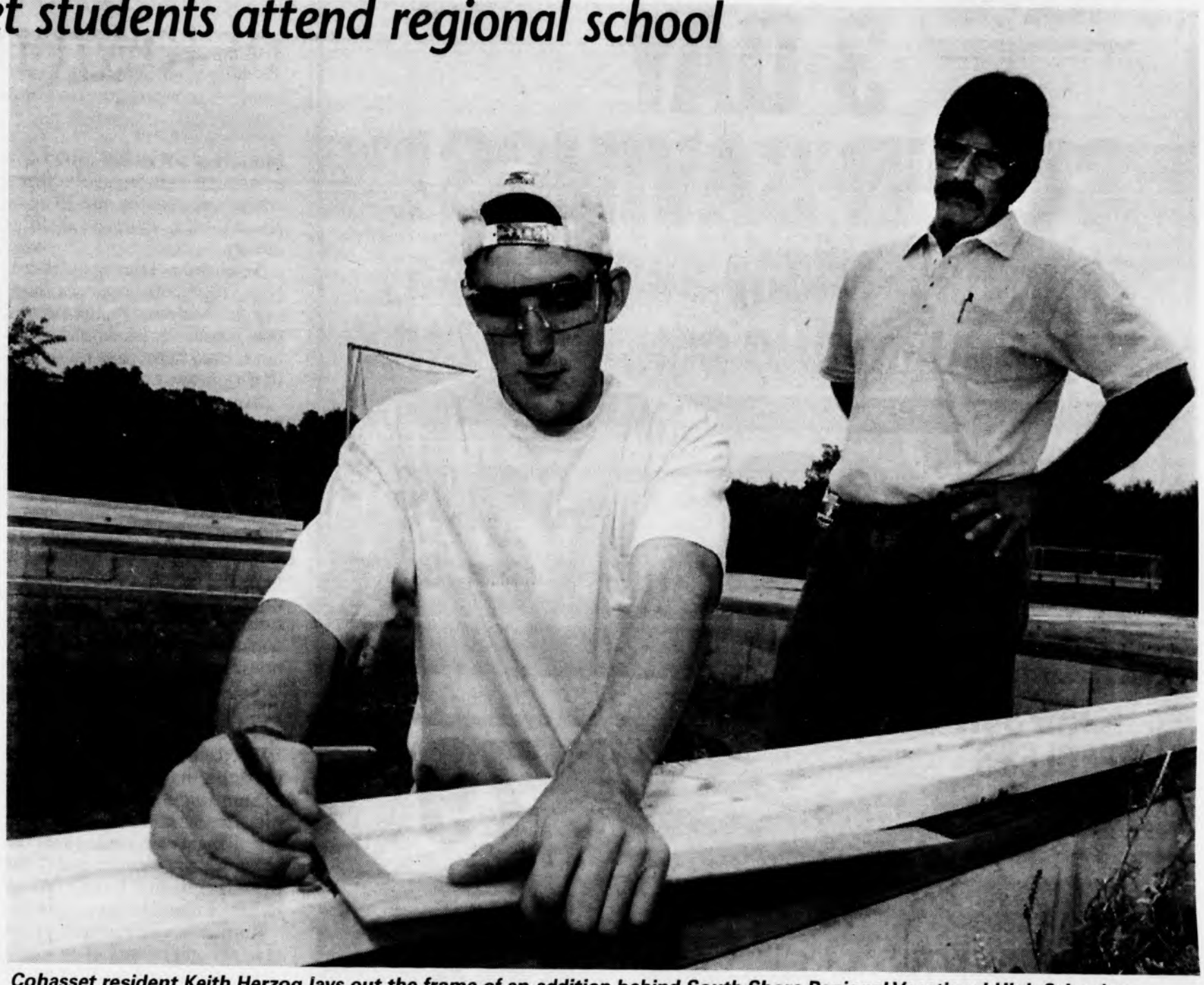
For Scituate contractor Frank R. Snow, who aspired to be a carpenter since childhood, attending Vo-Tech was the obvious choice.

"It's a great opportunity for students interested in a trade or a vocation," said Snow, a 1976 graduate of the school and now a member of the school's advisory committee. "It gave me the training I needed to start my own business."

Snow founded Frank R. Snow, Inc., a local building and remodeling contracting firm on Stockbridge Road, right after graduation. During the 21 years he has been in business, Snow said he has hired Vo-Tech graduates because he knows they are being trained well.

"The school offers a tremendous amount. (Graduating students) have all the trade background behind them and they get great training in whatever field they choose," he said.

Celebrating its 35th anniversary, South Shore Vo-Tech draws 500 students from its eight district communities on the South Shore which pay an assessment — Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman.Vo-Tech has its own bus fleet to transport students from their homes to school as well as extra-curricular activities. Students from towns outside of the district also attend the school, but the town must pay the students' tuition. The assessments, which vary by town, are based on a state formula.



Cohasset resident Keith Herzog lays out the frame of an addition behind South Shore Regional Vocational High School as instructor Derek Mariani looks on.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Thirty-five students from Scituate and nine students from Cohasset are currently enrolled in the trade high school.

> ***"It's different for everyone. I say try it and if you don't like it, go back to Cohasset High."***
> — KEITH HERZOG, VO-TECH SENIOR.

"Students elect to come here because they see the opportunity to build skills toward a career as well as getting an academic education," said Vo-Tech Principal John Kosko. "When they are finished with school, they have multiple options. They can go directly into the workforce or they can go on to college."

Sixty percent of students take jobs after graduation while about 35 percent pursue higher education at technical schools such as Wentworth Institute of Technology and Northeastern University, or at culinary school, he said.

Vo-Tech offers specialized courses in the technical trade areas — most of which are not available at public high schools — including carpentry, automotive, electrical, drafting, metal fabrication/ welding and autobody. The school has also added culinary arts, cosmetology and health care programs to its curriculum. Students run a restaurant called the Brass Lantern and a beauty salon called Salon Beverly.

But for some incoming high school students, there may be a Vo-Tech "stigma," Snow pointed out.

"I think there's a stigma that maybe it's not the best place for them, that it's not going to offer them enough," he said. "They don't know enough about the programs, they haven't seen enough information and they haven't gone to the school to see it. Students and parents should take the opportunity to get all the information."

Scituate High School sent more students to Vo-Tech this year than in past years, said Guidance Director Vincent Gilarde. Usually about 25 students from Scituate attend the regional school.

"I think a lot of kids are being very realistic as far as setting their goals at a young age," he said. "Parents are being realistic, too, and encouraging their kids to consider Vo-Tech."

Gilarde said the tide has turned as far as the "stigma" Snow referred to. Two decades ago, some students might have felt a stigma about going to technical trade school but that feeling is gone now, he said.

About 85 percent of Scituate High School graduates pursue higher education. "But we still have that 15 percent who need programs like this," Gilarde said.

Cohasset High School Guidance Counselor Mary Babaian said not many students opt to attend Vo-Tech because Cohasset is an academicallyoriented community, with 95 percent of graduating seniors advancing to college.

"For those kids who go and for whom it works, it's a beneficial program for them," she said. "With a thrust on school-to-career training, it's a wonderful opportunity for them."

In past years, Cohasset has sent as many as five or six students to as few as zero kids to the vocational school.

"It really is scattered and not usually a lot of kids," Babaian said. "It has to do with the size of the school and the type of community. There are a whole host of reasons."

Vo-Tech's co-operative program also separates it from traditional high schools. During senior year, students can participate in a co-operative program that allows them to put the skills they've learned in school to work in the business world. The "employable" skills taught at Vo-Tech put students ahead of the game, Kosko said.

"It's no longer good enough to have just one aspect of education," he said. "At Vo-Tech, I think we offer the best of both worlds with a balance of technical and academic education. We tie the two together so they're relevant and have real future meaning for the students."

Students work alternating weeks for area companies like Snow's business and are paid while they learn.

"They're gaining the valuable experience of real job training," Kosko said of the co-ops that vary from electrical contractors to automotive garages.

But the benefits don't stop at the students, Kosko and Snow agreed. Employers gain reliable, responsible, well-trained workers to help with their projects. Most of the time, the co-op turns into a full-time job when the student graduates, Kosko added.

Vo-Tech senior Keith Herzog of Cohasset, a student in the carpentry program, chose the trade school over his hometown school.

"I didn't like Cohasset High," said Herzog, who has wanted to pursue a career in carpentry since age nine.

One of six Cohasset students at Vo-Tech, Herzog said he did not feel any stigma about attending the regional technical school.

"It's different for everyone," he said. "I say try it and if you don't like it, go back to Cohasset High."

Herzog hopes to some day start his own carpentry business with his own crew. Taking three classes a day in wood working and craftsmanship at Vo-Tech along with his academic subjects has helped give him an edge as he enters the workforce, he said.

"I'll have a few less years to train when I get out," said Herzog, 18. "It's been good overall. It's very strict," he said, adding that the school enforces a stringent safety dress code.



Jennifer and Nick Hazen of Scituate are carpentry students at South Shore Vo-Tech.

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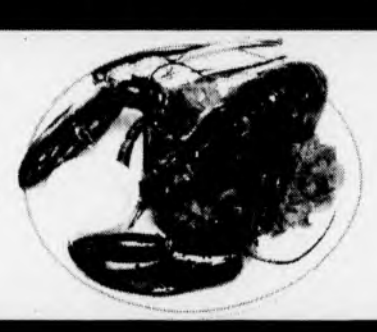
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Lobster lab focus of town meeting

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Monday is not an indication of a consensus among selectmen whose opinions on the Hagerty house/lobster lab issue still differ greatly.

Selectman Diane Sullivan, who vehemently opposes moving the building to the private boat marina across the street, did not see any harm in re-issuing an RFP right away.

"Town meeting voted 2-1 to have the concept of a marine biology lab. Unfortunately the Lightkeepers withdrew. But I want to think long and hard before we take that building down," she said.

Sullivan also said her research indicated that public toilets might be a necessity at the town boat ramp and thought they could be installed in the Hagerty house and shared with the lobster lab, something that could be included in the new RFP.

Selectman Nan Roth said she favored a new RFP but with stipulations that marketing, programming and fund-raising plans be part of the submittal. She thought selectmen could develop a point system and if the proposal didn't have enough points, it would be unacceptable.

Roth said she recently spent several hours with Ulmer whom she feels has the level of detail the board was looking for in answers to its 85 or so questions but hadn't been able to communicate that.

"I'd like to give him one more chance," she said.

Diane Sullivan's move to reissue the RFP failed 2-3, with Ro[illegible] also supporting it.

Saying annual town meeting endorsed the project with the Lightkeepers' involvement, Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the matter needs to go before town meeting again.

"The town voted for the concept of the lab but they also voted for the concept of the Lightkeepers. I think they are tied together. The Lightkeepers have withdrawn, so now the proposal is different," she said.

A member of the Lightkeepers, Selectman Merle Brown, who recused himself until the Lightkeepers withrew, said he was not in favor of the lobster lab proposal because it would be regional in nature. He also objected to the plan to expand the upper floors of the building.

And Selectman Michael Sullivan, who has been against the proposal all along, said the proposal had no chance without an academic or scientific "anchor" organization.

Steve Bobo, who came to the meeting to speak for Ulmer, said he has been asked to serve on the board of the new corporation which will seek non-profit status.

Bobo, who agreed with Diane Sullivan that some public washrooms and perhaps lockers would be beneficial at the site, pointed out that the Lightkeepers had $25,000 in hand to stablilize the building and $100,000 pledged in grants. This money will have to be reapplied for under the new corporation.

School audit to go forward

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"I haven't seen that in part of our annual audit," he said.

Roselli said the audit could range from $2,500 to $20,000 depending on the depth but suggested a seven-day audit would be suitable.

"If after a week, there is a suggestion of serious problems we can go further," he said.

The town appropriated $10,000 for the annual audit which is expected to cost about $7,500. The balance will be used for the school audit with any additional funds coming from the reserve account.

Roselli said selectmen shouldn't be surprised if his firm doesn't find anything.

"This town is well run when compared to other cities and towns," he said.

When the issue was initially raised last month, school committee member Joseph McElroy said an audit can be productive.

Last week, the school committee said reports it is against an audit are premature. Members said they were interested in discussing the matter with selectmen. At Monday's selectmen's meeting, Supt. Stephen Hart, Kidder and school committee members Kathy Ofsthun and Rick Shea did not have objections to the audit.

Benefit dinner fashion show

Friends of the Mary Martha Learning Center will be presenting their Third Annual Dinner Fashion Show, with the addition of a Silent Auction this year. Adults and children from the South Shore will be modeling clothing and accessories from Talbots.

The event is slated for Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the South Shore Country Club, 274 South St., Hingham. Tickets are $35 per person and can be obtained by calling Alice Lawless at 749-9595. Tickets are also available at Fleming's in Cohasset village.

All proceeds from the benefit will be given to the Mary Martha Learning Center (a residential educational facility for homeless mothers and their children) mortgage fund.

Zoning board okays communication tower

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Sprint Spectrum received permission from the zoning board of appeals last week to erect a flagpole-style antenna behind an auto repair business on Route 3A.

Members of the zoning board granted approval for Ken Eaves, the owner of Foreign Auto Repair, to lease land at 149 King St. to Sprint so the company can to erect 123-feet monopole and equipment pad.

The zoning board had closed the Sprint hearing last June, but reopened it on June 25 because Sprint changed the proposed antenna design from a lattice-style to a flagpole design.

Sprint needs the new tower to provide uninterrupted cellular telephone service to drivers on Route 3A.

The land for the proposed antenna is in a light industrial zone with a 45-foot restriction on the height of any structure. The antenna is allowed in a light industrial zone with a special permit for height.

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said Sprint changed the design because of fears that the zoning board was prepared to reject the lattice design.

"This is just such a significant change in design that we felt we could not consider it without public comment," DeGiacomo said.

DeGiacomo said the zoning board was convinced that Sprint did everything it could to mitigate the adverse effects of the tower.

"We were convinced that the applicant through the amended application had made all the changes they could," DeGiacomo said. "We were also cognizant of the Federal Telecommunications Act, which restricts our power to deny communications towers and antennas."

The tower will be placed 200-feet back from the road, and there are no houses within 500-feet.

In its decision, the zoning board indicated that the tower is unmanned and will not generate traffic, congestion, hazards to pedestrians, pollution or sewage.

The zoning board also placed several restrictions on the license.

If the tower is not used for 12 consecutive months, Sprint must remove it immediately. No other antennas or attachments may be affixed to the tower. All unregistered cars at Ken's Foreign Auto must be removed as a condition of the permit.

Public reading packet at school department

In an effort to promote communcation, the school department will provide a public reading packet and make if available to local citizens, the school board said last week.

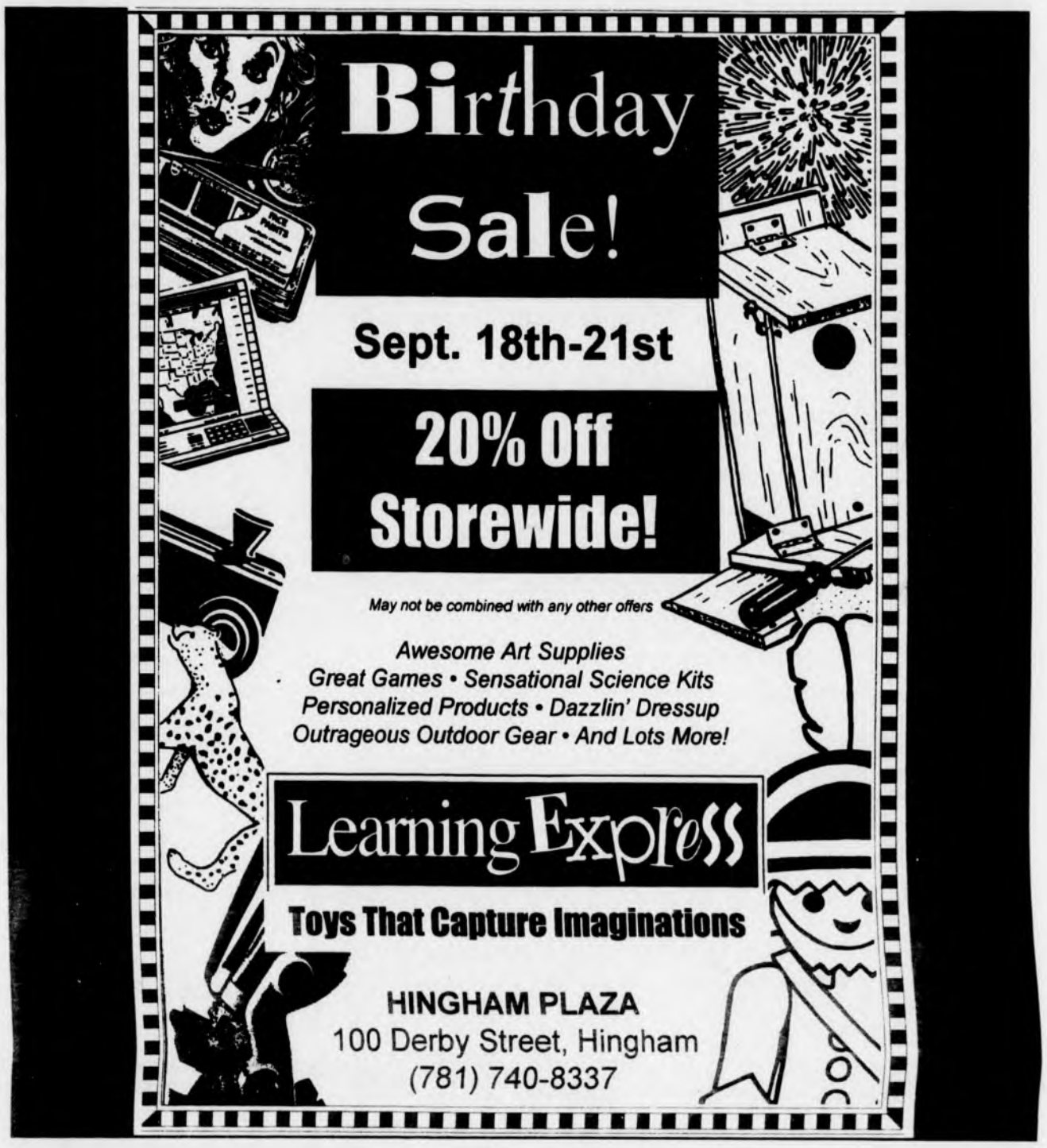
The packet, which will be available in the superintendent's office, will contain recent correspondence and other documents. There will also be an index of documents including items such as teacher contracts and school handbooks, so people will know how to access those.

Supt. Stephen Hart pointed out that his office has provided information when requested. But the school committee said having a packet will make those documents more accessible to the public.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark at 383-9900 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.



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MBTA may lose bid to dismiss train lawsuit

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Federal District Court Magistrate Robert Collings has recommended that the MBTA's motion to dismiss Hingham's lawsuit challenging the transit authority be denied.

Last summer Hingham filed the lawsuit, accusing the MBTA of trying to skirt historic preservation and federal environmental laws by not using federal money to restore the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad.

The argument revolves around the fact that part way through the project, the MBTA changed tracks and decided to use state money to fund the project instead.

In December, then-chairman of the MBTA James Kerasiotes filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

On June 19, the MBTA and the Town of Hingham debated their arguments face-to-face in front of Collings at the Federal District Court in Boston.

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>
> — HINGHAM SELECTMAN KATHERINE REARDON

The town has been awaiting his decision since that time.

According to Hingham Selectman Katharine Reardon, Judge Reginald Lindsay initially referred the case to Collings for his recommendation.

While it is only a recommendation, both Reardon and Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan said it is highly unlikely that Lindsay will overturn Collings' determination.

In his remarks regarding his decision, Collings states: "It is further recommended . . . that if the plaintiff (Town of Hingham) wishes to proceed with the improper segmentation theory advanced at the hearing, that the plaintiff must file an amended complaint in which this theory is more fully and specifically delineated."

Reardon said that while the MBTA is accepting federal money for the Plymouth and Middleboro lines and the main line into Boston, the transit authority is saying the Braintree to Greenbush portion is a separate project.

"The Town of Hingham is saying that's an illegal segmentation of the project," Reardon said. "This project has been irrevocably federalized by virtue of the amount of federal money which has already been put into the line as a whole."

Reardon discussed Collings' recommendation with Andrea Ferster, attorney for the Town of Hingham for the Greenbush project.

"She was very positive," Reardon said. "Her assessment is basically that if we can prove the facts relating to segmentation — what happened and when, and where does the line start and finish — then we'll be in a position to prove segmentation is illegal."

Reardon said that information is "not difficult to demonstrate."

If Lindsay accepts Collings' recommendation, the next step would to "move to make our case" by virtue of the lawsuit, Reardon said.

Macmillan calls Collings' determination a "big victory" for the town.

However, MBTA Spokesman Brian Pedro called Collings recommendation a "purely procedural matter."

"It's not a loss for us or a victory for anyone," he said. "We were just trying to save the Commonwealth some time and money (by asking that the case be dismissed)."

Pedro said the lead counsel for the MBTA told him Collings' recommendation is "no big deal."

"We're confident the Greenbush project will proceed full steam ahead," he said. "We will continue to fight the issue out in court."

However, Macmillan said of the 22-page document released by Collings Wednesday, "The federal court magistrate seems to have adopted our arguments in their entirety."

"It determines what we've been saying all along — that the governor was poorly advised by the MBTA, who was poorly advised by their consultant, Sverdrup Corp., that the MBTA could evade federal environmental laws by this device," Macmillan said. "Their efforts have been stymied."

In addition, Macmillan said, the Army Corps of Engineers is taking a very extensive look at all the facts.

"I believe the corps will be recommending within a week or two that the MBTA further study the alternatives to rail restoration," he said.

However, Nancy Buckley of the Coastal Coalition, a grassroots organization which is seeking alternatives to rail restoration, said, "Gov. Cellucci should abandon the project in order to seriously initiate transportation solutions in order to relieve highway traffic congestion. This lawsuit could take years."

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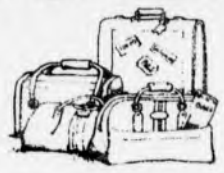
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Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists.

If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting, Monday, Oct. 27, is Friday, Oct. 17. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office, but must be received or postmarked on or before Oct. 17.

Concerned taxpayers to meet

The Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers (CCT) have invited taxpayer groups from Hingham and Scituate to attend a meeting from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25, in Bancroft Hall, at the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island, Cohasset.

Citizens of Hull and other towns who are not members of formerly established taxpayer groups are also welcome to attend. There is no charge for this event, but because seating is limited to 80, it is requested that you make reservations to attend by calling Cohasset Concerned Taxpayer Membership chairman Florence Jerome at 383-2139 or CCT vice president Lee Jenkins at 383-0024. Please ask for directions to the lighthouse at that time.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We send birthday greetings to three special people this week — Nancy Snowdale, Fran Mitchell and Arthur Somerville all have September birthdays, hope that they were happy ones and that you have healthy, happy years to follow!

EVENTS AT BEECHWOOD

The Beechwood Congregational Church has lots of events to share with us this week. Their harvest supper tops the list, it will he held Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. That is a guaranteed delicious supper, call 383-1298 for tickets.

BAZAAR, OCT. 18

On Oct. 18, the church will hold a bazaar — this used to be held in December, along with the Village Fair, but they have decided to try this idea instead. We think it's a good one, we'll fill you in on the details as they come in (wonder if they will have the yummy, pretty beach glass candy? Or, the wonderful chowder?)

BEECHWOOD BELL CHOIR

The Beechwood Bell Choir is also going to perform at the fourth annual Bell Jubilee baby shower, sponsored by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Five different choirs will be performing at St. Christine's Parish House, Route 3A, Marshfield. The date will be Oct. 5, the time from 2 to 4 p.m. Enjoy!



Matt Taylor Curby roars at a Gigantosaurus fossil at Buttonwoods Books. George the Junior Paleontologist visited the store recently to promote Don Lessems' book "Dinosaur World."

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

ANTIQUE SHOW

Finally, mark on your calendar right now Nov. 8. That is the date for this year's antique show sponsored by the church. It will be held at the Deer Hill School, and it is always an adventure in antiques. Many dealers, many "finds."

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THANK YOU

As many of you know, last summer the Sisters of Saint Joseph held a fund-raiser for the Saint Joseph Villa Retreat Center. They would like to extend their heart-felt thanks to all of you for making it a success — the planning committee, the staff of the South Shore Music Circus, The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston, the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston, their business patrons, newspaper and radio personalities, their many friends and neighbors, and, especially, all of you who purchased dinner, concert and raffle tickets.

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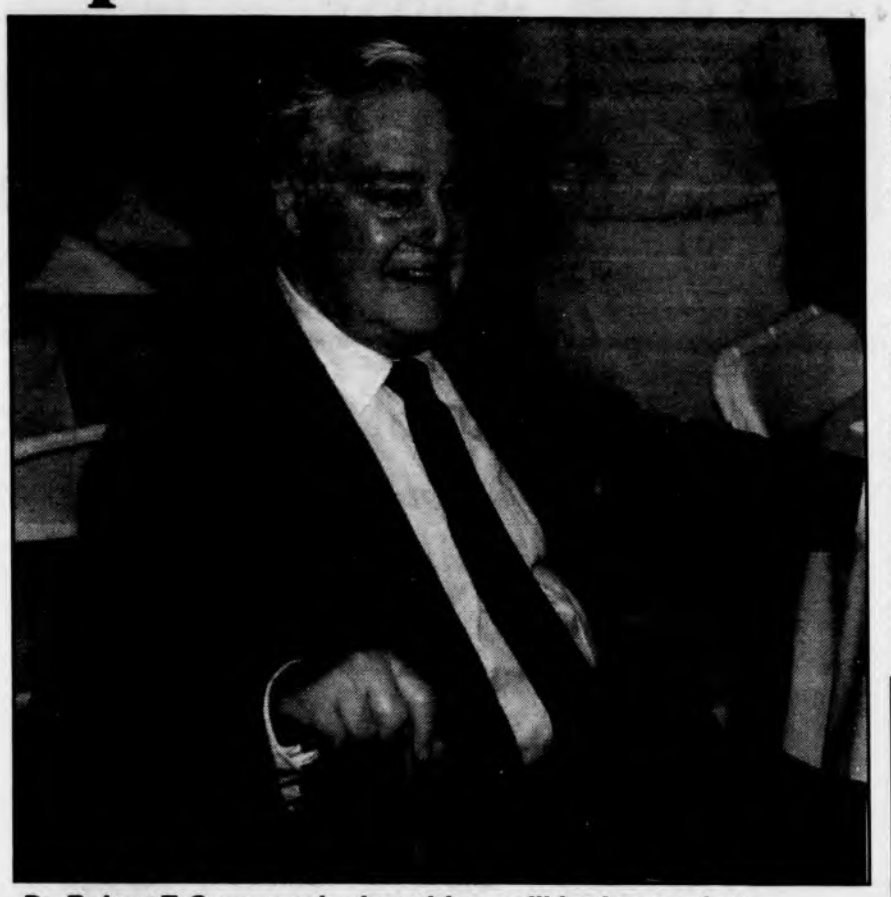
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Open house for Doctor Sceery is Sunday



Dr. Robert T. Sceery, who is retiring, will be honored at a special open house on Sunday.

Dr. Robert T. Sceery, 77, who is retiring after nearly 45 years as a pediatrician in Cohasset, will be honored at a special open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Lightkeepers Residence.

A young doctor with a growing family, Sceery came to Cohasset in 1953. Sceery, who had completed his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, knew Dr. Leroy Eldredge, who had started and pediatrics practice in Hingham. Eldredge persuaded Sceery to come to the South Shore.

Although Sceery has operated his practice at three locations in town: 109 N. Main St., 89 Ripley Road and 95 Atlantic Ave., his devotion to his profession never changed. His willingness to make house calls even in the middle of the night has secured his place in the hearts of many families.

Since 1956, Sceery has been the Cohasset school doctor. He served on the board of health in the early 1970s and help lead the fight to get the town "sewered." Over the years, he has been a familiar figure at town meetings espousing causes such as the onset of zoning laws and last year, the proposal for a new elementary school.

The affection and respect so many hold for Sceery led to his being selected as the 1995 Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year.

Register for Appalachia Service Project

On Sunday evening, Sept. 21, Appalachia Service Project '98 will officially begin with an information and registration meeting to be held at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. As they enter their 11th year, the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is planning yet another wonderful and inspiring adventure to the Appalachian region of our country to spend a week doing home repair projects for poor and needy families. Once again this year there are a limited number of slots available: 48 high school students (10-12th grade — 9th-graders will be placed on a waiting list and added after March 1 as openings become available), 12 young adults (18-24) and 24 adults advisors — making a grand total of 84. Signing on early (with the $50, non-refundable registration fee) is the best guarantee of having a place on the ASP '98 trip. The "tentative" dates for the 1998 trip are June 27 to July 5. Please consider joining for a remarkable and memorable experience. For questions and information, please call Rev. Gary Ritts at 383-0345.

AROUND TOWN

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WELCOME TO JESSICA EMMONS

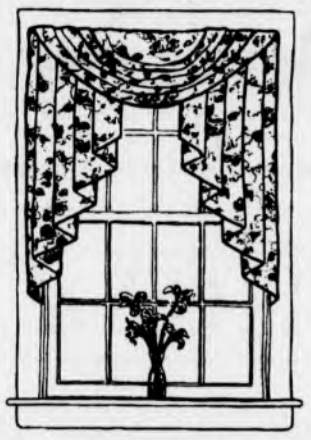
John and Marjorie Emmons of Cohasset have been as proud as punch for four months now, thanks to Jessica Mary Emmons! She is the daughter of Maureen and James Emmons; she was born June 23 at 9:52 a.m. They make their home in Hanover, but you can bet your bottom dollar that Jessica will be seen "around town" a lot, especially with all of this wonderful weather!

DEAN'S LIST AT WILLIAMS

Here comes an announcement to make us all proud. It is from William Smith Colleges' dean's office — Nicole Peterson, the daughter of Chuck and Sydney Peterson, has been named a Helen Heath Scholar for the 1996-1997 academic year. Helen Bateman Heath led the college as dean from 1944 to 1967, and they honor her memory and her work by designating as "Helen Heath Scholars" those students who earned grade point averages of 3.0 to 3.499! Great!

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Ah, September.

Already the leaves are tinged with red and pumpkins grow plumper by the moment. Once again, school is in session. For the next nine months, Norwell's most precious asset — its children — will wait along the curbside for that big yellow bus or wend their way along our narrow, winding roads.

The bad news is that students will share our roads with commuter traffic. That combination contains opportunities for real disaster if drivers are anything less than eternally alert and vigilant.

Too many commuters let their speedometers creep five or 10 miles past the posted speed limit, gambling with safety rules to save or gain a minute or two.

Children can be so unpredictable. Despite constant reminders from parents and school teachers, youngsters forget to look both ways. They dart out into the street. They play tag at the bus stop. They lack the experience to judge the speed of an oncoming car.

Do you drink coffee? Fiddle with the radio buttons? Light up a cigarette? Chat on a cell phone? Your momentary inattention could cause a tragedy that will ripple through our small, close-knit community leaving a lifetime of regret and heartbreak in its wake.

Before you climb behind the wheel of your car, ask yourself whether anything you might do or any time you might save is worth the life of a child. Remember too, that as the earth moves past the autumnal equinox — Sept. 22 — the daylight hours grow shorter. It's in the dim light of almost day and nearly night that most accidents occur.

It's up to all of us to make sure our children get to school and home again safely. Drive like your life — and theirs — depends on it. They do.

— Alison Cohen

(Alison Cohen is a reporter for the Norwell Mariner, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers).

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LETTERS

School board clarifies meeting's purpose

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the school department will hold a Strategic Planning meeting at the Lightkeepers residence. A similar meeting, held in October, 1995, began a planning process which culminated with the issuance of the School Department's present strategic plan. This Saturday's planning meeting is designed to discuss "progress on the stated objectives of the plan, and to modify those objectives where warranted," which is the first of the school department's goals for the 1997-1998 year. The list of invited attendees mirrors the attendees at the 1995 planning meeting and includes: a professional educator/facilitator; two School Committee members; the Superintendent and six school administrators (including the three principals); six School Council members (including three teachers and three parents); two high school students; the PSO President; a representative of the Teachers Association; and one member each from the Advisory Board, the Board of Selectmen and the School Facilities Committee.

A member of the press and several town residents have inquired about attending this meeting. We have declined this request because the meeting is designed as a working session, not as a public meeting. The session is designed to get all 23 participants, who are directly involved in the operations of the schools, to comment critically and openly on our present direction and to brainstorm about possible future directions. To do so in a productive and organized manner in only six hours will be a significant challenge.

Importantly, the school department also has as a 1997-1998 goal to "use the strategic planning process to solicit community input." The ideas and suggestions coming from this meeting will be shared in draft form with the community, and community input will be integrated into the final updated strategic plan. In addition, any member of the community with suggestions relevant to Saturday's meeting may call Ralph Kidder or me prior to the meeting. Good ideas are always welcome!

Rick Shea
Cohasset School Committee

It's time to sell Hagerty house, reader says

To the Editor:

It's time to reconsider the idea of selling the house on the Hagerty property since one of the reasons the town voted not to sell the house was the prospect of its use as a Lobster Lab.

As I've stated in the past, the town was persuaded to buy the Hagerty Property by a brochure which said the property had a house which could be sold for up to $200,000, thus implying that the house could be sold to help defray the outrageous cost of this property. It's time now to fulfill that promise to the taxpayers.

The house cannot be moved (it's too big to move up narrow Parker Avenue), and it should not be demolished for it would make someone a lovely home.

Selling the house is a win-win-win situation: We get some money to help with the land purchase, the house goes back on the tax rolls, and someone gets a nice home. How can you beat that?

Robert M. Davenport
17 Black Horse Lane

LIFE IN COHASSET Kelly & Robert Ziff

Some tidbits about Cohasset

Much has happened in the nearly 400 years since Cohasset was discovered and there are some interesting facts about the community today that may be little known by its residents. Any information concerning how many people live here, what their taxes are, the size of any dwelling, how many dogs they own, their street address, or virtually any other piece of pertinent data about any property can be found at the Town Hall. It's all on public record. All this can be quite useful to potential home owners or to telemarketers who want to target a specific market of consumer.

Originally, the land the town sits upon was used by Indians. Although the Indians didn't believe in the ownership of land, they named it Cohasset, which means "a long rocky place." When England began colonizing North America, Cohasset, with only a handful of permanent residents, was founded as part of Hingham in 1614 by Captain John Smith. When Cohasset split from Hingham in 1770, it took the Indian name for the 10.06 square mile land mass of the town. Over the next four centuries, the town has evolved into what it is today.

Here are some interesting facts.

Of the 7,873 people that reside here, there are 910 males under the age of 17 and 851 females under that same age, bringing the total to 1,761. There are 5,253 registered voters in the town, 1,108 are democrats; 1,136 are republicans and 2,999 are undecided. The residents of Cohasset who are 17 and over are 2,888 males and 3,244 females, bringing the total to 6,112. Over the past two years, the town's population has grown by 571.

The total number of dwelling units are 2,747, of which, 80 percent are resident owned and 20 percent are rentals. In 1996, the median home sale price was $259,000, and the median condo price, $198,000. The average household income is $62,933, while 2.2 percent of our citizens live in poverty. The average water/sewer bill is $300. The town's budget is $16.8 million dollars per year.

Out of approximately 400 registered dogs in Cohasset, it is not surprising that the vast majority of them are pure bred, and it may also be said that the dog's registration number carries with it a certain amount of a status. For example, Mary Foley, who owns a black Lab named Way, has license tag number "1." This can be compared to an automobile whose license plate reads 100 or something to that effect. Then again on the other hand, Paul Barry, whose spaniel, Shamus' license number reads 9786, could be compared to an automobile license plate that reads "946T3W." Is there a way to get custom dog tags for your dog? The answer to this question is no, town hall no longer assigns custom dog tag numbers. However, at one time that was done, and according to the town clerk's office, "All the good numbers have already been taken, anyway!"

There are 785 residents per square mile, with the median age of 38.6. Just 13 percent of the town's citizens are senior citizens. Nearly one quarter of the population is under 18. College graduates ring in at 66 percent, while currently 86 percent of Cohasset High School graduates are continuing with four more years of education. The median SAT score is 1031. There are 278 students enrolled in grades 9 through 12, with an average grade size of 69.5.

As Cohasset and the rest of the world prepare for the end of the millennium and the beginning of the next, it is easy to lose sight of where we came from. Just a century ago, there was nobody like Howard Stern, nothing like CNN, no information highway, and for someone who lived in Boston, a horse and perhaps a carriage was required for the trip out to Cohasset. Despite the difficulty, turn-of-the-century summer homes were built along the shore, taking advantage of the Atlantic's beauty, many of which are still intact today. So, it is not hard to imagine a Cohasset of 100 years, or even 200 years ago.

LETTERS

Cooperative spirit lacking

To the Editor:

Watching the selectmen's discussion Sept. 15 is further evidence that the Lightkeepers made the correct decision in withdrawing from the Lobster Lab project. Such an ambitious and difficult project is feasible only if the town officials are capable of grasping the vision and capable of seeing concerns simply as problems to be solved cooperatively, rather than the subject of endless nit-picking and punitive lease provisions.

Michael Sullivan's assertion that we couldn't answer the latest round of time consuming and needless questions is false; we certainly could have. However, enough is enough. The Lightkeepers' organization is not a mighty corporation with deep pockets and a large staff trying to foist an odious factory on the town. It is a group of fellow citizens trying to do something constructive for the town with no staff and with limited reserves of time and energy.

Are some selectmen incapable of learning from our withdrawal? In discussing a new RFP, it was suggested that even more strictures be added, more appropriate to some huge carpet bagging corporation than to a group of fellow citizens trying to benefit the town. The proponent of such discouraging nonsense should make up her mind whether she wants a lab, whether she wants some group to respond, or whether she wants to smother the initiative.

The lab was intended to be a free-standing extra-curricular facility, something like the Art Center. But some uncomprehending people persist in a campaign to make it a mere adjunct to the high school.

The original lightkeepers' project worked, not only because of Joe McElroy's dedication and skill at mobilizing support, but because the town was helpful, flexible, and applied no pressure to conform to schedule or cost estimates. The town wisely assumed that the citizens were mature enough to do the best they could, and in the public interest. Management was left to the proponents.

To attract and hold the dedication and energy needed to implement this ambitious project, the selectmen would need to reveal that finally they have grasped the vision, are willing to put concerns into perspective relative to the ultimate promise, are willing to relegate the complex of problems to the status of simply tasks to be undertaken by cooperative effort rather than stumbling blocks, are willing to assign the lease similar to the original Lightkeepers' lease to a non-profit group of local citizens, are willing to believe that the fund-raising and construction-managing proponents are responsible adults, and are willing to direct town counsel and town manager to be cooperative rather than extrapolate "duty" into hostility.

Diane Sullivan and former selectman Peter Pratt deserve the community's respect for understanding and supporting the concept. Ronnie McMorris deserves credit for working to get the RFP issued, and for filtering out the most impractical ideas.

Our statement to the selectmen Sept. 9 urged that Kevin Ulmer's visionary and constructive concept somehow be kept alive and ultimately implemented. The Lightkeepers rescued it rather than let its magnificent potential be lost, but expected sharing of the vision. Part of fiduciary responsibility is understanding the vision of proposals; the positives as well as the negatives.

The July 18 proposal included a building arrangement that would serve the community far better than the original, and the improvement should be supported in future actions by the selectmen. It should be left to the citizens group to develop any compromises to design or schedule that may be dictated by the realities of funding acquisition. Such changes should be reviewed in a cooperative rather than punitive spirit by town officials.

R. M. Campbell
Cohasset Lightkeepers Corp.
P.O. Box 514

Concerns about CHL expansion

Dear Secretary Cox:

I am writing to remind you of my concerns of the proposed expansion of the Cohasset Heights Landfill in the Town of Cohasset. You may recall that each time I meet you anywhere, this is one of the subjects which we discuss in our conversations.

The citizens of Cohasset who have opposed any expansion of this landfill have asked me to write to you in regard to the new expansion plans. My constituents and I are concerned about our water supply and the wetlands involved in the area. The new plans will also add a new dimension, due to the fact the height will increase considerably and could possibly be seen from Route 3A.

Please carefully review all that you have received in the past regarding Cohasset Heights Landfill expansion plans, as well as the remarks sent to you by the concerned citizens of my district on the newly proposed expansion plans.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Many thanks for your support of all of my district in the past.

Mary Jeanette Murray
State Representative

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray sent this letter to Trudy Cox, secretary of environmental affairs, regarding CHL's proposed vertical expansion.

Hedlund responds to landfill plan

Dear Secretary Cox:

I am writing to express my great concern for the proposed vertical expansion of the Cohasset Heights Landfill (CHL). Furthermore, I would like to express my support for residents of Cohasset in their petition to require CHL to prepare and submit to MEPA an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or other supplemental documentation on this proposed expansion.

Last evening (Sept. 14), I had the opportunity to meet with a number of concerned residents of Cohasset and the South Shore to discuss this proposal. Additionally, my office has received a number of telephone calls and letters expressing their objection to the proposed expansion. In my discussion with residents, many of their concerns focused on the environmental impacts the expansion could have, including the potential effect to the drinking water supply and to the surrounding wetlands. Additionally, many residents expressed concern for the visual impact that the expansion would have.

As you are aware, it is believed that in the past, CHL has been responsible for contamination to area groundwater, damage to wetlands, and generating dangerous levels of underground gas. Furthermore, it is reported that CHL's existing storm control structures are inadequate, thus resulting in much of the contamination to the groundwater and surrounding wetlands.

Based on the aforementioned issues, I believe that it is prudent to require CHL to submit an EIR to MEPA, in order to determine if there are any potential negative impacts to the expansion. I am certain that you will also give these issues every consideration and I look forward to working with you on this issue.

Robert L. Hedlund
State Senator
Plymouth/Norfolk District

Sen. Robert Hedlund sent this letter to Trudy Cox, secretary of environmental affairs.

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Raffle heralds opening of 'new' Cohasset Consignment Shop



Consignment Shop manager Andy Merrill holds the bag for Polly Logan who drew the winner in the raffle which was part of the shop's grand re-opening celebration at Shaw's Plaza.

Staff photo/Mary Ford

Polly Logan, long-time supporter of the Cohasset Consignment Shop, was on hand at the shop Saturday to draw the name of the winner of a Getaway Weekend for Two at the Sheraton Boston Hotel & Towers.

The Sept. 13 drawing celebrated the grand re-opening of Shaw's and the rebuilt shopping mall which includes the "new"enlarged Consignment Shop. The lucky winner was Claire M. Duncklee of Rockland.

The Consignment Shop, established in 1953, sells clothing, furs and small bric-a-brac items. The shop is a non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers, with all the proceeds going to the Social Service League which serves Cohasset and surrounding towns. The shop helps pay for the Social Service League's pneumonia shots, counseling and support groups, new friends program, nursing services and "Keep Well Clinics" that include blood pressure screening, weight, blood sugar testing and nutritional education.

Consignments are accepted from 10-11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. The shop is open year round Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To volunteer, call manager Andy Merrill at 383-0687.

More than 125 Consignment Shop volunteers were honored at a luncheon at Kimballs by the Sea on Sept. 16.

Lecture on American Colonial Furniture

How did the American Queen Anne style of furniture evolve into the Chippendale style and what did the Chinese, half a world away, have to do with it? Why do styles in furniture change at all? Answers to these questions and more will be addressed by furniture expert John Bradford Hermanson in a special lecture sponsored by the Hingham Historical Society, "The Evolution of American Furniture from the Colonial Period Through the Present," Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St. in Hingham.

The program will start at 9:30 a.m. with morning refreshments and lecture beginning promptly at 10 a.m., continuing through 11:30 a.m. Admission is $5 in advance by sending check or money order to the Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham, 02043, before Oct. 1. Tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets will be sold the day of the lecture for $7 at the Old Derby Academy.

For more information, call Treena Crochet at (617) 749-5855, or Cynthia Wilkins at (617) 749-1851.

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Musical entertainment will be provided by the Andean Folk Music Group, Gitano. There will be clowns, magic acts, carnival games, a teddy bear hospital, pony rides and tours of the hospital. The festival begins at noon; the two-mile walkathon begins at 2 p.m. and traverses Bare Cove Park. Admission to the fair is free. There is a $5 registration fee to participate in the walk. Individuals with the highest monetary sponsorships will receive gift certificates from Etonic, New Balance and Eastern Mountain Sports. All proceeds directly fund the center's wildlife hospital.

PICTURE THIS

JOSEPH ANGELO

Name: Dr. Joseph Angelo

Occupation: Library, media and technology coordinator for the Cohasset Public Schools.

Goal: To help make Cohasset schools be educationally the very best through the most efficient expenditure of education funds.

Best vacation: Camping last summer in Otis, Mass.

Best day of your life: July 4, 1970 — the day I got married.

Biggest worry: Missing an element to reach our goal.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite TV show: 'ER.'

Favorite movie: 'Tootsie.'

Favorite book: "The Odessa File," by Frederick Forsyth.

Favorite junk food: Chocolate chip cookies.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Returning to the Malden Public Schools.

Person you'd most like to meet: Mother Teresa.

Pet peeve: Narrow-minded people.



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For Your Health

Cholesterol is key to shaking heart disease risk

Don't contribute to alarming statistics

By Julie Wieden
CORRESPONDENT

If the hot-dog-and-ice-cream-filled days of summer are finally beginning to show on your fall waistline, hold on! That extra pudge around your middle could be revealing more about you than just your summertime fare of choice.

Heart disease claimed the lives of more than 734,000 Americans in 1994, and it continues to be the leading cause of death in the U.S., according to National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) reports. It's also the leading cause of death for all men ages 45 to 64 years and 65 years and over, and for all women ages 65 years and over.

While the numbers are staggering, and they continue to climb, it seems that many Americans are just not taking the warning signs seriously enough.

Weymouth's South Shore Hospital staff cardiologist Charles E. Gaughan, MD,FACC, says that "over 13 million Americans today suffer from cardiovascular diseases. This includes coronary and cerebral-vascular diseases, which can result in either a heart attack or stroke.

"On top of that," Gaughan adds, "there's another 4.5 million people who have congestive heart failure, or a weakened heart as a result of coronary artery disease."

So what is it that puts people at risk for coronary heart disease?

Gaughan believes the hearty American "farmer-type diet" is to blame, along with the lack of regular exercise. High-fat diets can lead to elevated blood cholesterol levels, high blood pressure and obesity, all of which are cardiac risk factors. Lack of exercise and smoking increase cholesterol levels as well. Other risk factors include diabetes, stress, a family history of coronary heart disease, male gender and age (males over 45 years or females over 55 years, or post-menopausal).

So what does the doctor prescribe? Medication for those factors which can't be controlled, such as family history or gender, and modification for those that can.

IN CONTROL

Gaughan says a "Type 1" diet is a good way to control high blood cholesterol levels and weight — "30 percent fat, less than 10 percent saturated fat, and less than 300 milligrams of cholesterol. And that includes children over the age of 2. And regular exercise, three days a week for at least 20 minutes each day." Take his advice, and it just might keep you out of his or any other cardiologist's office in the future.

Patricia Messing, MS, a private Hanover-based nutrition consultant and exercise physiologist who specializes in weight control, low-fat eating, sports nutrition and eating disorders, says you can substantially lower your blood cholesterol levels and reduce your risk of heart disease by substituting healthy, low-fat foods for high-fat foods. "People need to learn how to recognize which foods provide the greatest health benefits: pine nuts instead of peanuts, garden burgers instead of meat, fish instead of chicken. After a while, it gets easier. Then you adapt to the new foods and they become a part of your regular eating habits."

And when it comes to "lower-fat" labeled products? "People make the mistake of assuming that a healthy, low-fat diet can be achieved by replacing regular high-fat foods with "lower-fat" labeled foods," Messing says. "They should instead be making nutritious, low-fat exchanges for the foods they're replacing. Read the labels. It's all about moderation and balance."

FAT AND CHOLESTEROL

Excess fat and cholesterol in the diet can lead to the development of atherosclerosis, a condition in which arterial blood flow is restricted due to the accumulation of cholesterol-forming plaque on artery walls. Over time, a decrease in circulation can result in a heart attack if blood flow is restricted in the coronary arteries, and a stroke if it occurs in the cerebral arteries.

Cholesterol, which is a wax-like substance manufactured by the liver, is present in all of the body's tissues. It lines the the outer membranes of cells, forms a fatty insulation sheath around nerve fibers and is used as a building block for certain hormones.

Cholesterol is carried through the blood vessels in the form of lipoproteins, which are compounds of cholesterol, proteins and triglycerides (fats made by the body or from food). The three types of lipoprotein compounds are VLDL (very low-density lipoprotein), LDL (low-density lipoprotein) and HDL (high-density lipoprotein).

As VLDL circulates through the bloodstream, it carries triglycerides to muscle and fat cells for stored energy use. After VLDL deposits its triglycerides, it breaks up and becomes LDL. LDL then carries the remaining cholesterol to wherever it is needed for cell metabolism. Whatever cholesterol is not used (for cell metabolism), broken down or excreted remains in the bloodstream and adheres to arterial walls, where it accumulates and forms plaque. Because it it is not easily cleared from the system, LDL is known as "bad" cholesterol, or "lousy."

HDL does not carry as much cholesterol as LDL. As it circulates through the bloodstream, it tends to pick up LDL particles on artery walls and returns them to the liver to be reprocessed or eliminated. For this reason, it is known as "good" cholesterol, or "helpful." When digested fat is sent to the liver, cholesterol is produced to distribute the fat throughout the body via VLDL. If too much fat is consumed, the liver produces additional VLDL to transport the fat. If there is an inadequate supply of HDL to pick up the excess LDL particles, the blood vessels may become blocked. If the blocked vessels are in the heart, the result can be a heart attack.

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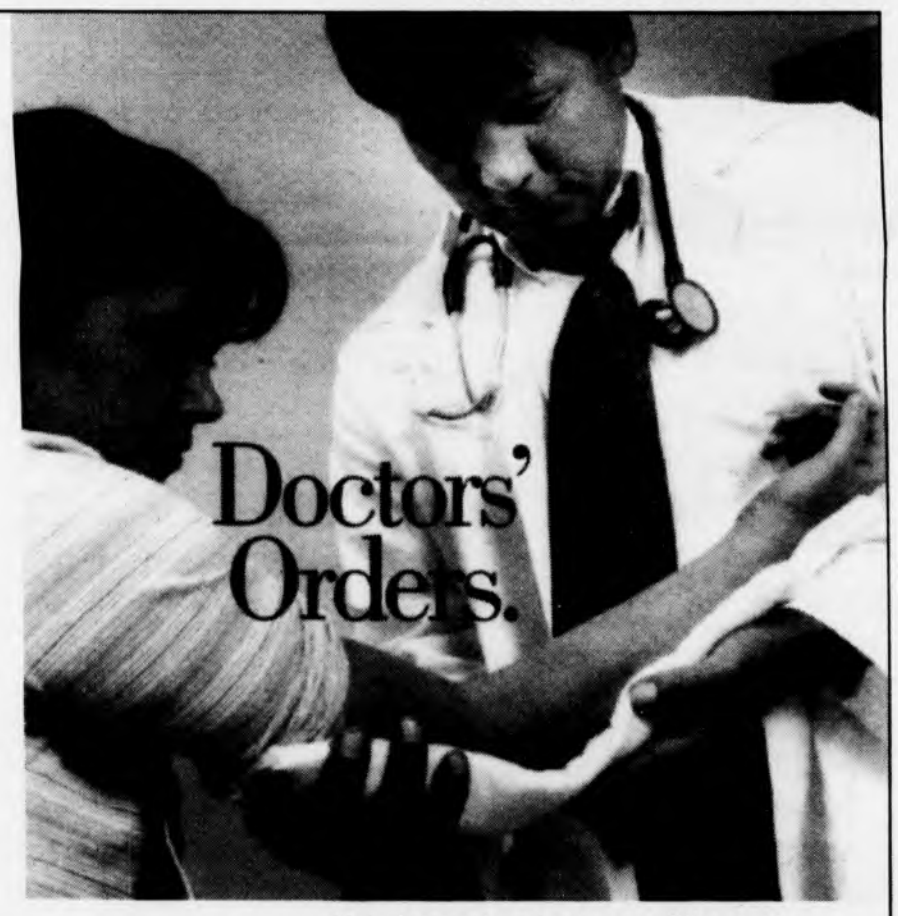
The National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) guidelines state that all adults over the age of 20 should check their blood cholesterol levels every five years. Blood cholesterol levels are determined by drawing a blood sample from the arm or finger, and measuring the amount of HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol and TOTAL cholesterol. The measurement is recorded as mg/dl (milligrams per deciliter—a deciliter is slightly less than 1/2 cup.)

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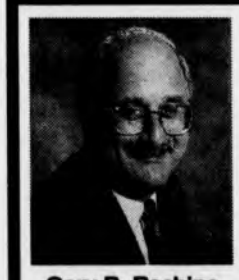
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D&A committee mulls fund-raising task force

By Stacey K. Powers
CORRESPONDENT

During this month's meeting of the Drug & Alcohol Committee, the possibility of setting up a task force to coordinate fundraising efforts of similar groups in the community was discussed.

Teen Center board members Rose Collins and Melinda Murray voiced their concerns that many fundraising events can too easily become overlapped between the Drug & Alcohol Committee, the PSO, the Community Center and the Teen Center that would warrant a joint effort among the community organizations.

With a task force, fundraising events would be worked on together and any money generated from the events would be divided up among all participating committees.

"It makes sense," Collins said. "We should unite our efforts because we are all working towards a common goal." Under this type of structure, all committees would report to the task force so that each group would support the work of the other committees, instead of possibly competing against them when holding events on the same day, an occurrence which is a major cause for concern.

"Groups like these are an important addition to the whole community," said Cohasset Police Officer Lisa Matos.

"It's also important for kids to be involved in these groups too and for them to look for positive ways to express their feelings," said committee member Nan Hertig.

DANCE CLUB UPDATE

Tony Bramblett, Cohasset High School student and student representative to the committee, told the committee that a proposal to renovate the garage in the town parking lot for use as another teen center has been approved by selectmen. The group, which is in the final stages of finalizing its board of directors, is beginning to organize the fundraising ideas and construction efforts.

"We're looking for more high school kids to get involved with the project," Bramblett said. One issue potentially holding up the project is a problem with the existing sewer system (see related news brief page 2).

"If all proceeds as planned, we are looking at a late spring or early summer opening," Bramblett said.

"Kids need this place," said Rose Collins. "There is no other place like it in town and this will be available for all kids to go and have fun, but in order for it to be successful, it must be run like a business."

Other communities are eagerly tracking the progress of the garage renovation project in hopes that it will be successful and able to be used as an example.

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> – COMMITTEE MEMBER ROSE COLLINS.

"Kids have taken the lead in this project but they must broaden the support by bringing in younger kids to get involved and form a constituency to keep the efforts going," Hertig said.

The Rev. E. Clifford Cutler also commended the students for doing such a great job with their efforts thus far.

TOLL ROAD BLOCK

In other business the committee is researching the technicalities of various fundraising activities such as setting up a road block at all access roads leading into town where people would be asked to donate to, in the form of a toll, to fund set up for scholarships or possibly to be slated for the proposed garage renovation project in the town parking lot.

Chairwoman Margo Aikens said, "Rockland has been very successful in setting up a similar fundraising project that raised the town thousands of dollars in just one day."

The group has also volunteered its help with Project Safeguard which is planned this year for Oct. 15. Following the success of last year's Project Safeguard, a community-wide event which was held on a school day for the seventh grade students and their parents to participate in various drug and alcohol related workshops and lectures, this year's event promises to be just as informative and fun with a similar format.

Also discussed at the meeting was an update on the committee's CASA (Cohasset Against Substance Abuse) initiative. Approximately 200 families have responded to the initial plea for participation. The committee is publishing a booklet of the concerned network of people which will be distributed for parental use in planning or approving a child's social plans. The first booklet is scheduled to be distributed sometime in October but the committee will continue to accept pledge cards which will subsequently result in an addendum to the first booklet.

SKATEBOARD PARK

A proposed project to build a skateboard park on the land located next to the Little League field on Main Street is currently at a standstill pending additional research into other local facilities as well as the liabilities the town would be subject to with the building of such a park. Towns including Duxbury, Scituate and Rockland have similar parks which are used by inline skaters and skateboarders. A rink at the park could be flooded in the winter for iceskaters to use. Another concern for some people in town is the possibility that this may just be a passing fad but the park can be easily disassembled in the event that kids lose interest in using the facility.

The next meeting of the Drug & Alcohol Committee will be held on Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Drug & Alcohol board meetings

The town's drug and alcohol committee will begin holding regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at town hall at 7:30 p.m.

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School adds up for kindergarten kids

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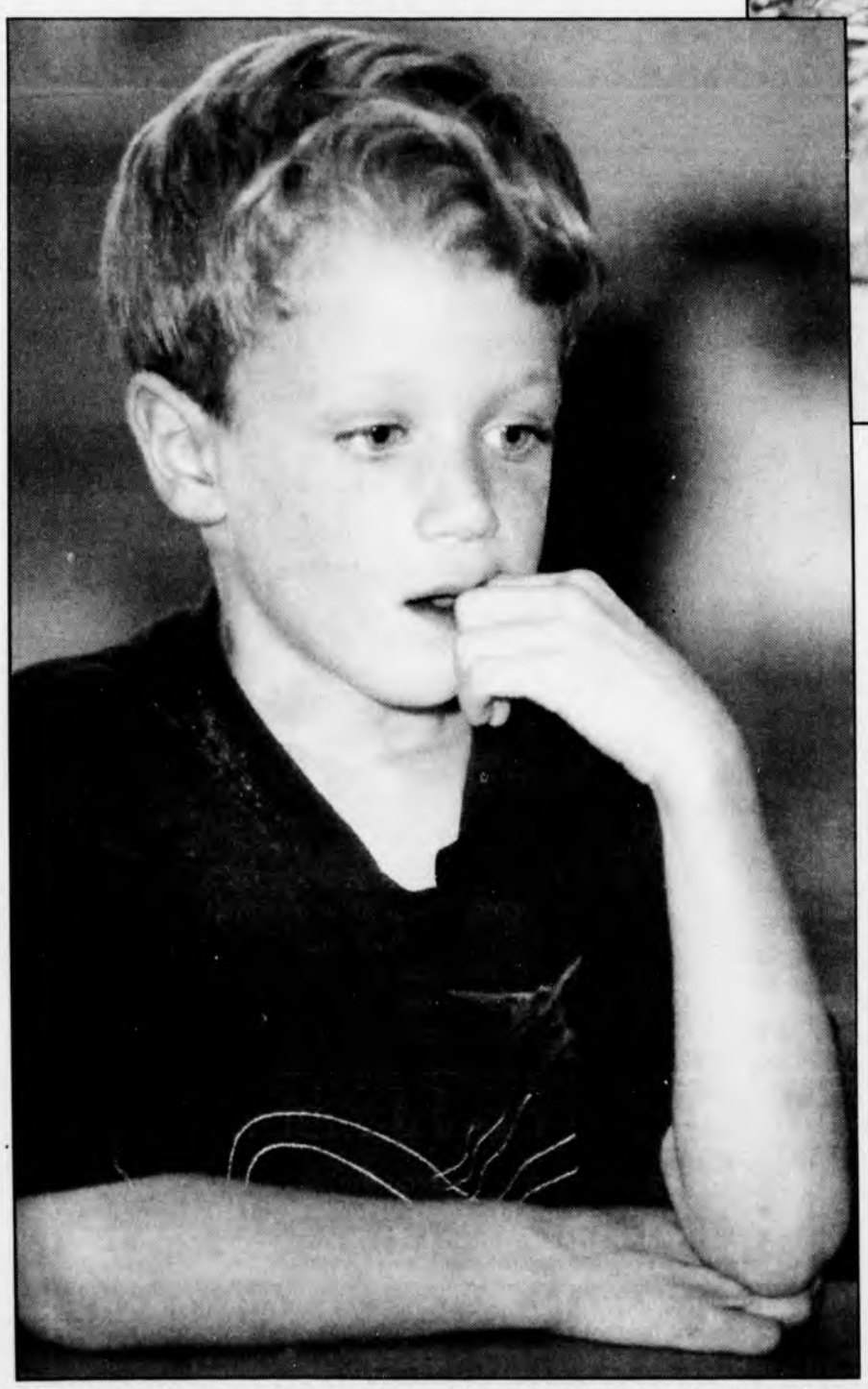
Kindergartners from Sharon Moody's class listen attentively to Torrin Sweeney at the start of their first physical education class at Deer Hill.



Elizabeth Crawford holds a graceful pose for physical education instructor Torrin Sweeney.



Angela Sestito plays with class mascot Missy the guinea pig.



Jake Wheelwright contemplates his next activity in Lori Hyslip's class at the Deer Hill School



Kindergarteners Sam Game, Dominique Rioux and Katie Hillman rest after playing a game with school librarian Margorie Murphy.

SPORTS

COHASSET MARINER

CHS boys soccer ready to Rock in '97

Kickmen look to soar in SSL

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High School boys soccer team had a less than dazzling season last year. The season marked a departure from the traditional winning ways. Formerly a perennial contender in the state tournament, the soccer team has declined in recent years, partially due to the increased numbers in football.

However, fans hope that this year marks the dawn of a new era. Coach Keith Clark resigned and Coach Jeff Martell stepped up from his position as coach of the junior varsity. Martell brings with him fresh enthusiasm, as well as the added advantage of having coached most of the players at the JV level.

Martell seemed very impressed by the role which captains sweeper Leigh Atherton and forward Nate Cotter play. "One of the strengths of this year's team is the unity which the seniors give it. They've become one group, and that's the way they take games and practices. I haven't seen team spirit and strength like this in a long time."

Other seniors include forward scoring phenom Andrew Ross, swingman Josh Flanagan, stopper Pat Leahy, midfielder Eric Moore, and forward Derek Bugley. They are complemented by a strong junior class. Mark Equi, Denis Rooney, Jake Motley, Steve Sceery and Andrew Laney patrol midfield, and they are backed by Justin Maitland, Ben Littauer, and Hunt Pile. Starting goalie Kevin DeVito is the team's sole sophomore, and middie Eric Shea is the only freshman on the squad.

Martell noted that the team was "coming off a really bad year. Our guys have to psychologically overcome the recent legacy of not knowing that they can win games. They need to realize that their play can make a difference.

"We're hoping to rebuild the idea that playing soccer at Cohasset High School is a great tradition, something to want to be a part of, to aspire to. More people have to be aware how great it is to play soccer here."

With the leadership of his seniors and a strong corps of lowerclassmen, Martell seems to be steering the program in the right direction. Indeed, the team won their most recent game, marking the season's first victory, over North Quincy. Good luck to Coach Martell and his team.



T.J. Bilodeau heads the ball during a recent CHS boys soccer practice. The Skippers are shooting for a big season in '97.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

FISHING STORY



BY MARK TRASK

Pogies and seaworms and mackerel, oh my!

"Six pogies please."

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"Got any fresh pogies?"

"Twenty pogies, two mackerel."

"Two pogies, two mackerel."

"Let's see, six mackerel and a dozen seaworms."

"What are they hitting on?"

"Do you have eels? Yeah? Can I see them? I'll take two dozen…seaworms!"

So starts the bait running out the door on Saturday morning. And shortly thereafter the harvest comes returning to the scale and the Polaroid. Jerry Stevens took a day off from his busy schedule and hosted Bob and Babs Barter of Garrison, N.Y. for a day of chumming and successful fishing near Davis Ledge. Jerry is very generous in the amount of fish he uses for chum, setting up a large slick. Chunks drifted with the slick becoming too enticing for the stripers to resist. Babs' fish weighed in at 23 pounds, 7 ounces. Bob's was heavier by two pounds. Jerry graciously brought up the rear with his 21 pound, 8 ouncer.

Meanwhile over on the freshwater ponds the afternoon kids have been fishing up a storm. When that final bell rings its a mad dash for nightcrawlers and shiners and several precious hours of fishing. Hunters Pond is a favorite spot. Miles Debas, Garrett Barilaro and Jamie Anderson all caught a variety of fish. Largemouth bass and catfish were the bigger ones. Chris Lowrance bagged a hefty largemouth at Aaron River Reservoir.

Some disturbing news for freshwater anglers this week. A Scituate youngster was fishing the shores of Hatherly Pond as generations of youngster have before him. An official from the Widow's Walk golf course (Hatherly Pond is located in the old Boston Sand and Gravel property which was recently converted into a golf course) ejected the youngster, telling him that fishing was not allowed there. Later on that day I went down to the clubhouse to speak to the manager. The manager was not in but the employee in the pro shop stated that fishing was being prohibited on the golf course for "insurance" reasons.

Not so long ago when the golf course was but an idea concerns about losing Hatherly Pond for fishing were aired. Assurances were made that this fine pond would remain open and accessible to anglers regardless of the building of the golf course. This pond is unique. It is shallow. Easily accessible. Away from traffic dangers (unlike most other Scituate ponds). It is loaded with hungry bluegills, sunnies, and perch which have created many happy fishing trips for the kids of Scituate and the surrounding area.

Now apparently those assurances may have become lost in the shuffle during the construction and the heady days of the golf course's opening for business. I call upon the selectmen and town administrator to investigate the situation and again insure that this fine recreational resource (read the pond) will not become absorbed by another fine recreational resource (the golf course). Some underwriter who has no comprehension of what this pond means to Scituate's fishing community should not be allowed with the stroke of a pen to remove this pond from the fishing landscape. We all seek to have many and varied recreational opportunities available. We should be able to work together on this one.

Dave Terry traveled up north to the remote lakes of Calais, Maine. Dave reports they trolled for big lakers using 18 pound leadcore line. After having one snap the line he replaced it with 45 pound leadcore, only to have the next fish on snap that. Must be some big ones there, getting bigger still. John Beal of Hingham was another traveling angler. Recently John was fishing aboard the "Ragin Cajun" out of Key West. The night before the trip out John had a dream about catching a big barracuda. That day his dream became a reality when a 30 inch cuda gobbled his ballyhoo.

Closer to home many anglers are continuing to find that fishing is good. Bill Jordan caught a prize-winning bass at Minot's Light on a mackerel chunk. His 29 pound 6 ounce bass qualified him for a prize (Penn International 80 reel) in the Atlantic Striper Tournament. Dave Lane has persevered through many skunks and came up with a Hull Gut striper. Chris Norton bagged a 16 pounder around Minot, also on a mackerel chunk.

Dave Alexander switched to seaworms and teased a 26 and 1/2 pound tailwalking bass out of the rocks off Sandy Beach. John Talcott and Hunter had a successful trip to the Glades. Hunter brought in a 40-inch bass for a photo. Hank Tiedemann and daughter Emily will tell you about their charter trip out of Hyannis. Four minutes into the trip the bite was on with a 30-pounder being taken. The Monomoy rips gave up four fish more than 30 pounds to the happy anglers and countless numbers smaller. So what were you using Hank? The Niner Rig.

Many smelt fishermen were stirring at reports of schools invading the harbors. Cohasset Harbor was alive with 4 inch herring this week.

Catch one that's hard to carry.

Major league try-out information

Try-outs for the 1998 Major League (only) level will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Barnes Field ("The Little League Field"), North Main St., Cohasset. Rain date: Saturday, Oct. 4.

Times: 9-year-old - 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

10, 11, 12-year-old - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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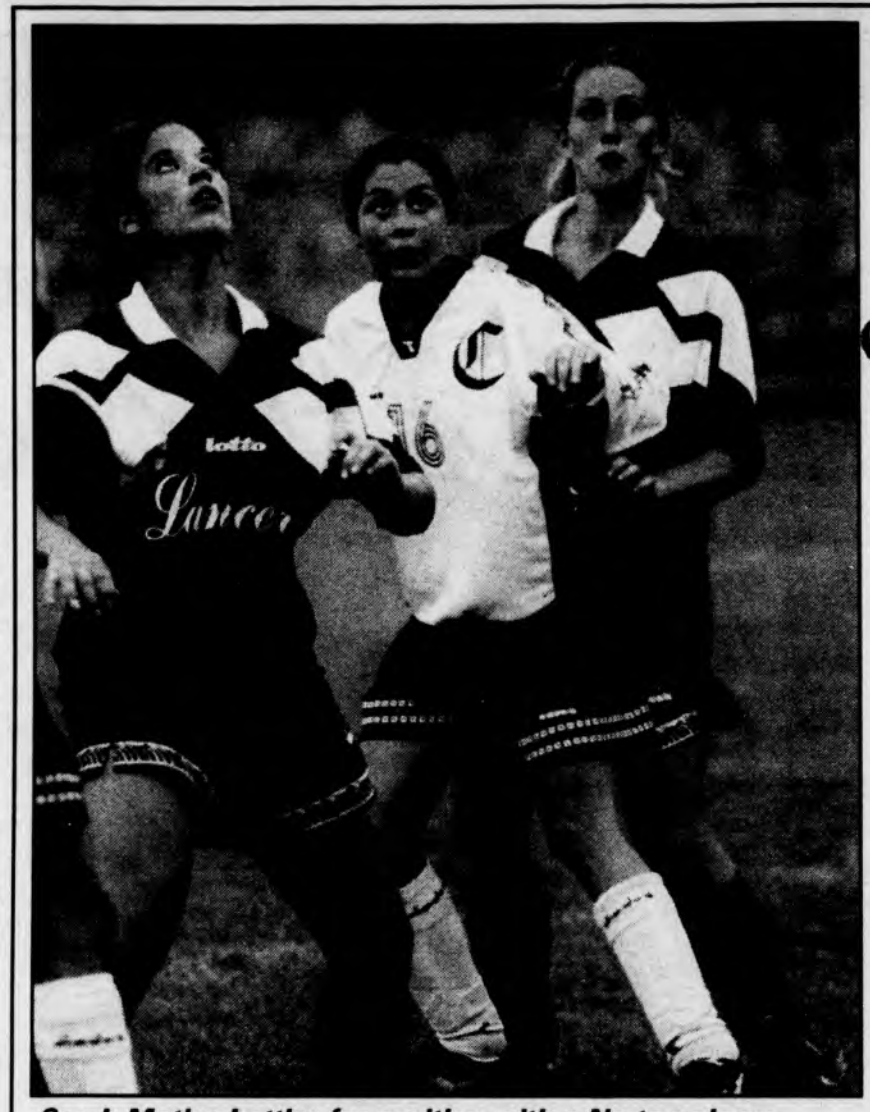
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Sarah Motley battles for position with a Norton player during CHS girls soccer action.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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T.K. O'Malley fun run on tap for Oct. 5

T.K. O'Malley's and S.H.O.R.E. (Scituate High Opportunities and Resources for Education) invite you to participate in a 10K road race, a 10K walk, and 1K fun run for kids (14 and under).

The race benefits the Scituate High School Students' Co-curriculum (fund-raising managed by S.H.O.R.E.). The race is sanctioned by the USATF-NE.

The date is Sunday, Oct. 5. 10K Road Race begins at 1 p.m.; Walk begins at 8:30 a.m.; 1K Fun Run begins at 11:30 a.m.; at Scituate Common, Scituate.

For the runners' divisions: Prizes to top three male and female finishers, 10K runners in each of the following categories: 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over. (Great merchandise prizes as well as refreshments will be available.

1K Kids' divisions: Ribbons and refreshments for all entries.

The 10K pre-registration fee is $12. ($15 fee registering on race day). Check-in is at Gates Middle School Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon).

The Walker pre-registration fee is $7 (with T-shirt: $12). Check-in is at Scituate Lighthouse, Sunday, 8 to 8:30 a.m.

The 1K Fun Run pre-registration fee is $5 (with T-shirt $12). The check-in is at Central Field, Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Long-sleeve T-shirts are guaranteed for the first 300 10K registrants/runners. T-shirts are for sale on race day for $12 (if available).

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Monday, Grades K-3, Soccer Skills and Games, Osgood Field, 2:50 to 5 p.m. No class on Monday, Oct. 13, but will meet for final class on Monday, Nov. 3.

Tuesday, Ages four and five, Soccer Skills and Games, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Grades K-3, Arts and Crafts, Osgood, 2:50 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Ages four and five, Games and Sports, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

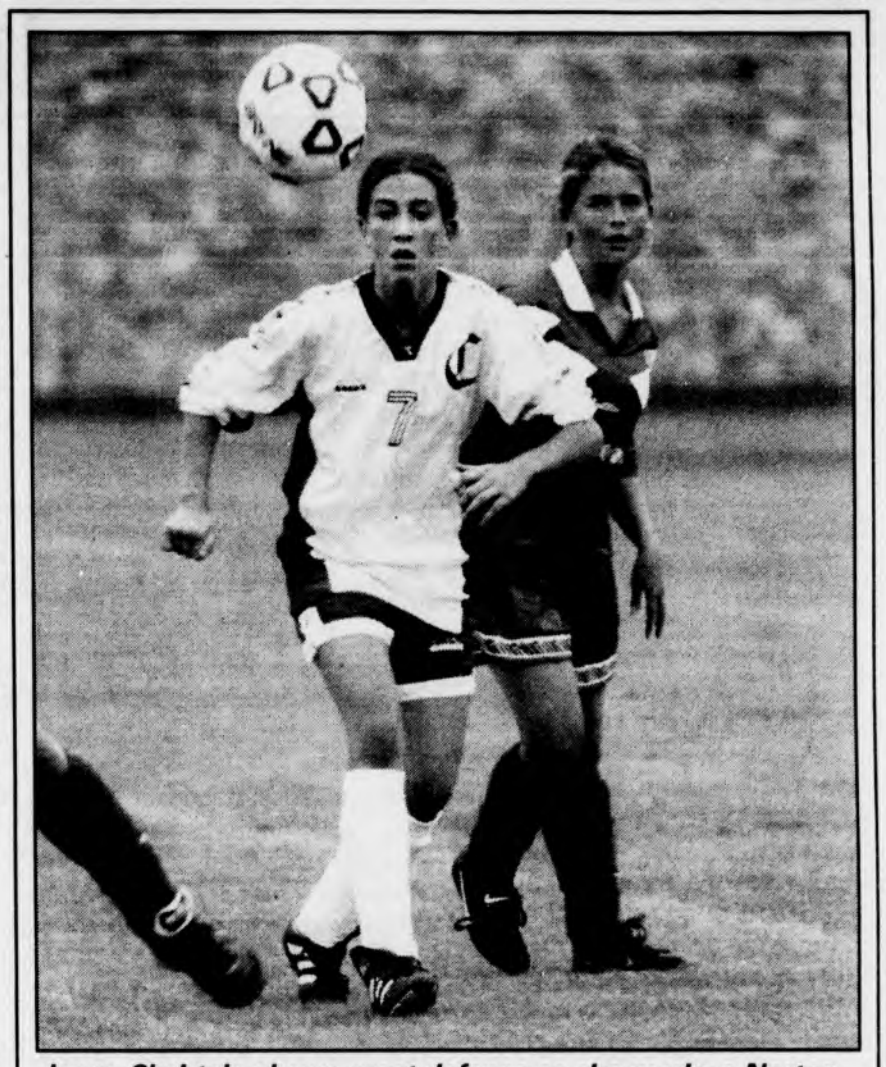
Friday, Grades 1-3, Flag Football, Osgood Field, 2:50 to 5 p.m.

Each program meets for two hours weekly for a six-week period. Some programs will have to be postponed should inclement weather dictate and you may call the recreation office at 383-6791, after 1 p.m., if you are in doubt of program status. Osgood children will be advised and sent home should the program not meet.

Children may bring snacks/drinks to programs and all children must be picked up either prior to, or promptly at the concluding program times. Children may stay after school to participate once parental permission is given on the registration form.

Please complete the registration form, calculate the appropriate fee and make the check payable to: Town of Cohasset. Checks and forms may be either dropped off at the recreation office or mailed to: Cohasset Recreation Department, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025, prior to Sept. 18. Most programs depend upon weather. We will make every reasonable effort to make up days lost to poor weather.

Fee Schedules: Child(ren) in one six-week program: One child, $25; second child, $22. Child(ren) in two six-week programs: One child, $40; second child, $20; third child, free.



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Coaches needed for Little League

By unanimous vote of the Cohasset Youth Baseball Associations' (CYBA) Board of Directors, all current and prospective candidates for the positions referenced above, relative to the upcoming 1998 season, must complete, in a timely fashion, a newly created formal "Application" form before they can be considered to be eligible for the respective appointment as either Manager or Coach.

All 1997 CYBA program managers and coaches will have mailed, directly to their home address, one copy of this required "Application."

All other individuals who have a sincere interest or untapped desire of also and equally being considered for the position of a CYBA Manager/Coach during the upcoming 1998 season, should call (617) 740-2020 (Hingham) and request a form be mailed, or fax your name and address to 740-4420 (Hingham) and a form will follow, or pick up a copy at the Cohasset Recreation Department, Town Hall, Cohasset, during their normal operating hours.

All applications pertaining to a Major League position must be in the possession of the CYBA no later than Friday, Sept. 12. (Absolutely NO exceptions. The completed forms should be mailed to: CYBA, PO Box 121, Cohasset, MA 02025-0121.

Applications for the Farm and or Minor League level must be submitted to the stated address by Friday, Oct. 3. Failure to adhere to this prescribed timetable will exclude any applicant from consideration, at this time.

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Church harvest supper slated

Beechwood Church will holds its Harvest Supper Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will include ham, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, green beans, cole slaw, rolls and a beverage. An auction will be held following dinner. Tickets will be sold in advance only, by calling (781) 383-1298. Prices are $6.99 for adults and $3.50 for children.

Picnic to build fellowship

"We just love to be together," says pastor Gary Ritts of the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. They have always begun their season with a picnic, because "eating a salad, or a hamburger or hot-dog together helps break down some of the polite walls we erect around ourselves, and it allows new people to get to know us on a more personal level."

The members of this church do indeed like working and being together. A large percentage of the parish work diligently on such projects as their annual Strawberry Festival (in conjunction with Cohasset's "Festival on the Common" every June), the Village Fair (first weekend in December) and, returning this spring, "Congo Capers III," where, under the direction of JoAnn Fichtner and minister of music, Robert Leavitt, they will present as much talent as they can muster in a variety show of musical song and dance numbers.

Some special events coming this fall include a Sunday evening book study on Neale D. Walsch's bestseller "Conversations with God," as well as a second season of monthly spirituality and healing lectures and other monthly social activities such as the picnic (Sunday, Sept. 21, noon at the Cohasset Sailing Club), potlucks, puppet show, hay-ride, coffee house, etc. With worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday (except Sept. 21 when it will be at 11 a.m.), there is an active children's program at the same hour for children from the cradle through ninth grade.

No matter what your faith, find a group with which to share and enjoy and celebrate. In these hectic times, a little anchor can often make the difference in a storm. Set that anchor of faith now, readying for the storms that will come; while in the meantime, enjoying the company of those anchored in the harbor with you!

Soccer pancake breakfast slated

Come to the soccer pancake breakfast Sunday, Sept. 21, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Deer Hill School cafeteria. Soccer players will be selling tickets for $4 each door to door, at local supermarkets and downtown. Support Cohasset High School soccer by buying tickets! Coffee for the breakfast has been donated by the Atlantic Bagel Co. in Cohasset. Have fun and support CHS soccer.

Oktoberfest is Sept. 27

House of Prayer Lutheran Church will celebrate is twelfth annual Oktoberfest, Saturday, Sept. 27, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The admission-free festival will be held, rain or shine, under two gaily decorated tents on the church grounds.

An assortment of German foods, authentic pastries, beer and wine will be served throughout the day. Music for listening and dancing will be provided by King Ludwig's Bavarian Bank. A craft boutique will offer handmade items, homemade pastries and bread will be sold at the bake table and the drawing for the numerous fund-raiser prizes will be held at 5 p.m.

The church is located at 916 Main St. (Route 228) Hingham, one mile north of Route 53.

Coffeehouse off the square

Coffee House off the Square season opens with the Slocum/Bustin Epic "Sailing Alone" and Montreal's Versatile Heather McLeod.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, at 8 p.m. the Coffee House off the Square presents Folklorist Dillon Bustin doing excerpts from his musicals "Sailing Alone I and II," and the exciting Montreal folk/jazz singer/songwriter Heather McLeod.

Hingham's Dillon Bustin researched, wrote and performed "Sailing Alone" with over 150 school children and adults from Slocum's final home, West Tisbury on Martha's Vineyard. It is a "Community Musical Celebrating the Centennial of Joshua Slocum's solo voyage around the world."

The evening begins with an open mike offering all singers, poets, storytellers, mimes, instrumentalists, jugglers...a chance to be seen and heard.

The Coffee House is at the Old Ship Church's Parish House at 105 Main St., Hingham Square, just up from the Loring Hall Theater.

Admission is $10 at the door and a variety of coffees, teas and desserts are available. Profits go to the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee for Central American medical relief.

For information call Sue Krueger, (781) 545-2798 or Jim Watson, (781) 749-1767.

Beechwood Church bazaar

The Harvest Bazaar, sponsored by the Beechwood Congregational Church, will be held on Sat. Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 51 Church Street.

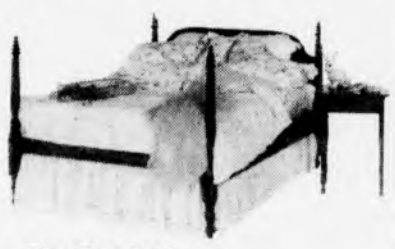
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Step back in time on tour of Hingham Cemetery

The 325-year-old Hingham Cemetery, non-sectarian, non-profit, and the town's oldest and largest burial ground, will be open for a free, public tour from 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 21. The tour is cosponsored by the Hingham Cemetery and the Hingham Historical Society. The rain date is Sept. 28.

"More than any other regions, the villages of New England have outdoor museums of cultural and historical, as well as of natural interest, where thoughtful visitors as well as natives are welcome to stroll tended paths bordered by ancient specimen trees (that are) often uncommon outside these rustic enclosures," explains Philip Swanson, a retired science teacher and history buff, who will be one of two guides for a walking tour which will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. He will be joined by Lucinda Day, a landscape designer and cemetery director.

In addition to its arboretum, the cemetery contains graves of early settlers, (Hingham was settled around 1633 and, until 1770, included what is now the Town of Cohasset), and of notable local, state and national figures of the Revolutionary and Civil War eras. It also holds monuments dedicated to the First Settlers and Hingham's Civil War soldiers and sailors. Here, too, is the site of the town's original fort, erected to provide an overview of Hingham Harbor in the event of approaching Indians (during King Philip's War) or possibly Dutch settlers coming from New York.

The tour will also feature a Victorian hearse, dated 1870, from the collection of horse-drawn carriages belonging to the Kenneally family of East Bridgewater. Mourning costumes and other Victorian memorabilia belonging to the Hingham Historical Society which will be displayed in the 1886 Queen Anne-style cemetery chapel. Refreshments will be served, and genealogical documents will be available for researching ancestral connections to the cemetery.

Located today on 16 acres of landscaped and terraced land, the site, between South and Water Streets in downtown Hingham, became a burial ground around 1672 because it was adjacent to the town's first Meeting House (now the Old ship Church). The land, then, was used for pasturing cows and by children of the neighborhood at play, as well as for burials, according to the three-volume History of Hingham.

Garden club to meet

The monthly meeting of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be held Tuesday, Sept. 23, in a new location, Bates Hall at the Congregational Church in Cohasset.

Speaker Chris Strand will give a talk on the history of the Arnold Arboretum. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m., the meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m.

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Selectman seeks to pave way for Bed & Breakfasts

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cause members had concerns over parking.

"She's thinking about her retirement and ways to keep her home," McMorris said. "She has a beautiful home and this could be a real asset to the community. I thought it made sense to try and find a way to accommodate people who want to open bed and breakfasts in their homes."

McMorris conceded that neighbors' concerns about parking would have to be taken into consideration. But she hopes that the town will accept changes in its bylaws to include bed and breakfasts.

McMorris wanted to appoint a committee, but selectmen voted to send the matter to the planning board for study.

Building Inspector Robert Egan said that any changes to the bylaw to accommodate bed and breakfast establishments would also force changes in the parking regulations.

But Keville believes she had adequate parking at her home to open a two-bedroom bed and breakfast establishment.

"I have space for five cars," Keville said. "There are two spaces at the bottom of my lot, a one-car garage, and space outside the garage for two cars."

But Keville said it appeared zoning board members were uneasy about cars backing out of her property onto the street.

"I wonder how many members of the zoning board back out of their property to get onto the street," Keville said.

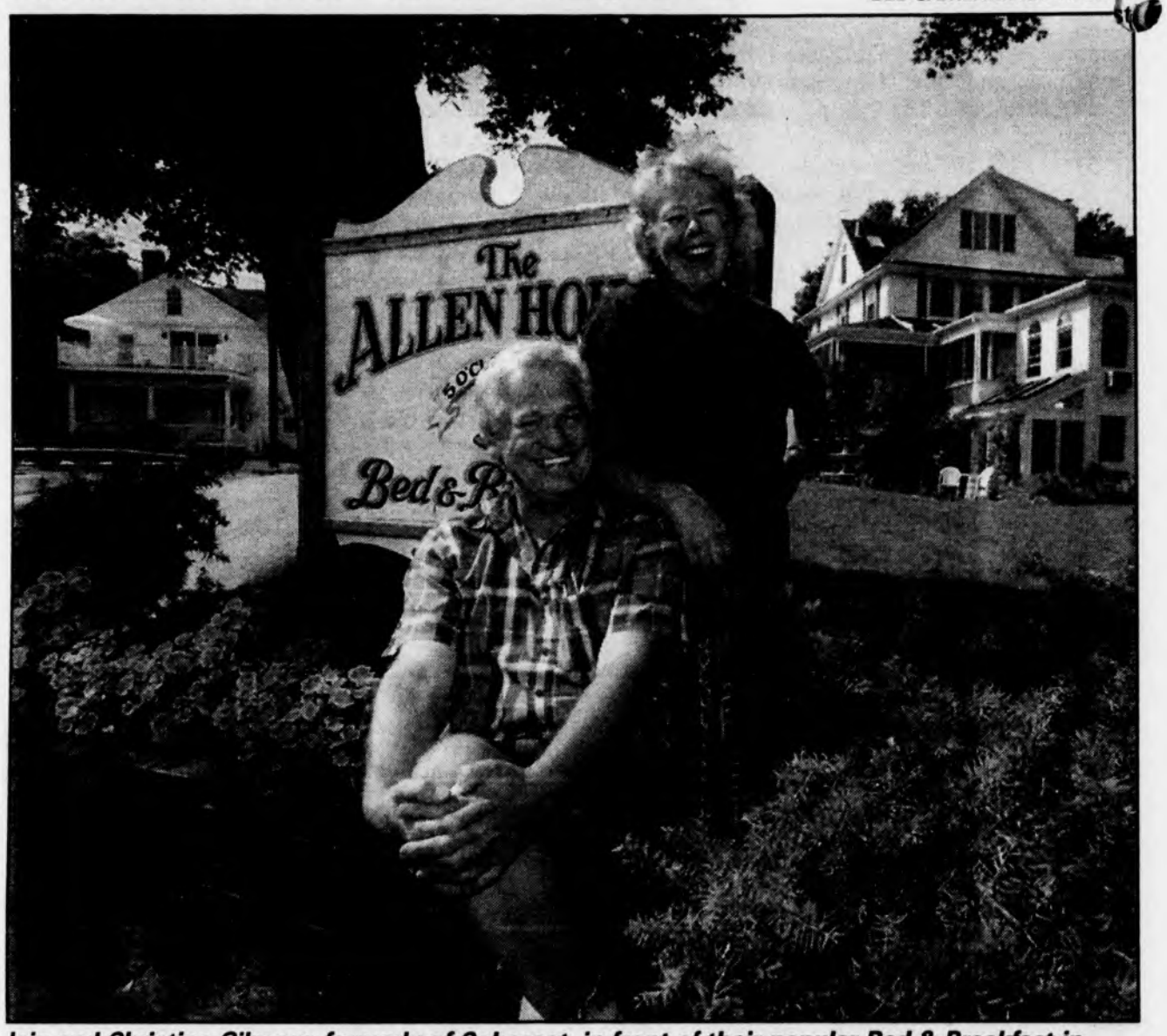
Keville said she was disappointed that she was unable to get a special permit. She added that she would help support a planned citizens' petition at town meeting to change the bylaws to make it easier to open a bed and breakfast in a residential home.

Keville ran a successful bed and breakfast establishment called the Capitol Hill Guesthouse when she lived in Washington D.C. She said bed and breakfasts are good for the local economy.

"It helps keep business in town," Keville said. "I would recommend to my guests that they eat at the Red Lion Inn, the Chart House and French Memories."

McMorris said she especially liked the idea that guests at bed and breakfast facilities used local restaurants and shops. She added that she hoped the town would agree to make it easier to open a

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Iain and Christine Gilmour, formerly of Cohasset, in front of their popular Bed & Breakfast in Scituate Harbor.

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bed and breakfast, as in the case in neighboring towns like Scituate.

Joan Francis, a secretary in the Scituate building department, said bed and breakfast establishments with less than three guest bedrooms that serve a continental breakfast are allowed by right in residential zones. Lodging houses and boarding houses are also allowed uses under the same rules.

Bed and breakfast establishments with three or more guest bedrooms must obtain a special permit.

Establishment with more than three beds, or that serve a full breakfast are subject to zoning and health regulations, as well as the state sanitary code, said Health Agent Jennifer Sullivan.

Iain and Christine Gilmour, both from England, opened a successful bed and breakfast called The Allen House in Scituate in 1989.

Iain accepted an early retirement package from Polaroid in 1989 and decided to open a bed and breakfast with his wife, a caterer.

The couple lived in a large home in Cohasset at that time, but didn't have enough room for parking. They found a home in Scituate and moved in.

The Gilmours started out with three guest rooms and eventually expanded to their current level of seven guest rooms.

The Allen House has been successful despite some limited, but determined, opposition and two failed attempts at town meeting to impose crippling limitations on bed and breakfast establishments.

"Well, parking is always an issue that comes up again and again," Iain said. "But from a town hall point-of-view, we were very much welcomed when we first opened. There were some subsequent objections."

One of those objections came when the Gilmours wanted to hold wedding receptions at the Allen House.

Many of the guests who stay at the Allen House are in town for weddings. In some cases, the bride and groom stay at the house.

Christine runs a successful catering business, so it seemed to make sense to accommodate wedding receptions.

But neighbors objected to the potential for traffic problems and noise, so the Gilmours abandoned those plans.

Town meeting tried to force bed and breakfasts to serve only breakfast. But Gilmour pointed out that guests sometimes drive from as far away as Pennsylvania.

"After a long drive, they arrive at 11 p.m., hungry, tired, and they would like to have dinner," Iain said.

The article was defeated, as was another that would have restricted bed and breakfasts to houses lots of not more than one acre.

The majority of business at the Allen House comes on the weekend.

The Allen House is busy all year. The Gilmours said business is so good, that they have to hire someone to run the business so they can go on vacation.

"We've only had two days off since May," Iain said.

Christine said it is possible to make enough money at a small bed and breakfast to earn a decent supplemental income.

"The average room rate right now is $100-$130 a night for a double room, so you can earn about $6,000 a year after expenses, which would certainly help pay the property tax bill on an average home in Cohasset," Christine said.

> ***"This may be the only way for some of our residents to hang on to their family homes."***
> — SELECTMAN RONNIE MCMORRIS.

But Iain warned that there's a lot of hard work involved in running a bed and breakfast.

"The idea that a bed and breakfast is glamorous and attractive was fostered by the 'Newhart" show,'" Iain said. "But you have to clean the rooms, make the meals, and do the dishes."

But the Gilmours love what they do, love meeting people, and don't mind the work.

"We try to discourage the idea that we're an alternative to hotels," Iain said. "There's no phone, no TV. Part of the idea is to get away from everything."

The Gilmours success is enviable, but there are examples of successful bed and breakfasts in Cohasset.

Jack and Doris Golden ran a three-bedroom bed and breakfast until last year on Bound Brook Lane cleverly named "On Golden Pond."

Doris said she was traveling through New Hampshire about five years ago when she was struck by the large number of bed and breakfast establishments in business.

She researched the business, contacted other owners, and opened On Golden Pond five years ago.

She originally intended to stay open in the spring and summer, and close down in September or October. But business got so good that she extended her operating calendar into January.

"I got a lot of wedding parties and honeymooners," Golden said. "Many of my guests came from as far away as Scotland, Germany and Italy."

Golden charged $95 a night with a continental breakfast. She said the room price was about average for a bed and breakfast, but expensive enough to discourage raucous teenagers and questionable people.

But now Golden has sold her house to a daughter and moved into a condo on Jerusalem Road. She said she misses the business, but felt it was time to move onto new things.

Under Cohasset bylaws, the special permit for "On Golden Pond" cannot pass onto Golden's daughters.

Golden offered a piece of advice to anyone interested in opening bed and breakfast.

"I love people and my husband loves people," Golden said. "If you don't like people or are paranoid about having people in your home, then you shouldn't get into this business."

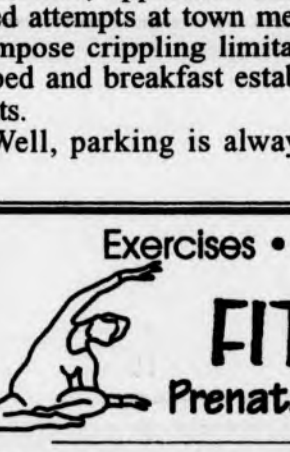
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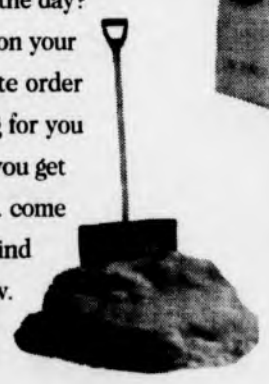
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MAY I PRESENT



Sallyann Chatterton

Beginning this week, I am beginning a bi-weekly additional column devoted to food and cooking. It is pretty well known that I love to cook, having been labeled a "cook's cook" in the past — recipes will be geared to the seasons, to the grocery store specials, to adults and children. I hope that I will be able to get your special recipe from you or from some "famous" chefs around the area — that sort of thing. I would appreciate your input, comments and suggestions, anything that may help me help you!

This week's recipe is geared to both children and adults, it is a yummy dessert with an unusual flair — it is made in a pizza pan! All apple lovers will adore this!

APPLE CRISP PIZZA

Pastry for a single-crust pie
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
4 medium baking apples, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices

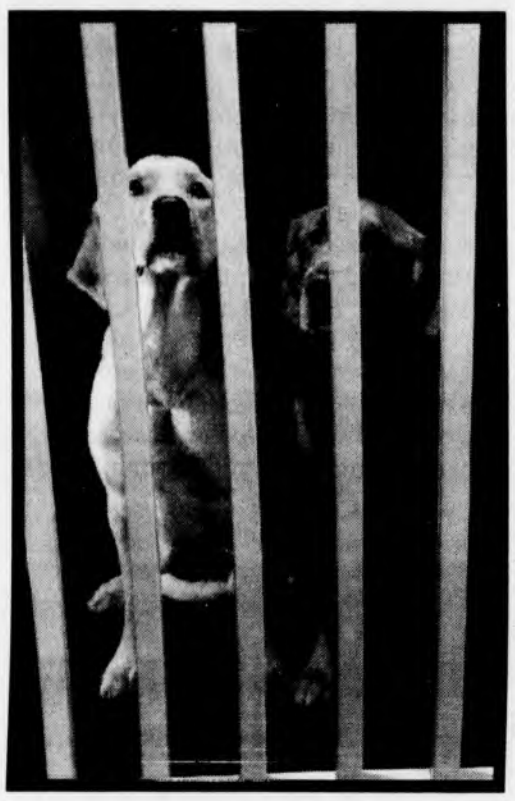
TOPPING

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup rolled oats
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/4 to 1/2 cup caramel ice cream topping

Roll pastry to fit a 12-in. pizza pan; fold under or flute the edges. Combine sugar, flour and cinnamon in a bowl. Add apples and toss. Arrange the apples in a single layer in a circular pattern to completely cover pastry. Combine the first five topping ingredients; sprinkle over apples. Bake at 350° for 35 to 40 minutes or until apples are tender. Remove from the oven and immediately drizzle with caramel topping. Serve warm with ice cream if desired. Yield: 12 servings.

— Sallyann

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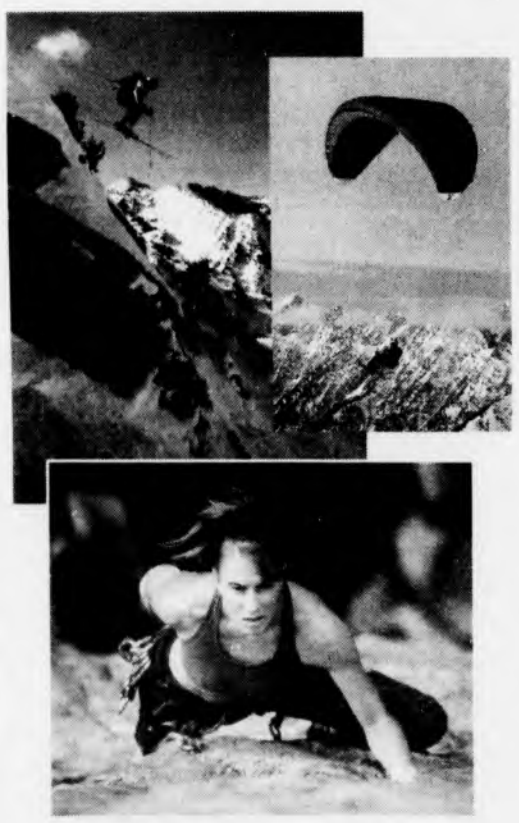


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Look closely at a company's estimated earnings

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

The perceived value of a company – or its stock price – is often based as much upon the prediction of its earnings as it is on the earnings themselves.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

"Stock prices are determined by expectations of the future: What will Microsoft's earnings be in the next 10 years?" says Ed Keon, an earnings analyst at I/B/E/S International. "That is pretty hard to know, but looking at what [the company] might earn in the next quarter or year" helps investors to figure out what the stock price will be.

Wall Street's soothsayers on earnings are the securities analysts. They estimate what a company will earn from the next fiscal quarter to as far out as the next two years – after they have scrutinized companies' costs, the products, the demand for them, etc. and compared the results to their competitors.

Individual investors can use the leg work and financial expertise of these analysts to get the most accurate picture of a given company's fiscal future. In fact, many do. How analysts revise their estimates and how a company's earnings measure up to analysts' forecasts play a big part in how a stock performs – the revisions indicate a change in a company's fiscal outlook, after all.

When Intel, for example, said in May of this year that weaker demand for its products in Europe would dampen its second-quarter revenue and earnings growth, analysts started lowering their estimates. Investors perceived that the behemoth maker of computer chips might be losing the edge that made it the leader of its industry, and made its stock one of the best performers in a two-and-a-half-year bull market. Intel's stock subsequently went from a $80 stock to $70.

However, when Intel actually announced its second-quarter earnings in mid-July, it did not disappoint. As a result of the earlier warning about earnings, analysts had lowered their forecasts from an average of $1.08 per share to 91 cents per share. But then the computer chip maker announced it had actually earned 92 cents a share in the second quarter, slightly above analysts' estimates. Despite the fact the earnings results were below earlier forecasts, investors took them as a sign that the company was continuing to do well. And Intel's stock rose to become a $90 stock the following month.

So, how do you keep an eye on analysts' estimate changes? Well, keep in mind that small companies may not have even one analyst following them. On the other hand, large companies like Intel, Coca-Cola and Gillette can have as many as 40 analysts tracking their earnings, making it a more complicated process to keep up with changes in earnings estimates (not to mention that most firms won't send you their analysts' reports if you aren't one of their customers).

Research firms such as I/B/E/S International in New York, Zacks Investment Research in Chicago and First Call in Boston can do the work for you. They will compile analysts' estimates and track changes for you – for a fee, of course.

Zacks offers its Analyst Watch data in print and on the Internet (www.zacks.com). For a bi-weekly pamphlet that updates analysts' earnings estimates, and also includes Zack's picks of the 100 stocks it expects to outperform the market, Zacks' charges $295 per year. On the Internet, investors are given the choice of only receiving the weekly updates of earnings estimates for $150 or both the updates and the 100 picks for $225.

I/B/E/S also sells its information on the internet (www.ibes.com), giving the investor choices on the amount of information they desire. For $9.95 per month, or approximately $120 a year, one can buy data on 10 U.S. companies, including complex charts, summaries and historical information, broker directories and intra-day updates. For additional money, coverage can be increased to include other services. The Professional U.S. Service choice provides extensive coverage of 1,000 U.S. companies for $999.95 a month.

First Call will give you updated reports on consensus estimates on its Internet site (www.firstcall.com /individual) for $1.50 to $2 per report, depending on how many reports you order in advance. For $75 per month, First Call will fax you a daily list of the companies whose earnings estimates were revised – if you prefer a weekly update instead, the cost is $35 per month.

The best time to be on the lookout for changes in analysts' estimates, says Keon, is right after companies have announced their previous quarter's profits. The results often give analysts a clearer picture of how the next fiscal quarter will turn out. On a typical day at I/B/E/S, some 7 percent of the 18,000 companies if follows will have an estimate change. During profit-reporting periods that amount doubles, he says.

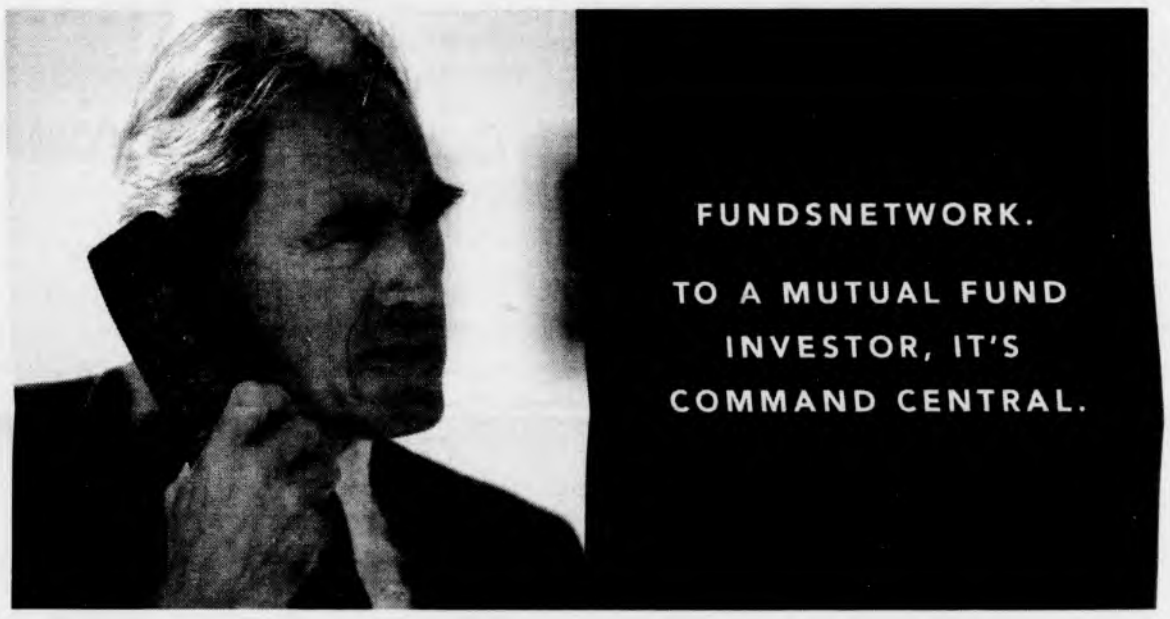
Sometimes a company announcement, such as Intel's, takes analysts by surprise and gives them new information about an aspect of the company. Last month, when Coca-Cola Co. warned that their third-quarter profits would probably come in slightly below Wall Street's expectations, many analysts were jolted. And as a result, Coke's stock plunged about 12 percent in the next six trading days.

Context is everything when it comes to comparing earnings estimates to actual results. Investors reacted harshly to Coke's warning because they did not expect the brand-name soft-drink maker to have problems meeting its financial goals. Under that assumption, the stock of Coke and other consumer product companies have done well in the last couple years. On the other hand, if the earnings of a company in an obviously laggard industry fall below expectations, investors may not have an adverse reaction to the news.

Changes in earnings estimates aren't all high drama. A change in earnings outlook can happen gradually, subtly. "There's a lot of evidence that it takes the market a long time to react to changes in earnings forecasts," says Keon. So staying on top of earnings revisions can put you ahead of the game.



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HEALTH NOTES

Alzheimer's support group meets

At the next meeting of the Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore, Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m., Sanford Auerbach, M.D., will speak on Alzheimer's Disease: the Diagnosis.

Dr. Auerbach is Director of the Behavioral Neurology Program and of the Sleep Disorders at Boston Medical Center, formerly University Hospital. This program, which is free and open to the public, is held at Thaxter Community Hall, 30 Thaxter St., Hingham.

Dr. Auerbach is assistant professor of neurology and psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine and Medical Director of the Mediplex Center for Traumatic Brain Injury in Newton. He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern Massachusetts and a member of the Board of Directors of ADSGSS, Inc.

A question and answer period will conclude the presentation. ADSGSS is a volunteer nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to providing information and support to families dealing with the problems of Alzheimer's Disease.

For more information, call 749-5417.

Anxiety and panic disorders

The Social Service League of Cohasset announces a program on "Anxiety and Panic Disorders," presented by Michael Jablon, Ed.D., licensed psychologist and clinical instructor in psychology at the Cambridge Hospital, Dept. of Psychiatry, in Cambridge, Mass.

The program will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's Residence, 96 Border St., Cohasset. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

For information regarding this program, call the Social Service League office at (617) 383-0771.

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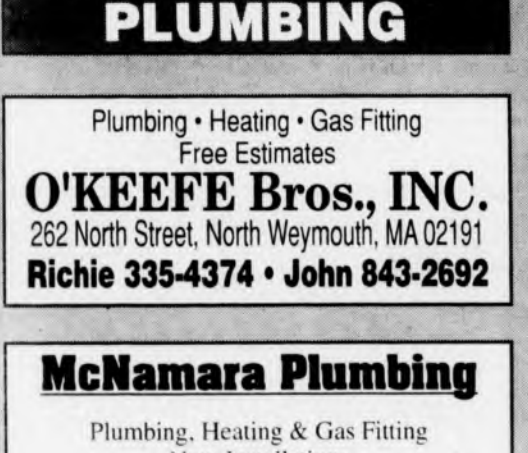
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Monday, Aug. 25

2:20 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:47 a.m., MV stop, Schofield Rd.
7:16 a.m., vandalism, Highland Ave.
7:28 a.m., animal complaint, King St.
8:06 a.m., MV accident, Elm St.
:35 p.m., animal complaint, Old Pasture Rd.
1:51 p.m., animal complaint, CJC Hwy.
1:54 p.m., disturbance gathering, S. Main St.
2:47 p.m., disturbance gathering, S. Main St.
2:40 p.m., house checks, Black Horse Ln.
3:55 p.m., disturbance gathering, Square.
4:04 p.m., disabled auto, Forest Ave.
4:33 p.m., general services, Elm St.
5:23 p.m., assault, Hull St.
5:40 p.m., well being chekc, Elm St.
5:41 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
5:55 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:29 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:11 p.m., MV stop, King St.
9:53 p.m., MV stop, King St.
10:27 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
11:53 p.m., open door/window, Pond St.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

12:23 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:32 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:42 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:53 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:46 a.m., MV stop, Howe Rd.
6:50a .m., MV stop, Howe Rd.
6:55 a.m., MV stop, Howe Rd.
7:03 a.m., MV sotp, Howe Rd.
1:00 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
1:10 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
1:21 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
1:39 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
1:46 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
2:48 p.m., disturbance gathering, Elm St.
2:58 p.m., disturbance gatheirng, Border St.
3:11 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
6:51 p.m., Warrant arrest. Lisa A. Laugelle, 71 Doane St., Cohasset. DOB: 11/27/55. Charges: default warrant, straight warrant.
8:01 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
8:26 p.m., noise complaint, S. Main St.
8:43 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:00 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
9:11 p.m., animal complaint, Holly Ln.
9:19 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
9:42 p.m., suspicious auto, Government Island.
9:53 p.m., assist motorist, Black Horse Ln.
10:22 p.m., disturbance, Atlantic Ave.
51-year-old Cohasset man in protective custody.
10:53 p.m., threats (bodily harm), Sohier St.
11:14 p.m., disturbance gathering, Osgood School. Arrested: Benjamin S. Berger, 154 N. Main St., DOB: 8/15/76. Charges: public drinking. Ryan S. Freeman, 93 Forest Ave., Cohasset, DOB: 6/4/77. Charges: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

1:04 a.m., disturbance general, Forest Ave.
9:18 a.m., disturbance family, Surry Dr.
10:41 .am., disturbance, N. Main St. 46-year-old in protective custody.
11:00 a.m., disturbance, N. Main St. 38-year-old in protective custody.
1:29 p.m., malicious destruction, Parking Way.
1:42 p.m., animal complaint, CJC Hwy.
2:42 p.m., disturbance, Surry Dr.
2:58 p.m., animal complaint, King St.
8:03 p.m., disturbance gathering, Stockbridge St.
9:55 p.m., assist other PD, Hull St.

Thursday, Aug. 28

1:11 a.m., suspicious auto, Sohier St.
1:59 a.m., open door/window, S. Main St.
7:14 a.m., MV stop, S. Main/library.
815 a.m., MV accident, Sohier St.
10:43 a.m., parking violation, Nichols Rd.
10:54 a.m., burglary (B&E), Pond St.
11:44 a.m., fire, gas leak (inside), Pond St.
1:14 p.m., suspicious person, Cohasset Plaza. Arrested: Dana C. Devoe, 39 Elm Ct., Cohasset. DOB; 2/26/75. Charges: warrants.
2:27 p.m., trespassing, Black Horse Ln.
3:37 p.m., MV violations, S. Main St.
3:41 p.m., disturbance, St. Anthony's Parking Lot.
6:22 p.m., assist citizen, Jerusalem Rd.
6:57 p.m., medical aid, Forest Ave.
7:02 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
7:43 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
9:43 p.m., officer wanted, Lamberts Ln.
10:07 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.

Friday, Aug. 29

3:47 a.m., threats (other), Norfolk Rd.
7:42 a.m., parking violation, Jerusalem Rd. at N. Main St.
9:07 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
9:18 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
9:33 a.m., medical aid, Highland Ct.
10:27 a.m., investigation, Old Coach Rd.
10:35 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
10:35 a.m., trespassing, STockbridge St.
10:36 a.m., MV stop, Surry Dr.
11:44 a.m., MV stop, Square.
11:47 a.m., MV stop, Square.
12:46 p.m., larceny, Parker Ave.
2:31 p.m., suspicious person, King St.
2:41 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
3:44 p.m., general services, Summer St.
4:15 p.m., general services, King St.
6:01 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd./Black Rock Rd.
8:56 p.m., MV stop, Border St./Parker Ave.
9:30 p.m., info, general, Jerusalem Rd.
10:02 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St./N. Main.
10:36 p.m., officer wanted, Sohier St. 17-year-old in protective custody.
10:51 p.m., disturbance gathering, Government Island harbor master shack.
11:45 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.
11:51 p.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.

Saturday, Aug. 30

12:40 a.m., info, general, Pond St. by Virginia Ln.
1:10 a.m., transport, from Mary Lous to Thaxter St. Hingham.
8:20 a.m., assist motorist, Fairoaks Ln.
11:12 a.m., general services, HQ.
1:13 p.m., officer wanted, Elm St.
1:36 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
1:43 p.m., suspicious auto, Elm St.
2:05 p.m., officer wanted, HQ.
2:19 p.m., medical aid, E St.
2:29 p.m., medical aid, Mill Ln.
3:24 p.m., property (lost), CJC Hwy.
4:38 p.m., assist citizen, Pleasant St.
5:55 p.m., suspicious auto, Beechwood St.
6:22 p.m., MV stop., N. Main/Woodside.
7:10 p.m., general services, Government Island.
8:38 p.m., suspicious auto, Summer St.
9:16 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.
10:19 p.m., info, general, Forest Ave./N. Main.
10:50 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. Arrested: Joseph M. Leonard, 92 Tremont St., Braintree. DOB: 7/17/64. Charges: operating after license or right to op. suspended; speeding in violation of special regulations.
11:08 p.m., disturbance gathering, Government Island.

Sunday, Aug. 31

12:08 p.m., disturbance gathering, Government Island.
1:25 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.
8:52 a.m., disturbance, Hull St.
10:34 a.m., MV stop, N. Main by Forest Ave.
11:11 a.m., general services, Jerusalem Rd. by Roy Estate.
11:16 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.
12:40 p.m., MV stop, N. Main by ball field.
1:00 p.m., animal complaint, Wheelwright Park.
3:18 p.m., MV violations, CJC Way (northbound).
5:59 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
Arrested: Charles E. Finch III, 14 A Eastern Ave., Hull. DOB: 12/27/65. Charges: operaing after license or right to op. suspended, operating an uninsured MV, operating an unregistered trailer.
5:59 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
7:27 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd. Dr.
8:34 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:15 p.m., disturbance gathering, Government Island.
10:28 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.
11:15 p.m., suspicious auto, Lamberts Ln.

Monday, Sept. 1

12:32 a.m., MV stop, CJC Way at Beechwood St.
1:31 a.m., medical aid, N. Main St.
1:59 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
4:24 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:21 p.m., disturbance family, Aaron River Rd.
7:30 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.
7:50 p.m., officer wanted, S. Main St.
10:00 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.
10:35 p.m., disturbance gathering, N. Main St.
10:50 p.m., disturbance gathering, N. Main St.
11:19 p.m., disturbance gathering, Red Gate Ln.
11:36 p.m., officer wanted, S. Main St.
Arrested: Robert S. Ashburn, 8 Giants Neck St., Niantic, Ct. COB: 2/13/52. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor.
11:46 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

12:31 a.m., MV accident, Ripley Rd./Sohier St.
2:44 a.m., assist citizen, Atlantic Ave.
2:57 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.
6:58 a.m., Mv stop, N. Main St./Woodside.
8:47 a.m., disturbance, Cedar St.
9:53 a.m., vandalism, King St.
9:58 a.m., fire, carbon monoxide incident, Locust Rd.
12:43 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
1:30 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St. by RR tracks.
4:00 p.m., annoying phone calls, CJC Hwy.
5:59 p.m., property (lost), Beach St.
7:18 p.m., info, general, Beechwood St.
7:21 p.m., violation restraining order, Hammond Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

12:54 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.
6:42 a.m., MV theft, Norfolk Rd.
7:11 a.m., MV stop, King St./3A.
8:28 a.m., medical aid, S. Main St.
11:04 a.m., threats (bodily harm), CJC Hwy.
12:22 p.m., medical aid, CJC Way by SS Chevy.
34-year-old Scituate man in protective custody.
12:44 p.m., assist citizen, Elm St.
2:08 p.m., MV violations, Pond St.
4:28 p.m., medical aid, Eisenhower Ln.
4:31 p.m., suspicious person, Nichols Rd.
5:15 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
6:34 p.m., MV accident, area of 477 King St.
9:56 p.m, suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
11:14 p.m, assist citizen, Elm St.

Thursday, Sept. 4

12:07 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
2:07 a.m., MV stop, Heather Dr.
6:49 a.m, MV stop, Sohier St.
6:58 a.m, MV stop, Sohier St.
7:06 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
7:16 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
7:19 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
7:29 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
10:08 a.m., fire carbon monoxide incident, Atlantic Ave.
11:40 a.m., MV stop, Elm St.
12:10 p.m., suspicious other, CJC Hwy.
1:22 p.m., animal complaint, Grace Dr.
7:14 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
8:01 p.m., house checks, Cedar St.
8:09 p.m., info, general, Border St.
8:55 p.m., info, general, CJC Way by Beechwood St.

Friday, Sept. 5

12:54 a.m., MV stop, Rocky Ln.
6:39 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.
7:01 a.m., medical aid, Pleasant St.
7:16 a.m., animal complaint, Holly Ln.
7:21 a.m., MV stop, Woodland Dr.
7:24 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
8:23 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:46 a.m., general services, Pond St.
8:46 a.m., medical aid, Wheelwright Farm.
9:42 a.m., general services, Pond St.
11:09 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
4:59 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
10:10 p.m., info, general, Government Island.
10:54 p.m., suspicious person, Stop & Shop parking lot.

Saturday, Sept. 6

12:37 a.m., disturbance gathering, Beechwood St.
12:51 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
2:29 a.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy., 39-year-old in protective custody.
5:03 a.m., missing person, Fairoaks Ln.
10:01 a.m., disturbance, Jerusalem Rd.
11:17 a.m., parking violation, 300-400 Block of S. Main St.
1:32 p.m., info, general, various.
2:00 p.m., general services, Sohier St.
3:21 p.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.
3:59 p.m., general services, S. Main St.
6:14 p.m., disturbance family, Atlantic Ave.
6:24 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
6:32 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
7:17 p.m., investigation, Doane St.
Arrested: Cogill, Jerry, 71 Doane St., Cohasset. DOB: 4/2/78. Charges: illegal poss. of Class D substance, subsq. off.; poss. class D w/intent to distrib/mfg/cultivate; poss of instrument to admin. controlled sub.(3 counts); illegal poss. of class E substance; receiving stolen property, $250 or less (3 counts).
8:41 p.m., disturbance gathering, Beechwood St.
10:32 p.m., MV violations, S. Main St.
11:11 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. arrested: Olson, Leanne M., 28 Q St., Hull, DOB: 8/9/66. Charges: operating a MV without a license; unsafe lane change; speeding.
11:39 p.m., noise complaint, Fairoaks Ln.

Sunday, Sept. 7

12:19 a.m., noise complaint, Doane St.
12:49 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:58 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
1:59 a.m., general services, Government Island.
8:13 a.m, notification, HQ.
10:02 a.m., disturbance gathering, Summer St.
12:32 p.m., vandalism, Brook St.
12:52 p.m., investigation, Ripley Rd.
3:05 p.m., Mv violations, Hillside Dr.
4:47 p.m., disturbance family, Grace Dr.
5:44 p.m., violation restraining order, Hammond Ave.
5:56 p.m., property (found), Summer St.
6:30 p.m., general services, Hull St.
6:53 p.m., officer wanted, Harbor area.
7:08 p.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.
9:21 p.m, MV stop, N. Main St.

LEGAL NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License Application pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91
Waterways Application Number W97-8701

Notification Date: Sept. 18, 1997

Public notice is hereby given of the application by Arnold Winston to maintain an existing stone retaining wall and pier at 739 Jerusalem Road, within an ACEC, in the municipality of Cohasset in and over the waters of Straits Pond. The proposed use of the structures is shoreline stabilization and noncommercial docking and boating access to navigable waters and is a water-dependent project.

The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. A public hearing may be held upon request by the municipal official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617) 932-7600. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public viewing at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to: J. Sprague, DEP/DWW, 10 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801.

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Cohasset Web page opens on information superhighway

By Dave Rogers
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset, now connected to the information superhighway, is making great strides to distance itself from the other Internet small towns of the South Shore.

Residents are beginning to notice the work of local volunteers at www.cohassetma.com. The site space was made possible by DreamCom, owned by Wayne Sawchuk of 432 Beechwood St.

"This is a great beginning to something which could be very beneficial for the town," said Sawchuk, who is "housing" the site for free.

Sawchuk envisions the site as a daily news source for Cohasset where residents can check for dump hours, athletic scores, school cancellations and minutes from the town meeting.

Currently the site, which greets visitors with a scenic aerial photograph of Cohasset, carries on-line information about the town and government, schools, community organizations, churches, businesses and a calendar of events.

A Cohasset resident can surf the 'net to find everything from the dog catcher's phone number to how much it costs to file a form with the zoning board.

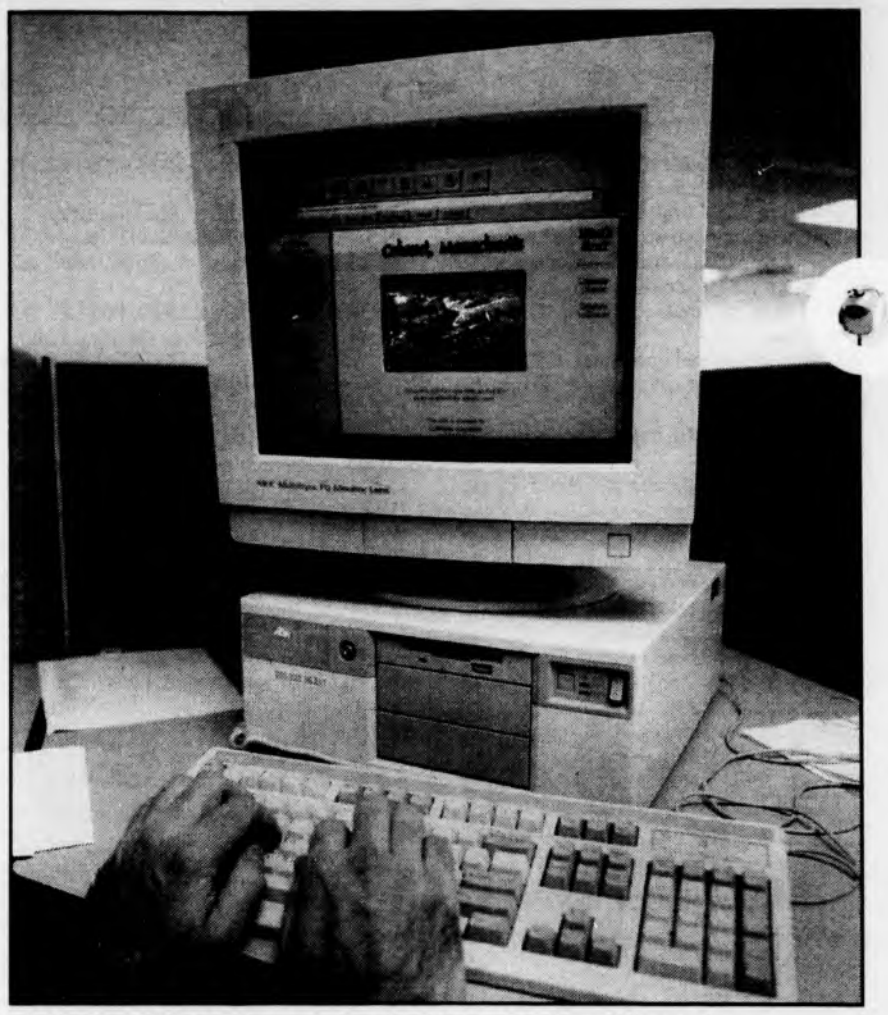
One can also find detailed directions to Cohasset from anywhere within a 1000-mile radius with a few simple clicks of the mouse.

Cohasset resident James Lagrotteria, who has experience with Web publishing where he works — Glastonbury Abbey of Hingham — has been a major contributor to the Cohasset page.

"My only dream is to keep it current so that people will use it," said Lagrotteria. "I want this to be the first source (of information in Cohasset.) I want people to go to the site before they call Town Hall."

Although Lagrotteria wants to shy away form commercial associations with the page at the present, there is a link to Dean & Hamilton Realtors Homepage.

Tom Hamilton, of Dean & Hamilton, said he believes that for on-line consumers interested in moving to the South Shore, a link to his business from the Cohasset page will be a valuable asset.



Cohasset, Mass. is now on the Internet. Its address is cohassetma.com.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Common barrels not suitable

The Cohasset Common Historic District Commission has not approved the new barrels with lids which have been purchased for the common after all.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said there was a misunderstanding and he assumed the committee had approved the two options one of which selectmen subsequently approved.

"This was not the case," he said. "Unfortunately, we have already ordered the barrels and are trying to rescind the order so that I can meet with the commission to get their approval on barrels."

The eight barrels cost $3,000, Haddad said.

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Tank at King St. plant possible

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Although the water department is keeping its options open — there's a chance the town's second water tank could be very close to home.

Water commissioners are investigating constructing a $1.8 million, 750,000 ground-level tank in the parking lot at the water department off King Street.

The cost of the tank would be paid for through the new water rates approved at last spring's town meeting, water commissioner John K. McNabb, Jr. said.

The state-of-the-art storage tank would provide the needed back up for fire-fighting purposes through a system of powerful pumps rather than gravity, McNabb explained. The tank would also monitor and maintain maximum water level in the town's existing Bear Hill standpipe.

If feasible, the tank would

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Towns will welcome train, MBTA says

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

There's no doubt about it.

The MBTA loves trains and thinks the South Shore will too.

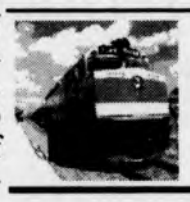
"In every community the MBTA goes into, there is no evidence of any economic detriment," said MBTA General Manager Robert Prince.

Prince is sure commuters will flock to the Plymouth and Middleboro lines which start up Sept. 29 because — if for no other reason — it will benefit their pocketbooks.

Even paying the train's most expensive fare at $128 a month plus parking — it is still less than half the cost of driving.

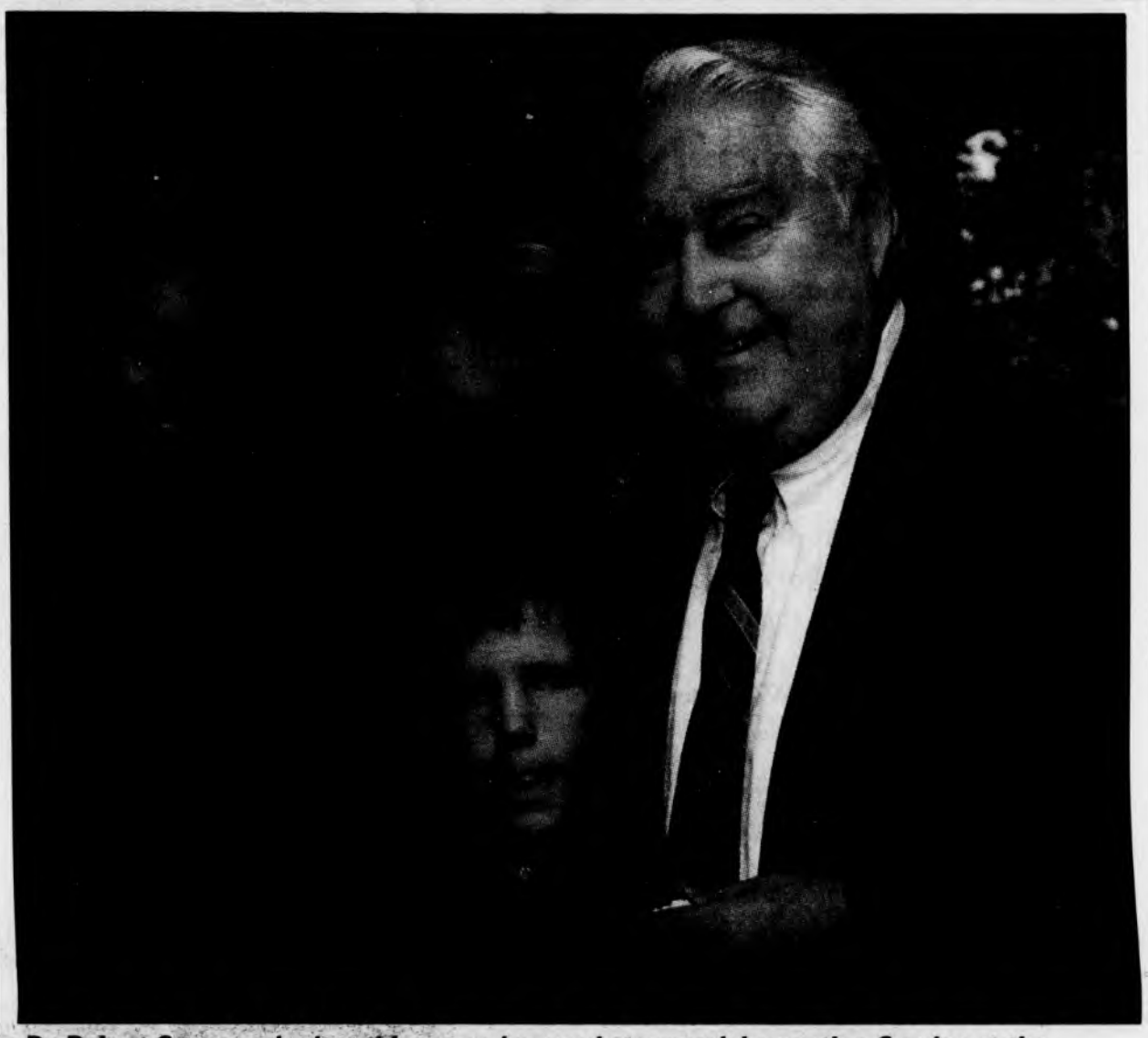
"And you'll get there faster," he said.

Prince made his remarks in a recent roundtable discussion on restoration of the Old



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Dr. Robert Sceery, who is retiring, was honored at a special reception Sunday at the Lightkeepers Residence. Dr. Sceery is shown here with his grandson, Nils Sceery.

Fred Roberston photo

'Thank you Dr. Sceery for 44 years of TLC'

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

From 2 to 5 p.m. by the harbor, hundreds of well-wishers filled the Lightkeepers' Residence in order to thank Dr. Robert Sceery for his 44 years of devoted service as a pediatrician in Cohasset and to wish him well in his retirement. The procession of hundreds of guests made its way through the front doors and past tables laden with cookies, brownies, cake, punch and a vast assortment of other tasty morsels. One beautifully decorated cake measuring about 2 feet by 3

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Selectmen give razing Hagerty House top billing

Lobster Lab fate up to town meeting

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A majority of selectmen want to put the wrecking ball to the Hagerty house on Parker Avenue.

The board agreed last week to put two articles on the Oct. 27 special town meeting warrant — one to demolish the building and the other to issue a new request for proposal (RFP) for the Lobster Lab which would be housed there. But this week, there was little doubt which the board favored.

Although selectmen say they are opposed to moving the house, a third article — presented by citizens' petition — asking the building be razed or moved has supplanted the selectman's demolition article. (Seeking to secure more harbor access for boaters, Alexander Koines , 380 Atlantic Ave., presented the citizens petition with the necessary 100 signatures last week).

Selectman Diane Sullivan, who supports the Lobster Lab because she feels it is what the town wants, was even unable to get her fellow board members to reverse the order of the articles on the warrant. As it stands now, the demolition article will be taken up first before discussion of issuing a new RFP. She said she hated to close the door on any other suggestions that might come forward for use of the building.

Mrs. Sullivan was the sole selectmen not to support the "demolition or move" article and was the only selectmen to recommend the RFP article be approved.

The proposed Lobster Lab, a marine research facility, for the Hagerty house was backed 2-1 at the spring town meeting. Prior town meetings have rejected selling the building or tearing it down. Over the 4-1/2 years, the town has owned the 2.2 acre Hagerty property, the house — which was once the offices and showroom of Cohasset Colonials furniture company — has fallen into disrepair.

The Lightkeepers Corporation sought to lease the house and proposed raising the necessary funds to fix the building up for the Lobster Lab at no cost to the taxpayers. The lightkeepers withdrew its proposal earlier this month because of lack of support from selectmen. That prompted selectmen to decide to put the possibility of issuing a new RFP for the lab before town meeting

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COHASSET WEEK

Hazardous Waste Day a success

Selectman Merle Brown reported last week's Hazardous Waste Day was a success attracting 82 car loads.

Flag pole on order

Selectmen Chairman Michael H. Sullivan said the new flag pole for the town common is on order and has been discussed with the Common Historic District Commission. The old wooden pole was removed last summer when dry rot was discovered near its base.

Two named to traffic committee

Selectmen have appointed Heidi Salerno, 487 King St., and Michael Barry, 120 Doane St., to the new town traffic study committee. Any other interested citizens should contact the selectmen's office at 383-9900.

Upcoming meetings are noted

The following meetings have been posted at town hall:

Advisory committee, 8 p.m., Sept. 30;

Board of assessors, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 2;

Board of health, 7 p.m., Oct. 14;

Drug & Alcohol Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 8;

Planning board, 8 p.m., Oct. 18;

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 2 & 16 (Rm. 10, Cohasset High School).

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., Sept. 30.

Water Commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 2 (water treatment plant).

All meetings are at town hall unless otherwise noted.

Cedar Acres Lane gets attention

This week, the town DPW cut back the brush and patched the roadway on Cedar Acres Lane.

"I would ask members of the board, if you have a chance, to take a look at what we did and let me know if this meets with your approval," Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen in his weekly report. Haddad commended DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield and the DPW for doing an outstanding job.

The matter was in response to residents' concerns on the lane that the street was in bad need of repair and attention. Cedar Acres Lane is one of many private ways in town. Private ways are the focus of a special town meeting "citizens petition" asking the town to accept the streets as public ways.

BOSTON TIDES

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sept./Oct. 1997	High AM	- Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	- Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 25	7:14	8.9	12:53	7:32	9.6	1:10
Fri. 26	8:16	8.9	1:55	8:32	9.6	2:11
Sat. 27	9:10	9.1	2:52	9:25	9.7	3:06
Sun. 28	9:57	9.3	3:41	10:12	9.8	3:55
Mon. 29	10:39	9.6	4:24	10:54	9.9	4:39
Tues. 30	11:17	9.8	5:02	11:33	10.0	5:19
Wed. 1	11:52	10.0	5:39	——	——	5:58
Thurs. 2	12:11	10.0	6:15	12:27	10.1	6:36

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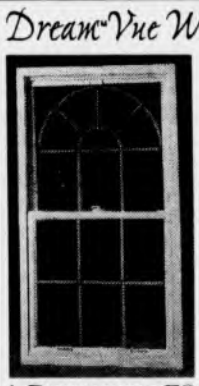
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METCO program teaches diversity

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

A 1960s movement to create racially balanced schools in Boston has yielded positive results in the suburbs.

The METCO program — which busses inner city students to suburban schools — has been thriving in Scituate and Cohasset for nearly three decades.

"It's a good opportunity for inner city students to come to suburban communities and make use of the educational resources here," said Scituate School Supt. John P. Kulevich.

Kulevich said Scituate students also benefit from the METCO program by socializing with children from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

"We learn from them and they learn from us," he said.

METCO (the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity) originated in 1965, after the passage of the state's Racial Imbalance Act, as a vehicle to integrate and equalize public education. More than 3,000 children are enrolled in METCO, which has a partnership with 37 suburban communities across the state. The college placement rate for students who graduate from the program has consistently been about 75 percent.

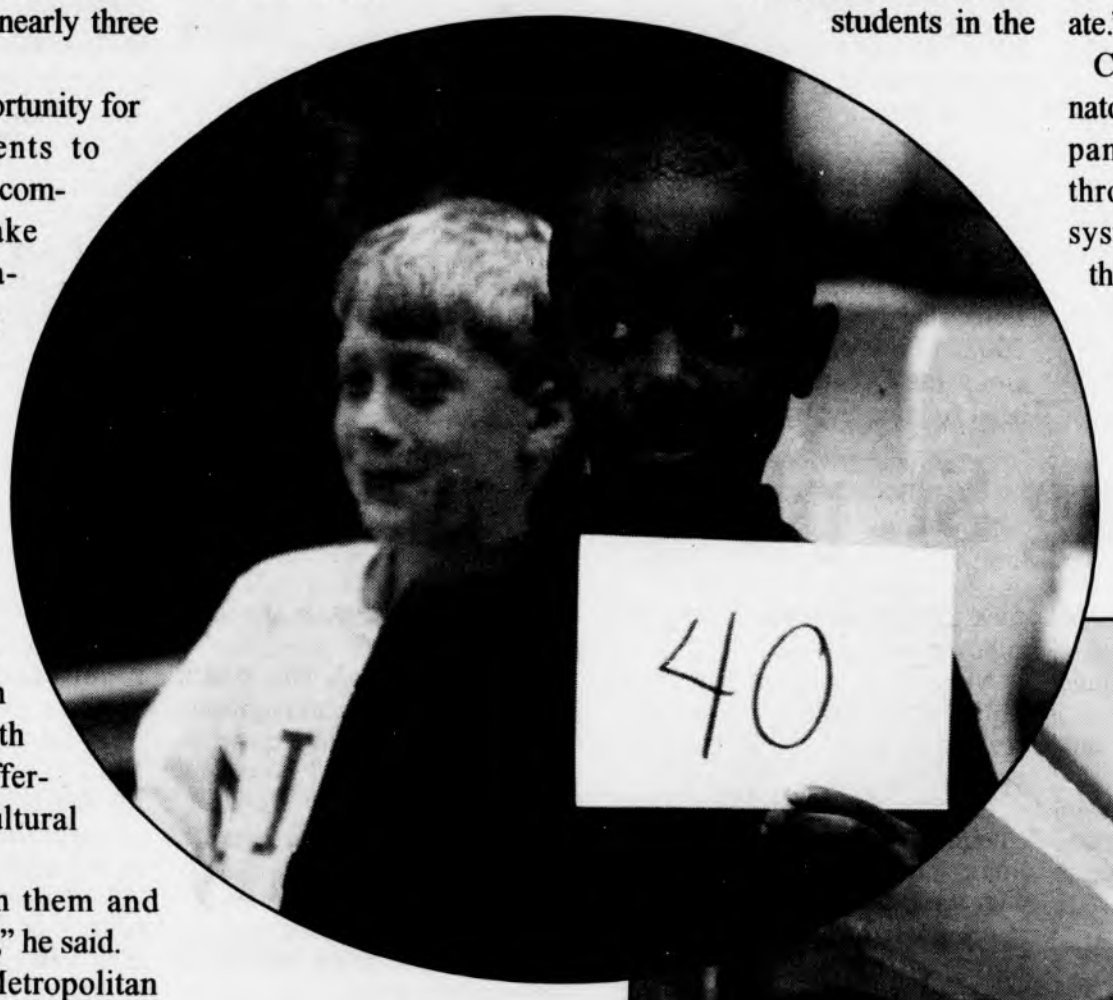
"Students who go through METCO are getting an excellent opportunity," said Oni Igartu, Scituate's METCO coordinator.

Sixty African-American, Hispanic and Asian students in grades one through twelve take a bus from their homes in Boston — mostly from Dorchester and Mattapan — to Scituate's schools every morning at about 5:30 a.m. Eleven students attend high school, 26 are at the Gates Intermediate School and the rest have just begun the program in the elementary schools.

"I find it amazing that they get up so early and they come to school with so much energy," she said. Igartu described Scituate's METCO students as "really nice, wonderful and very enthusiastic about school.

"They're just like any other students in Scituate," she said.

Renese Wright, a 17-year-old who lives in Roxbury, has been attending Cohasset Public Schools for 12 years. A senior at Cohasset High, Wright starts her day at 4:30 a.m. and often catches the late bus after cheerleading to arrive home at about 7 p.m.



Cohasset METCO student Justin Reed participates with Parker Berg in an exercise in Debbie McMaster's 3rd grade class at the Osgood School.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Over the years, she has managed her long schedule and maintained better than a C average — a requirement of the METCO program.

"It's a great deal of experience," Wright said. "You learn about different cultures and diversity. It's a better environment in terms of people and society."

In most cases, METCO students reboard the bus at the end of the day and return to their homes in the city. Some students stay in Scituate beyond the school day with their host families — Scituate parents who open their home to a student the same age as one of their own children. Students who need to stay in Scituate for a school sport, activity or event can stay overnight with their host families.

A small school system, Cohasset has a METCO program comprised of 49 students who are evenly distributed between the primary and secondary schools.

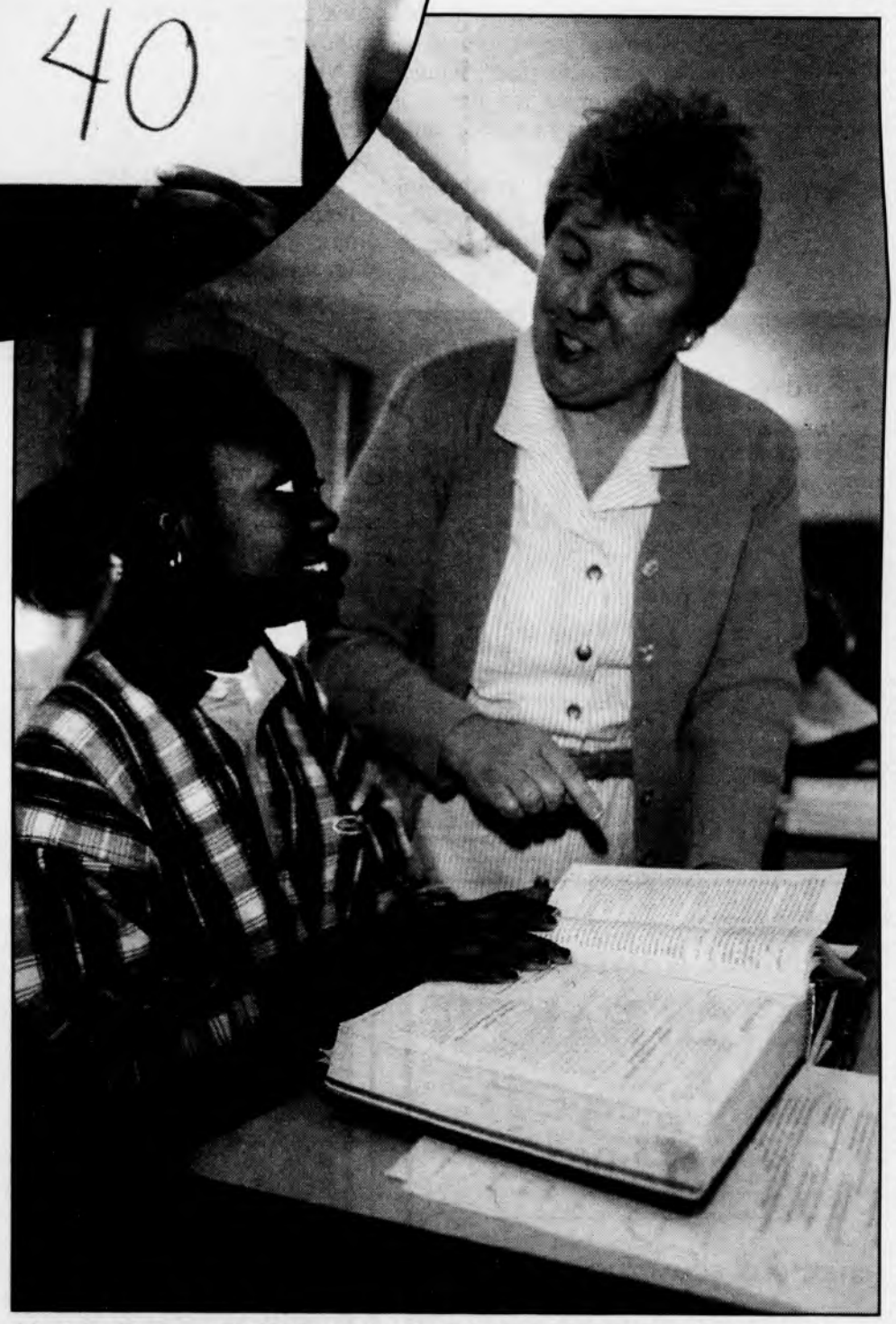
Wright and Rosalind Muniz, 17, of Roslindale agree that small class sizes enhance their educational experience.

"You learn more and you get more one-on-one interaction with teachers," Muniz said.

Despite the fact that students in the METCO program are minorities at school in Scituate and Cohasset, Wright and Muniz said they have made friends easily and fit right in.

Igartu, who became Scituate's METCO coordinator in September, agreed.

"The Scituate kids are really receptive to the (METCO) students," she said. "They're just like any other students in Scituate."



Vantrice Taylor, a METCOstudent in Scituate goes over a lesson with Scituate High School English teacher Marie Doyle.

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Cohasset METCO Coordinator Yvonne Jones of Mattapan, sent her own children through the Belmont school system via METCO to give them a better education.

"At the time, there was turmoil in Boston. As a new resident, I was frightened by what I was seeing and hearing," Jones said. "I wanted to put my son in an environment he could thrive in."

Jones said the decision to send her children to another town was a difficult one. But to ensure that she would not be left out of her children's education, she became actively involved in the schools' parent-teacher organizations and volunteered at the school.

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> **-YVONNE JONES, COHASSET METCO COORDINATOR**

As a METCO coordinator for four years, Jones encourages parents to participate in Cohasset's school activities and to take a personal day to volunteer at their child's school.

"It's like with any other school system. Do not be a stranger to your child's teachers or the school," she said.

Jones said the METCO program speaks for itself.

"It's been around for 30 plus years. That tells me that something good's going on," she said.

The roots of the METCO program were planted in the early 1960s, when boycotts and protests of inequalities in segregated schools led the state Board of Education to establish the Kiernan Commission — a 21-member committee charged with studying the effects of racial segregation in Boston's schools. In its 1965 report, "Because It Is Right Educationally," the commission concluded that racial imbalance was harmful to both black and white students. Forty-five Boston schools were found to be predominantly black.

Following the passage of the Racial Imbalance Act, "Operation Exodus" — the bussing of more than 400 students from overcrowded black Boston schools to underenrolled schools outside the black neighborhoods — began.

By the fall of 1966, 220 METCO students took the first bus ride to schools in seven suburban districts.

Today, the METCO program has a waiting list of 11,000 students.

Towns will welcome train, MBTA says

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Colony Line at the Mariner Newspapers headquarters in Marshfield .

With new handicap-accessible stations, large parking lots, raised platforms, electric doors and spacious cabins — Prince says commuters will find train travel to their liking.

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However, while the MBTA is upbeat about the return of rail service, Prince stressed that public safety is paramount.

"The last thing we want to see is an accident out there," he said.

The combined lines have 47 public and nine private grade crossings. The MBTA has worked diligently educating the public and conducting test runs to ensure that all the gates are operating smoothly.

The MBTA has even sent its people to annual safety meetings for school bus drivers in towns along the line, said Howard Hayward, chief of design and construction. It has also added side walk crossing arms for pedestrians where needed and traffic signaling at intersections where some of the parking lots are, he said.

In today's issue, a special section titled "Rail Revival" provides a comprehensive look at the return of the Old Colony line and includes schedules, stops and in-depth stories surrounding this event on the South Shore.

MBTA Deputy General Manager Philip Puccia said the T will take a hard line on vandals and trespassers, such as teenagers who find the tracks an attractive place to hang out and drink.

"We will work aggressively to make sure these people are penalized," he said. "It's a matter of safety."



MBTA general manager, Robert Prince



MBTA deputy general manager, Philip Puccia



Chief of design and construction, Howard Hayward

T officials hope that the popularity of the trains along the Middleboro and Plymouth lines will accelerate the controversial Greenbush project which is not scheduled for completion until 2002. Many citizens in towns along the Greenbush line have been fighting the train's return.

"We think the success of the Middleboro and Plymouth lines will make those on the fence take another look and say 'why don't we have the train?'" Prince said. "Hopefully, it will win people over and expedite the process."

Prince, a former Duxbury resident, said he never would have left if there had been a train.

"I'd still be there if I didn't have to travel the Southeast Expressway every day," he said.

Water tank at King St. plant is possible

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eliminate the need for building the town's second tank on Bear Hill behind the high school or on a piece of the former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor property site off Route 3A across from Jonathan Livingston Seagull Square.

McNabb said the ground-level tank, which would essentially be an extension and improvement to the water treatment plant, would be able to operate for up to a month if the town's existing tank had to be taken off line.

A second tank is needed in town to increase fire-flow capacity town wide and to enable a tank to be taken off line for periodic cleaning.

Neighbors oppose the Bear Hill location because of aesthetics and potential impact on property values.

The water commission needed a height variance from the zoning board before it could proceed with the Bear Hill site, approved at the annual town meeting last March. Town by-laws restrict structure heights to 35 feet in a residential zone. The tank would be 65 feet tall. Last summer, the zoning board leaned toward siding with the neighbors, prompting the water commission to withdraw its request for a height variance to site the tank there. Constructing the tank at Bear Hill, at $1.4 million, is the least expensive option.

The Webb-Norfolk site, which is also suitable from an engineering standpoint, would require an eminent domain land taking by the town and an access easement. Siting the tank at Webb-Norfolk is estimated to cost about $1.6 million.

The water commission has placed several articles on the Oct. 27 special town meeting warrant to provide them with flexibility. Commissioners plan to discuss the options at their next meeting at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 2 at the water treatment plant.

The articles include asking for an exemption from height limits on the zoning by-law which would enable the tank to be placed at Bear Hill if necessary; another asks voters to delete the requirement approved at last spring's town meeting that the new tank be placed on Bear Hill; and a third asks for $200,000 for the new tank, money that is in addition to the funds approved for a new tank last spring.

McNabb said the zoning board's probable rejection of the Bear Hill site may "be a blessing in disguise."

He said the commission hopes that after its Oct. 2 meeting, the King Street site will be the choice.

"But every question is on the table now," McNabb said. "....We'd rather not fight it out with Bear Hill again, if we don't have to."

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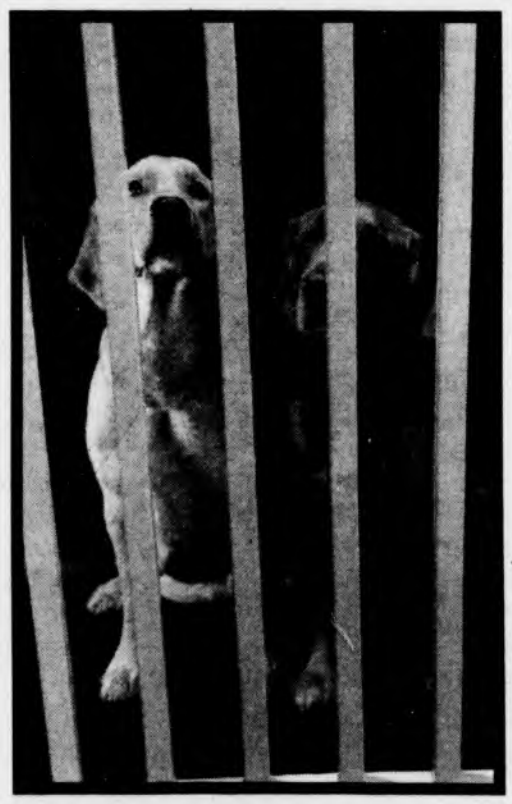
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Competition for new sewer pool heats up

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

A lot of people and businesses want to hook into the town sewer system, but the reality is that there has been sewer use ban in effect since 1978.

When the Department of Environmental Protection approved the creation of a new sewer district, it authorized a little perk: a 15,000 gallon per day sewer use pool.

The pool will allow certain properties to hook into the sewer system. But with the high demand for sewer use, the pool is disappearing fast.

About 12,000 gallons of the pool have already been reserved for the new elementary school, the new St. Anthony's Parish, and the community center.

That leaves about 3,000 gallons in the pool and a lot of requests to hook-in to the system.

Sewer Commissioner Ted Guild admitted that the pool isn't going to last that long with only 3,000 gallons left to distribute.

"The state agreed to let the sewer commission authorize 15,000 gallons a day beyond what is already in the system," Guild said. "I don't know when the pool will be exhausted, but we will be very conservative from now on because there is so little left."

Now the spotlight is on the sewer commission, which has jurisdiction over the pool.

Guild said that some businesses are also "grandfathered" into the sewer use pool because of outstanding requests for additional sewer use.

"There's a bed and breakfast that had applied to us but was rejected," Guild said. "They were told to come back when additional capacity became available. Most of the people who planned to apply did so last March when we approved the agreement with the state."

Another "grandfathered" property is the post office. But it is unclear at this time how the post office will connect into the system.

Guild said post office officials are considering a plan to hook in through the community center, although that plan does not seem feasible. He said post office officials may have to determine if there is a sewer stub in front of the property.

The old DPW garage could also be included in the pool so teens can use the building for a dance hall. Guild said the facilities needs would be very small and for a good use.

Some properties could be given higher priority than others for meeting certain criteria.

Businesses in the village will be looked on favorably by the sewer commission to help revive the beleaguered downtown area. Homeowners in the present sewer district may also receive high priority.

But some residents and town officials are confused about how it will be determined who gets to hook into the pool.

The health board has petitioned the sewer commission to allow seven homes, which are adjacent to one another ,to access the pool because one house failed a Title V inspection. The homes are in the Newtonville neighborhood off Atlantic Avenue.

The health board cannot determine who can access the pool, but it can make recommendations to the sewer commission.

On Sept. 3, the health board requested a copy of the sewer commissions' rules about who can access the sewer pool.

In a letter to the sewer commission, Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik, speaking for the health board, recommends that the seven homes be allowed into the sewer system. Godzik states that although only one home failed inspection, all seven use similar septic systems that would also fail if inspected.

The board of health declared the homes a public health emergency.

But Guild said the situation is difficult because the homes are not in the present sewer service area. He said the state would have to approve the request, but would do so only if it had Title V data for all seven homes.

Guild said the situation with the seven homes was very complicated and has been under consideration since the mid-1980s.

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Selectmen give razing Hagerty House top billing

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Oct. 27 because they feel the Lightkeepers were tied to last spring's town meeting approval.

The Hagerty Property Committee has been studying passive, recreational uses for the site for four years. But so far, no plan has been implemented.

At this time, if the house is torn down, it appears the space will be used for additional parking for those who need to use the town's only public boat ramp which is adjacent to the property.

Reached by telephone, Kevin Ulmer, a marine biologist who would run the Lobster Lab, said he will continue to fight for the lobster lab "as long as the wrecking ball hasn't swung."

He dismissed suggestions that he find another site. The two touted as possibilities — the Olde Salt House on Border Street and Cohasset Cove Seafood across from Kimball's — are much too small, he said. He explained that the lab, which would study marine biology, would need to be in close proximity to salt water.

Ulmer said the project has never received fair treatment from selectmen, who are "hell bent on demolishing the building."

"I will rely on the common sense of the town which has voted not the sell the building and not to tear it down," he said.

The town spent $475,000 to buy the Hagerty property in 1993.

"That's a high price tag for a gravel parking lot that's only used a few days a year," said Ulmer, referring to plans to use the house footprint for more parking.



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How to pay for school A/C work disputed

Selectman Brown wants contingency fund used

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

While all agree that setting the stage for air conditioning at the new elementary school is desirable — one selectman is not happy with asking the town for more money to pay for it.

Selectman Merle Brown is adamant that the money needed to install piping and duct work for air conditioning come out of the project's $500,000 contingency fund.

School building committee spokesman Rob Spofford said it was too early in the project to dip into the contingency fund which is reserved for unforeseen expenses. He explained that any money remaining in the contingency fund will be returned to the town once the project is complete. The new school is slated to open next September.

Spofford said the building committee is resolute it will not use contingency fund money for the duct work and will ask the Oct. 27 town meeting to appropriate the $100,000 needed.

By doing the work now as with the rest of the school project, 60 percent of the cost would be reimbursed by the state through the School Building Assistance Bureau. It is also cheaper to install the infrastructure while the building is under construction eliminating the need to retrofit it later.

Air conditioning the entire building was never included in the original project, Spofford said. It was an alternate on the bid but ruled out by the building committee which is determined to bring the project in on budget.

When the building committee awarded the $8.47 million contract in May, general contractor John T. Callahan and Sons of Bridgewater would have added the piping work for an additional $88,000 at that time because it was included as an alternate with the bid.

Brown questioned why the price jumped $12,000.

Architect Sid Bowen explained that a bid is good for 30 days. Once the contractor is asked to come back and "refigure", it costs more.

School committee chairman Maureen Jerz said air conditioning is an extra.

"It's a luxury and it is not prudent to pay for it out of the contingency fund," she said. "The bottom line is that it's the town's decision to whether to put it in. If they don't support it, it won't go forward."

"It's a luxury and it is not prudent to pay for it out of the contingency fund."

— School Committee Chairman Maureen Jerz.

Selectman Diane Sullivan — suggesting air conditioning should have been included in the project from the outset because year-round schools may become the norm — warned the school building committee that it had some "PR" work to do to sell this to town meeting.

Schools Supt. Stephen Hart said to include air conditioning would have meant cutting elsewhere.

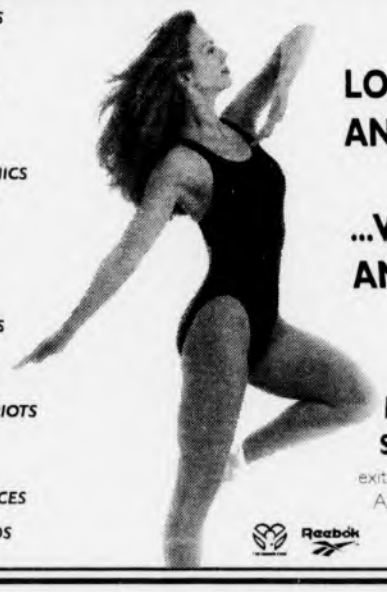
"We would never cut something we use on a 10-month basis for a six-week summer," he said.

Selectmen voted 4-1 to support the town meeting article asking for the $100,000 appropriation with Brown opposed.


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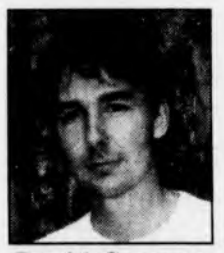
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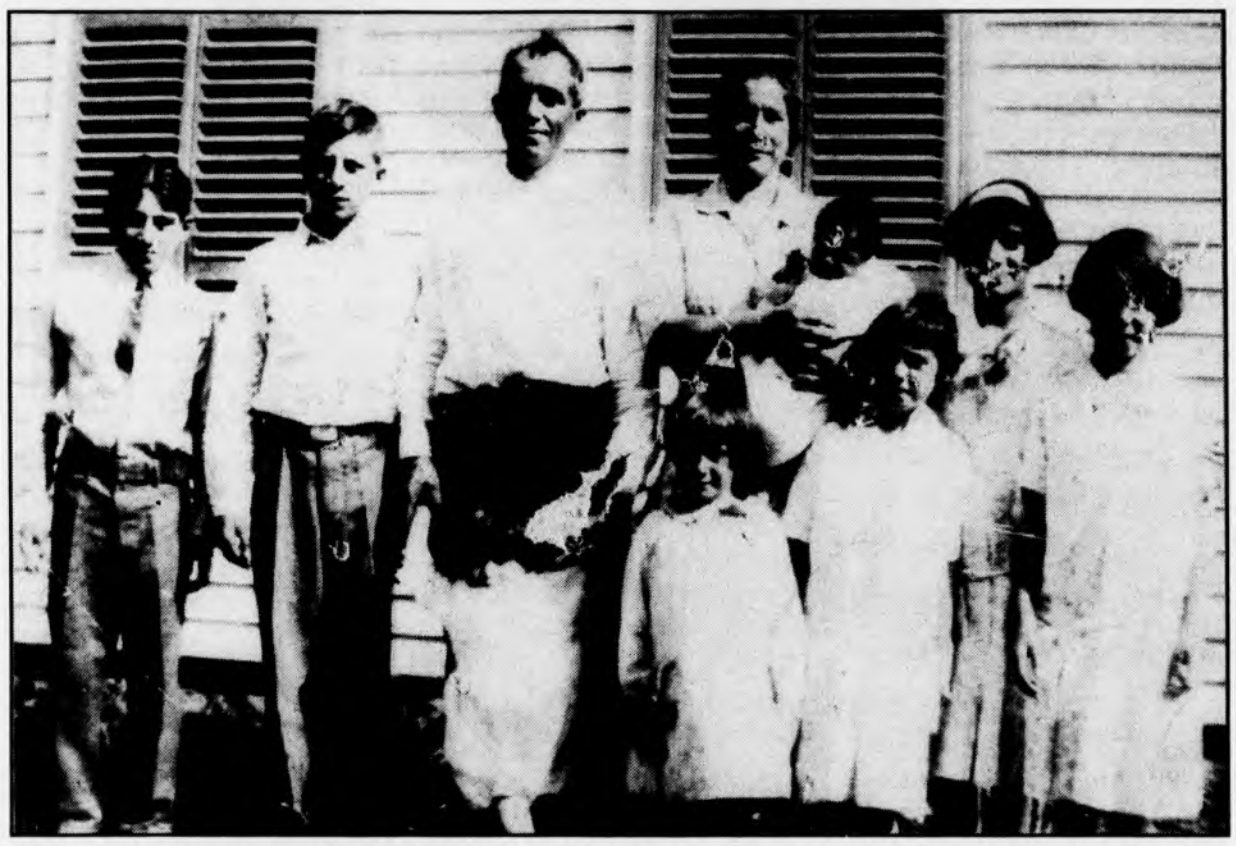
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This picture was taken in 1929, it is a well-known Cohasset family! Do you know who the family is? Who the baby is?

COHASSET ON THE MAP

Did you happen to catch The Boston Globe's article on John Kuntz last week in the theater section? He is surely putting Cohasset on the map! He is appearing at Little Flags Theatre (576-2800) in Cambridge through Sept. 28. He brings back his sublimely zany hit show "Freaks," a series of gonzo monologues mixing parody and pathos in celebration of the neurosis of everyday life. He has some new material which includes John playing detective, suspects and victim. It is a solo performance, and plays Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 and Sundays at 7 p.m. Try to get there, you'll be happy that you did — from all accounts John is super.

MORE KUNTZ FAMILY NEWS

More Kuntz family news — Midge and Dennis Kuntz are grandparents again! Patrick Charles (PC) Kraemer was born Aug. 4, he weighed 8-1/2 pounds and "has a full head of hair." Patrick joins his sister Nicole (she is five) and Alex (who is two) — you know that their parents, Nancy and Roberto Kraemer, are two busy people! They make their home in Cary, N.C., so you-know-who make several trips there! Ask to see pictures!

CALL FOR ART ENTRIES

Attention all of you artists, the South Shore Art Center has put out the call for entries for the Annual Blue Ribbon members show. The exhibition is open to all members of the Art Center. Work should be delivered to the Art Center Saturday (Sept. 27), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday (Sept. 30), from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibition will run from Oct. 3 until Nov. 9. We'll be reporting more information, in the meantime call 383-2787 if you are an artist with a question!

CARLY GUNDERSEN ARRIVES!

Speaking of babies, there's a brand new one in Cohasset! And we are lucky enough to have her living near Red Gate Lane. Her name is Carly Allison Gundersen. She was born Aug. 12 and she weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces. Her mom and dad are Suzanne and Harold Gundersen — they walk a lot, be sure to give Carly a huge Cohasset welcome when you see her!

HATS OFF CELESTE!

Celeste (Prisble) Garvey, the daughter of Dan and Yvonne Prisble, has graduated from Catherine Hinds School of Skin Care with an advanced degree in aesthetics, with a concentration on age management. Celeste received her state license in July. Congratulations!

GET WELL SOON

We certainly hope that Pat Walsh feels better as she reads this, and that she is up and around town as soon as possible!

STORY AFTERNOONS

Do you have a little one left at home, a little bit sad because all of the "big kids" are in school? Well, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library is offering what might be just the thing! They will have their pre-school story hour Thursday afternoons at 1 and Friday mornings at 10, starting Oct. 2. Your child must be at le[illegible] 3-1/2 to take part in the progra[illegible] which includes picture book stories, crafts, songs and fingerplays. Please call the library at 383-1348 to register, they do have a super duper time.

FIELD LOOKS GREAT

Hopefully by now most of you have been up to see Alumni Field and how wonderful it looks — people from surrounding towns are in awe of it, too! Naturally you noticed the CHS planted in mums as you drove up! It was planted by Joey Sestito (with Grandpa Carl watching his every move) and Bob Ripley and George Haley doing all of the edging the following week. Tell all of them when you see them how grand it looks! In fact, tell all of the workers who labored so hard to make the opening a success, exactly how much you appreciate their efforts!

EXXON TO REOPEN SOON

Everyone is wondering when Leo's Exxon will re-open, seems like it is taking forever! Bob and Leo must be anxious to get back to work also — and Leo has lots of "around town" news, most of it printable! Before long we'll be there to get gas and coffee, and chat — just like in the "olden days!" Wonder if they will have a pot-bellied stove to sit around while the chatter takes place!

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OBITUARIES

Catherine E. Gottesman

Catherine E. Gottesman (Moran), 86, of Cohasset died Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Bay Path Nursing Home in Duxbury, after a long illness.

Mrs. Gottesman was born in Middleboro and attended Middleboro Schools. She lived in Cohasset since 1956.

She was a member of the Cohasset Women's Club, Cohasset Garden Club and a communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

Wife of the late Wesley Gottesman, she leaves two daughters, Dianne Ronshagen of Conn. and Kathleen Corcoran of Duxbury; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 26, at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset, with the Rev. John R. Mulvehill officiating. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Visiting hours are omitted.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mrs. Gottesman's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc. of Eastern Mass., 1 Kendall Sq., Cambridge, MA 02139.

Francis F. Farrell

Francis F. Farrell, 81, of Cohasset and North Palm Beach, Fla., died Sept. 10 in the Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital of complications related to diabetes. He was born in Boston, graduated from Thayer Academy in Braintree, Class of 1937, and served in the United States Navy during World War II. Mr. Farrell was president of Farrell Enterprises, Inc., of Rockland and Boston, a firm specializing in the marine construction business, dredging harbors and building piers. They owned two tug boats in Boston Harbor, the William R. Farrell (named after Francis' father) and the Ocean King. The Farrell firm was established by his father in the early 1900s. Mr. Farrell owned two planes, flying out of Norwood Airport and was a member of several flying organizations. He was an honorary member of the Scituate Harbor Yacht Club and the Engineers Club of Boston. He leaves his wife Eleanore Gately (O'Neill); four stepchildren, John P. Gately Jr. of West Roxbury and Scituate, Kathryn Gately Poole of Illinois, Eleanore Gately of California and David Gately of New Jersey; three brothers, Richard Farrell, Hugh Farrell and Leo Farrell, one sister, Elinor McLaughlin, and 10 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was held recently in Saint Anthony Church, Cohasset, Saturday. Interment was in Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Anthony Church Building Fund, 129 South Main St., Cohasset, 02025, or the Cohasset Retreat Center, c/o Sister Barbara Reney, 339 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset, 02025.

Alida Simmons

Alida "Missy" (Weston) Simmons, 75, of Venice, Fla. passed away August 20 at the home of her daughter in Cohasset, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Simmons was born in Montclair, N.J., July 7, 1922.

She was a real estate broker with her husband, the late Joseph Simmons, in their firm in Southwest Harbor, Maine. After retiring in 1986, she moved to Venice, where she lived for more than 10 years.

Mrs. Simmons leaves a daughter, Leslie Nies of Cohasset; two sons, Robert Nies of New Jersey and David Nies of Maine; a sister, Monica Sutera of Florida; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset.

The McNamara/Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset provided the arrangements.

Donations may be made in Mrs. Simmons' memory to Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, 136 Route 106, Kingston, MA 02364.

Memorial Mass for shipwreck victims

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Father John Murphy Plymouth Division No. 9, will be holding a memorial mass on Saturday, October 4, 1997, at St. Anthony's Church on South Main Street in Cohasset. The mass will commemorate the shipwreck of the Brig St. John which took place on October 6, 1849. This shipwreck resulted in the loss of 99 lives of emigrants who were fleeing the Great Hunger in keland.

The mass will be celebrated by Father Timothy Linehan. After the 10:00 o'clock mass there will be a reception at the Cohasset Community Center where the principal speak will be Professor Richard Finnegan, Chair of kish Studies at Stonehill College. Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

After the community center we will be going to the Cohasset Cemeteay where a wreath will be left and final prayers will be said in memory of the victims of this tragedy. Everyone is invited to attend. Anyone wishing more information can call John Sullivan at (781) 545-1144. Kindly let your membership know of this event.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Guarded enthusiasm

There's a lot of excitement and momentum building as the South Shore prepares for the revival of the Old Colony line next week. The MBTA is planning all the hoopla and pageantry possible to mark this momentous occasion following a nearly 40-year hiatus of commuter rail service on the South Shore.

The excitement is also tinged with a certain amount of fear and trepidation. And rightly so.

While we welcome the train's return, there are a lot of issues which still need to be resolved. We have always supported the revival of the commuter rail and see it as representing tremendous opportunities for our communities — not the least of which may be an end to traffic gridlock on Route 3.

Anyone who travels the highway to work daily, or even occasionally, knows it is like a parking lot during commuter hours: traffic is at a virtual standstill.

But we are not blind to unresolved issues, such fears and frustration surrounding the Greenbush segment of the train. Clearly, however, our biggest issue is about safety, how the MBTA plans to maintain standards and how it plans to continue to educate the public.

The inordinate amount of grade crossings immediately comes to mind.

In Hingham, through which the proposed Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad would pass, there would be seven grade crossings within nine-tenths of one mile.

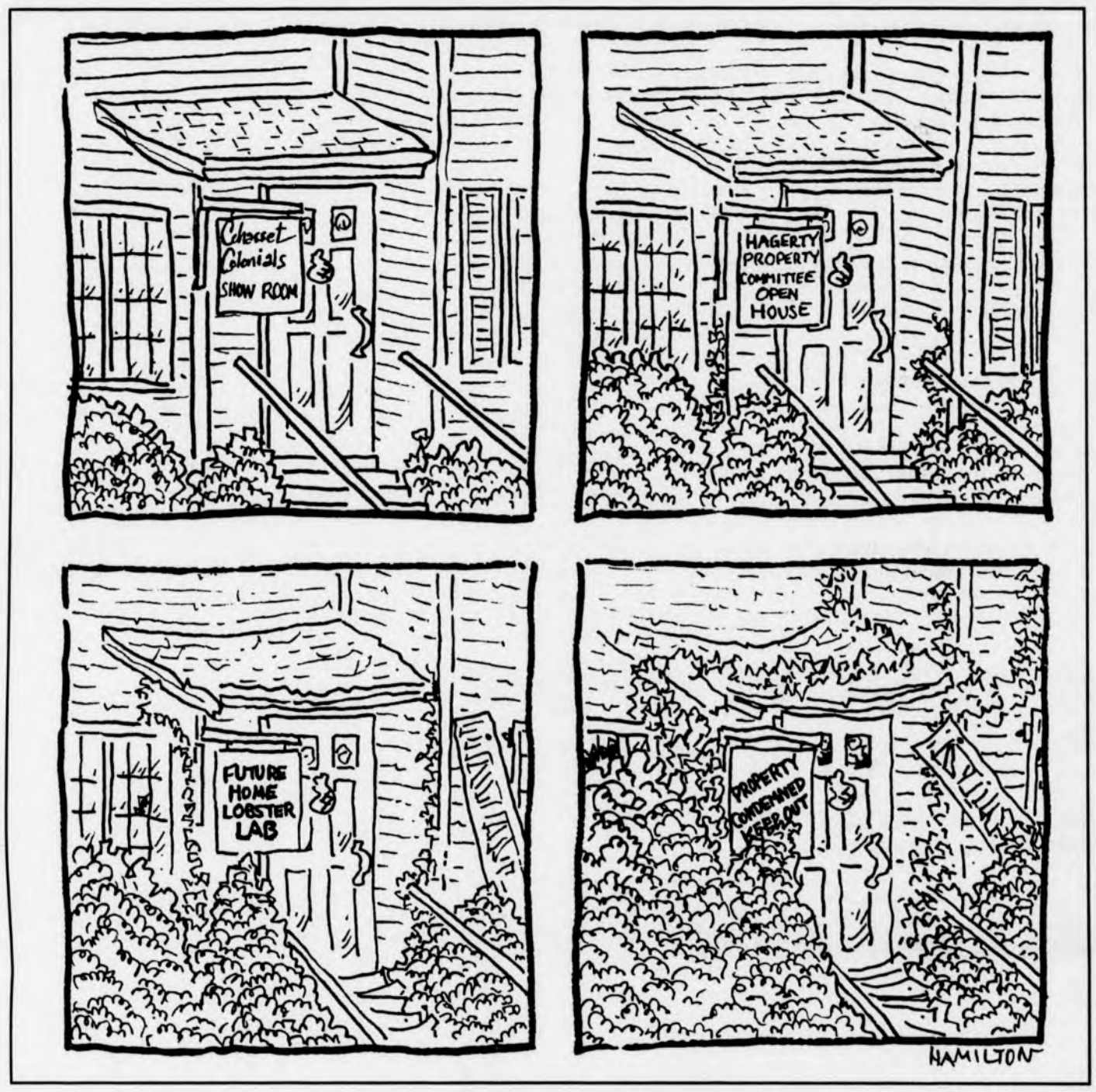
The train would pass through Greenbush's 43 grade crossings towns 24 times a day. In communities where the train has been dormant for so long, these crossings pose some serious problems. The MBTA says it is working diligently to make the areas as safe as possible and only time will tell. Our job will be to keep MBTA officials to their word to guarantee they are taking nothing for granted.

Then there's the issue of educating children and others about the dangers of trains. Historically, trains have always held a magical place in our hearts. Many curiosity seekers will be watching as the trains roll past their homes and through the stations.

Teens have also been known to tempt fate on the train tracks. Witness an event recently at the Montello station in Brockton where a youngster reportedly walked deliberately in front of a train and laughed when the engineer had to slam on the brakes to avoid him.

Here again is where we need MBTA officials work with school leaders and other community organizations to make sure the word gets out about the dangers associated with trains. The MBTA must work tirelessly in the months ahead to assure that its public service messages about safety are getting across. (In today's paper we feature a special section titled "Rail Revival" which offers numerous safety tips.)

On balance, the coming of the commuter rail is a positive step and represents economic and social opportunities for the South Shore. We just can't lose sight of the inherent problems it also brings.



LETTERS

Boy Scout cleanup greatly appreciated

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Cohasset Conservation Trust, owner of Bassing Beach, and of the many people who will visit in months to come, I wish to thank members of Cohasset Boy Scout Troop 28 for their good work in cleaning the beach last Saturday afternoon, Sept. 20. In a concentrated two-hour sweep, a dozen Scouts, led by Scoutmaster Phil Lehr and Assistant Scoutmaster Bob Dennis, filled 22 large bags with trash collected from the beach's most-used stretch west of the breakwater. While bagging this debris, they counted and recorded every cigarette butt and coffee cup on a form provided for the purpose by Coastsweep, the statewide beach-cleaning program mounted annually by Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management. A similar effort was made by volunteers on Sandy Beach recently, I understand.

This is the seventh year the Boy Scouts have cleaned this portion of Bassing Beach. Perhaps in years to come the effort can be expanded to the much longer stretch east of the breakwater. Maybe other youth groups in town will rise to this challenge.

The benefits are not just a cleaner beach for all to enjoy but also renewed respect for the land and water's edge by those who take part in the effort.

Congratulations and thanks to the Good Scouts of Troop 28!

John F. H artshorne, President
Cohasset Conservation Trust

Lobster Lab stance supported

Dear Selectmen:

I wanted to take a moment to compliment your recent decision regarding the Lobster Lab.

With all of the controversy the site and various proposals have generated, it was nice that the issue may see the Town Meeting floor instead of being decided elsewhere. Perhaps in the near future this issue will be settled once and for all for the best interest of the town.

It was my understanding that Ms. McMorris presented the motion for bringing the issue to Town Meeting. My compliments to her, and again to all of you for supporting her in this good, community-representing move.

Mark Bell
460 King St.

(Ed's note: Mr. Bell provided the Mariner with a copy of this letter).

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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Charlie Butman celebrates a century of living well

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

The only 100-year-old man in Scituate, Charles Butman of Cohasset knows all the secrets to staying healthy, being happy and living long. But he will only tell you some of them.

"I don't believe in giving away secrets. Some of my secrets, even if someone gave me $10,000, I wouldn't even think of giving them away," he said recently from his residence at the Life Care Center of the South Shore.

"I used to swim the whole length of the beach on top of the water. I could jump right in the water right now and swim."
– CHARLES BUTMAN.

But those close to him know one of Butman's secrets to a long and successful life. A pioneer of physical fitness, Butman recognized the importance of exercise long before the general public figured it out.

"In a way it doesn't surprise me that he has lived to be 100," said his daughter, Dorothy. "He was always physically fit. It was very important to him."

Known as an upstanding, trustworthy and honest gentleman, Butman has spent much of his life keeping his word and keeping in shape. Butman celebrated his 100th birthday at the center on July 18 with cake and watermelon.

He was born and raised in Cohasset, where he spent his childhood swimming at Sandy Beach. Butman also raised his two daughters, Dorothy and Betty, and two boys, Charles and Robert, in Cohasset.

Spending time at the beach paid off for Butman in the end, who swam and raced along the coast endlessly — one of his secrets to good health.

"If you swim above the water, you will go faster and you won't use as much energy," explained Butman, who taught the children at Sandy Beach to swim. "I used to swim the whole length of the beach on top of the water. I could jump right in the water right now and swim."

But he never swam in the Olympic Games because "I didn't want to ruin my health," he said.

Butman also enjoyed motorcycle racing, weight-lifting and jujitsu, a weaponless form of self defense. His jobs as the superintendent of the Sandy Beach Association's former bath house, a carpenter and caretaker of the Cohasset Library also kept him active and busy for almost 40 years. He was also a member of the Cohasset Humane Society when it was in existence.

Clark Chatterton, a longtime Cohasset resident, remembers seeing Butman every time he went to the bath house as a young kid.

"He's tremendous, a strict disciplinarian," he said. "We need more people like him now."

Even at 100, Butman keeps active. At the Life Care Center of the South Shore, he visits other residents and tells them stories about the times he spent at Sandy Beach, said his nurse, Brian Hannon.

"He's in good health. He still gets himself around," said Hannon, who called Butman determined in his will to remain self-sufficient. "He's kind of a character. I think he'll be around for a while."

Butman's daughter-in-law, Lois, called him trustworthy and hardworking with a good sense of humor.

"He likes to do all the talking," she said.

One hundred years young



Charlie Butman, a Cohasset native, is the only 100-year-old man living in Scituate.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

The happiest times of his life were spent with his late wife, Eleanor, whom he met at a Masonic Dance in East Weymouth. They were married in 1924.

"We got along good together," he said. "She never could swim and keep up with me. She just liked the sport. I liked the sport but I liked to race, too."

The secret to a happy marriage, he said, is changing the conversation when it takes a bad turn.

Other secrets behind keeping young at heart include staying away from liquor, deep breathing and a special blend of honey and vinegar.

"It's the most healthy medicine you can take," he said. "Take one in the morning and one in the evening."

LETTERS

Town meeting to decide Learning Lab's fate

To the Editor:

The voters will consider again, at the special town meeting Oct. 27, whether to have a Learning Lab for Marine Biology at Hagerty building. It would enrich the lives of many students, and probably be the deciding influence on the careers of more than a few. Yet we have an element in town who think having a few more parking spaces for boat trailers on weekends is more important. Why don't they go a step farther and argue for paving the town common so we could revive bowling at the center?

They try to avoid being seen as Philistines by mumbling that the Lab idea is great, but can be located elsewhere. Where? It's ridiculous for a sea-side town to locate a marine biology lab, that requires circulating sea water, remote from sea water. And it's disingenuous to suggest locations that are far too small and would be prohibitively costly to purchase.

Some resist the Lab on the specious ground that "we didn't purchase the property for that purpose." Well, the warrant article lists several possible uses, and ends with the phrase "and such other uses as the town may determine." Surely, a use beneficial to the town, but not recognized at the time of purchase, should not be rejected out of hand.

The voters should consider whether it is reasonable for the selectmen to require the proponents to provide copies of grant proposals to foundations, lists of potential donors, estimates of donations from each source, etc. as a condition of the lease. Should proponents have to expend their time and energy developing details of the programs to be offered, for the capricious approval of the selectmen, instead of getting on with the all-important task of fund-raising? Why should the background and education of future staff be established, the method of recruiting etc. have to be established before a lease can be granted? (I give the selectmen credit, however, for giving little credence to the town manager's even more unreasonable recommendations).

The citizens' article at the previous town meeting was placed on the warrant not only to obtain voter support for the concept, but to establish the term of the lease as 10 years. Town counsel attempted unsuccessfully, when preparing the warrant, to alter the language to read one year. A proposed amendment from the floor to reduce the term was roundly defeated. (Why would any sensible person expect fellow citizens to expend the tremendous effort to establish a Lab without assurance that the effort would result in a continuing benefit, rather than be subject to termination just as the benefits begin to be realized)? The article was passed with 2 to 1 in favor. Yet the selectmen have asked the proponents to consider deferring the beginning of the lease for a year, and to consider a shorter lease which could be extended as certain goals are met. How on earth can donors be expected to cough up unless it is clear that there is a firm commitment from the town for a long-term lease, and not subject to termination because fund-raising lags predictions, or permitting has created delay, or some other trip wire in the lease triggered? There has to be a flexible, cooperative (rather than punitive) spirit for such an ambitious plan to succeed by the efforts of volunteers.

Parking should be a non-issue, because the lot is essentially unused except on summer weekends when the Lab will not be open. Whether the Lab is there or not, the evidence is that even on summer weekends, the lot is seldom if ever fully utilized. But undoubtedly parking will continue to be the favorite argument of those who oppose the Lab, whatever the real reason for opposition.

Obviously, only Cohasset donors will respond unless the Lab is billed as regional, else there is no hope of attracting money from foundations, corporations and others beyond Cohasset. Yet the realities of transportation would make Cohasset residents the primary beneficiaries. So it's pretty inane to oppose the project, or oppose the lease of Cohasset town property for the project, on the grounds that it's regional.

Either the voters of Cohasset want the Lab, or they don't. If they want it, they must recognize that every competing quibble cannot be honored, every question or concern cannot be resolved at the outset, and reliance must be placed on the integrity, competence and worldly experience of the proponents to do the best they can.

R. M. Campbell
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Landfill odor a possibility

To the Editor:

On Sept. 11, Cohasset Heights Ltd. (CHL) landfill filed its application with the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for its proposed 16-foot vertical expansion, which included its plans to passively vent landfill gas into the air, starting Jan. 1.

Based on air dispersion modeling conducted by CHL, the DEP has concluded that this passive venting of landfill gases — with no treatment — could cause "odor nuisance conditions." Cohasset residents and visitors to Whitney Woods will again experience that noxious odor from CHL that makes it hard to breathe, can make one sick, and creates a nuisance.

Landfill gas is composed about 50 percent with explosive methane, which presently is migrating in high concentrations underground toward the adjacent Norfolk Conveyor property. If this methane gets into a building, just one spark could blow it up.

While CHL does have to vent the gas, to reduce this underground migration of gas, they should be required to actively collect the gas and to filter it to take out the contaminants which cause the noxious landfill odor.

I urge your readers to send comments to Gov. Cellucci (Statehouse, Boston, MA 02133, fax: 727-9725) or call his office at 727-6250. Ask him to stop CHL's plan to vent untreated landfill gas into the air we breathe.

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'Thank you Dr. Sceery'

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feet proclaimed "Thank you, Dr. Sceery, for the 44 years of TLC." Sceery could be found inside mingling with the multitude, many of whom were his patients as children, others were parents who brought their own children to see Dr. Sceery as patients and some were both. The event was organized by mother and daughter, Joanne Hart and Charlene Riley, long-time neighbors of the doctor, and also acted as a place where residents of Cohasset were able to get together and reminisce about the nearly half century since Sceery opened his doors here in town.

Marion Hailer, Barbara Chase, Joan Graham and Joan McDonald, all of whom were some of the first of thousands of mothers to bring their children to Sceery, and over the years have become personal friends with him, as well as with each other, said, that all their children loved him, for he made them feel at ease. They continued to say that he paid all of his attention to the children to the extent of almost disregarding the parents. He would take early morning phone calls as well as make house calls at any time of the day or night and if his patient was extremely ill, he would drive, with the mother and child in the back seat, to Mass. General Hospital where, due to his affiliation with it, he was able to ensure the very best treatment available.

In the summer of 1953, Sceery moved to Cohasset to begin a pediatrics practice after graduating from Harvard's Medical School and completing his training at Mass. General Hospital.

"It was July Fourth," Sceery recounted, "that I had my first patient. It was a little baby with a high fever. My diagnosis was Roseola and I told the parents that their child would get a rash in three days and that's exactly what happened."

Since then Sceery has watched the town double in size. He has held the position of Cohasset's school doctor since 1956 and has been instrumental in helping causes such as the proposed construction of the new elementary school, putting in the town sewer system, and the enactment of zoning laws. Sceery was awarded the Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year in 1995 due to the high esteem and regard so many in the town hold for him.

John Field, 45, who now lives in Douglas, Mass., about an hour and a half away, said that he wouldn't miss wishing the doctor a happy retirement for the world. He has known Sceery since he was a boy of 7 or 8 when he was one of his patients. Field said that over the years he has looked to Sceery for medical support and he has always been there.

"I broke my back 14 or 15 years ago and Dr. Sceery got me admitted to Mass. General where I was able to make a full recovery. When I was a kid I never dreaded going to the doctor. He is very trusting," he said.

Also in attendance was Mark Cigrino who at age 7 was diagnosed with polio by Sceery for the second time.

"The other doctors thought it was impossible because I had been given the vaccine," Cifrino recalled, "but it turns out that Dr. Sceery was right after all and because of the early detection and proper treatment I was able to walk it off over the years."

When asked if he has any plans for his retirement Sceery, who is now 77, replied, "Not really, for now I will remain as Cohasset's school doctor, but besides that I'm going to try and relax a little."

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For more information, please RSVP at 383-6100, ask for Jack Buckley; or let your son or daughter know as soon as possible. They would like to make arrangements for your enjoyment of a wonderful night of hanging by a thread.

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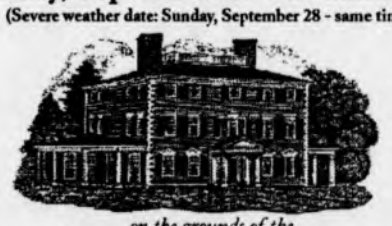
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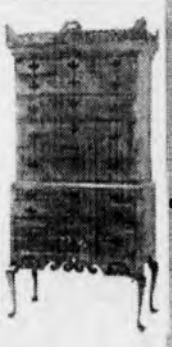


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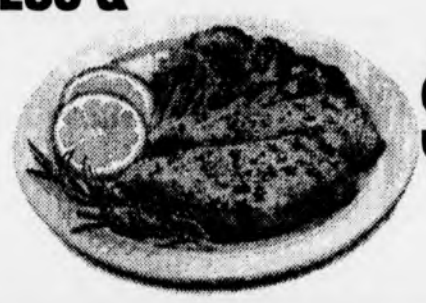
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Local bridge jumping can be a dangerous sport

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Herbert Towle is worried about he has termed a "dangerous, new sport" in Cohasset: jumping off the Cunningham Bridge. Towle is worried about young people who jump off the Cunningham Bridge into the shallow waters below.

In a letter to selectmen, Towle admitted that many Cohasset residents, himself included, have jumped off the Mill Bridge. But the water beneath the Mill Bridge is deep enough for a high jump.

Towle is worried that someone is going to get killed jumping off the Cunningham Bridge, and has suggested a $100 fine to discourage jumpers.

But Cohasset already has a law that allows police to assess a $25 fine for anyone caught jumping off a bridge into the water, according to Police Chief Brian Noonan.

Noonan said he remembers at least two people have died at the Cunningham Bridge in the past. One jumped and one drowned, Noonan said.

Noonan said he is aware of jumping at both bridges, and he is not shy about imposing the fine. Except the fine is not an effective deterrent, Noonan said.

So he has used a more effective strategy: the parking ticket.

"We try to head off jumping as much as possible," Noonan said.

> ***"We try to head off jumping as much as possible. We tag all the vehicles with parking tickets, which deters jumpers from parking."***
> — POLICE CHIEF BRIAN NOONAN.

"We tag all the vehicles with parking tickets, which deters jumpers from parking."

Noonan said people also tend to come running when they find out there's an officer handing out parking tickets.

Noonan said it is difficult for a 17-man police force to cover the town 24-hours a day and still keep an eye out for bridge jumpers.

"We try to curtail with summer postings, but it's difficult," Noonan said. "There are hundreds of them that come throughout the summer and we're constantly shooing them away."

The Cohasset force increase by two officers to 19 men during the summer.

Noonan admitted that more people use the Mill Bridge because the water is 20-30 feet and jumping is less risky than at the Cunningham Bridge.

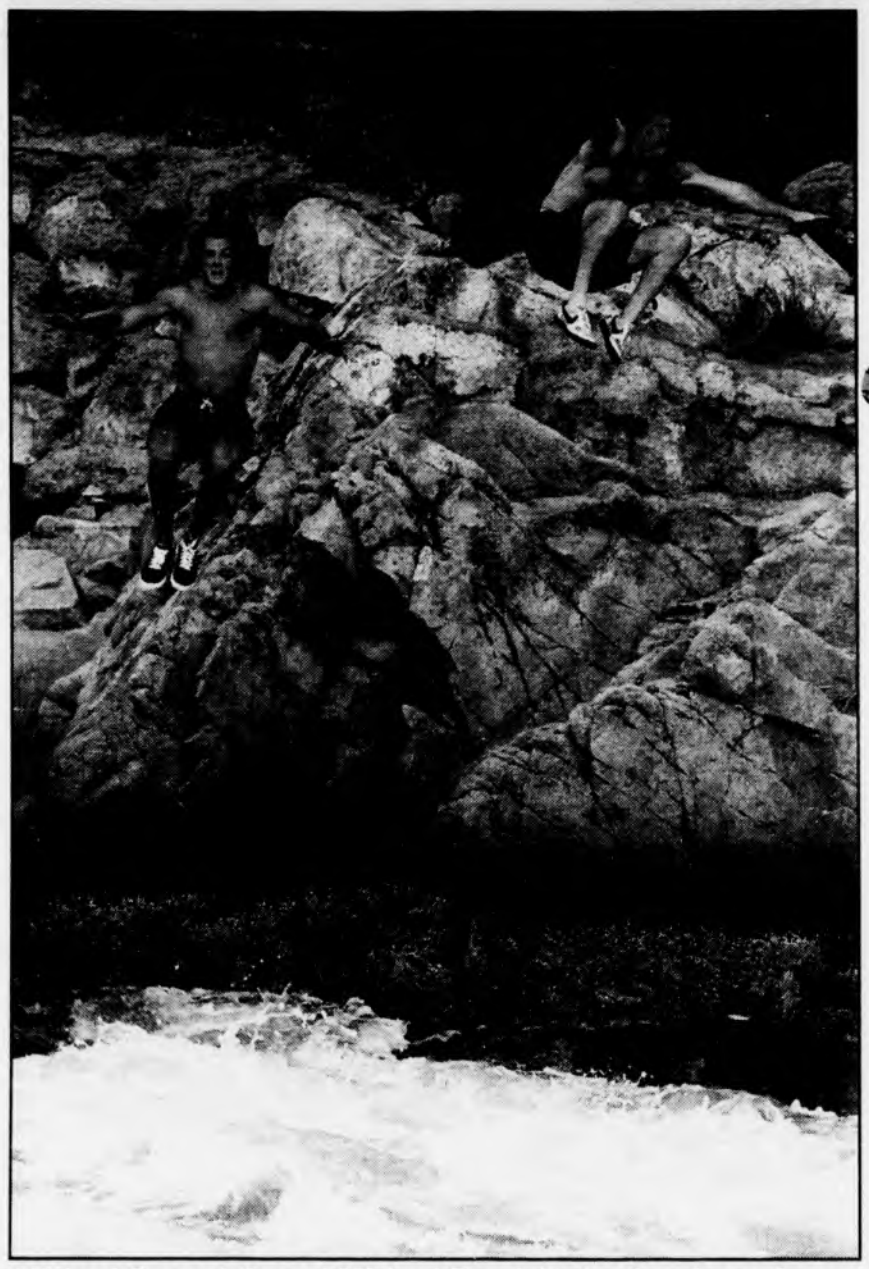
"The Cunningham Bridge is extremely dangerous," Noonan said. "The water is shallow and there are other problems like rip tides and a strong undertow."

Noonan said many of the jumpers are kids from out of town seeking a thrill.

"Word gets out and we get people from Easton, Brockton, Bridgewater, Holbrook," Noonan said. "They tend to be obnoxious too. They swear at cars, or drop their pants and 'moon' drivers."

Noonan said another problem is what he termed the "stupid factor." Many middle-aged Cohasset men agreed at their high school graduation to meet in 20 years and jump off one of the bridges.

"We just do the best we can to deter jumping," Noonan said.



Michael Coner, left, and Michael Rossini take the plunge from the Mill bridge on Border Street into the Gulf River.

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SPORTS

COHASSET MARINER

injuries have hampered Lady Skippers

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

You could forgive girls soccer coach Maureen O'Day-Clark if she's more comfortable carrying around a medical dictionary than a scorebook this season.

Currently on their third goaltender this year, the team has now accumulated almost as many injuries this year (6) as losses (7) after dropping a tough 1-0 decision to Rockland on Tuesday afternoon.

But through each twisted ankle, sprained knee or any other mangled appendage that has happened so far in this winless season, O'Day-Clark said the heart and spirit of the team are still in perfect condition.

"No matter the score has been, the girls have been out there supporting one another and giving it their best effort," said O'Day-Clark. "You cannot fault our effort in these games. We're working so hard that something good has got to happen in due time."

The Rockland game was a case in point. An up-and-down affair throughout most of the game, the homestanding Bulldogs were finally able to get onto the scoreboard when Cara Folino tipped in a crossing pass by freshman goaltender Sarah Kidder early in the second half.

By the end of the contest, the valiant Lady Skippers team gave it their best shot to tie the game but just ran out of gas.

"That's been the story of the year. We play of good first half but by the end of the game we're just tired," explained O'Day-Clark.

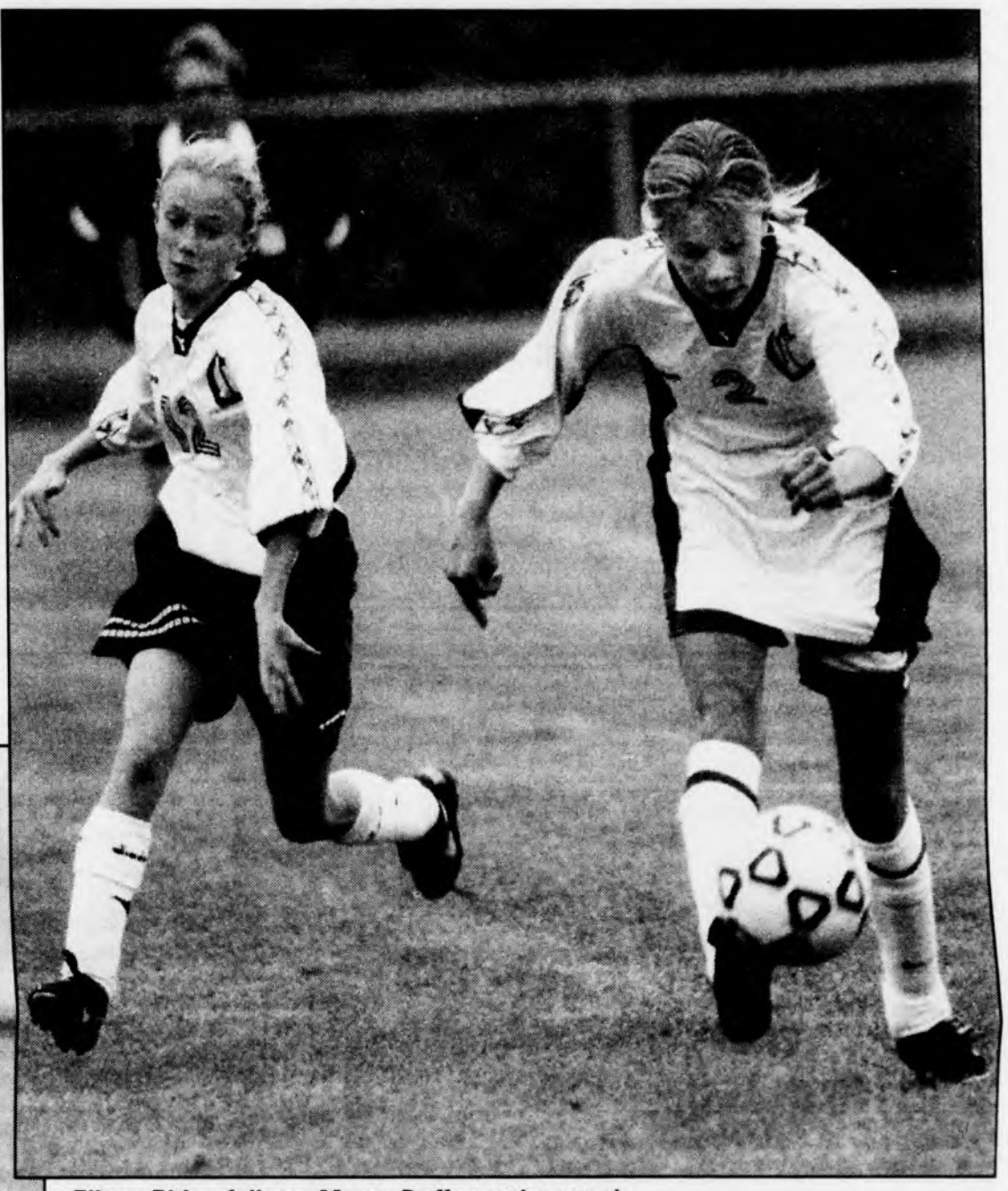
With all the injuries, the team has a right to be in need of a breather. The manpower loss has left the team at times with only one or two extra players for most of the year.

"The Rockland game was really our first that I've have a selection of players to choose from," said the coach. "It was exciting. I almost didn't know what to do."



Clara Sceery controls the ball away from a Norton defender.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman



Eileen Ridge follows Maura Duffy on the attack.

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Besides the injuries, the team has also had to deal with being a young team in transition. Co-captain defenders Ali Kinchla and Hannah Bregan, who are both just back from injuries, are the only senior members on a team dominated by underclassmen.

"Playing young on the varsity level is a great experience, but it's a definite learning experience. Right now we are taking our lumps, but we are going to learn from it," said O'Day Clark.

Also seeing time on the varsity level this season are goalies Alex DeRosa and Alex D'Urso, along with defender Maura Duffy, forward Caitlin O'Neil, midfielder/forward Katie Brister, defender Jessie Zerendow, defender Jenny Chastain, defender Alyssa McNamara, midfielder Zoe Davis, midfielder Jacqueline Kahn, forward/midfielder Eileen Ridge, defender Alyssa Conely, forward Sarah Motley, midfielder/defender Caitlin Stansell, forward midfielder Susan Thompson and defender Clara Sceery.

EXTRA POINTS DAVID WOLCOTT

Why don't these people just get it?

As our beloved New England Patriots prepared for the dastardly Jets over the weekend, there seemed to be something missing. A special little something that's not been there all through this first session of Camp Carroll.

It wasn't a fear and loathing of the man running the show. Although Pete Carroll is as likely to hug a player as Bill Parcells would question some rookie's manhood or talk disparagingly about their mother, it wasn't that.

What was missing this year was something from the daily press chats that Parcells would have with members of the Boston media.

Almost daily, the sports reports would beam home pictures of the Patriot beat writers scratching their heads as The Big Tuna would tell them in the vaguest of terms that one player "gets it," while another player "doesn't get it", which would often be followed by a comment likening the player to a golf ball lost in the high grass.

To whit-: back a few years ago Marion Butts never seemed to get it and was on the first train to Palookaville quicker than a hiccup. One the other hand, Sam Gash seemed to get it so much that Parcells stopped just short of adopting the popular young fullback.

Since Parcells never really defined what makes the difference between a player getting it or not getting it before beating a hasty retreat to the swamplands of New Jersey (don't be fooled by their exhibition season, those four Jets draft picks going to look good in coming years), I will endeavor to answer this burning question.

Curtis Martin gets it, no doubt about it and no questions asked. The stories of his visits to local hospitals are too numerous to mention. He's young, set for life financially, but still is humble to a fault, signs autographs by the bucket, draws strength from his faith and has recently been seen more than once on the arm of sultry diva Toni Braxton.

My good friends, that is a life to behold.

During his rookie year, Martin once showed up unannounced at the Charlie Horse in West Bridgewater because a young fan had mailed him an invitation to attend his birthday party at that establishment. That says it all.

Minnesota Timberwolves man/child Kevin Garnett doesn't really get it at this point of his young life. Garnett recently turned down, with disdain none the less, a six-year $103.5 million contract extension from the team.

Stop and say this with me folks: $103.5 million over a six-year period.

I'd like digress from this column for only a second. If anyone can get a message to the Timberwolf front office, please tell

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them I'll take over Garnett's power forward spot for the .5 part of the deal. I'm may be only six-feet tall and not in the best of playing shape, but I'm more than willing to cheat like a son of a gun to make up for my lack of talent. If my hero Greg Kite could hang on in the NBA for a decade I must have a year or two in me.

On the other side of the ledger, Garnett's Timberwolf colleague Billy Curley gets it. At his youth basketball camp last month, Duxbury's favorite Timberwolf took as much time teaching players about being teammates, respecting the opposition and working together as he did with the lay-up drills. Who says you can't pick up life skills from sports?

On the other hand, Wil Cordero, Barry Switzer, Allen Iverson and Tony Phillips don't seem to get it. So much money, so much power, so few brain cells in actual use.

San Diego Padres powerhouse outfielder Tony Gwynn gets it, in spades. Anyone who saw the guided tour he gave of the Baseball Hall of Fame on "This Week in Baseball" over a recent weekend could actually see the emotion fill inside him as he talked about the accomplishments of legends such as Satchel Paige and Ted Williams and how they have helped shape the game he loves so much.

He gets it. And now I hope you get it, too.

This week at a glance

Sept. 25

Varsity field hockey at East Bridgewater 3:30 p.m.
JV field hockey at East Bridgewater 4:30 p.m.
Varsity boys soccer at Hanover 3:30 p.m.
Varsity girls soccer vs Hanover 3:30 p.m.
JV boys soccer at Hanover 3:30 p.m.
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Sept. 26

Varsity football at Abington 7 p.m.

Sept. 29

Varsity field hockey vs Hull 3:30 p.m.
JV field hockey vs Hull 4:30
Varsity boys soccer vs Hull 7 p.m.
Varsity girls soccer vs Hull 5:15 p.m.
JV boys soccer at Hull 3:30 p.m.
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Oct. 1

Varsity field hockey at Scituate 3:30 p.m.
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Varsity boys soccer vs Norton 3:30 p.m.
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Johnston a silver medalist at Eastern States National Horse Show

Sydney H. Johnston of Cohasset was the silver medalist at the Eastern States National Horse Show this past weekend and qualified as a national finalist for the Alfred B. Maclay Trophy in the Rolex-Maclay ASPCA Horsemanship Championship to be held at the 114th National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden in New York City this November.

In what is considered to be one of the most competitive annual horse shows in the Northeast, Johnston outperformed 42 other highly skilled equitation riders and was named the silver medalist and Reserved Champion of the Eastern States National Horse Show in Springfield.

Her silver medal automatically qualified her for this country's most prestigious horse show event, the 1997 Rolex-Maclay ASPCA Horsemanship Championship in New York City (Oct. 29 to Nov. 1).

Johnston, a senior at Milton Academy, was also named "Junior Rider Champion" of the Eastern States Horse Show, which is awarded to the rider that ranks the highest in overall scoring at this event. Sydney has also been invited to ride for the Young Riders of the United States Equestrian Team (USET) in Monterey, Mexico, next year to compete with riders from Central and South America.

Kathy Fletcher is Sydney's trainer and is owner of Grazing Fields Farm in Bourne.

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The Seahawks youth hockey program invites all boys and girls, ages 5 to 9 to join our beginners instructional program. Requirements are a desire to have fun while playing, a hockey helmet with cage or shield, hockey gloves or waterproof winter gloves. Any skaters with full hockey equipment interested in playing hockey are welcome.

The 1997-98 season will start on Sept. 13 and will run through March. Weekly lessons will be held on Saturday nights from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Hobomock Arena (Rink 2) in Pembroke. Telephone 294-0260 for information.

Directions: Take Rte. 53 to Rte. 14, follow Rte. 14 to Pembroke center, take Rte. 36 for 3/4 of a mile to Hobomock Rink on the left.

Registration will commence at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 13. There will be a one-time registration fee of $12. This year's learn to skate will cost $40 per eight-week session. Registered skaters will receive a decal at the registration table to be placed on the child's helmet above the name tag. Only those skaters with decals will be allowed to skate. Due to the growing popularity of this program and the long lines, we are asking all parents to please arrive early on Sept. 13. The registration table will be located in the lobby of Rink 1.

After registration, all skaters must dress in the locker rooms assigned to the learn to skate program.

No dressing will be allowed in the aisle.

Fall outdoor programs offered

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept mail-in registrations for Fall Recreation Programs for children aged four and five, and grades K-3. Programs are scheduled to commence during the week of Sept. 22 continuing for six weeks through Oct. 31. (Monday group ends Nov. 3 due to Columbus Day).

Monday, Grades K-3, Soccer Skills and Games, Osgood Field, 2:50 to 5 p.m. No class on Monday, Oct. 13, but will meet for final class on Monday, Nov. 3.

Tuesday, Ages four and five, Soccer Skills and Games, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Grades K-3, Arts and Crafts, Osgood, 2:50 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Ages four and five, Games and Sports, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Friday, Grades 1-3, Flag Football, Osgood Field, 2:50 to 5 p.m.

Each program meets for two hours weekly for a six-week period. Some programs will have to be postponed should inclement weather dictate and you may call the recreation office at 383-6791, after 1 p.m., if you are in doubt of program status. Osgood children will be advised and sent home should the program not meet.

Children may bring snacks/drinks to programs and all children must be picked up either prior to, or promptly at the concluding program times. Children may stay after school to participate once parental permission is given on the registration form.

Please complete the registration form, calculate the appropriate fee and make the check payable to: Town of Cohasset. Checks and forms may be either dropped off at the recreation office or mailed to: Cohasset Recreation Department, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025, prior to Sept. 18. Most programs depend upon weather. We will make every reasonable effort to make up days lost to poor weather. Fee Schedules: Child(ren) in one six-week program: One child, $25; second child, $22. Child(ren) in two six-week programs: One child, $40; second child, $20; third child, free.



GOING PLACES

with Linda Tomasi and Nancy Comperchio



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We would like to deviate from our regular travel information article this week and let you know how we feel about the service we provide to the travelling public. By the reference to "we," we are referring to most Travel Agencies.

Once again, we are being targeted by the airlines. In 1995, most airlines put a cap on the amount of commission we could receive. Now, United, American and Delta have slashed our commission to 8%, an attempt, it seems, to make more huge profits and put the local Travel Agent out of business.

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In Toronto, the play is the thing to see

By George Hobica
CNC Travel Correspondent

Here's a little-known fact: Toronto, Ontario is the third-largest theater center in the English-speaking world, after New York and London.

It wasn't always thus. In 1962, there were only two professional live theaters in Toronto. Today, over 200 professional theater and dance companies, including non-profit and commercial ones, put on a staggering 10,000 live performances in a year. That translates, on average, to about 75 productions playing each month, appealing to a wide range of tastes and budgets: musicals, dramas, comedy, children's theater, dinner theater, native theater, avant-garde theater, and other genres.

More than seven million people attend theater in Toronto every year, half of whom are visitors to the city. No wonder that in 1993 UNESCO cited Toronto as the most culturally diverse city in the world. Best of all, you'll pay far less here than you would in New York or London. Average ticket prices range from $8 to $40 (those are Canadian dollars, so deduct 25%), with most selling for around $20. Dinner theatres range from $30 to $75, and blockbuster musicals range from $38 to over $90. With savings like those, you can pretty much pay for your airfare from Boston.

In addition, theater festivals, which showcase new works and rising talents, have become an important part of the Toronto theater mix. The exciting two-week Fringe of Toronto Festival highlights alternative theatre from across North America, and fFIDA (fringe Festival of Independent Dance Artists) showcases over 300 dance artists from around the world every summer. SummerWorks is dedicated to orginal works by Toronto artists, and the prestigious du Maurier World Stage Festival showcases new international works biennially.

For more information about Toronto and to order theater tickets, call 1-800-363-1990 or the number listed in the following sampling of what's on:

Toronto Theater Guide

Romeo and Juliet
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Equus
Runs until Nov. 9; Avon Theatre, Stratford Festival, Stratford, ON, 519-273-1600

I Love You, You're Perfect,
Now Change
Runs until Dec. 31; (a musical comedy about relationships); New Yorker Theatre, 416-348-0696.

Little Women
Runs until Nov. 8; Avon Theatre, Stratford, ON, 519-273-1000 or 1-800-567-1600

Showboat
Opening Nov. 22; Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, 416-872-2222.

Rent
Opening Nov. 25; (New York as seen through the eyes of some tough East Villagers); Royal Alexandra Theatre, 416-872-1212 or 1-800-461-3333.

Enjoy an Argicultural fair at Old Sturbridge Village



Photo courtesy of Thomas Neill/Old Sturbridge Village

Twenty years before New England farming peaked in the 1850s, neighbors celebrated the farmers' craft at cattle shows and fairs. Old Sturbridge Village will re-create an early 19th-Century Agricultural Fair on September 27 and 28.

At Old Sturbridge Village, the living history museum that portrays 1830s rural New England, two very different farms – the Freeman Farm and the Towne Farm – show some of these changes.

Livestock and produce from both farms will be on display during the Village's Agricultural Fair. The Village Common will be covered with pens for handsome and promising young heifers, bulls and sheep and boards will span the pews in the meetinghouse to display examples of the Village's finest crafts.

The galleries will be hung with quilts and rugs and dozens of the Village's finest heirloom vegetables and fruits will be on display. Cider making will take place in Towne's horse-powered mill, with apples from the Village's orchards crushed on Saturday and pressed into juice on Sunday.

On Sunday at 11 a.m., a "Trial of Working Oxen" will take place.

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, there will be a Plowing Match.

On both days, visitors can witness hearth cooking and milking cows or tour the Freeman Farm's root cellar for a glimpse into one of the ways foods were preserved 150 years ago.

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Fall family outings: Apple-picking, hayrides, a pumpkin festival and more



Four-year-old Jessica Fisk, has learned that searching for the perfect jack-o-lantern can be a hard task
Photo by Karen Fioretti

By Stephanie Maughan
CNC Travel Correspondent

Picking apples and pumpkins at a local farm is a terrific way to spend a fall weekend day with your children.

Thousands from as far away as Portland, Maine, bring their kids to Cider Hill Farm at 45 Fern Ave. in Amesbury to do just that from Labor Day until just after Thanksgiving.

When Ed Cook, a former engineer, and his wife, Eleanor, bought this 130-acre farm in 1978, they envisioned it as a small-scale retirement project. Their son Glenn and daughter-in-law Karen had much bigger ideas.

Together, they have developed an operation based on sustainable agriculture which includes fields where you can pick fruit all summer, a bakery, a cider mill and a farm store.

Cider Hill, which has been featured on the PBS show "Victory Garden," is best known for its apples and cider. The Cooks grow 45 varieties, including Macintosh, Cortland and Mutsu, a green apple from Japan.

Along with the fun of picking their own apples, many also enjoy the free hayride to the orchard. Afterwards, children can play in the miniature barn area with sheep and loads of hay. They also enjoy playing on the "farm swings," made from recycled tires shaped like animals.

Some of the Cooks' apples are harvested and pressed into cider at the mill. That cider has received quite a few awards. In 1993, they won their first statewide Cider Taste-Off, sponsored by the Cider Guild of Massachusetts and the Department of Food and Agriculture, and they've won it several years since.

Cider Hill has also earned a reputation for other products. It's often called the "peach farm" because you can pick peaches and buy peach pies and muffins made in the bakery; the Cooks are working on peach preserves.

They also grow vegetables and sweet corn, blueberries strawberries and raspberries. Perhaps their most unusual crop is honey from their own beehives; they even have one in the store.

The store also sells apple butter, strawberry jam, home-grown dried flower bouquets and specialty foods such as cinnamon plum tea jam. For more information about Cider Hill Farm, call (508) 388-5525.

Smolak Farms, another large farm at 315 South Bradford St. in North Andover, is open from May through December.

Mike Smolak has been running this 160-acre farm since 1974, complete with farm animals, a greenhouse, bakery and store.

You can start your visit by picking your own crops. Like the Cooks, Smolak grows apples, pumpkins, peaches and strawberries, but he also has nectarines, plums and sour cherries.

Back at the farm stand, your children can feed Smolak's farm animals – pigs, billy goats and sheep – which are in small pens nearby. Afterwards, they can play in the adjacent playground. Just beyond it, the fallow deer are another big attraction.

For lunch, the farm store sells hot dogs, homemade calzones and pizza. You can also buy homemade cider donuts and baked goods prepared from the farm's crops, including apple pie and apple crisp. While there, you might want to show your children the beehive. Afterwards, you can enjoy picnicking by the pond across from the farm stand while watching the swans.

After lunch, you might want to visit Smolak's recently opened "quaking" bog across the road from the main farm. A former cranberry bog, now you'll also see azaleas, wild blueberries and even carnivorous pitcher plants. As you walk the boardwalk, you can actually bounce on it; the rotting vegetation underneath acts like a sponge.

The covered wagon hayrides are very popular. From May through November, many families take group hayrides. You'll ride through the farm, stopping by a bonfire to enjoy cider donuts and apple cider.

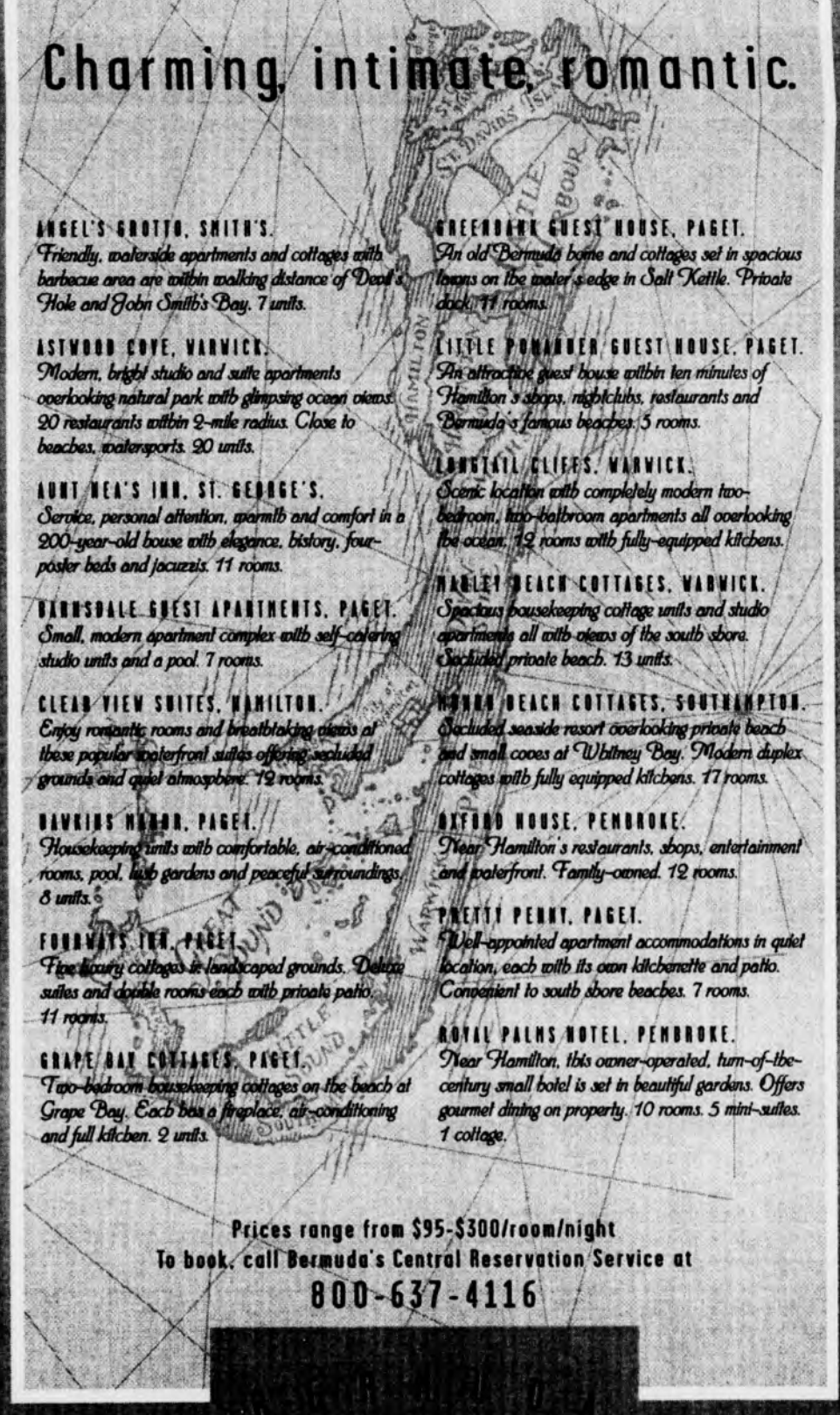
Weekends in September and October, Smolak is having covered wagon hayrides, pony rides and face painting. For lunch, there'll be fried chicken, meatball subs, hot dogs and hot apple crisp.

Smolak is famous for his weekend theme festivals, held almost monthly, which feature different aspects of his operation. On October 19, Great Pumpkin Day, you can carve a pumpkin, take a hayride and eat pumpkin pie.

At the Christmas Open House held over Thanksgiving weekend, you can choose a Christmas tree or, if you are more ambitious, cut your own, and buy decorations, including gingerbread houses, at the store. While shopping, enjoy cider and cider donuts. Your children will probably want to see Santa Claus and take a ride on a pony dressed as a reindeer. For more information about Smolak Farms, call (508) 687-4029.

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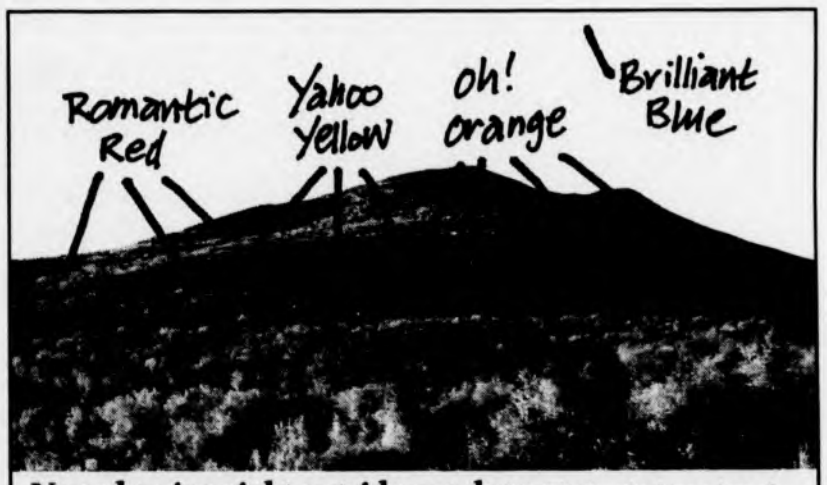
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Investing: Setting a steady course

By Amy K. Barrett
& Andrew Peinberg
Worth Magazine

Jane, a 50-year-old single woman from South Carolina, became seduced by the success of the stock market. At the beginning of this year she became convinced that she needed to increase the equity allocation in her $600,000 investment portfolio to 75 percent, from 60 percent (a safe move, it would seem, as the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, which measures the broad market, has gained 100.3 percent since the end of 1994 – 24.2



percent of that gain in this year).

But her financial planner, Cheryl Holland, of J. E. Wilson Advisors in Columbia, South Carolina, objected – not because she thought that a 75 percent allocation was unreasonable, or even that the stock market would plunge soon.

Holland simply referred to the statement of investment principles that Jane had filled out when she opened her account. And the statement showed that a greater equity allocation would be too risky for Jane's financial goals.

"I thought that if her equity exposure got that high and we had a really bad quarter or two, then my client would get out of stocks all together," says Holland. Because there is always a chance that the stock market could suffer a major downturn investors may have forgotten this as the market has climbed to record highs over the last three years.

Jane is not the only investor who has let a soaring stock market or the gangbuster success of an individual company tempt her into making a risky investment decision – one that she wouldn't feel comfortable with if she gained a more detached, rational perspective.

More than a few anxious investors simply take investment cues from the morning newspaper, or anything that promises a 20 percent return, says Eleanor Blayney, a financial planner with Sullivan, Blayney Bruyette, & Blayney in McLean, Virginia. "People who lack plans usually have a very short-term focus."

Taking the time to create an investment policy, or a statement of investment principle, can help investors like Jane stay focused on their investment goals, despite sharp changes in market climate. Holland has all of her clients set investing guidelines that they can feel comfortable with for a period of time.

However, if you assume that an investment policy can predict the performance of the stock, bond, real estate or any other markets – scratch that. Similar to a mutual fund's prospectus, a policy's purpose is simply to keep the financial mission on target.

Hence the first rule in creating an investment policy: Investor, know thyself. Whether an investor draws up a policy alone or with the help of a financial planner, the first thing that she needs to articulate is her big-picture financial goals, her feelings about risk and her expectations of financial gains.

For instance, when Jane sat down with Holland to describe her attitude toward risk, she stated that her threshold was a 12 percent loss on her investment. And that assessment led to Holland's suggestion that she allocate 60 percent of her funds into stocks and the remaining 40 percent into bonds.

By putting more than the designated amount into equities, Jane would have increased her vulnerability to loss as well as her exposure to gain.

Graduating to a 75 percent equity holding, with the balance in bonds, would leave her exposed to a potential loss of 19 percent, Holland says. After re-reading her own description of her attitude toward risk, Jane realized she didn't want to increase her equity holdings.

Investors should review their portfolios periodically to determine whether the investments are still worth holding onto. This will be particularly helpful when one or more of the equities are not performing well.

The best investment policies require you to examine the purpose of each investment within your overall plan, forcing you to articulate the reasoning behind your investment choices. For example if you invest in a fund that tracks the S&P 500 index, you should determine what makes you choose that fund over others with a similar focus. It could be simply that your choice of fund has a lower expense ratio or has been around longer.

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You can go down your check list of the reasons you bought the investments in the first place; if your reasons are still sound, keep them and endure the bumpy ride. The investment policy will serve as a brake on any rash decisions triggered by anxiety.

And regular check-ups are necessary for keeping your portfolio balanced as well. One of your asset allocations may have grown out of proportion, requiring you to sell some of it and invest it in the laggard allocation in order to re-balance the portfolio.

While most financial advisors will do a good job of translating your risk tolerance and your financial goals into an appropriate portfolio, investors who can't afford one can use other resources to construct their portfolio.

Some money management firms have printed material or software programs that give investors a chance to plug in variables like age, assets, desired financial goal, etc.

Using past performance of stocks, bonds and cash, an investor can determine which asset blend might fit best with her financial profile.

The Vanguard Group, for example, offers an investment planner kit at no charge and a more sophisticated software program called "Retirement Planner, Retirement Manager" for $15.

Holland recommends a product called Roger Gibson's Asset Allocation, which costs about $50, and has more in-depth and sophisticated advice. "You have to spend some time with it, you can't breeze through it," she says.

The most important part of the process is making a well-suited plan and then sticking to it. Don't forget to review it every so often to make sure it is still aligned with your goals.

Time can alter your investment objectives: A policy that works when you are 30 years old might not be the one you want at 40.



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Inmates paint town hall

Thanks to the Braintree Alternative Center, the inside of town hall is getting a new look.

The vestibule in the auditorium, restrooms and meeting rooms in town hall are being painted for the cost of materials and lunch, Building Inspector Robert Egan said.

"They gave us three weeks and we'll go as far as we can in those three weeks," he said.

Over the years, the Braintree Alternative Center has reshingled the roof at the John Smith Pavilion in the harbor and helped at the Lightkeepers residence, among other projects.

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And it provides inmates at the Center with community service, explained project supervisor Bill Chaisson.

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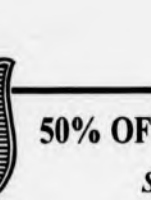
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October flu clinics slated

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There will be two flu clinics for seniors: Tuesday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to noon at Second Congregational Church and Friday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to noon at Harborview Senior Housing.

Community flu clinics for all Cohasset residents: Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall; Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall; Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Note: Please try to wear a short-sleeved shirt.

La Leche league to meet

The Tri-Town La Leche League will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at 453 Tilden Road, Scituate. The topic will be "Birth and Breastfeeding." The league is a non-profit organization offering information and support about breastfeeding and parenting through informal meetings and phone help to all women. Free. For information, call 545-0815 or 545-5392.

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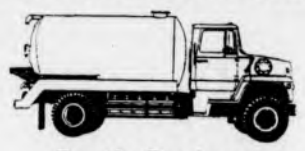
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POLICE LOG

Monday, Sept. 8

1:19 a.m., MV accident, CJC at Upper King St.

9:42 a.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

11:28 a.m., property (lost), CJC Hwy.

1:17 p.m., trespassing, Sohier St. Arrested: Small, Henry, 60 Elm St. 33, C[redacted]set. DOB: 9/9/37. Charges: Trespass on la[redacted]dwelling, etc.

1:28 p.m., investigation, Atlantic Ave.

4:17 p.m., larceny, Black Horse Ln.

6:12 p.m., medical aid, Studley Rd.

7:44 p.m., medical aid, Windy Hill Rd.

8:07 p.m., open door/window, Jerusalem Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

12:56 a.m., general services, Jerusalem Rd.

9:30 a.m., investigation, Howard Gleason Rd.

11:23 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.

12:30 p.m., suspicious person, Sohier St.

1:32 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

1:36 p.m., info, general, Norman Todd Rd.

3:45 p.m., general services, Elm St.

5:25 p.m., assist citizen, Elm St.

6:29 p.m., notification, Linden Dr.

6:43 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

7:13 p.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.

7:33 p.m., animal complaint, CJC Hwy.

7:39 p.m., disturbance gathering, Elm St.

7:56 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy. Arrested: Lohan, Maryanne, 405 Woodland Dr., Hanover. DOB: 1/5/62. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor, failure to keep right.

8:28 p.m., disturbance gathering, Sohier St.

9:06 p.m., noise complaint, Sohier St.

10:03 p.m., disturbance, Scofield Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

1:14 a.m., MV stop, King St.

1:36 a.m., MV stop, King St.

6:43 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

6:49 a.m., animal complaint, Holly Ln.

6:59 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:08 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.

9:17 a.m., property (found), Jerusalem Rd.

10:00 a.m., medical aid, Highland Ave.

10:41 a.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.

3:22 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

3:48 p.m., disturbance gathering, Brook St.

5:24 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

5:59 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.

7:41 p.m., MV stop, King St.

7:52 p.m., noise complaint, Flintlocke Ridge Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 11

1:23 a.m., assist other PD.

1:30 a.m., general services, HQ.

6:41 a.m., MV stop, Mill Ln.

7:40 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

12:08 p.m., officer wanted, Nichols Rd.

4:15 p.m., general services, Cedar St.

4:48 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.

5:12 p.m., medical aid, King St.

5:34 p.m., medical aid, Nichols Rd.

9:37 p.m., assist citizen, Ripley Rd.

10:25 p.m., medical aid, Westminster Rd.

Friday, Sept. 12

12:21 a.m, MV stop, CJC Hwy. Arrested: Muldoon, Michael J., 263 East St., Hingham. DOB: 9/17/73. Charges: Operating after license or right to op. suspended.

2:02 a.m., animal complaint, Old Pasture Rd.

5:59 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

6:12 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

6:32 a.m, MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:56 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Rd.

7:04 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:31 a.m., MV stop, Joy Pl.

12:31 p.m., (fire) hazardous materials spill, Mary Lou's News.

12:49 p.m., medical aid, Cushing Rd.

2:36 p.m., assist other agency, Little Harbor.

2:44 p.m., (fire) carbon monoxide incident, Windy Hill Rd.

2:56 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

5:55 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:13 p.m., disturbance general, Mohawk Way.

6:30 p.m., MV stop, King St.

7:47 p.m., officer wanted, Atlantic Ave.

8:00 p.m., info, general, Nichols Rd.

8:56 p.m., MV stop, Stop & Shop parking lot. Arrested: Gockel, Claudia M., 78 Elm St., Cohasset. DOB: 2/9/51. Charges: operate MV lic. suspended, 2nd or subsequent.

9:59 p.m., disturbance general, Pond St.

10:11 p.m., noise complaint, Stockbridge St.

10:22 p.m., disturbance gathering, Beechwood St.

10:31 p.m., assist motorist, King St.

11:13 p.m., noise complaint, Stockbridge St.

11:36 p.m., assist motorist, Elm St.

11:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., Arrested: Medeiros, Thomas W.. 6 Royal Dane Dr. 27, Marshfield. DOB: 10/14/48. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, marked lanes violation, operating after revocation of registration, operating an uninsured MV.

11:46 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Saturday, Sept. 13

12:10 a.m., noise complaint, Beechwood St.

12:55 a.m., MV stop, Stockbridge St.

1:05 a.m., noise complaint, Harbor area.

1:26 a.m., assist other PD, Pond St.

7:05 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.

7:39 a.m., disabled auto, S. Main St.

7:44 a.m., general services, Border St.

8:50 a.m., disturbance, Church St.

10:00 a.m., parking violation, Border St.

10:41 a.m., well being check, Ripley Rd. by Log 'n Line.

11:04 a.m., info, general, Beechwood St.

11:51 a.m., annoying phone calls, Ripley Rd.

1:10 p.m., assist motorist, N. Main St.

1:16 p.m, suspicious person, Sandy Beach.

3:57 p.m., general services, Border St.

4:11 p.m., MV violations, Jerusalem Rd.

4:46 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

5:23 p.m., disturbance general, Wompatuck St. Park.

5:37 p.m., property (found), Wompatuck St. Park.

8:01 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:17 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

9:02 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

9:12 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

9:24 p.m., MV stop, Stop & Shop parking lot.

9:31 p.m., disturbance gathering, Shaw's Plaza.

9:31 p.m., noise complaint, Common.

10:50 p.m., officer wanted, Dunkin Donuts.

10:50 p.m., MV stop, Tedeschi Plaza.

11:11 p.m., property (lost), Linden Dr.

Sunday, Sept. 14

10:22 a.m., investigation, Old Coach Rd.

10:29 a.m., assist citizen, Parker Ave.

2:12 p.m., assist motorist, Doane St.

2:47 p.m., disturbance, CJC Hwy.

3:24 p.m., MV violations, N. Main St.

6:16 p.m., MV accident, Kingsley Rd. by Kenberma St.

8:47 p.m., disturbance family, Gammons Rd.

11:41 p.m., noise complaint, S. Main St.

Youths flee from beer party

Police described a 16-year-old Cohasset boy as being verbally abusive to the arresting officer Friday night following a beer party in Whitney Woods.

Officer Jeffrey Treanor responded to a complaint about noise and discovered a campfire with about 30-to-40 youths who dispersed when he approached.

The officer apprehended one of the youths who was charged with minor transport/carrying alcohol and resisting arrest. The youth tried to pull away and became verbally abusive. The teenager had a backpack with five 12-ounce cans of beer, police said.

Police would not release the perpetrator's name because he is a juvenile.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said the incident is part of a disturbing trend of younger and younger kids with alcohol.

He said the next day a couple from Quincy were walking their dog in Whitney Woods and stopped to clean up the dozens of beer cans and other debris the youths left behind.

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Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists.If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting, Monday, Oct. 27, is Friday, Oct. 17. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office, but must be received or postmarked on or before C

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Residents can't wake up from septic nightmare

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

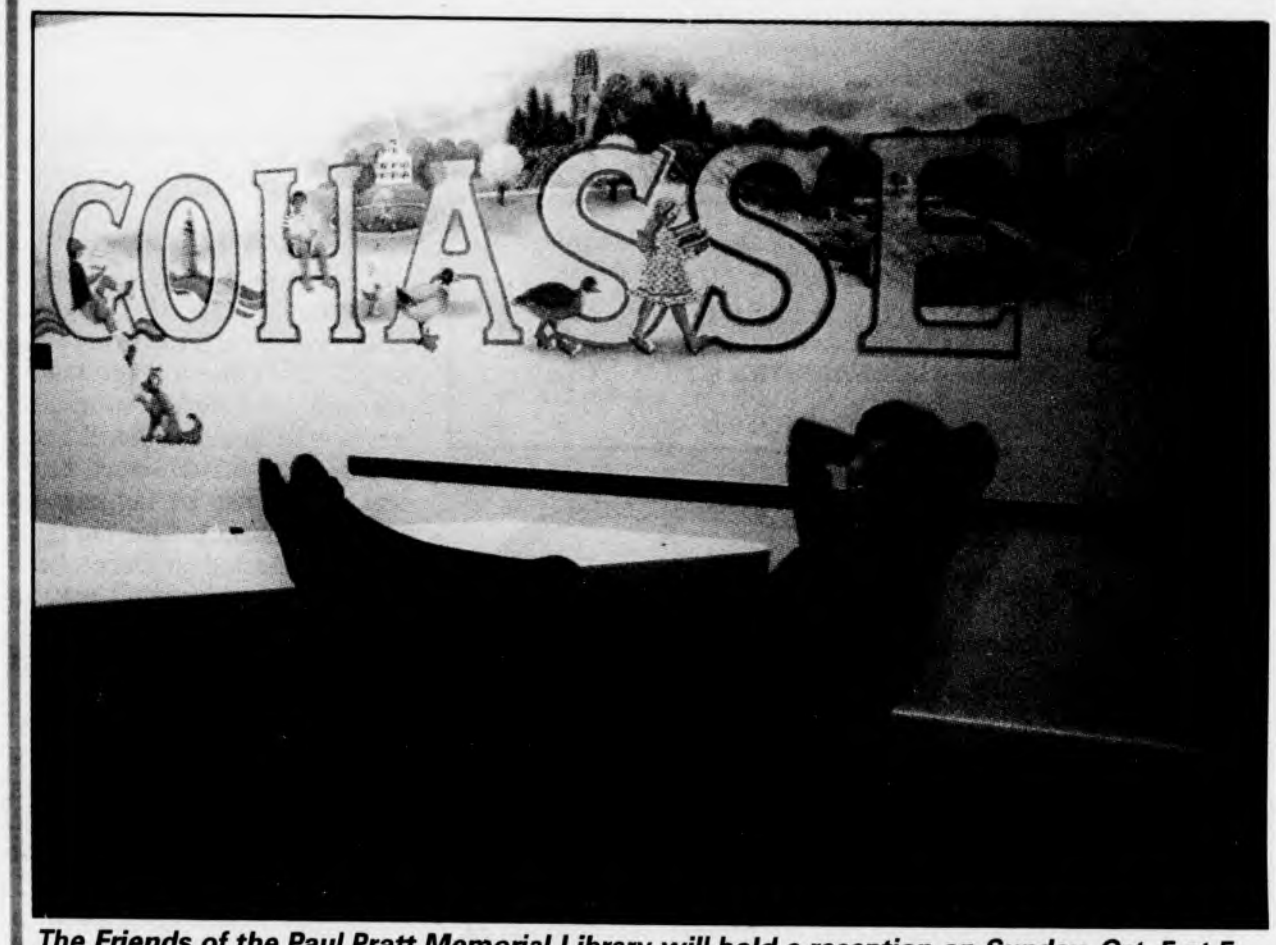
There doesn't appear to be an easy answer for eight homeowners in the Newtonville neighborhood off Atlantic Avenue.

The residents are caught in the proverbial "Catch-22" situation — in which Title V acts like a cudgel over their heads.

And at this point, not even a board of health state-of-emergency declaration that their neighborhood with its oozing septic systems to be a public health hazard will guarantee them the sewer hook up they so desperately need.

The residents want a guarantee that if they allow Title V septic system inspections and subsequently fail, the sewer line will be extended to their homes. Otherwise, they are refusing to permit the inspections because a failure will start the legal clock ticking. Once a system fails under Title V, the homeowner has

RESIDENTS PAGE 12



The Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library will hold a reception on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. at the library, 106 South Main St., for Rockland artist, Becky Haletky (shown here), who painted the magnificent new mural in the Children's Room at the library.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

New mural lights up library wall

By Margo Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

This is a story about a wall that used to be orange but isn't anymore..

Once upon a time, in 1975 to be exact, the wall in the Children's Room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library looked sort of nice with a spanking new orange graphic.

But times, tastes and color schemes changed. Jammed inside a red and blue room, the old orange wall started to look plain.

In fact, the old wall made the whole scene look like a bit of an Ugly Duckling story.

It was time to act, according to Chief Librarian Richard Hayes.

"The library trustees, the staff and friends all thought it was time to do something with that wall," Hayes said. "We'd grown tired of it."

So the group got busy and came up with some ideas for a new wall, connecting pictures of favorite books, true friends and familiar Cohasset places in a mural.

The mural can be previewed now in the Children's Room, but an official reception is set for 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon at the library. An exhibit of watercolors is also featured.

"It's a very Cohasset and library-oriented design," Hayes said, as he described the 18-foot long panorama, a gift paid for by the Friends of the Cohasset Library. The town's name is spelled out in big building block style letters, and artist Becky Haletky of Rockland also used the serifs and edges of the letters as the scaffolding to mount scenes of children and grown-ups reading beside hometown landmarks, such as

MURAL PAGE 12

Proponents float swim center plan

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

When Joseph McElroy speaks about a project — selectmen listen.

They know the man who founded the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation, which refurbished the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island, is on a roll.

Not even a painful back could keep McElroy away Monday from presenting an update on the proposed $1.2 million swimming pool project.

McElroy formed the now 30-strong Friends of the Cohasset Swim Center whose mission is to make swimming and fitness programs available year round to area residents.

He explained that he's put out "feelers" in the past few months to gauge community interest.

"The response has been extremely encouraging," McElroy said.

McElroy said he became interested in the project about a year ago when he was concerned at the disrespect a huge gang of local youngsters showed police last Halloween. As many as 100

SWIM CENTER PAGE 6

Family and friends pay tribute to Johanna Butler

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Family and friends gathered at St. Francis Cabrini Church Wednesday morning to remember and bid farewell to a dear friend.

Twenty-year-old Johanna Elizabeth Butler, a 1996 graduate of Scituate High School, died following an automobile accident at the intersection of Beechwood Street and Route 3A in Cohasset Saturday morning.

Family member Lynda Doody spoke fondly and tearfully of Johanna, whom she called "precious" and "an angel."

"In her short lifetime, she added a unique dimension to our family that most are not fortunate to have," she said. Doody remembered Johanna's love of life's simple pleasures — spending time with her three cats, eating ice cream sundaes with five toppings, taking walks, shopping and horse-back riding.

"She was a wonderful girl who touched a lot of lives."
—LINDA GAMBELL, TEACHER

Members of the community are also mourning the loss of Johanna, a sophomore at Massasoit Community College, who volunteered much of her time to the Scituate Animal Shelter and enjoyed theater and chorus.

A shy, gentle woman, Johanna was in her element caring for animals at the shelter, said director Joan McCafferty.

"The animals really got her out of her shell," she said. "She loved the animals."

Busy with many activities, including a job at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, Johanna dedicated three afternoons every week to the shelter. She often brought them treats and talked to them, McCafferty said.

"It's hard to find many kids like that who stick it out," she

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Traffic committee member sought

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Church seeks highway signs

The First Parish Church as written to selectmen seeking permission for two highway signs at Main Street at the town line and at Route 3A opposite Sohier Street. The signs, which would say "Unitarian Universalist" with a logo and the number of miles to the church, are 30 inches in diameter.

Interim valuation planned

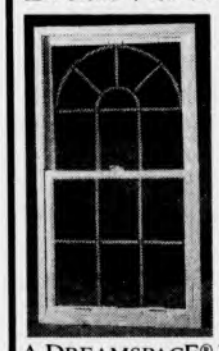
Assessors told selectmen this week they plan to do an interim valuation of properties in town. They are asking town meeting for $2,000 to hire a consultant to perform the interim valuation. Assessor/Appraiser Cheryl Pooler explained that assessed property values may be lagging behind the market. The changes will be reflected in December's tax bills. Tax abatements may be filed between Dec. 31 and Feb. 1.

At a cost of $2,000, assessors also plan to conduct an assessment of all town buildings for insurance purposes. James Lagrotteria of the board of assessors said the office does not have the staff to evaluate tax-exempt properties.

Another $1,200 is needed to provide a tape transfer to send the new values to the treasurer collector's office. The two offices are on separate computer systems.

The $5,000 total will come from overlay surplus, which is money put away for abatements and exemptions but not used.

Town meeting will also be asked to consider spending about $70,000 for a new state-of-the-art computer system for the assessors' and treasurers' offices. The assessors' new system will have the capability of storing photographs, sketches and maps.

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Junk license awarded

Selectmen agreed to grant Karin Gorman, owner of Reflections Antique and Craft Consignment at 808 Jerusalem Rd., a junk dealers' license.

The license was approved with the stipulation that Gorman's business meets all fire department regulations, that her outside display of merchandise meet the 15 feet setback and that she brings as much as possible in at night.

Selectman Diane Sullivan, who lives in the neighborhood, voted against granting the license.

Sullivan objected to the goods being left out over night. She said the items which are left out "tear down the value and appearance of West Corner."

Selectmen objected to Gorman placing items on the sidewalk.

Gorman aid she was being singled out and that many businesses in the village use the sidewalk for display.

Selectman Merle Brown said the village is a separate case because those businesses don't have any grassy area to display merchandise.

"You have a display area," he said. "I'm asking you to be polite to the whole situation and put the items on the grass not on the sidewalk where someone might trip."

Gorman explained that displaying items outside attracts customers to her shop.

Village revitalization meeting

Dean Rizzo of the Chamber of Commerce said a public forum on plans to revitalize the village will get underway at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 23 at the Lightkeepers Residence.

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Sun. 5	2:05	9.6	8:08	2:16	10.1	8:35
Mon. 6	2:46	9.4	8:49	2:57	10.0	9:19
Tues. 7	3:31	9.1	9:34	3:42	9.9	10:07
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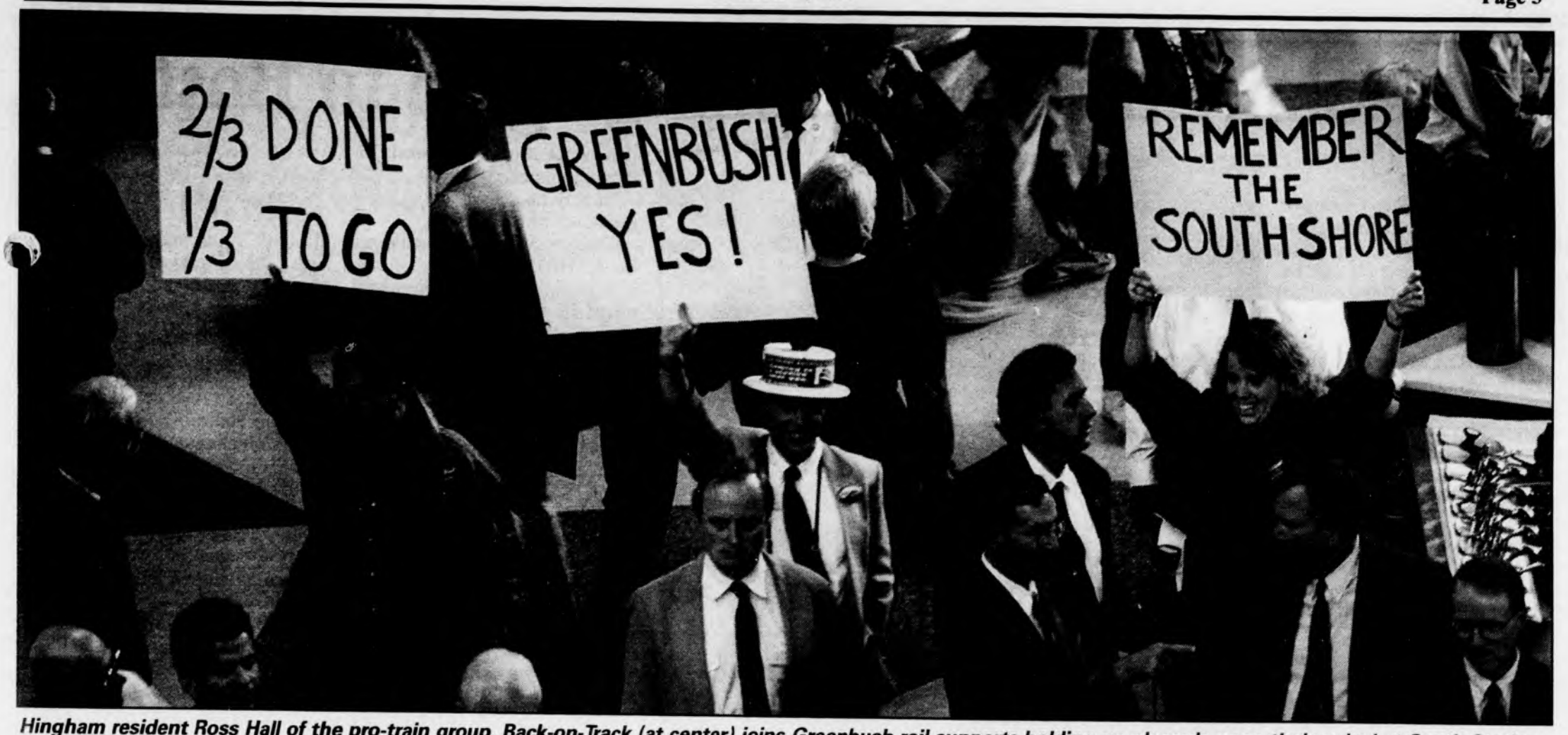
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Hingham resident Ross Hall of the pro-train group, Back-on-Track (at center) joins Greenbush rail supports holding up placards upon their arrival at South Station on the Old Colony inaugural run Friday.

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OLD COLONY TRAINS ARE ROLLING AGAIN

By Alice C. Coyle
STAFF WRITER

Well before 8 a.m. Friday the new Old Colony Railroad's Kingston station was bustling with activity. Balloons waved in the breeze and the Silver Lake Regional High School Band played on as state Rep. Thomas O'Brien, D-Kingston, lauded the arrival of restored commuter rail service to the South Shore.

Just west of the Plymouth rail corridor a similar scene was going on along the Middleborough line which also made the historic trip into Boston.

Hundreds boarded the trains bound for Boston's South Station for the inaugural run of two rail lines that were more than a decade in the planning.

Festive fanfare met the trains at every station stop along the way. Inside the refurbished commuter coaches legislators, railroad buffs and regular residents enjoyed a smooth, scenic ride past Plymouth's Jones River through Kingston's cranberry bogs and rural farmland in Whitman.

"It's like dying and going to heaven for a commuter," said former Kingston selectman Ron Maribett. Maribett,who works for the state Department of Environmental Protection, is a daily commuter into Boston, and has been a long-time proponent of the rail restoration project.

"I was supporting the line in the early '90s when there was great opposition. It just goes to show, that if you participate good things happen," Maribett noted.

The trip was especially nostalgic for former Whitman Selectman Herbert Corliss, a self-proclaimed railroad buff also on board for the new Old Colony's maiden trip. Corliss' father was a baggage master on the old Old Colony Railroad and he remembers well riding his bike from Summer Street in Abington and meeting his father's train.

Dressed like a pint-sized engineer, Jimmy Hedson,of Rockland gazed excitedly out the window of the train during Friday's trip into Boston. "He wants to be an engineer," said Jimmy's mom, Nancy, who along with her husband Ken, is looking forward to taking the train into Boston for events.

Recently retired teacher Joseph Keating from Hingham's South School, said now that it's up and running he'll suggest that teachers plan on taking students by train into Boston for school field trips.

"I'll tell the teachers to drive over to South Weymouth and take the train into South Station for trips to Chinatown, the New England Aquarium, the Children's Museum, and the Boston Tea Party museum," he said.

Wearing an old railroad Brakeman's hat, "Back on Track" founder Bill Grimes was mistaken as an Old Colony conductor by many on board the train. Grimes was joined by fellow back on trackers Richard Prone of Duxbury, and Ross Hall from Hingham, who donned a skimmer with a small green bush stuck to the top to make his support for the Old Colony's third rail line loud and clear to acting Governor Cellucci.

> ***"We have to get through a court battle, but we're committed to building that Old Colony line. It's the best decision economically and environmentally for the region."***
> **– ACTING GOV. PAUL CELLUCCI .**

But railroad buffs and train supporters weren't the only folks along for the ride Friday. Rail foes Richard Cook and Alexander Macmillan of Hingham and Debbie Cook of Cohasset—all three members of the state appointed Citizen's Advisory Committee reviewing the project—were aboard for Friday's historic ride.

"Air conditioned comfort!" exclaimed Macmillan, when asked what he thought of the new train. "It's an historic moment," said Macmillan, who has been instrumental in launching the lawsuit that could derail the Greenbush spur of the Old Colony railroad. Macmillan is still hoping the MBTA will be forced by federal transit officials to build a tunnel under historic Hingham square protecting the national register Lincoln Historic District.

Debbie Cook said she was glad to see these two lines running, but does not support reactivating the Greenbush spur. "The cost and the environmental impacts far outweigh the benefits," Cook said.

Like so many of his constituents, state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, is wondering when or if Greenbush corridor commuters will be riding the rails any time soon.

As a commuter, Hynes shares South Shore residents' rush-hour frustrations. "It's not just being in traffic. It's the lack of reliability. I can't make any appointments during rush hour because I don't know when I'm going to get there," he said.

At this point, Hynes said the project is out of the politicians hands.

"Whether it is built or not now will depend on environmental is-

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Opponent calls press conference on the tracks

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Rail restoration proponents and train buffs enjoyed inaugural rides on the new Plymouth and Middleboro lines of the Old Colony Railroad last Friday.

But Nancy Buckley of Hingham was lamenting the return of commuter trains to the South Shore. She is co-founder of the Coastal Coalition, a grass-roots organization which is seeking alternatives to the restoration of the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad.

"The public is basically not aware of the negative side of rail restoration," Buckley said. "But this is a pivotal time for rail opponents to let (supporter) Acting Governor Paul Cellucci know how they feel and to voice their opposition."

While many were celebrating the return of rail service to the area, which was discontinued in the 1950s, Buckley, was being treated like a celebrity in her own right.

Surrounded by Channel 4, Channel 5 and Fox 25 television cameras and other members of the media in Hingham Square last Friday, Buckley spoke about Hingham as a thriving economic center.

> ***'Some 1,100 people are employed in Hingham's business district, and the train would have a negative impact on it.'***
> **– NANCY BUCKLEY OF THE COASTAL COALITON.**

"Some 1,100 people are employed in Hingham's business district, and the train would have a negative impact on it," she said.

Buckley, who invited a wide range of media representatives to a "press conference" that day at noon, said she did so because she had already been contacted by television stations and wanted to include other reporters as well.

"On the day the Cellucci administration was celebrating the opening of the Old Colony Railroad as a modern and progressive solution to the South Shore's transportation problems, I wanted the truth to be told that the state was opening new train lines in direct conflict with federal safety initiatives." Buckley stated.

The Federal Railroad Administration is strongly encouraging the closure of railroad crossings across the nation due to the high number of fatalities which occur at these grade crossings. (In these areas, trains cross the roadway without stopping.)

Channel 56 reporters met up with Buckley later in the day, and Channel 7 gave her an opportunity to share her concerns last Wednesday. On Sept. 29, New England Cable News aired a live segment of Buckley in Hingham Square, repeating it throughout the day.

As a small crowd gathered around Buckley on Friday, she told reporters:

"If any one of you were appointed secretary of transportation and assigned the task of designing a transit system to get people from the South Shore into Boston, never in a million years would you design a system that crosses 43 roads in 17 miles." There are seven grade crossings within nine-tenths of a mile in Hingham.

According to Buckley, the reporters were "astounded when they learned the facts."

"It was a great press conference," she told the Hingham Journal. "At first the reporters appeared to be skeptical that anyone would oppose a commuter rail line, but upon learning some of the basic facts, including safety issues, and seeing where the tracks are within eight feet of some homes, they clearly began to comprehend the reasoning behind the opposition."

Old Colony trains are rolling again to Boston

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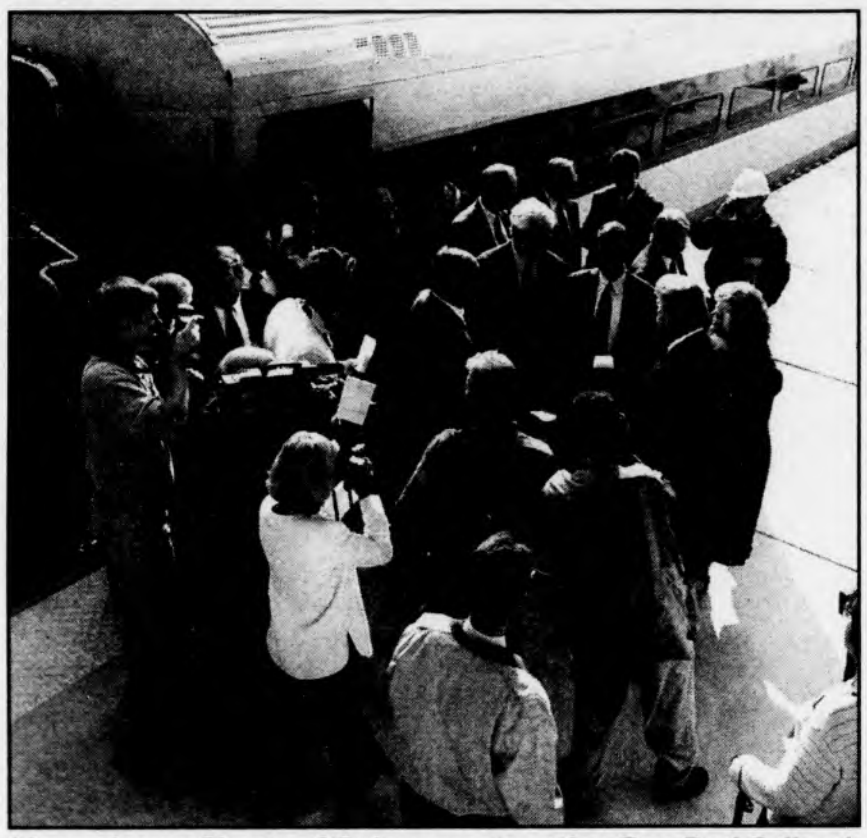
sues. Greenbush will go forward or fall by the wayside depending on the environmental review. No more political pressure can be brought to bear on either side of the issue. The regulators have to do their job now," he said.

As the MBTA works to finish its final environmental impact report on the 17.7-mile Greenbush line, the project is currently in the hands of the Army Corps of Engineers—the lead federal agency reviewing the proposal and its environmental impacts.

Despite the controversy surrounding Greenbush, state transportation officials and Cellucci remain committed to building the Old Colony's coastal line.

"We have to get through a court battle, but we're committed to building that Old Colony line. It's the best decision economically and environmentally for the region," Cellucci said.

State Secretary of Transportation Patrick Moynihan echoed Cellucci's comments.



Mayor James Sheets of Quincy greets acting Gov. Paul Cellucci at the new Quincy station.

Staff photo/Chris Bernstein

"It may take a while, but we'll get there," Moynihan said.

Christine Monahan, a conductor for the MBTA's commuter rail line in Franklin, worked the inaugural run of the Old Colony's Plymouth line and is hoping that Greenbursh spur is not far behind.

A Hingham resident, Monahan is well aware of the local opposition to the project, but said train foes are not unique to this area.

"Needham didn't want the train either. Now you can't get them off it," she said.

"The train is a nice way to travel and there is no better way to get 1,000 people into town all at once," she said. A commuter herself, Monahan must drive into town and said she has almost missed her own train due to Route 3 gridlock.

"Even if the train doesn't come to Greenbush, they have to do something. Buses don't cut it—you have to get people off Route 3."

During a half-hour opening ceremony at the end of the line—Boston's South Station, Cellucci called the rail project "good news for the economy and the environment and great news for South Shore commuters."

The acting Governor also thanked all those involved in building the restored rail lines including Federal Transit Administration which contributed 80 percent of the $537 million costs.

"It's been almost 40 years since the Old Colony brought people on the South Shore into the city," Cellucci commented. The trains stopped running in 1959 when the Southeast expressway opened and "the train took a back seat to cars," Cellucci said. "I think we see the results today of relying on that form of transportation," he noted. "South Shore commuters face long, hard, frustrating commutes," he said, but the new trains will put an end to endless trips into the city.

Towns join forces to study Greenbush issues

Towns along the Greenbush corridor are beginning to see where there could be strength in numbers.

Representatives from five towns — Hingham, Braintree, Weymouth, Cohasset and Scituate — have met to discuss issues of general concern about the proposed restoration of the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad.

"They're seeing the value of perhaps negotiating together with the MBTA from a position of strength on mutual issues," said Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan.

Those issues include air quality, noise and vibrations. The group has met informally to discuss what their strategy will be.

According to Macmillan, the Hingham, Scituate and Cohasset boards of selectmen have discussed funding to hire a consultant to "grapple with the issues and express our views to the MBTA." The general concept has been accepted by all five communities.

Last week, representatives from all the towns gathered in Scituate. At that time, the group tentatively decided to invite John Bewick, a former secretary of environmental affairs, to discuss environmental issues, including air quality, at their October meeting.

"He's someone the MBTA will have to take seriously," Macmillan said.

Bewick is an environmental consultant who works in locations around the country.

Also tentatively proposed for some time in October or November is a hearing hosted by the legislative committee on transportation. That committee is chaired by Joseph Sullivan of Braintree.

"Sheehy and Associates (lobbyists hired by Hingham), Sen. Robert Hedlund (R, Weymouth) and Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray (R, Cohasset) have worked with Sullivan, who has agreed in principal to hold the meeting," Macmillan said.

The hearing would provide an opportunity for towns along the Greenbush corridor to express their views to a different audience comprised of legislative representatives, Macmillan said.

Hingham Selectman Michael Holden pointed out that Sullivan is a strong proponent of train restoration.

"I'd expect he'd have an interest in extending the line further from Braintree instead of Braintree becoming a huge parking lot," he said.

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Selectmen don't douse chief's bid for more radios

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln won't have to seek support for six new radios at town meeting without the backing of selectmen after all.

The chief needs $5,500 for the six radios which would bring the department's total to 21 — enough for each fire-fighter to have one of his own.

He's asking for the money through a special town meeting article which, in a complete turnaround, selectmen decided to support this week.

In a telephone interview, Lincoln explained the six radios were a compromise. Last year, he asked for 12 but accepted the compromise to ask for six then and six more this year. The town purchased 10 radios in fiscal year 1996. Lincoln explained one radio was lost this year in the harbor when firefighters responded to an incident.

To Lincoln, the radios are an essential part of each fire-fighter's equipment.

"Each fire-fighter should be protected to the max," he said in all situtations including fires, emergency medical service or hazardous materials incidents.

Lincoln explained that firefighters go out in such small groups, that it is easy to become separated.

"Each firefighter needs to be in communication with his colleagues and with the dispatch center," he said.

He said in a small department where a small number is on duty at any one time, the call-back system is relied on.

"Firefighters grab their radio out of the charger and take it with them," Lincoln said.

He also explained that more radios used less often increases the life of the radios and requires less maintenance because they are changing hands less often.

But a majority of selectmen think one radio per fire-fighter is a luxury. They decided to support the article this week because the amount of money involved is not that much.

> ***"Each fire-fighter should be protected to the max."***
> — FIRE CHIEF ROGER LINCOLN.

Radio supporter Selectman Ronnie McMorris was unable to persuade her counterparts to support the chief's request last week.

"Roger (Lincoln) recommends this for safety reasons," she said.

But this week, Selectman Merle Brown said he'd had a change of heart. He explained that these radios are carried in the firefighters' upper pocket and are not hand held. The pockets are now covered with velcro so the radio won't fall out, he said.

Selectman Nan Roth said it was not enough money to argue about but would like to see the fire department reduce other expenditures. Both she and Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said they could not understand the safety issue.

Upcoming meetings are noted

The following meetings have been posted at town hall:

Board of assessors, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 2;

Board of health, 7 p.m., Oct. 14;

Capital Budget Committee, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2;

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 2 & 16;

Drug & Alcohol Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 8;

Government Structure Committee, 8 p.m., Oct. 8;

Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 20;

Library Trustees, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 8;

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 2 & 16, Nov. 6 & 20 in room 10 at the high school;

Town History Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 22;

Troika, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 29;

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., Sept. 30;

Water commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 2 at the water treatment plant;

Zoning Board of Appeals, 8 p.m., Oct. 9.

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Rec. commission concerned about skateboard park

By Margo Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

A teen campaign to get a skate park built in the gravel pits next to the Harold Barnes Little League field received a small setback, after the Recreation Commission voted unanimously to go on the record with questions about traffic safety and public safety in the vicinity of Red Gate and North Main Streets.

In explaining the reason for the board's early action, commission Chairman Richard Barrow acknowledged the teen's proposal has not yet officially come before the commission for a review. Nonetheless, he said, the commissioners were responding to input from area residents worried about a potentially negative impact on their neighborhood.

"I like to do things for kids," Barrow said. "But I don't want to create a problem for other people."

As an example of potential problems, Barrow cited recent difficulties nearby Rockland experienced when its skate park attracted youths from other communities. "Supervision's going to be needed, I think," he said, if the selectmen opt to go ahead with the skate park.

The push for a new park started this summer when several Cohasset teens and their parents undertook a search for a safe place for youths to skate. Their search quickly focused on the gravel pits, which comprise roughly nine acres of town-owned property, but are located in a residential zone.

Barrow also expressed some misgivings about exposing the taxpayers to liability, due to the possibility of lawsuits from injuries in a town-operated facility.

Nonetheless, the skate park proposal, which has sparked the imagination of numerous town officials, is by no means dead. The selectmen are expected to take up the discussion at an upcoming meeting. Meantime, on Monday, Recreation Commission Director John Worley indicated he is still eyeing the gravel pits, which are part of a nine-acre town-owned parcel, as the right place to build a new sports complex, with room for a second ball field as well as the potential for a winter ice-skating rink and horseback riding trails. If accomplished, the

project would revive a long-standing hope to expand the town's recreational opportunities.

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> — RICHARD BARROW, RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN.

"We have a land surveyor drawing up plans now"" at no charge to the town, Worley said. He also indicated a meeting has been set for Saturday with the youth baseball league. Earlier, the league expressed a desire to see a new ball field constructed for little league play.

"I think it's doable," Worley said, playing down the negatives. "There's enough room for both" the park and the field."

Nonetheless, in a Sept. 17 letter to selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, Worley reported the recreation board's comments about public safety as well as concerns from the neighbors and repeated his previous suggestion that an open meeting should be held to review any prospective site for a skate park.

and give the public a chance to comment.

Worley also noted the commission had suggested an alternative site for the skate park inside the swim center parking lot which is under-used, he wrote.

However, the swim center property is owned by a private trust, according to Joseph McElroy, of the Friends of the Cohasset Swim Center.

McElroy, though enthusiastic about opening up recreational opportunities for youth, said Tuesday he thought any plan to put the skate park in the parking lot should be presented to the Cohasset Swimming and Recreation Trust. Because the trustees are currently considering the option of keeping the swim center open year round, the parking lot might be impacted.

Proponents float swim center plan

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youngsters pelted local officers with eggs.

"I started digging in and found frustration among youngsters," he said.

McElroy, noting an indoor pool would be nice for his ailing back, said while the pool would also be available to all ages, it would provide a constructive outlet for young people's energy.

The Trustees of the Cohasset Swimming and Recreation Trust, a private group, which owns and operates the existing pool would remain in charge. At a recent meeting, the trustees gave the friends the go ahead to pursue preliminary plans for the enclosure, McElroy said. Plans also may include a fitness center in the basement of the pool house.

The pool area would be enclosed by a structure with a retractible roof. McElroy hopes to enlist the help of the local garden clubs to landscape the area so it looks like the German swim baths he enjoyed while he was in the Army.

McElroy pointed out the amount of money to be raised is a huge task.

"It's three times what we raised for the Lightkeepers," he said.

Selectmen were generally positive.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he was concerned that covering the pool would make it loose "its summer feel" and wondered if a separate enclosed pool could be built.

That was ruled out as too expensive, but Sullivan was assured that the glass walls and retractible roof would be open on summer days.

Selectman Nan Roth asked if the fees would increase. The annual fee for a family to join the pool for the summer if $185.

McElroy said a figure had not been arrived at but the trust charter allows for scholarships for those who cannot afford to pay.

Friends member Glenn Pratt said the fitness area would be more of a "work out" center and would not compete with the fitness center in the village.

The pool could also be used by the Cohasset High School swim team which now must go to other towns for practices and meets.

The friends plan a discussion at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 8 at the community center with abutters and neighbors to the site; at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Lightkeepers' Residence, a presentation for all interested citizens is planned. And from 2 ot 5 p.m., Nov. 9 at the Lightkeepers, the first fund-raising event is slated.

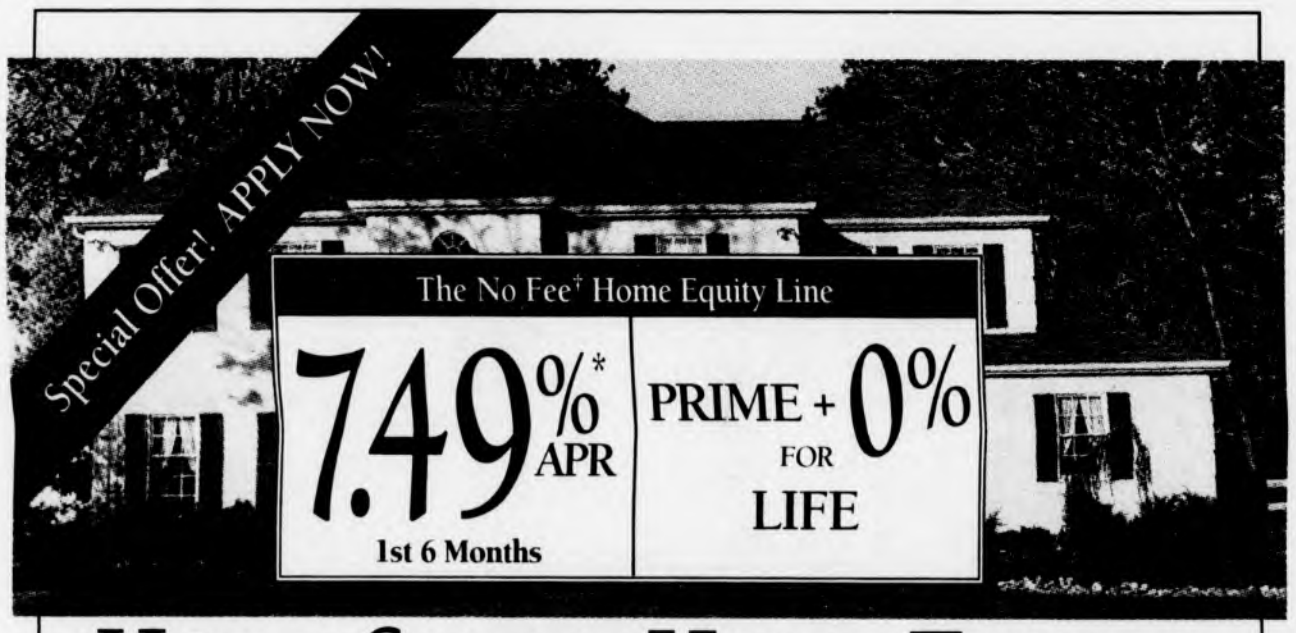
The trustees investigated enclosing the pool, which was a gift from the Bancroft family, ten years ago but at that time the project didn't get off the ground.

Children's mural to be unveiled

The Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library will hold a reception on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. at the library, 106 South Main St., for Rockland artist, Becky Haletky, who painted the magnificent new mural in the Children's Room at the library. A framed, matted and signed prototype of the mural, done in watercolors will be raffled by the Friends of the Library, with tickets being sold at $5 each or three for $10. The winner will be drawn at the Village Fair in December. Tickets may be purchased at the library.

Also on exhibit are many other of Becky Haletky's watercolor paintings.

Her paintings at the library are for sale and will be on exhibit until Oct. 30.



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Help with tax roll-back question sought

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Local concerned taxpayers heard the rallying call last week when Francis J. "Chip" Faulker asked for their help in getting enough signatures to get the tax roll-back question on the state election ballot.

The effort would roll back state income taxes from 5.95 percent to 5 percent over a three year period.

Faulker, who is associate director of Citizens for Limited Taxation (CLT) was the keynote speaker in a special concerned taxpayer meeting in Cohasset last week. Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers invited its counterparts in Hingham, Scituate, Marshfield and Weymouth to a joint meeting to hear Faulker and to air concerns about rising taxes in their towns.

CLT is the group that provided the impetus behind Prop. 2-1/2, the state law enacted by citizens petition in 1980, that caps the amount cities and towns can raise property taxes in any given year.

Faulkner explained that the increase in state taxes from 5 to 5.95 percent was billed as "temporary" when then Gov. Michael Dukakis raised taxes in 1989. He pointed out the Massachusetts has one of the highest state tax rates in the country because the state doesn't allow many deductions.

CLT has about nine weeks to collect 65,000 signatures to get the question on the 1998 ballot. He asked those in attendance to take the signature sheets to local recycling centers and supermarkets to help with the cause.

CLT tried to repeal the tax hike in 1990 and failed. (The group was out foxed by the Tax Equity Alliance of Massachusetts which successfully launched a counter effort saying "Question 3 goes too far.")

Following Faulkner's talk, members of the various taxpayer groups vented about their disgust with local government (see editorial page 10). They asked for advice from one another on how best to proceed.

Cohasset Concerned Taxpayer president Roy Fitzsimmons complained bitterly about the "unbelievable arrogance of elected officials."

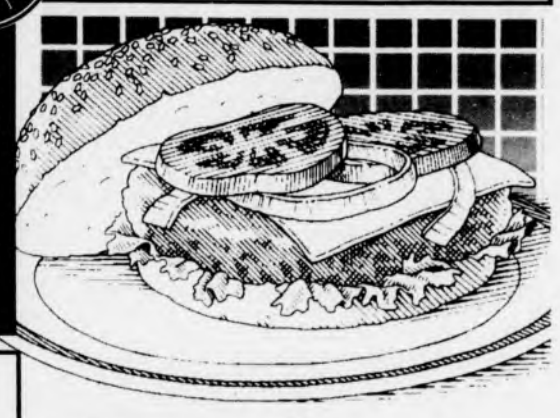
His remarks prompted another to say, "the obvious solution is get an election to boot 'em out."

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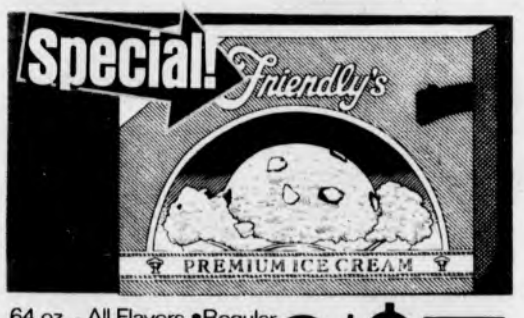
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BOY SCOUT CAMP

This past summer, three boys from Cohasset attended the Boy Scout National Jamboree in Virginia. Here they are, standing in front of the Capitol Building on their way to encampment. From left to right they are, Alec Schmidt, Will McArthur (both of Troop 28, Cohasset) and David Krueyer (Troop 78, Norwell).

While at camp, they really made use of and enjoyed the Action Centers. According to Will and David, repelling down a 40-foot tower was unforgettable! Alec thought the motor-crossing and bike-a-thon was exciting. Another highlight of their Jamboree excitement was hearing President Clinton speak at the opening ceremony—-they met Scouts from all around the world, and undoubtedly made lots of friends for the rest of their lives!



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WELCOME TO ADAM GAME!

We ran into Ruth Sisson the other night, she was treating her Grandson, Sam Game, to an ice cream cone at Wilbur's. They were both excited beyond belief, because Sam had just become a Big Brother! He now has a little brother, Adam Burleigh Game, who was born on Sept. 22, and weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces. Mom and Dad, Sally and David, are thrilled of course—-they have had a busy time lately, they moved to Cohasset last summer, new baby, living near Grandmother Ruth (they bought her home in Cohasset on So. Main St., Ruth moved to North Scituate). Everything is just so exciting! Naturally Adam's paternal grandparents, Mr and Mrs. Roger Game are overjoyed at his birth, but they aren't as lucky as Ruth—-they live in Reading, England!! You can bet they'll be making a trip to our town as soon as they can! Congratulations to all of you!

FONE FAMILY NEWS

Ken and Sue Fone live in Maine now, but they left tons of friends behind them here, and they want to share all of their recent events with. all of you! Joanna got married last month (August 31st); she and her brand new husband Tommy are living in Florida after a wonderful honeymoon in Nantucket. Their son, ,Scott, received his M.B.A. from New Hampshire College on Sept. 14, which was a wonderful event for all of them. Ken, Sue, Scott, Nannette and their "little folks" (Delaney, who is 5 and Zacharey, who is 3) stayed overnight at the U.N.H. Campus on Saturday morning. Scott took night courses for four years to accomplish this program, and Ken and Sue are ever-so proud of him, and his family!

Pop Fone is "hanging in there"—-not as spry as he used to be, but he still remembers Cohasset fondly, and he and Ken talk a lot about our town and his discussions with Dr. Pompeo, whom he adores!

DR. POMPEO UP AND ABOUT

Speaking of Dr. Pompeo, isn't it great that he is feeling so well, is up and around, and back at work!! Just goes to show you that the old adage "you can't keep a good man down" is true, even after double hip replacement surgery!!

ATTENTION CAT LOVERS

Attention all of you cat lovers!! A beautiful cat came to our door last summer, gray and white. It has a wonderful personality and adores children—-we have fed it all summer but now it's time to panic—-we already have three cats inside, and introducing a fourth would really send "fur flying". We think that someone "dropped it off", as it is a people cat that has known lots of love. It you or anyone you know is looking for an awesome cat, please give me a call at 383-0560 (we think it is a she).

ARTIST RECEPTION IS SUNDAY

The friends of the Paul Pratt Library are hosting a reception fro Artist, Becky Haletky, who painted the beautiful new mural in the Children's room of the library, at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5. They will also be selling raffle tickets for the original water color painting of the mural. Be sure you whole family sees this magnificent painting!

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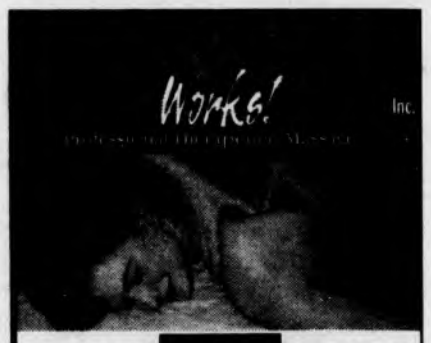
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MAY I PRESENT



Sallyann Chatterton

Fall is here, and with it comes that strong urge to cook again. To smell the aromas of "comfort [illegible]", sit at the table and chat, dessert in front of the fire-all of this means fall!!

Most of the stores in the area seem to feature beef, all kinds, descriptions and shapes! This week may I present to you a recipe for pot roast that you and yours will love-they will be back for seconds, guaranteed!

OLD-FASHIONED POT ROAST

1 4 pound bottcm round roast (or 4 pound chuck roast)
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1/4 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
1/4 teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed
1/2 onion, sliced
3 medium onions, cut in sixths
1 pound carrots, peeled and cut up
1 pound small potatoes, peeled
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
snipped parsley

Trim excess fat from meat. In Dutch oven heat trimmings 'till 1 tablespoon fat accumulates; discard trimmings.

Rub meat with 2 tablespoons flour. Brown the meat in hot fat. Season with salt, marjoram, thyme, basil and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Add sliced onion and 1 cup water. Cover; cook for 2 hours at 350 degrees. Add vegetables and 1/2 cup water; sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Cover; cook till meat and vegetables are tender, 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Remove to warm platter.

Skim fat from juices. Add water to juices to make 1 1/2 cups; Combine 1/2 cup cold water and 1/4 cup flour; shake. Stir into juices; cook and stir till thickened and bubbly. Season with salt and pepper. Simmer 2 to 3 mins., stirring occasionally. Pour some gravy over meat. Top with parsley. Pass extra gravy. Serves 6 to 8.

Be sure to serve a hot loaf of crusty bread with the Pot Roast, they will use it to get every bit of gravy off the plate!!

Be sure to look for the next "May I Present;" seafood chowder, real company dish!

Classes offered at Community Center

Tai Chi for beginners and advanced, starts Wednesday, Oct. 8 and runs for 10 weeks, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Form Class, 7:15-8:15 p.m.; Push Class, 8:15-.

The cost is $75 members, $85 non-members; $135 members, $145 non-members for both classes. Instructor Jim Morris.

SAT Prep for high schoolers - Tuesday, Sept. 30-English; Thursday, Oct. 2-Math. Runs for five weeks, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost: $80 members, $90 non-members. Classes held at Cohasset High School.

Babysitting course with Mary McElroy starts Thursday, Oct. 2, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Runs for four weeks.

Chess for grades 3-6 starts Friday, Oct. 17, 3 to 4 p.m. Offers an introduction to the game. Bring a chess board if you have one! Runs for five weeks. $35 members, $45 non-members. Call (781) 383-0088 to register.

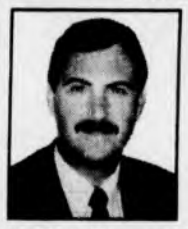
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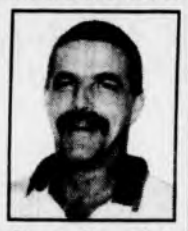
On Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. "On the Mark with Ilana Marks" will feature Spike Ramsden and Wayne Ross. These two remarkable Scituate men cycled from South America through Central and North America. Their story is incredibly inspiring.

Both Spike and Wayne have appeared on many state and national television shows, but this will be their first opportunity to take calls from the viewing audience and they encourage you to please call up with any questions or comments. Any questions regarding the show can be sent to ilanamarks@aol.com. This show will be repeated at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14 on channel 3 in Cohasset.

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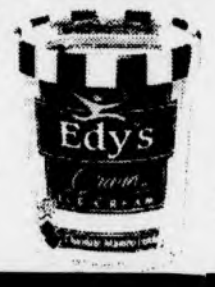
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Tax watchdogs

"Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

— Benjamin Franklin.

Mr. Franklin's words have as much meaning today as they did in 1789. Most of us greet taxes like death with a mix of fear, dread and acceptance of the inevitable.

But when taxes start to get out of whack — citizens in a democratic society have a right and a duty to rise up. That's what happened in 1980 when Prop. 2-1/2 put a legal cap on property taxes.

But the other day, an angry reader said to us:

"That's from those people who don't like to pay taxes!"

Those words gave us pause, because the proliferation of tax watchdog groups in our towns, which are facing huge public works projects, should be welcomed.

The statement is similar to others we're hearing and makes us think that these groups have a public relations problem.

With 1997 tax rates of $15.71 per $100,000 of assessed valuation in Hingham; $15.05 in Cohasset and $14.80 in Scituate, it's no wonder that taxpayer groups have either sprung up or sprung back into action in the three towns. (Those numbers translate into annual tax bills of $4713 in Hingham, $4514 in Cohasset and $4400 in Scituate for a house valued at $300,000).

Tragically, those being squeezed out by higher taxes may include families who have made our towns their home for generations.

In Hingham, there's the newly formed Friends of the Hingham Taxpayers; in Cohasset, it's the Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers and in Scituate, it is Scituate Citizens for Limited Taxation.

The groups are energized by recent (or proposed) school projects which involve hefty tax increases in their respective towns.

Last week, the leadership of those groups and some of the rank and file met in Cohasset to swap war stories. They were joined by a handful of concerned taxpayers from Weymouth and Marshfield.

What the groups have in common is a sincere concern about taxes, governmental waste and the perceived or real arrogance of local officials.

The meeting began with an interesting talk by Francis J. "Chip" Faulkner of Citizens for Limited Taxation, the state group that propelled Prop. 2-1/2 into law 17 years ago (see related story page 5).

But after that, the gathering became more of a venting session — with the press and government officials as the main targets.

Words and phrases such as deliberate, suspicious, voter anger, useless, mad, appalling, and so on were bandied about. Even the venerable old town meeting took a thrashing because it can be "stacked."

One man said, "we're around town now, and they're afraid to ask for a dollar!"

Getting all this off their collective chests surely made these taxpayer members feel better.

We'd like to make it clear, that we support the positive steps these groups have brought forth. Still in its infancy, the newly appointed Hingham Task Force on Affordability is looking at ways to help ease the burden on some of the town's most vulnerable citizens. In Cohasset, the switch to a town manager form of government will mean more efficiency in the future. Both these actions are a direct result of taxpayer groups educating the wider community about their concerns.

But as the groups move ahead, we caution them not to use such a broad brush stroke. Our system has always depended on a dedicated few to bring about positive change. We think that can be accomplished with less vitriol which can alienate those who might otherwise be converted.

As another member said, "we're getting the reputation of being against everything."

Let's hope these groups don't allow that perception to become reality.

Scituate's Norman Paley seems to have the right balance. He threw his hat into the ring last year for selectman and lost — but that hasn't turned him bitter, made him back off or point blame.

He understands that when concern is focused on the task at hand and doesn't get personal — the message can get through.

"I only argue issues. I get along with everyone," he said.

— Mary Ford
Editor



LETTERS

Greenbush cost soars

To the Editor:

Something remarkable happened this week. In a quiet way, the MBTA let us know that the new projected cost of the controversial Greenbush train approaches $300,000,000! Initially, the price was pegged at $140 million. Then it shot up to $215 million. Now it has climbed to $285 million. (Persons familiar with large projects like this are predicting a more realistic figure of $300,000,000, and that, without a Hingham tunnel.)

So what's going on here? How did this sad little train get so expensive without an hour of actual construction? What is the MBTA up to?

Proponents used to brag that this would be a "free" train, since the Feds were paying 80 percent. Now we know that was mirage and with 100 percent state funding, we must be more critical. Has Greenbush become another bottomless pit, like the Big Dig?

Peter Robb
Cohasset Office
The Coastal Coalition

Firefighters are appreciated

Dear Chief Lincoln,

Please pass on my deepest appreciation to the members of your Department who rendered assistance in response to my telephone calls on Monday, Sept. 15.

At the risk of omitting someone, I was given expert and extremely courteous assistance by Tom Wigmore, Captains Trask and Rooney, as well as Jim Curley, Jay Fiori and Eric Winslow.

I was in extreme pain emanating from a herniated disc/pinched nerve and they were tremendously helpful. While hospitalized, I remarked to my wife, Mary, on both their professionalism and how nice it is to live in a small Town where it's possible to know many of the Town employees to include those responsible for public health and safety.

When you're in great pain, it makes a difference to be assisted by people you know and trust.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Rd.

Editor's note: This letter was in the selectmen's correspondence.

Grandparents' Day sponsors thanked

To the Editor:

On behalf of the South Shore Community Center, we would like to express our appreciation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Hingham Institution for Savings, and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream of Hingham for sponsoring our Grandparents' Day on Sunday, Sept. 14.

We had a wonderful afternoon filled with Celtic music for both young and old and as a finishing touch to the day, we enjoyed an ice cream sundae party!

A special thanks to Kathy Bryanton and the Council on Elder Affairs who helped support this event.

Stephanie Church
Program Director

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Ask the School Committee

Important questions are answered

The School Committee is pleased to have received from a Cohasset resident a list of questions and concerns. Some of the questions are easily answered (e.g., do you plan to change the gym requirement for varsity athletes; not at this time). Some questions cannot be answered in this format (e.g., could you post the academic credentials of the administrative and teaching staffs). Here we will address five excellent and important questions raised by this resident, and encourage more of you to submit questions for our review.

Q: What is the timetable and estimated costs to bring the Deer Hill and middle-senior high schools into the 21st century?

A: One of the School Committee's 1997-98 goals is completion of a comprehensive facilities audit. This audit will provide cost estimates from which a timetable will be derived (in cooperation with the Capital Budget Committee and the Town Manager). A preliminary analysis of the Deer Hill School indicates that it will take about $1.2 million to put the mechanical, electrical and other systems into good shape for the next 25-30 years. The audit will help us determine if expansion of the library, gymnasium and cafeteria are necessary to accommodate the continuing increase in enrollments. While the School Committee will, of course, seek state funding for these renovation projects, our knowledge of the state's priority system leads us to believe that funding for such renovation/remodeling (called Category 3 projects) will not be forthcoming.

Q: What costs and benefits are associated with the most recent teachers contract?

A: The primary benefit for teachers is in their compensation package. Teaches will receive average pay increases of about 3 percent each year of the contract. Some teachers will receive additional increases because they have acquired a graduate degree. Finally, since Cohasset teachers have been paid much less than the average of their peers in surrounding communities, the new contract contains two-step pay increases for teachers with masters and doctoral degrees who have spent 13 and 14 years teaching in Cohasset. The total cost to the town over three years to provide these benefits to our teachers will be about $500,000.

The primary benefit for the town is elimination from the contract of the 35-hour work week. Our teachers have always worked more than 35 hours in any case. But taking this formal provision out of the contract has enabled us to introduce block scheduling at the high school, to provide planning time for teachers at all of the schools and to provide some measure of time flexibility for the administration as well as the teachers as we attempt to meet the mandates of the 1993 Education Reform Act.

Q: Will you be taking a new role in setting policies and actively working with the police to help identify students using drugs and alcohol?

A: We take very seriously our obligation to educate children on all aspects of their health and healthy decision-making. We also work actively with other town groups, such as the Drug and Alcohol Committee, as they attempt to educate parents and residents regarding their obligations in these areas. Creating and delivering comprehensive, state-of-the-art courses of study on health issues including substance abuse; setting high expectations and standards of behavior; designing and implementing tough substance abuse policies; strictly enforcing these policies; and working actively with the Cohasset Police are not "new" roles for the Cohasset Public Schools.

Q: What becomes of capital items (e.g., typewriters, sewing machines, computers) when they are no longer used?

A: The town's inventory control system permits us to track such capital items as they are purchased and distributed to the schools. When such items reach the end of their useful life, they are recycled, stored for future use or declared surplus.

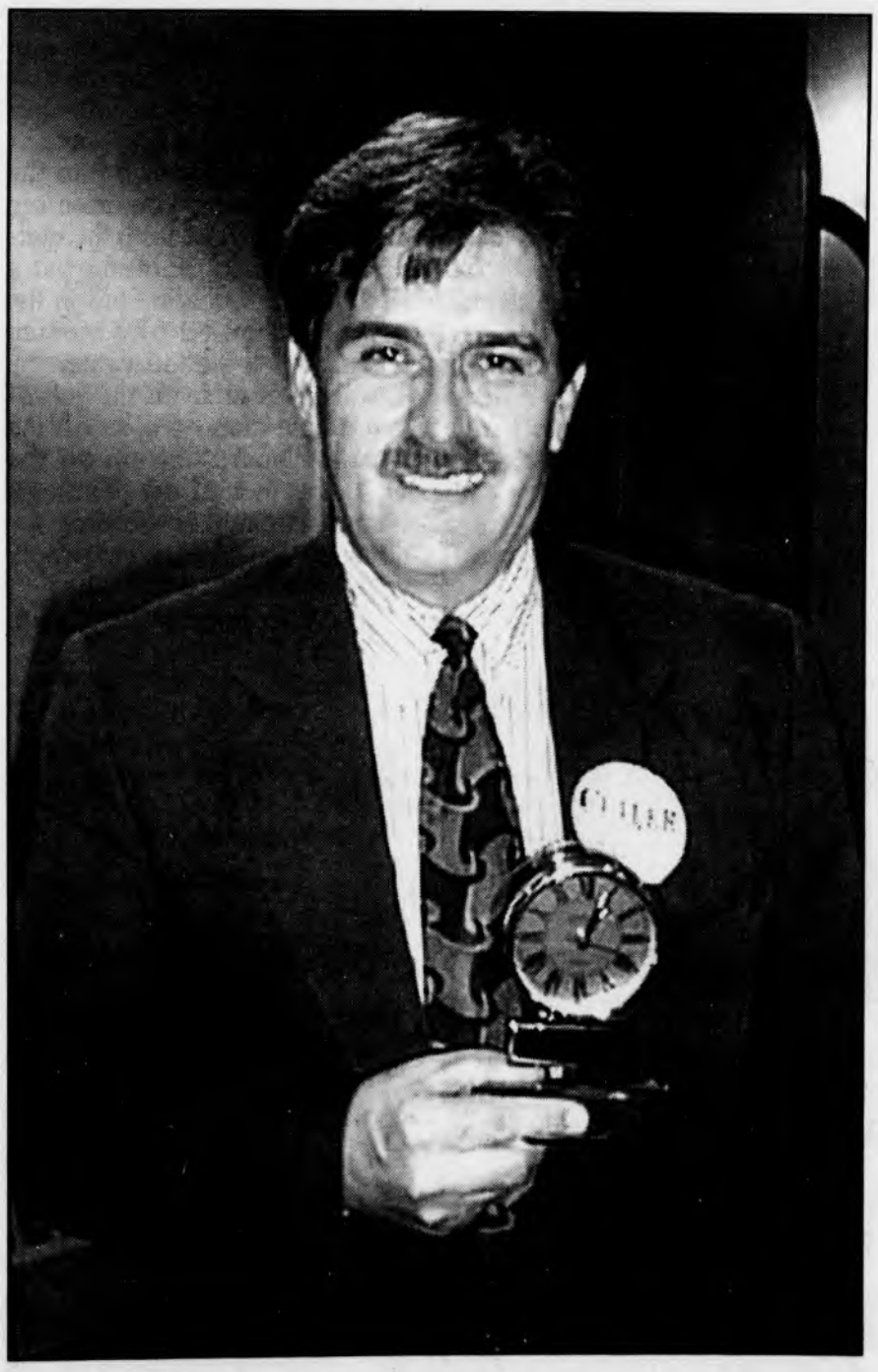
We hope this dialogue is useful in providing more information about the Cohasset Public Schools. We also hope to hear from more of you soon.

Q: What is the status of the computer systems in the three buildings?

A: The new elementary school will come on-line in September, 1998, as a state-of-the-art facility with respect to technology. The Deer Hill and middle-senior high schools are the subject of the Educational Technology Plan that will be presented at town meeting this October. Although all three schools currently have computer labs, and there are computer workstations in some classrooms, none of the buildings is as yet networked and the number of computers is inadequate. The School Committee also is committed to the notion that curriculum must drive the development and use of technology in the schools, so professional development must go hand-in-hand with the acquisition of hardware and software. The Technology Plan is designed to address both of these issues as it is phased in over the next four years.

— The Cohasset School Committee

This is one is a monthly series of columns by the Cohasset School Committee.



Fred Koed of Pleasant Street received the award for "Outstanding Democrat of the Year" for Cohasset at the Coop-8 Democratic meeting last weekend.

Council Corner PAT BAIRD

School councils start new year

The Cohasset School Councils have begun meetings for the 97-98 school year. The Middle-High School Council met on Sept. 17.

The School Improvement Plan submitted to the School Committee was approved at the Aug. 28 meeting. The Council goals as stated in the plan are as follows: 1. continue to improve communications within the school system and town. 2. To evaluate the scheduling models of both the Middle School and the High School. 3 . To create a maintenance/renovation Plan for the Middle-High School.

The meeting of Sept. 17 focused on goal #3 as the members began a walk through and survey of the building.

A member of the council has joined the town drug and alcohol committee.

The Open House for the High School was held Oct. 1. The Middle School Open House will be held Oct. 23. The next Council Meeting will be held Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Guidance Conference Room.

• The Deer Hill School Council is working towards strengthening community awareness, involvement and Support for both curriculum activities and building needs. A volunteer sign up sheet was sent home to parents to encourage involvement in several projects. The Council was made aware of Cohasset's web page. The goal is to provide on-line information to residents and to serve as another means of community communications. The web page can be accessed at www.cohassetma.com.

• The Osgood School Council met on Tue. Sept. 30, in the library.

All School Council Meetings are open to the public.

Hedlund has full-time district hours

Sen. Robert Hedlund's district office, located at 66 Sea St. in Weymouth, will now be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"The whole purpose of my district office is to meet with and serve my constituents in a more accessible and convenient setting," Hedlund said.

Appointments are not necessary for anyone who wishes to visit. The doors are open to any problem, large or small, or for residents to register their opinion on any legislative issue.

Hedlund's district office is funded privately, at no cost to taxpayers, through the senator's campaign committee.

Hedlund and or staff will also maintain regular town hall office hours in Cohasset on the third Thursday of every month, beginning Sept. 18, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Residents can't wake up from septic nightmare

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two years to make the repairs which can be prohibitively expensive. In the Newtonville case, one homeowner said an estimate to upgrade her system was $50,000.

But the sewer commission won't consider extending the sewer service to Newtonville unless there is scientific documentation on the problem. The commission says Title V inspections could indicate that a $500 fix of a broken pipe may be the answer. Unless the test is done, it is impossible to say.

Commissioners are also adamant that they won't repeat the past. The town has been granted some "excess capacity" under its current system — and sewer commissioners are meting that out sparingly. In 1975, the town overextended its sewer capacity and has been in litigation with the state ever since costing the town hundreds of thousands of dollars, Sewer Commission Chairman Edward "Ted" Guild said.

Health board member Kevin Ulmer said the sewer commission was being unreasonable.

"If all show failure, why will you not agree to hook up these homes? There is no quid pro quo here, no indication of intent. In that vacuum, these homeowners are being hung out on a limb," he said.

The commission asked the residents to be patient and wait until mid-February when the town plant design will be refined. The state may allow the town more capacity at that time. With the existing plant, the town has 2,000 gallons remaining in a sewer pool granted by the state in an agreement with the town to solve its wastewater problems. The town is under a court order to fix its sewage woes.

"There's only a certain amount of cake with a certain amount of slices," said commissioner Gary Vanderweil. "If we give it out to the first squeaky wheel, we're not doing our fiduciary duty."

John Hoholik, 26 Atlantic Ave., could not stomach the reasoning.

"We're not a piece of cake, but eight house with people," he said.

The meeting, which attracted about 30 residents and town officials, reached an impasse.

A frustrated Selectmen Chairman Michael H. Sullivan said he would call a special meeting of selectmen, the health board, sewer commission, and possibly conservation commission to try and resolve the issue.

"This is an emergency, we have the capacity. Why aren't these people at the top of the list?" Sullivan demanded.

Vanderweil said he was concerned about establishing a precedent for the next group.

"We can't give it (excess capacity) to people who shout the earliest and loudest," he said.

"How about those with fe[illegible] matter in their yards?" Fran Burnham, 26 Atlantic Ave., responded.

The sewer commission tabled a suggestion from member Henry Rattenbury that the sewer be extended to the two homes in the area which have already had Title V inspections and failed.

Town engineer Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering, which is designing the town's sewer system upgrade and expansion, agreed to take a look at the neighborhood.

Family and friends pay tribute to Johanna Butler

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said. "It's a special few that stick around."

By all accounts, Johanna was always willing to lend a hand, no matter how undesirable the task — from walking and cleaning animals at the shelter to drawing and closing the curtain on a Scituate theatrical performance.

"Anything that was asked of her, she was willing to do," said Susan Phippen from the Scituate Animal Shelter.

"She was always willing to help. She just wanted to participate," said Doug Trudeau, former Scituate High School Drama Coach. Trudeau directed Johanna in the Showstoppers' production of "Joseph's Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Johanna was an ensemble member performing in singing and dancing musical numbers.

"She absolutely loved the theater and participating and being with the kids," he said. "She was a wonderful individual, a true spirit full of life. She was very caring and thoughtful and she will be sadly missed."

Former Scituate High School Principal Prudence Goodale described Johanna as a very active student involved in many school organizations, including SADD, the environmental club, the drama club and chorus. Despite a physical disability and a learning disability, Johanna blossomed more every year, she said.

"What a tragedy," Goodale said. "Her life was not always easy and she was just coming into her own."

Special education teacher Linda Gambell worked closely with Johanna during high school.

"She was a wonderful girl who touched a lot of lives," she said. "Everything Johanna did, she put everything into."

Johanna's mother, Helen, said her daughter was working toward a career caring for animals. The previous weekend, Johanna took part in the Walk for Animals, sponsored by the Standish Humane Society, she said.

Helen Butler hopes people will pay tribute to Johanna by making a donation to the Scituate Animal Shelter or by giving blood at South Shore Hospital.

"They were very good to her," Helen said.

On the morning of the accident, Scituate and Cohasset ambulances as well as paramedics from South Shore Hospital responded to the scene.

Cohasset Officer Richard Yocum, who was on routine patrol at the time of the accident, observed a 1988 Dodge Shadow operated by Clarissa Mead, 79, of First Parish Road in Scituate, run a red light at the intersection just after 11 a.m Saturday.

Mead's car, traveling at about five to 10 miles over the 30 mph posted speed limit, struck the 1997 Saab driven by Helen Butler, 54, he said. Yocum said Mead never applied the brakes.

The impact of the crash forced the Butlers' car into a third vehicle driven by Peter Kovach of Ripley Road in Cohasset, who escaped serious injury.

Scituate and Cohasset ambulances as well as paramedics from South Shore Hospital responded to the scene. All passengers involved in the accident were wearing seatbelts and the airbags in the Butlers' car were deployed, Cohasset Police Sgt. Robert Jackson said. A fatal accident has not occurred in Cohasset since 1994, he said.

The passenger side of the Saab, where Johanna was seated, took the impact of the crash. The Jaws of Life had to be used to remove Johanna from the car and transport her to South Shore Hospital, where she died just before 9 p.m.

Police are seeking to charge Mead with motor vehicle homicide, driving to endanger, failure to stop for a red light and speeding. Mead was listed in fair condition Wednesday afternoon, before the Mariner went to press.

—Mary Ford also contributed information to this report.

New mural lights up library wall

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the duck pond, the Mill Bridge and Minot's Light.

Besides the miniature landscapes, the mural, which was done in acrylic, also features three favorite books (Charlotte's Web, Matilda and Make Way for Ducklings) which the children voted to include, and their participation was important, Hayes said. "Everything you do that helps stimulate children's curiosity and interest in the library and books helps," the librarian added.

Not surprisingly, the youngsters kept their creative juices flowing over the three weeks Haletky needed to dab all the ideas together and get the big wall painted this August.

The final version didn't come out exactly as she planned, the artist acknowledged. For starters, the youngsters convinced her to add a golden brown dog to the mural, and one change led to another.

"The children feel they helped with this mural, and it reflects real life," according to Linda Wakeman, a past president of the Friends of Cohasset Library.

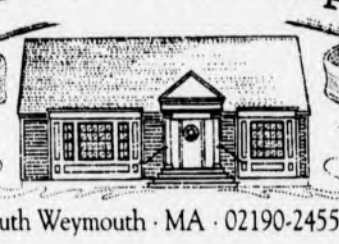
Nonetheless, the mural is for grown-ups, too. Somewhat like the looking glass from Alice in Wonderland., the colorful new mural reveals a world both children and adults can appreciate.

"When you go down into the Children's Room, you often see grandparents there with the children," she said, pointing out a similarity to Cohasset life in the mural's depiction of a woman reading to her granddaughter.

Wakeman took on the job of getting the mural project off the drawing board and up on the wall, and though the painting's theme officially is "reading for all ages," she said a lot of people contributed ideas and funding.

"It's a people's mural,' she said.

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Adding Hepatitis B to the school curriculum

By David Tibbetts
CORESPONDENT

The curriculum at Cohasset's elementary schools includes the usual courses in reading, writing, arithmetic, as well as an unusual addition: hepatitis B.

Since 1995, the elementary schools have participated in a state-funded program to educate students about the dangers of hepatitis B and provide all sixth-graders with free vaccinations against the disease.

Elementary school nurse Karen Murphy vaccinated 66 sixth-grade students Wednesday with the first of three shots required for full immunization.

"We've been in the program since it began, and we my have been one of the first schools to participate," Murphy said.

The program is voluntary, and parents must sign a permission slip for their children to receive t he vaccine.

The vaccine is paid for with state and federal money as part of a government effort to slow the spread of the hepatitis B virus (HBV) among teenagers. More than 300,000 people a year are infected with HBV.

Seventy-five percent of all HBV infections occur in people between the ages of 15 and 39. Of people who currently fall in that age group, only one percent have been vaccinated.

The average sixth-grader is 12.

More than half of the cases of HBV infection are spread through heterosexual sex.

"Promiscuity can place people at risk, and kids are involved in sex at an early age, unfortunately," Murphy said. "As a parent you can deny that your child is involved in sex, but it is a reality."

Intravenous drug users are also at high risk of contracting HBV. More than a third of HBV infections are from unknown sources.

"There isn't a lot of IV drug use in Cohasset, but it's different in other parts of the state," Murphy said. "In 1995, Boston was 11th in the country for cases of HIV and AIDS."

While sex and drugs are the most notorious methods for transmitting HBV, they are not the only ways to contract the virus. Some of the seemingly harmless ways of catching the virus include sharing razor blades, piercing body parts with needles, and touching HBV-contaminated surfaces.

It may not seem likely that the average teenager would be sharing razor blades with friends, but girls sometimes borrow razors from classmates to shave their legs following gym or team sports.

The popularity of amateur body piercing among teenagers increases the chances of infection. Young girls sometimes pierce their ears with a common pin.

These activities by themselves do not increase the chances of infection. The problem comes when teens treat ear and body piercing as a group activity, sharing needles that have not been properly sterilized.

Another reason HBV spreads so easily is that it is a highly contagious virus. It can survive on a dry surface for seven or more days.

Gail Chaffee is the Adolescent Hepatitis B Coordinator for the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health. She said it is possible, although highly unlikely, to catch the virus by touching a sink in a public toilet.

Seventy-five percent of all HBV infections occur in people between the ages of 15 and 39. Of people who currently fall in that age group, only one percent have been vaccinated.

"We're not trying to spread fear or give people the impression that there is an epidemic," Chaffee said "Yet, even though infant immunization is now mandatory, the rates of infection are not going down."

Chaffee said most people don't realize that hepatitis B is an extremely virulent organism.

"The HIV virus is fragile compared to hepatitis," Chaffee said. "This virus can live for up to 30 days on a dry, exposed surface. In some ways it is a silent epidemic because half of the people who get the virus experience no symptoms.

HBV is 100 times more contagious than HIV.

Of the more than 300,000 Americans who catch the virus each year, 5,000 of them die from liver ailments.

The tragedy of these statistics is that HBV is almost completely preventable through immunization. The vaccine has a 13 year efficacy rate, and a 98 percent adolescent success rate.

"Once you've damaged your liver, you can never go back; there's no way to take back liver damage without transplant," Murphy said. "HBV shots are a lot cheaper and a lot more sensible than a transplant."

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) says that even with mandatory immunization of all infants becoming more common, it will be about 20 years before the results of these efforts will affect the infection rate among young people.

According to the CDC, the best way to lower the infection rate is to combine mandatory infant immunization with school vaccination programs like the one at the middle school.

The reason the CDC recommended that sixth-graders get the free vaccination is that the students have most likely not yet begun to engage in high-risk behavior. The CDC also said that it is difficult to get a twelve-year old to go to a doctor's office for one shot; getting them to visit a doctor for the entire three-shot series is nearly impossible.

By giving the vaccination in school, nearly all of the children can be expected to be immunized.

Murphy said she loves the sixth-grade program for another reason: the state pays for the whole program.

"My oldest son is 23 and in college," Murphy said. "We're paying for his shots ourselves because insurance won't cover the vaccinations. I encourage parents to participate in the program because the state is paying for the entire program and that's so useful."

The average cost of one shot is $55, and the HBV vaccine is delivered in a three-shot series.

Murphy said she would like to see insurance companies agree to pay for HBV shots in the future.

"They pay for most other shots, so its a little odd," Murphy said.

State and local officials are also exploring ways to offer the vaccine to students in grades 9-12 who attended the sixth-grade before the immunization program began in 1995.

State law requires that all children born on or after January 1, 1992 receive hepatitis B vaccinations. Vaccination against hepatitis B is also required for entry into day care programs and kindergarten.

Murphy said she has received a lot of support from school principals and teachers.

Chaffee gave the credit to school nurses for making the program a great success.

A state survey showed that as of the 1996-1997 school year, more than 30 percent of the state's seventh-graders had received the vaccine in the sixth grade.

"I'm glad to see the nurses are taking the initiative and doing this program," Chaffee said. "It takes a lot of hard work on the part of the nurses and volunteers who make this program successful."

Replacing moldy school windows can wait, selectmen say

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Many of the windows at Deer Hill School leak and have mold and mildew making it an "unhealthy condition," Selectman Ronnie McMorris said last week.

But selectmen still voted 4-1 not to support a $100,000 request by the school committee through a special town meeting article to replace a substantial number of the 40-year-old windows.

Instead, they hope the town will wait until the results of a proposed $25,000 town-wide building facilities study are known.

School Committee Chairman Maureen Jerz said moisture is seeping into the windows causing them to rust and corrode.

And Supt. Stephen Hart said waiting for the facilities audit would delay the project for at least a year. He said the windows have been on the school committee's capital plan for six years.

Selectman Merle Brown said the windows have waited this long, that another year wouldn't hurt.

"We've held off this long," he said. "I'd like to see the audit of all the buildings in town (done first)."

But McMorris described the windows as in an "abominable condition" and said they should be replaced as soon as possible.

Voters at the Oct. 27 special town meeting will have the final say on whether or not the windows should be replaced this year.


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HEALTH & SAFETY MONTH

October is "Health and Safety Month" and the center is offering a Foot Care Clinic for Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell residents, Wednesday, Oct. 8. Appointments will be 30 minutes. The cost is $20.

PHARMACY PROGRAM

Also, Pharmacy Assistance Program. Seniors must be over 65, Mass. residents for six months and no other drug pharmacy benefits. The program has been extended to Dec. 31, 1997. Check it out.

SHARE SIGNUPS

SHARE signup dates are Monday, Oct. 6, through Friday, Oct. 10. For more information, call the center at 383-9112.

TUESDAY LUNCH PROGRAMS

Tuesday, lunch programs are as follows:

Oct. 7 — A Cohasset firefighter will remind seniors about testing smoke alarms at the end of Daylight Savings Time.

Oct. 14 — Rev. Gary A. Ritts from the Second Congregational Church will speak about the history, feasts and customs of his church and talk about the Ecumenical Service to be held Wednesday, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Eve.

Oct. 21 — Two representatives from the Hingham Visiting Nurse Association will explain when and how to access them.

Oct. 28 — Helen Crowley from the South Shore Office of the American Red Cross will discuss "Till Help Arrives." The cost is $1 for one hour.

A Special Program Thursday, Oct. 9, at 9:30 a.m.: Rita LeRosa Loud will speak on the benefits of Strength Training Programs with a slide show to demonstrate what seniors should do.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

How about a program on money management? The center plans to have volunteers with this program and will conduct the first training program Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. Those interested may call Linda at (781) 848-3910.

BRIDGE MASTER AT WORK

Here comes Barbara and her bridge group. Golf season is over, so away she goes. She's a master!

She starts Monday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m., Review and Defense.

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m., American Contract Bridge League.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1 to 4 p.m.

The cost is $24 for a six-week session.

SHOPPING AT NORTH END

Want to shop the North End — A group will go sometime in mid-November. The cost is $15, which includes lunch.

COOKING CLASS

Amaze friends after a morning with the Julia Child of the Senior Center, Anna Abbruzzese; first and third Monday of the month and second and fourth Wednesday. The cost is $2.50 per class plus $10 for materials.

GET ON LINE

Get on line with computer classes, something for beginners and pros.

JOURNAL WORKSHOP

See the latest program for the following: "Seeing My Own Reflection," a journal workshop; "America's Sons and Daughters," exploring personal heritage; and "55 Alive," mature driving course.

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AARP holds legislative hearing on managed care in Boston

From 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Statehouse's Great Hall in Boston, AARP Massachusetts will hold an AARP National Legislative Council Hearing on Managed Care. With the increasing availability of Managed Care as a health care option, as well as the introduction of Medicare managed Care, AARP members and their families will have the opportunity to learn the facts about Managed Care and to ask questions of health care experts. In addition, pending state legislation in Massachusetts (H.4637) to increase Managed Care quality will be reviewed. Representatives from AARP's National Legislative Council, Board of Directors, the AARP Public Policy Institute and local volunteer leaders will make presentations.

AARP's National Legislative Council Hearing on Managed Care is open to all AARP members and their families, and is free of charge. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call AARP Massachusetts at (617) 720-5600.

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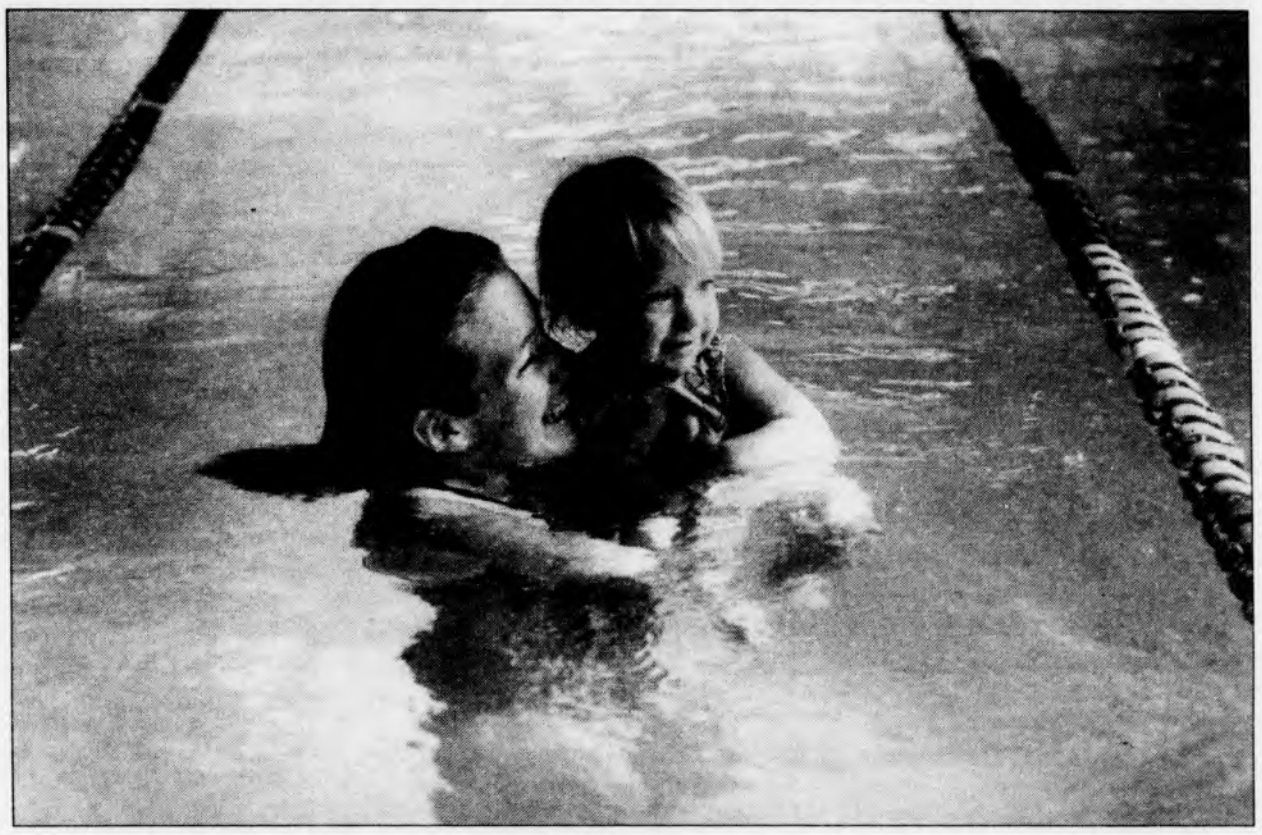
Benefit dinner fashion show

Friends of the Mary Martha Learning Center will be presenting their Third Annual Dinner Fashion Show, with the addition of a Silent Auction this year. Adults and children from the South Shore will be modeling clothing and accessories from Talbots. The event is slated for Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the South Shore Country Club, 274 South St., Hingham. Tickets are $35 per person and can be obtained by calling Alice Lawless at 749-9595. Tickets are also available at Fleming's in Cohasset village. All proceeds from the benefit will be given to the Mary Martha Learning Center (a residential educational facility for homeless mothers and their children) mortgage fund.

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Flying Santa will be on board. Tickets are available by advance reservation. Please call Flying Santa, George Morgan, for tickets and information. Proceeds will benefit the 1997 Flying Santa Christmas flights.

La Leche league to meet

The Tri-Town La Leche League will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at 453 Tilden Road, Scituate. The topic will be "Birth and Breastfeeding." The league is a non-profit organization offering information and support about breastfeeding and parenting through informal meetings and phone help to all women. Free. For information, call 545-0815 or 545-5392.

Lighthouse and foliage extravaganza

Explore the coast north of Boston, enjoy beautiful foliage and view over a dozen lighthouses. Knowledgeable guides will give a history of lighthouses. The boat will sail as close to each light enabling rare photos to be taken. They will depart Saturday, Oct. 4, at 10:30 a.m. (boarding by 10:15 a.m.) and return by approximately 4 p.m. Leave from Mass. Bay Lines at Rowes Wharf (between the Aquarium and South Station). Tickets are: general public, $24; seniors, $22; FBHI member, $19; children 3 to 12 years, $15; under 3 years, free.

For reservations: send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with check to FBHI, 349 Lincoln St., Hingham, 02043 or call the FBHI office at (781) 740-4290. Tickets will be sold at dockside on the day of the trip on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Carousel to raffle Caribbean cruise

Does January in Jamaica sound good to you? How about snorkeling off Grand Cayman or sightseeing among the Mayan ruins of Mexico? All of this is possible, according to the Friends of the Paragon Carousel, for the price of one $10 raffle ticket. Through the generosity of Princess Cruises, Midway Airlines and Lido Travel of Cohasset, the Friends are raffling off a seven-day western Caribbean cruise for two aboard the Sun Princess. Air travel to and from Ft. Lauderdale is included. All proceeds will help to save the Carousel.

Tickets may be purchased at Cards and Shards in Cohasset or Charlotte's in North Scituate, as well as at the Carousel during weekend operating hours. The drawing will take place Sunday, Nov. 2, at a fund-raising dinner to be held at Jake's restaurant in Hull. Ticket holders need not be present to win. For more information, call (781) 925-0472.

Author breakfast slated

Buttonwood Books & Toys will present its fall "Coffee with the Authors" Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Chart House Restaurant in Cohasset. Authors Jill McCorkle, David Gessner, Alexandra Johnson and Elizabeth Graver will discuss and sign their books.

Call Buttonwood at (781) 383-2665 to reserve your place at $10 per person for a morning of coffee and conversation.

Harvest Folk Festival is October 9

Your group or organization is invited to participate in the Harvest Folk Festival Thursday, Oct. 9, 3 to 7 p.m., by setting up a table promoting yourself, a coming event, or by creating an activity for the festival. Call the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at 383-1010 by Oct. 6 to reserve your spot. It is only $25 to participate! Also welcome is anyone interested in selling homemade items.

The festival will feature folk music, pony rides, clowns, jugglers, face painting, Village Street Fair and many other activities. Come and enjoy organic produce, seasonal fruits and vegetables, herb plants, perennials, breads, fresh and dried flower bouquets, honey products, sweet and savory tarts, lobsters and much more.

Lecture on American Colonial Furniture

How did the American Queen Anne style of furniture evolve into the Chippendale style and what did the Chinese, half a world away, have to do with it? Why do styles in furniture change at all? Answers to these questions and more will be addressed by furniture expert John Bradford Hermanson in a special lecture sponsored by the Hingham Historical Society, "The Evolution of American Furniture from the Colonial Period Through the Present," Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St. in Hingham.

The program will start at 9:30 a.m. with morning refreshments and lecture beginning promptly at 10 a.m., continuing through 11:30 a.m. Admission is $5 in advance by sending check or money order to the Hingham Historical Society, P.O. Box 434, Hingham, 02043, before Oct. 1. Tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets will be sold the day of the lecture for $7 at the Old Derby Academy. For more information, call Treena Crochet at (617) 749-5855, or Cynthia Wilkins at (617) 749-1851.

Nursery School used sports equipment sale

Looking to clean out the garage or basement of slightly used, long outgrown or just dusty sports equipment before winter? If your answer is yes, then the South Shore Community Center Nursery School has the answer. From 1-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5, the Nursery School will hold it's first ever 50/50 used sports equipment sale to benefit the programs and scholarship fund of the Nursery School.

All sports equipment will be accepted for the sale Saturday, Oct. 4 from 12-3:30 p.m. in the center's gym. All items should be clean, in good, usable condition and meet current safety requirements. Items which traditionally sell well include skis, ski boots, bikes and trikes, exercise equipment, youth soccer, baseball and lacrosse equipment, tennis rackets and golf clubs for both adults and children. Items will be priced according to their condition, with half of the sale price being returned to the original owner and the other half going to benefit the Nursery School. For additional information about the sale, please call the Nursery School at 383-0036.

Beechwood Church bazaar

The Harvest Bazaar, sponsored by the Beechwood Congregational Church, will be held on Sat. Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 51 Church Street.

Shop early for the holidays. You'll find crafts, fancy work, wreaths, plants, and even a silent auction. Children will enjoy crafts, a children's table, The Pocket Lady and Mrs. Santa and our highly sought after beach glass candy. A senior discount will be available at the lunch counter from 11:30 to 1:00. The church will be serving its famous clam chowder.

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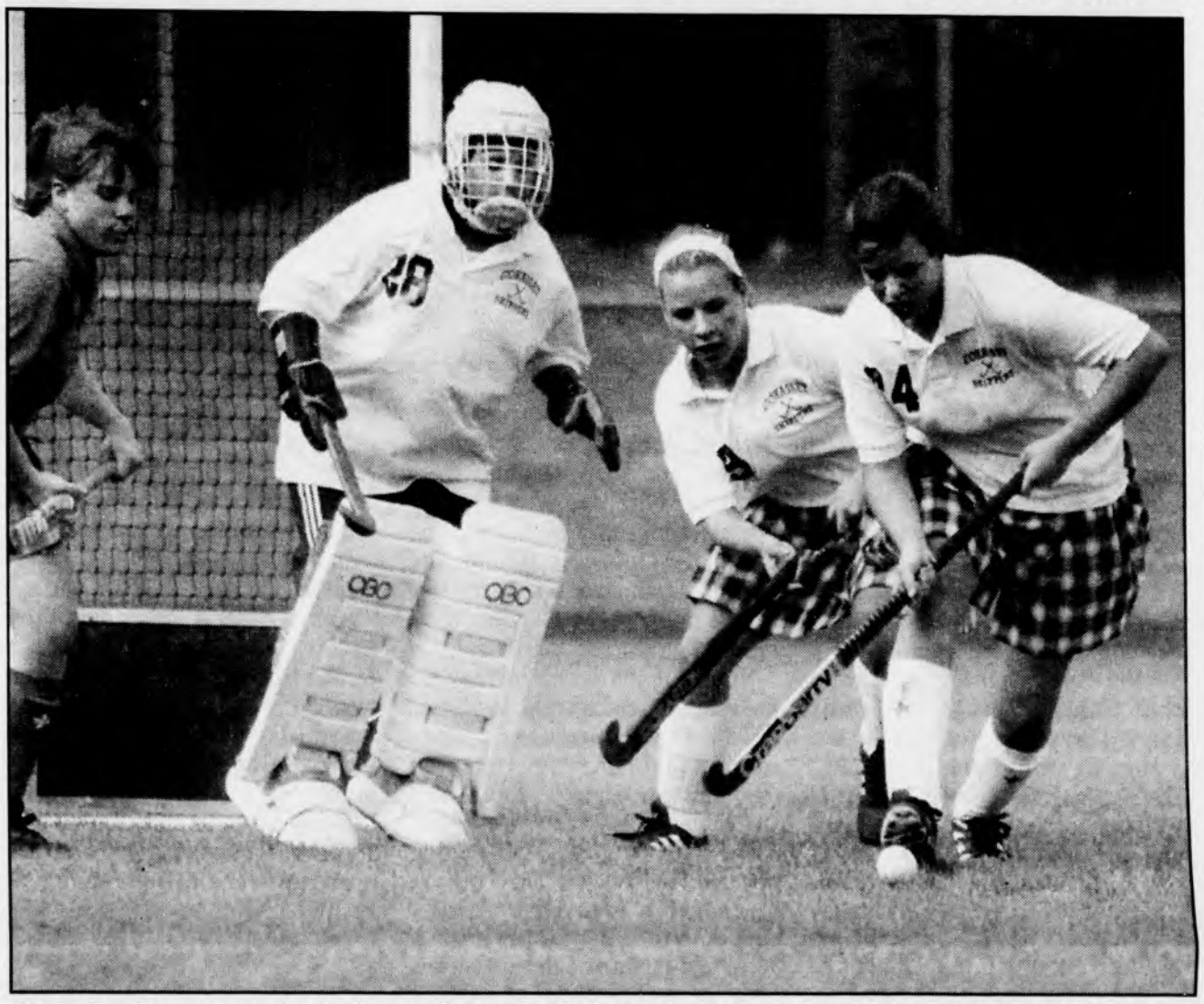
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SPORTS

COHASSET MARINER

Time is running short for CHS field hockey

Team needs five wins for playoffs



Katie Devine moves the ball away from the Cohasset crease, much to the relief of CHS golaie Melissa Rosano.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

CHS field hockey coach Debby Bostwick says the math is simple. Her team has seven games to get ten points to equal a trip to the state tournament.

Hopes are high for tournament play this year for the 3-5-1 team. The Lady Skippers last made it to "The Dance" three years ago, but have fallen just short of post-season play in each of the last two seasons.

"We've been right there at the end each of the past two years but just missed it," said Bostwick, now in her ninth year of coaching at the school. "The team has played pretty well this year and I think we are starting to come together at the right time.

"We've held our own against some pretty strong teams."

Things look bright for the future as well, said Bostwick, as field hockey squads at the junior varsity and junior high level are well stocked.

"Even though we are a little short-handed on the varsity level, we've got a good deal of kids playing in the system," said Bostwick. "The future looks good."

The future is now for the seven seniors on their squad who are faced with their final opportunity to return to tournament play.

"We've got some strong leaders on this team," said Bostwick. "They want to win."

One of those leaders has been co-captain Alia Afshar, a defensive specialist who Bostwick has paired with fellow captain Katie Buckley, who has chipped in offensively with three assists.

"Alia and K.B. make a great team," said Bostwick. "They are the nucleus of the squad."

Handling much of the offensive load so far has been returning South Shore League all-star Lauren Dooley with three goals and three assists.

"She has the speed of a gazelle. It's just incredible," said Bostwick. "Wherever the ball is, she is never far behind. Lauren gets the team into motion.

Also stepping up this year offensively has been Kristen Reynolds, a former gymnast who has only played field hockey for the last two seasons.

Reynolds has three goals and an assist.

On defense, Sue Gill and Lindy Holway have been holding down the fort in front of sophomore goaltender Mellisa Rosano.

"I've been blessed this year with a team that has a super heart and great determination who also happen to be a very nice and classy group of young ladies," said an enthusiastic Bostwick.



Lauren Dooley goes on the attack.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

FISHING STORY

BY MARK TRASK

Fall season still a fine time for fishing

The long hot days of summer are now a pleasant memory, in a summer of many really fine weather days. The sun doesn't quite clear the trees anymore when the alarm clock or the radio starts its nasty work. The big yellow buses once again slow the morning commute with their precious cargo. The stirring fall winds whip the oily placid summer swells into frothy chop.

Beneath the froth, huge schools of fatted stripers have reversed their direction and now migrate to the south, seeking to stay in a temperate band of water. Occasional hurricanes, far over the horizon send their steady drumbeat of heavy rollers to smash into green and white foam on the unyielding ledges. The flow of striped bass to the scale and into freezers of persistent anglers continues unabated.

Tony Finegan tossed bait over the outer ledges and came up with another nice keeper, one of five fish caught that day. Don Schneider keeps casting bait from shore, alternating between pogies, mackerel and squid, with more successful days than not. After a short slump, Paul Hansell is back in the thick of the bass with two keepers Sunday night. "New location" Paul says cryptically.

Back at Government Island pier, Harry and son Andrew and grandson Justin tested the waters for the first time as a team. Small pogie chunks worked well for a half-dozen 14-22-inch fish. Andy managed to get a 32-incher into the cooler. After a while, he decided to change the water in the cooler to keep the fish fresh. With the sudden inflow of cool

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Skippers look to turn things around against Norton

Jim O'Sullivan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Skippers varsity football team carries an 0-2 record into this Saturday's game against the Norton Lancers. Plagued by injuries and a peculiar inability to show up for the first half, the boys in blue desperately need a win to turn their season around.

Cohasset's first game was away against the East Bridgewater Vikings. With last year's 52-0 whipping at the hands of the Vikings in mind, the Skippers made a valiant second-half effort.

Senior captain Andy "Hammer" Hamilton put forth a stellar effort, making eleven first half tackles and eighteen overall, all from the cornerback position. Junior Adam "Sasquatch" Sasso ratcheted up his play a notch in the second half and filled the linebacker position nicely. Alex "Big Daddy" Russell, arriving late from treatment for his broken hand, and John "Crunch" Considine solidified the defensive line. East Bridgewater did not score the second half.

However, Cohasset would need more than defense to come back. A lethargic offensive line allowed the Viking defense to swarm ballcarriers and Fessure signal caller Pat "Hollywood" Hurley.

In the second half, the "Hogs" began opening up holes for runners and holding off pass rushers. Halfback Justin "Juggernaut" Golden took advantage of one of these holes and bounced to the outside, then turned on the afterburners and smoked for thirty-seven yards, down to the Viking one yard line. Hollywood then rolled out of the pocket and scampered in himself for the six.

The pointafter failed, but the Skippers were on the board.

Sophomore Craig "Bacon" Parker kicked off, and hooked it left. Classmate Joe Pergola dove on the pigskin and Cohasset had the ball back, with time winding down.

Unfortunately, despite their momentum and their supreme conditioning (owed to the diabolical exercises conducted by Coach Mark Hall), the visitors could not beat the clock and came up short, falling 14-6.

Cohasset hoped that they had learned a lesson from the EB game, but repeated their error last Friday night, coming out flat for the first half against the Abington Green Waves.

In front of their home crowd, under the lights, the boys in blue played a miserable first quarter and an only slightly better second quarter, then finally got their act together in the third.

Despite the loss of Hammer to a sprained ankle ligament and Sasso to an injured knee , the Skipper defense once again rose to the occasion in the second half.

Linebacker Luke "Cobra" Caldwell and defensive end Jamie "Snake" Buick, also playing with a broken hand, played like men possessed. And, once again, the opposition did not reach the end zone the second half.

A productive drive highlighted by a 25 yard hook-up from Hollywood to Snake was capped with a 4 yard scoring rush by Raheem "The Dream" Shepard. The kick failed though, and Cohasset trailed 21-6. However, the Skippers weren't done. Hollywood reared back on the next drive and fired a pass to Snake, who took this one in for the TD.

It was deja vu all over again, as the Skippers, sparked by their defense, made a last ditch effort for victory. This point after attempt failed as well, and Cohasset was down 21-12.

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fresher water, the bass made its move. I'm outta here! and flipped the cooler lid with its tail and boogied. Over the past week, Harry has bagged a half-dozen bass at the same spot.

From the-fishing-isn't-supposed-to-hurt department: Dave and Kathy Marks of Cohasset were out for some fishing and were doing quite well along their favorite spots. Kathy hooked up with a drag burner and hung on for dear life. Bit by bit she gained line in the fight, and after awhile they could see the big silver side of the fish as it strained to break the monofilament. With Dave "coaching," Kathy got the fish to within 10 feet when it suddenly found a burst of strength and sounded, peeling yards of hard-gained line. With the rod bent nearly double, all Kathy could do was hang on, forearms burning from the effort. In the blink of an eye, the line parted and the rod snapped up, clobbering Kathy square between the eyes, the Ray-Bans clattering to the deck, destroyed.

"You OK?" asked the worried Dave, as he could see the fast rising egg on her forehead.

"I'm fine!" spit Kathy, "Damn that fish got away!" Seconds later, Dave had his bait in the water, in vain hope of enticing the big one to another battle. It was not to be. They settled for a pair of 20-pound keepers and a pounding headache that day.

Max MacCleave was biking in Harwichport and stopped to try his luck at Wychmere Harbor. Before he got back on his way, he caught more than 40 small stripers and snapper blues from the pier. One happy angler reports setting up a slick of pogie chum by George's Island and catching fish steadily. Every two to five minutes, we had one on he reports, with frequent doubles.

Some of the local surfcasters have been seeing real big ones below their perch. A couple stopped in for directions reported they saw an angler catch a nice striper at the lighthouse jetty. Two keepers from under Mill Bridge was another report. The harbors are choked with juvenile herring. The cormorants are having a field day. A pair of these fishing birds trapped a school of herring against the sailing club wall. Each time the birds dove, a shower of sparkling herring would clear the water in an effort to avoid being an appetizer. Overheard on the VHF Sunday: "Yeah, we got a dozen big blues so far, 16-17-pound range..." Looks like the season is far from over.

Saturday wraps up the Second Annual Beachcomber Tournament. If no one tops Jerry Stevens' 32-pound striper, he will claim the cup at the Cohasset Harbormaster's office Sunday at 5 p.m.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hockey beginners instructional program

The Seahawks youth hockey program invites all boys and girls, ages 5 to 9 to join our beginners instructional program.

Requirements are a desire to have fun while playing, a hockey helmet with cage or shield, hockey gloves or waterproof winter gloves. Any skaters with full hockey equipment interested in playing hockey are welcome.

The 1997-98 season will start on Sept. 13 and will run through March. Weekly lessons will be held on Saturday nights from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Hobomock Arena (Rink 2) in Pembroke. Telephone 294-0260 for information.

Directions: Take Rte. 53 to Rte. 14, follow Rte. 14 to Pembroke center, take Rte. 36 for 3/4 of a mile to Hobomock Rink on the left.

Registration will commence at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 13. There will be a one-time registration fee of $12. This year's learn to skate will cost $40 per eight-week session. Registered skaters will receive a decal at the registration table to be placed on the child's helmet above the name tag. Only those skaters with decals will be allowed to skate.

Due to the growing popularity of this program and the long lines, we are asking all parents to please

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This week at a glance

Oct. 2
Boys Varsity soccer at East Bridgewater 6:30
Girls JV soccer vs East Bridgewater 3:30

Oct. 3
Varsity field hockey at Hanover 3:30
JV field hockey at Hanover 4:30
Boys JV soccer vs East Bridgewater 3:30
Girls varsity soccer at East Bridgewater 5 p.m.

Oct. 4
Varsity football at Norton 1 p.m.

Oct. 7
Varsity field hockey vs Notre Dame 3:30
JV field hockey vs Notre Dame 3:30
Boys varsity soccer vs Carver 7 p.m.
Boys JV soccer at Carver 3:30
Girls soccer vs Carver 5:15

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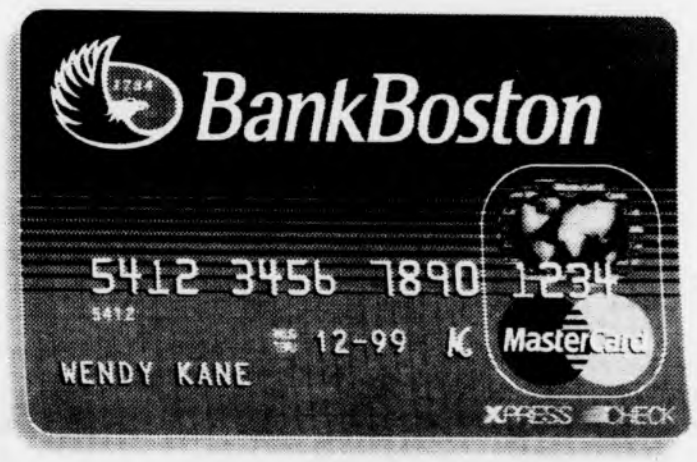
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arrive early on Sept. 13. The registration table will be located in the lobby of Rink 1.

After registration, all skaters must dress in the locker rooms assigned to the learn to skate program.

No dressing will be allowed in the aisle.

T.K. O'Malley fun run on tap for Oct. 5

T.K. O'Malley's and S.H.O.R.E. (Scituate High Opportunities and Resources for Education) invite you to participate in a 10K road race, a 10K walk, and 1K fun run for kids (14 and under).

The race benefits the Scituate High School Students' Co-curriculum (fund-raising managed by S.H.O.R.E.). The race is sanctioned by the USATF-NE.

The date is Sunday, Oct. 5. 10K Road Race begins at 1 p.m.; Walk begins at 8:30 a.m.; 1K Fun Run begins at 11:30 a.m.; at Scituate Common, Scituate.

For the runners' divisions: Prizes to top three male and female finishers, 10K runners in each of the following categories: 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over. (Great merchandise prizes as well as refreshments will be available.

1K Kids' divisions: Ribbons and refreshments for all entries.

The 10K pre-registration fee is $12. ($15 fee registering on race day). Check-in is at Gates Middle School Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon).

The Walker pre-registration fee is $7 (with T-shirt: $12). Check-in is at Scituate Lighthouse, Sunday, 8 to 8:30 a.m.

The 1K Fun Run pre-registration fee is $5 (with T-shirt $12). The check-in is at Central Field, Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Long-sleeve T-shirts are guaranteed for the first 300 10K registrants/runners. T-shirts are for sale on race day for $12 (if available).

Race day registrations run the risk of not getting T-shirts, so preregister for all events.

Please send non-refundable check or money order (made payable to T.K.'s 10K) to T.K.'s 10K, c/o Howie Ardolino, 299 First Parish Rd., Scituate, 02066.

Following the race, rally will be held at T.K. O'Malley's Sports Cafe (Front St., Scituate Harbor).

For more information, call Howie Ardolino at (617) 545-1463.

Fall outdoor programs offered

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept mail-in registrations for Fall Recreation Programs for children aged four and five, and grades K-3. Programs are scheduled through Oct. 31. (Monday group ends Nov. 3 due to Columbus Day).

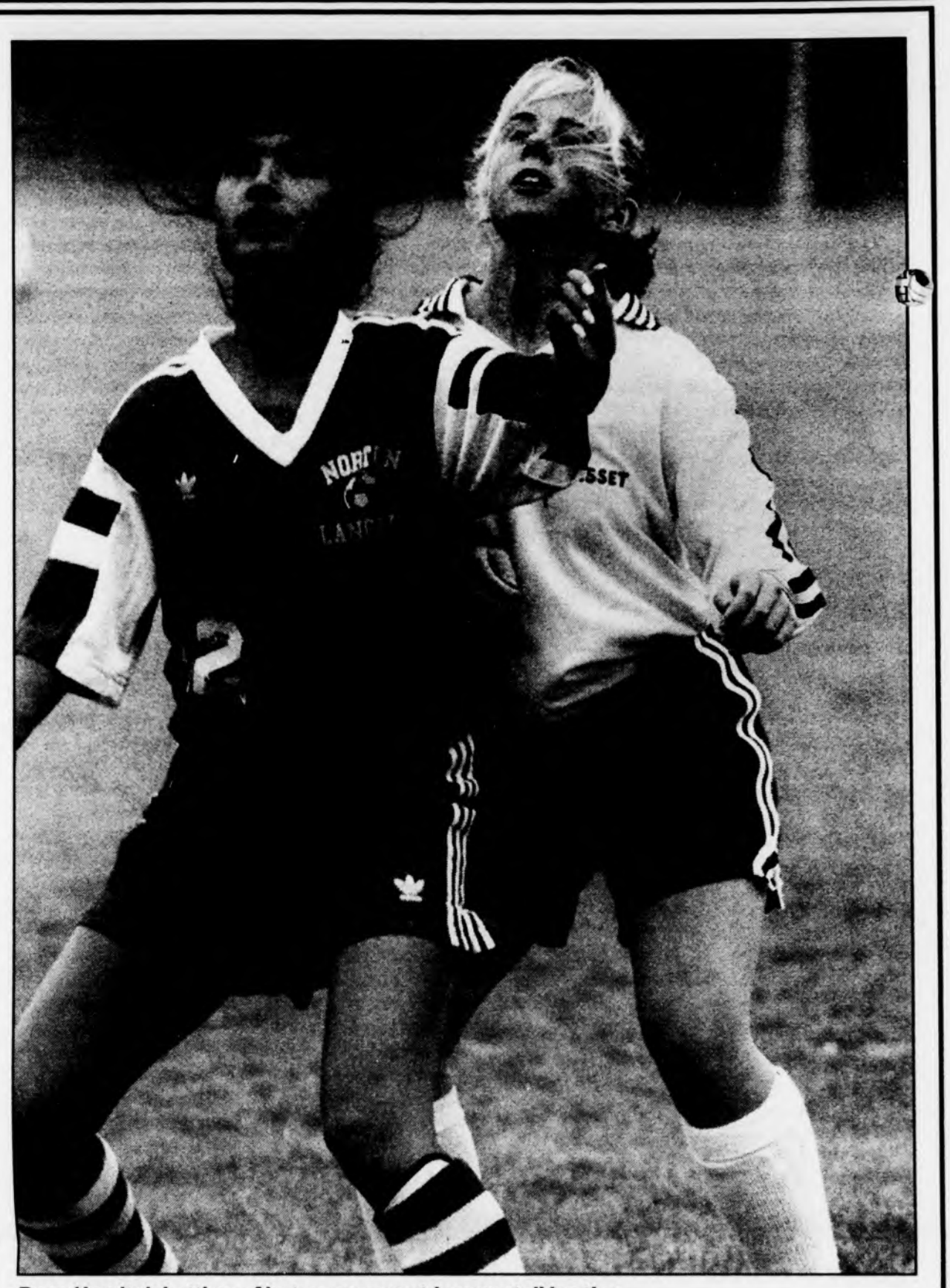
Monday, Grades K-3, Soccer Skills and Games, Osgood Field, 2:50 to 5 p.m. No class on Monday, Oct. 13, but will meet for final class on Monday, Nov. 3.

Tuesday, Ages four and five, Soccer Skills and Games, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Grades K-3, Arts and Crafts, Osgood, 2:50 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Ages four and five, Games and Sports, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Friday, Grades 1-3, Flag Football, Osgood Field, 2:50 to 5 p.m.



Rosa Hareitek battles a Norton opponent in recent JV action.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Each program meets for two hours weekly for a six-week period. Some programs will have to be postponed should inclement weather dictate and you may call the recreation office at 383-6791, after 1 p.m., if you are in doubt of program status. Osgood children will be advised and sent home should the program not meet.

Children may bring snacks/drinks to programs and all children must be picked up either prior to, or promptly at the concluding program times. Children may stay after school to participate once parental permission is given on the registration form.

Please complete the registration form, calculate the appropriate fee and make the check payable to: Town of Cohasset. Checks and forms may be either dropped off at the recreation office or mailed to: Cohasset Recreation Department, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025, prior to Sept. 18. Most programs depend upon weather. We will make every reasonable effort to make up days lost to poor weather. Fee Schedules: Child(ren) in **one** six-week program: One child, $25; second child, $22. Child(ren) in **two** six-week programs: One child, $40; second child, $20; third child, free.

Little League coaches needed for town youth baseball

By unanimous vote of the Cohasset Youth Baseball Associations' (CYBA) Board of Directors, all current and prospective candidates for the positions referenced above, relative to the upcoming 1998 season, must complete, in a timely fashion, a newly created formal "Application" form before they can be considered to be eligible for the respective appointment as either Manager or Coach. All 1997 CYBA program managers and coaches will have mailed, directly to their home address, one copy of this required "Application."

All other individuals who have a sincere interest or untapped desire of also and equally being considered for the position of a CYBA Manager/Coach during the upcoming 1998 season, should call (617) 740-2020 (Hingham) and request a form be mailed, or fax your name and address to 740-4420 (Hingham) and a form will follow, or pick up a copy at the Cohasset Recreation Department,

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Curley's on the rebound

South Shore's favorite Timberwolf hopes injury woes are now behind him

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Bounding around the Duxbury High School gymnasium with a spring in his step and that old competitive glint in his eyes, Minnesota Timberwolf forward Billy Curley looks like a man who feels as good as he says he does.

"My legs haven't felt this good since college," said Curley, taking a break from the forty or so youngsters that took part in his first annual basketball camp recently. "The light is there at the end of the tunnel. I can't wait for camp to start."

The knee and ankle woes that have limited him to almost no basketball action in more than two and a half years seem to be a thing of the past for Curley, who gives all the credit to hard work and Boston University strength and conditioning coach Mike Boyle.

Since the surgery on his right knee on Super Bowl Sunday to work on some torn cartilage, Curley has been working out feverishly with Boyle and other therapists each day to get ready for the upcoming basketball season. Their hard work seems ready to pay big dividends.

"There were times where I didn't think it was going to happen, but now I'm convinced that I'm going to make it back," said the 25-year-old former McDonald's high school All-American. "The basketball skills are a little rusty, but as long as the leg stays strong and the conditioning is there I think we're going to be fine. I might be horrible for a little while, but the game will come back to me.

"It's been a great summer for me and I couldn't be happier with the way that things are going. I wish camp started tomorrow."

Immediately after the surgery, Curley says things didn't look so rosy.

"I was miserable," he admitted with a sheepish grin. "I couldn't get up and down a flight of stairs without pain. Now I feel like an everyday person again and I am working hard to get myself back into playing shape.

"Basketball is fun again for me."

When the Timberwolves camp does start in October, Curley will find himself in a dogfight for a spot on the Minnesota roster.

With front court spots already reserved for Tom Gugliotta and superstar-in-training Kevin Garnett, Curley finds himself fighting with both old guys (Sam Mitchell and Stanley Roberts) and young horses (rookie Paul Grant and Dean Garrett) for the attention of Timberwolf coach and general manager Flip Saunders.

After making the playoffs last year for the first time in their history and building on the nucleus of Garnett, Gugliotta and guard Stephon Marbury, Curley sees a young team on the upswing.

"We've got some great talent already in place and now we need to build around them with players who have the skills to compliment their game. That's where I'd like to think that I can fit in and help bring the team to the next level," said Curley.

The latest news from Minnesota has Garnett wanting to take the next train out of town over his unhappiness with the team's latest contract offer, a paltry $103 million multi-year extension. Curley hopes his teammate reconsiders his stance.

"I think it is all going to work out for the best," said Curley. "I really think that Kevin wants to stay with Minnesota, but this is also a business and you have to be a little selfish when it comes to your contract. You've got to take care of yourself sometimes. It's the nature of the business world."

As a member of the Timberwolf organization, Curley gets to be around a Minnesota native who is still a legend around these parts and who perfected the same low-post scoring game that Billy now uses: future Celtic hall-of-famer and team vice president Kevin McHale.

"Just being around Kevin for any length of time is an amazing experience," said Curley. "I learn more in five minutes of listening to him talk than with anyone else. He has an amazing head for the game of basketball. He was one of the best ever to play this game and he's got the rings to prove it."

While sitting on the sidelines for the past two years, Curley said he couldn't help but turn his thoughts to life after basketball and what it may hold for him.

After last week's work at the basketball camp, Curley predicts that coaching at some level may very well be a part of the picture.

"An injury like this forces you to think about your future," said Curley. "You need to prepare for that day when your not going to be able to play basketball anymore."

Although a quiet and reserved man by nature, Curley exudes a different persona on the court, showing charisma and enthusiasm while teaching youngsters the basics of conditioning and basketball skills.

In addition, Curley said he wants to pass on something else outside of the game that his parents as well as former coaches have taught his through the years: the importance of being a good person both on and off of the court.

"You can play as hard as you can but everything has to stop before you get dirty on the court or in anything else you do," said Curley. "You've got to have respect for yourself as well as your opposition. Once the game is over, you are all friends.

"I was very lucky growing up to have my parents and some great coaches show me the right way that things are to be done and I want to pass that on to these kids and give back a little bit of what has been given to me."

While standing in the DHS gym, Curley said he couldn't help but think back to the old days when janitors used to throw him and his friends out of the school late at night after practice.

"This was a second home to me," said Curley, breaking into a wide smile. "There's a lot of great memories in this gym."

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Town Hall, Cohasset, during their normal operating hours.

All applications pertaining to a Major League position must be in the possession of the CYBA no later than Friday, Sept. 12. (Absolutely NO exceptions. The completed forms should be mailed to: CYBA, PO Box 121, Cohasset, MA 02025-0121. Applications for the Farm and or Minor League level must be submitted to the stated address by Friday, Oct. 3. Failure to adhere to this prescribed timetable will exclude any applicant from consideration, at this time. The CYBA is genuinely soliciting a response to this open solicitation from all aspects of our community. So, if you have any level of interest in working with our Cohasset youth enrolled in the CYBA Little League base ball program, we urge you to apply.

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Cohasset High students take aim at coastal pollution

By Kerry Herlihy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Students in Jack Buckley's Environmental Studies class have published a brochure aimed to inform the community about coastal pollution. The brochure, "Only You Can Keep It Blue," has been distributed throughout the South Shore and includes information taken from the year-long course at Cohasset High School.

Buckley chose to adopt the Coastal Zone Management's project, "Coast Sweep," and bring it into his curriculum hoping to take global issues and relate them to the local community. "Coast Sweep" is a sponsored beach clean-up, where people are recruited in communities from all over the United States. These people are responsible for not only picking up the trash on the beaches, but tallying up the debris into different categories such as plastic, paper, wood, etc. This data is then sent to the Center for Marine Conservation, where they compile the information and produce a booklet describing national trends of what is polluting our beaches.

After one day of picking up trash on local beaches, 16 students had collected 4,545 pieces of debris.

"We continued project 'Coast Sweep' during the school year to see what the debris amounted to month by month," Buckley said. After one day of picking up trash on local beaches, 16 students had collected 4,545 pieces of debris.

"We realized that this was a big problem, and that it's not out of our reach to make a difference. Everybody goes to the beach or out in boats. We are all responsible," said Buckley's former student Justin Green, who graduated last spring.

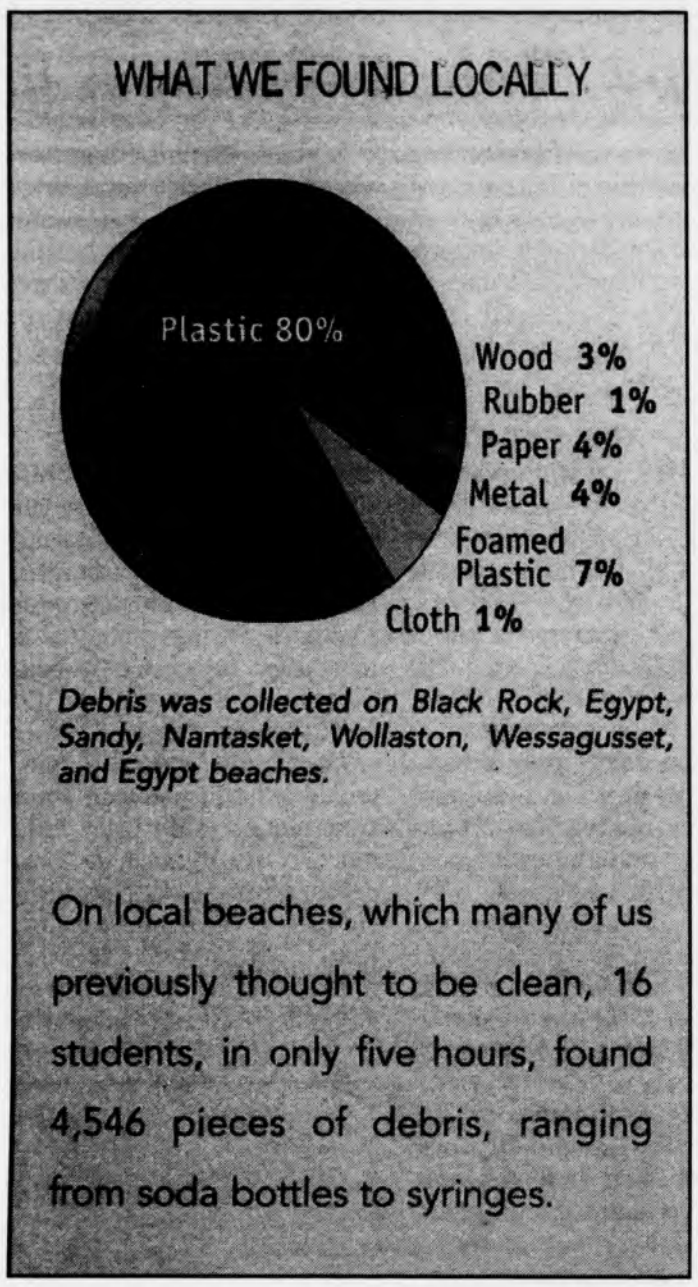
Buckley read about a grant offered through the Gulf of Maine Association. He wrote a proposal requesting assistance with the consulting and printing of an informative brochure created by his Environmental Studies class. The grant was awarded, and the PSO assisted with additional funding.

Don Kimball, creative art director at Fidelity Investments, donated his time by coming into the classroom and helping the students brainstorm ideas for the brochure. Out of this brainstorm session came the title of the brochure, "Only You Can Make It Blue — Coastal Debris: We Are The Cause and Solution." In addition to Kimball's time in class, he offered suggestions via fax and e-mail, and he also invited one of the students into his office to work with a graphic artist and writer on the final drafts of the brochure.

The students in the Environmental Studies class were happy with the final cut of the brochure and spent a few days driving around the South Shore distributing copies hoping to get the word out.

"I learned much more than I had anticipated when I signed up for the course. Mr. Buckley is a great teacher. We were able to have class on sight, outside in the environment. It was real hands-on learning," said Cohasset High graduate Alan Marcus, another former student of Buckley's.

The brochure can be found in many marinas and hardware stores on the South Shore. In Cohasset, a copy can be picked up at the community center, library, town hall, Pat's Barber Shop, Cohasset Hardware, yacht club, and from the harbormaster.



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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Deer Hill School ice cream social

On Friday, June 5, the Deer Hill School was host to about 300 Deer Hill students and their families as they were treated to a "welcome back" ice cream social. Parents and teachers got the chance to chat informally while Principal Paul Callahan and members of the Deer Hill School Council scooped out dishes of vanilla ice cream. The students lined up to pay 25 cents for a variety of toppings such as M & M's, crushed oreo cookies, candy corns, "jimmies" and many others.

Many thanks to Stop & Shop, Shaw's and Bergson's, who donated the ice cream and the "jimmies!"

A great time was enjoyed by all. Hopefully, a new tradition has been started at the Deer Hill School!

Character talk is slated

On Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 7-9 p.m., the Cohasset PSO invites all parents, teachers and interested citizens to attend a presentation by Dr. William Kilpatrick, the author of "Why Johnny Can't Tell Right from Wrong."

Dr. Kilpatrick is a Professor of Education at Boston College, where he teaches courses in moral education and human development. He is a frequent lecturer to parent audiences. He will discuss moral illiteracy and make the case for character education in our schools. He suggests methods that both parents and schools can use to encourage moral growth in our children.

Ed Leonard, the adjustment counselor at the Deer Hill School will also give a brief presentation. He has developed a character education program that pilots this fall at the Deer Hill School, and could be implemented next year at the Osgood School and the high school.

P.A.C. meeting is Ocotober 14

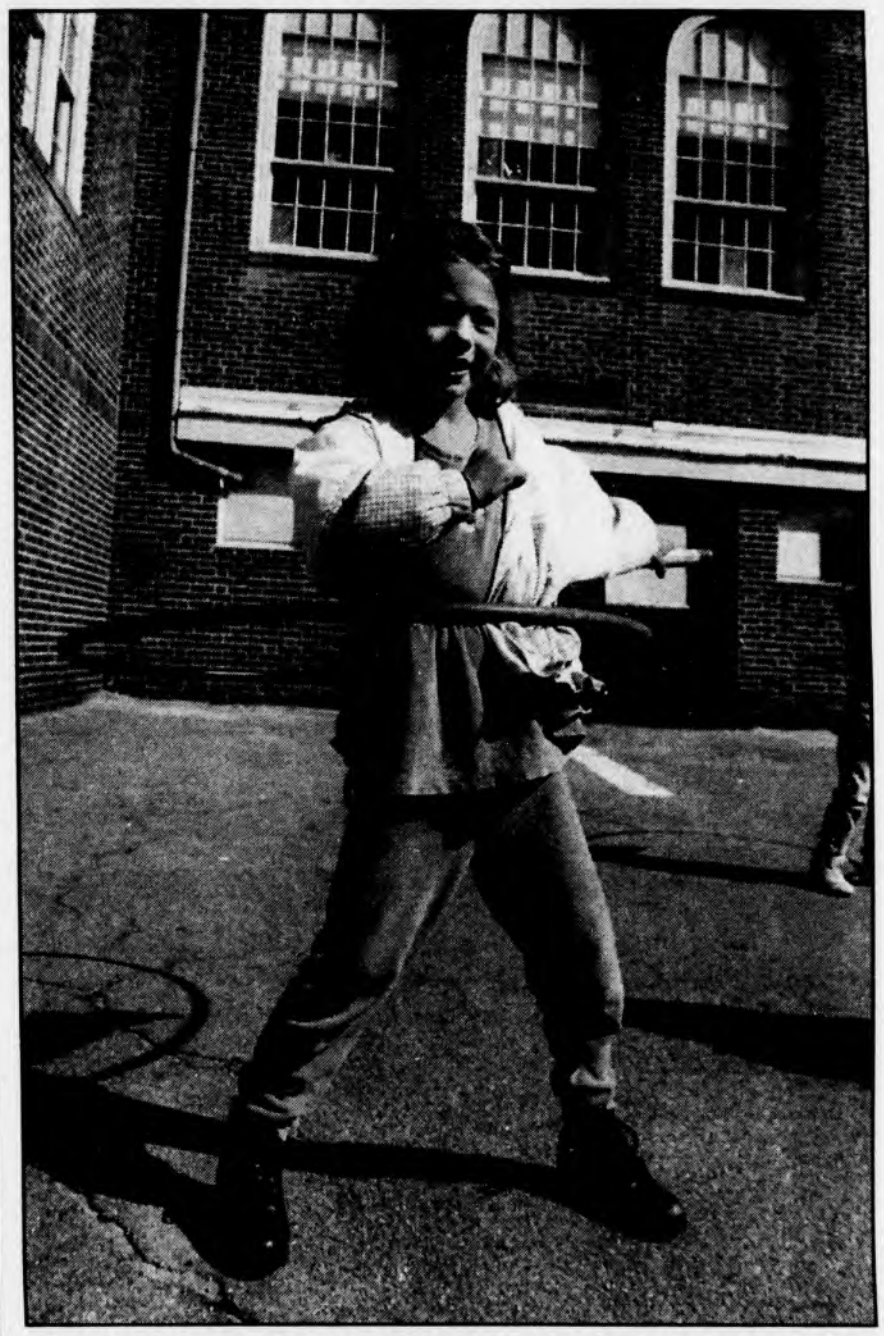
Due to a conflict with the P.S.O.'s fall meeting, the regularly scheduled PAC has been changed to Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Deer Hill School library.

The guest speaker will be Lynn Silva, director of student services. All parents/guardians of children receiving services under Chapter 766 are welcome.

For further details, contact PAC chairperson Kim Maynard 383-2707.

Step-parenting program

The Social Service League of Cohasset will present a free program entitled, "Step-Parenting: How to Live with Other Peoples' Children" on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Unitarian Church Parish House, 23 North Main St. In this free program, Judy Osborne, LMFT, LMHC, author of "Stepfamilies-The Restructuring Process" and director of Stepfamilies Associates in Brookline, will address the many challenges and rewards of this common family structure. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 383-0771.



First-grader Maggie McGoldrick tries out the hula hoop during recess at the Osgood School.

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Sons of Legion honor departed comrades



Jane Hamilton is sworn in as president of the Ladies Auxiliary at the American Legion post on Summer Street following observances at the cemetery.

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From left, Frank Ayers and Kenneth Jason of Cohasset pay respect to fallen war heroes at the special observances.

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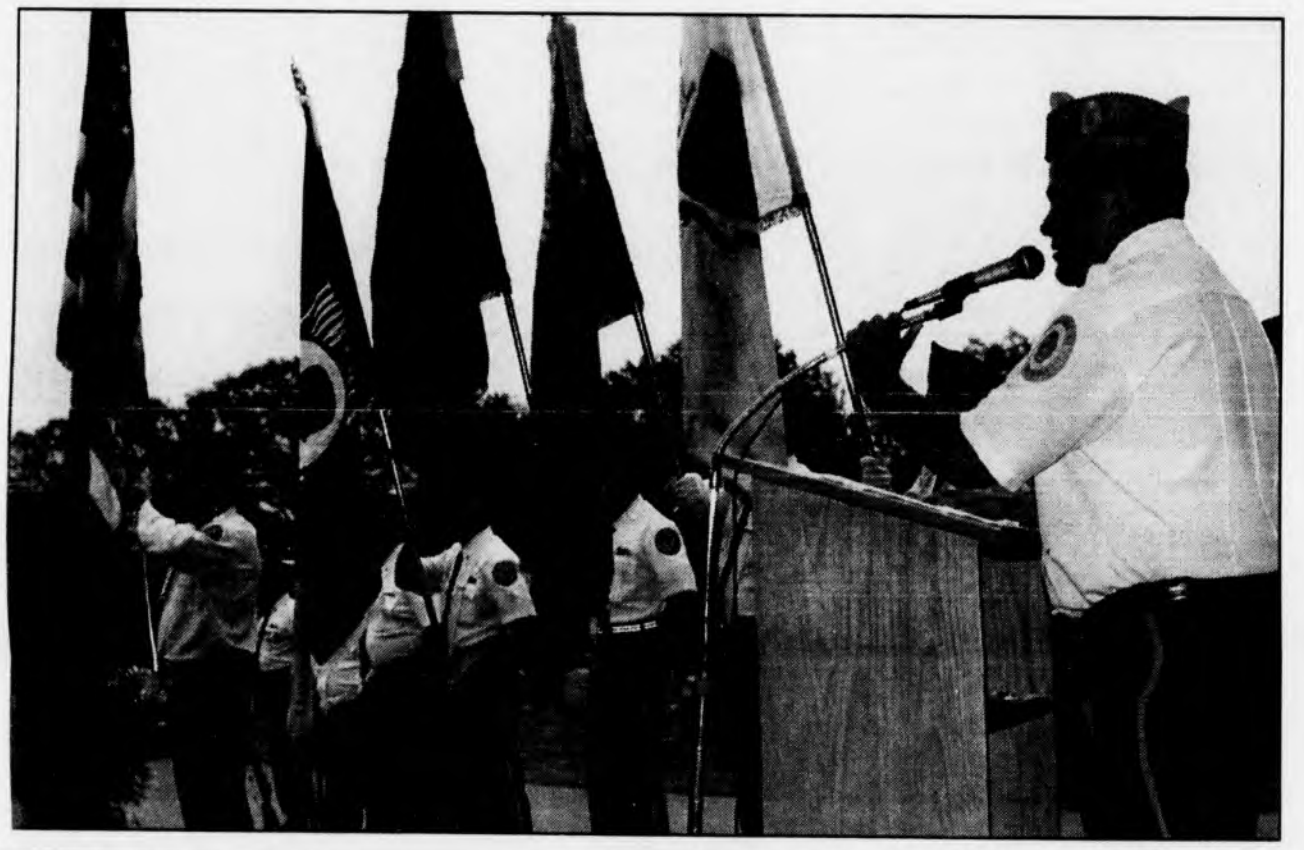
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Sons Commander Thomas Wigmore and members of the George H. Mealy American Legion pay tribute to fallen members at special ceremonies recently at the Woodside Ceremony.

Fred Robertson photo

The Sons of American Legion Squadron 118 held a memorial service earlier this month at Woodside Cemetery to honor diseased members of the post whose charter dates back to 1935.

Sons Commander Thomas Wigmore said Joseph Gonsalves, John Roche, John Curtis, Norman Card, Louis Mulvey, Francis Mulvey, Joseph Kapuccio, George W. Salvador, Robert Oliver, Richard Oliver, George Bowser and Alfred Gonsalves were memorialized in the service.

Four original members of the sons Ken Jason, Frank Ayers, Robert Ayers and Donald Kennedy were on hand for the ceremony, Wigmore said.

The service was followed by installation of officers for the Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary at the George Mealy American Legion Post.

The Sons raise money for children through the Legion Child Welfare Fund and help at veterans hospitals, Wigmore explained.

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Owning your home: Investment or expense?

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

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The answer to these questions is that ownership of a house spans both categories, blurring the line between an investment and an expense, and deserves a particular kind of consideration as a financial asset.

Buying a home requires an approach that takes into account the risks of the real estate market, special tax rules and savings strategies; all the while weighing intangible value.

This issue has taken on new importance with the recent changes in the tax laws and the state of the current real estate market. Especially since, according to financial planners, many Americans pour about a third of their income into the mortgage, taxes and upkeep of their homes.

In fact, many financial advisors and housing market experts balk at the suggestion that an individual would consider the house they live in to be a purely financial investment. "Anyone who buys a house as an investment is crazy," says Jordan Clark, president of the United Homeowners Association, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C.

At the same time, however, experts recognize that a house is not just a personal expense, like clothing, that can be fully written off; the house will retain value over the long run. And it can represent a significant portion of a person's net worth.

"A house, at best, is a hybrid investment that is primarily devoted to your quality of life" and secondly aimed at making the owner money, says David Diesslin, a financial advisor and president of Diesslin & Associates in Fort Worth, Texas.

Homeowners do not have to sacrifice their personal needs to establish their home as part of their financial plan. A balanced approach which takes into account certain financial factors will do the trick.

For starters, financial advisors around the country urge prospective home buyers to consider their own lifestyle and budget requirements when shopping for a home. While a nice neighborhood and a good school system can buoy the price of a house, says Clark, they are no guarantee you'll make a profit when it's time to sell. But these factors will help the value of the house keep up with inflation.

"Buy what you need. And don't count on (the house) providing a return greater than inflation," says Charles Foster, a partner at Blankinship & Foster in San Diego, Calif., who advises individuals about their finances.

"It's not okay to overspend. Up until the 1980s there was a powerful, implied approval that you could buy the house you couldn't afford because it was an investment." Even though the housing market has changed since the golden days of the late 1960s through the late 1980s, that outdated attitude lingers, he says.

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How have things changed? Diesslin explains, for instance, that during the period of skyrocketing prices, inflation expanded at about 8 percent a year while mortgage rates were about 10 percent. When you deducted a portion of your mortgage interest from your income taxes, your actual borrowing rate was lower than 10 percent. In fact, it was often lower than inflation.

Because house values usually stayed in line with inflation, it wasn't hard to make money on a house, says Diesslin. And that only fed the demand for housing, pushing up prices.

But inflation is currently growing at only 2.2 percent, while mortgage rates hover around 8 percent. The difference between the two is harder to bridge with tax deductions, says Diesslin. And, in many areas of the country, housing prices are not booming as they were in the 80s. Hence, making a profit on your house is not necessarily a sure thing.

These days, the benefits of owning a home come after you sell the house. Before tax reforms this year, people under 55 years of age were taxed on the profit they made when they sold their house if they didn't buy another house of equal or greater value within two years. (Those over the age of 55 got a one-time tax break of $125,000.) Now all taxpayers get a $250,000 tax break on profits every two years, no matter how they spend their windfall.

"The old rule of thumb was that you had to buy a more expensive home," says Walter Dehlye at Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman in Bethesda, Md.

But now, homeowners, especially those who have retired, can buy a smaller, less expensive home if their lifestyle permits (or requires) it, and then put the balance of the profit into stocks or bonds which can make more money.

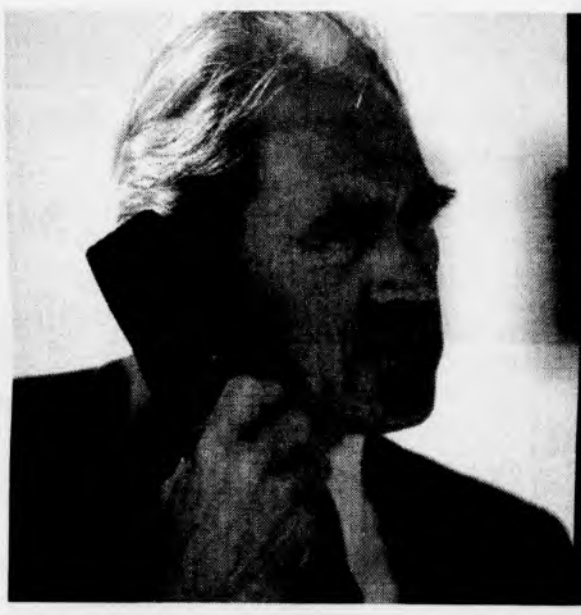
"The investment will typically do better elsewhere," says Foster. "If you have $10,000 you could put toward a house or into another investment vehicle, put it in an investment that [is easier to cash out of] and that you are less emotionally attached to."

This is not to say that your mortgage payments are a bad investment. You could say that the mortgage schedule serves as a sort of disciplined savings plan. "When you pay down the mortgage, it's like putting money away for later," Foster says. At the very least, you will get your initial investment back if your house only retains, not increases, its value. While you enjoy living in your home day-to-day, you are building up equity in the house.



As to the money spent on interest, Foster says "The interest you pay on the loan is like paying rent." Or the price tag of an investment that gives back more than just profits – a place to live as well.

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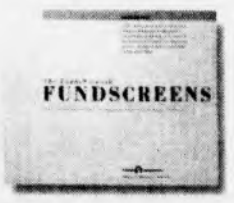
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HEALTH NOTES

October flu clinics slated

The Social Service League of Cohasset and the Cohasset Board of Health will sponsor Flu Clinics in October for Cohasset residents.

It's time to "winterize and immunize!" The best way to protect yourself from the flu is a yearly flu shot. Who should get a flu shot?

People who are 65 or older. Children or adults with lung disease (including asthma), heart disease or other chronic health problems. Children or teens who, for medical reasons, take an aspirin every day. People who live with or take care of someone who is at risk of getting the flu (health care worker, primary care givers, etc.). Anyone wanting extra protection during the winter months from the current flu strains.

There will be two flu clinics for seniors: Tuesday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to noon at Second Congregational Church and Friday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to noon at Harborview Senior Housing.

Community flu clinics for all Cohasset residents: Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall; Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall; Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Note: Please try to wear a short-sleeved shirt.

HVNA volunteers sought

The New Friends volunteer visiting program, a community service outreach program sponsored by the Hingham Visiting Nurse, a branch of the Affiliated Community VNA, serves homebound, handicapped or socially isolated people in Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth. The program is open to men and women who can give four to five hours per month. A four-week training program to prepare interested volunteers for visiting will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hingham VNA office at 10 Downer Ave., on four consecutive Wednesdays Oct. 22 to Nov. 12. Training program topics include the value of volunteering, our feelings toward aging, and visiting and listening techniques. For information, call the Hingham VNA office at (781) 749-1160.

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Monday, Sept. 15

9:02 a.m., assist motorist, Shaw's Plaza.

9:41 a.m., animal complaint, S. Main St.

12:51 p.m., assist citizen, Nichols Rd.

1:47 p.m., officer wanted, Square.

2:17 p.m., fire, brush, Jerusalem Rd.

2:46 p.m., suspicious (other), Stockbridge St.

5:19 p.m., serve restraining order, Norfolk Rd.

7:21 p.m., annoying phone calls, S. Main St.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

6:56 a.m., assist citizen, HQ.

9:27 a.m., general services, Jerusalem Rd.

11:34 a.m., general services, Howe Rd.

11:38 a.m., medical aid, Nichols Rd.

3:25 p.m., MV violations, Beechwood St.

3:27 p.m, disturbance, Hillside Area.

4:41 p.m., threats (other), Pleasant St.

6:04 p.m., annoying phone calls, Beechwood St.

6:47 p.m., disturbance gathering, Border St.

8:16 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.

10:13 p.m., noise complaint, S. Main St.

10:25 p.m, animal complaint, CJC Hwy.

11:29 p.m., missing person, Pine Ridge Rd.

11:40 p.m., investigation, Beechwood St.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

9:56 a.m., MV stop, Pleasant St.

10:23 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

10:39 a.m., medical aid, Tupelo Rd.

12:45 p.m., fire, brush, Margin St.

1:24 p.m, wires down, Old Pasture Rd.

2:53 p.m., disturbance, Square.

4:18 p.m., open door/window, S. Main St.

5:11 p.m., MV stop, Nichols Rd.

5:40 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.

6:24 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:33 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

9:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:12 p.m., disabled auto, Forest Ave.

10:27 p.m, MV stop, Forest Ave.

11:42 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

11:47 p.m, disabled auto, CJC Hwy.

Thursday, Sept. 18

12:51 a.m., general services, Sandy Beach Lot.

12:57 p.m., MV accident, Cohasset Plaza.

1:14 p.m., parking violation, Elm St.

1:16 p.m., assist citizen, Pleasant St.

4:46 p.m., MV stop, 3A at Pond St.

4:50 p.m., assist motorist, N. Main by Common.

5:26 p.m., MV stop, King St.

5:47 p.m., MV stop, in town.

6:00 p.m., property (lost), CJC Hwy.

6:13 p.m., MV stop, the Square.

6:19 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. by Old Coach Rd. Arrested: Torrey, Shawn K., 15 Allen Pl., Scituate. DOB: 12/9/73. Charges: operating after license or right to op. suspended, operating an unregistered MV/trailer, attaching plates to a motor vehicle, operating an uninsured MV, forged inspection sticker.

6:47 p.m., fire, investigation, S. Main St.

7:30 p.m, general services, Wheelwright Farm.

8:47 p.m., info, general, CJC Hwy.

8:55 p.m., disturbance gathering, Barnes Field.

11:24 p.m., disturbance, Ash by Cushing Rd., 28-year-old in protective custody.

Friday, Sept. 19

9:29 a.m, property (lost), Farmers Market.

11:09 a.m, medical aid, Pond St.

2:08 p.m., assist citizen, N. Main St.

5:45 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

5:52 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

5:56 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

5:59 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

6:04 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

6:45 p.m., animal complaint, Cove.

6:52 p.m., assist motorist, Pond St.

7:13 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:14 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:16 p.m., medical aid, Ledge Way.

7:35 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

8:47 p.m., disturbance gathering, Common.

9:13 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

9:17 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

9:52 p.m., disturbance gathering, Whitney Woods. Juvenile arrest, 16-year-old. Charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage/resisting arrest.

11:26 p.m., investigation, Whitney Woods.

11:45 p.m., disturbance gathering, Stop & Shop Plaza.

Saturday, Sept. 20

1:25 a.m., disturbance general, Border St.

8:00 a.m., animal complaint, Highland Ave.

10:18 a.m., officer wanted, Pleasant St.

11:20 a.m., vandalism, Milliken Field.

11:24 a.m., medical aid, Richfield Rd.

3:54 p.m., officer wanted, Pleasant St.

4:06 p.m., medical aid, HQ.

4:35 p.m., info, general, Atlantic Ave.

4:56 p.m., property (lost), Beach St.

6:14 p.m., assist citizen, King St.

7:10 p.m., assist other police dept., Hull St.

9:00 p.m., annoying phone calls, Pleasant St.

9:06 p.m., general services, King St.

9:25 p.m., MV stop, King St.. 48-year-old Cambridge woman in protective custody.

10:14 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

10:18 p.m., disturbance gathering, N. Main St.

Woman injured in single car accident

Firefighters worked Tuesday morning to free a Cohasset woman who was trapped in her car on Beechwood Street following a single car accident.

Fenella Prescott, 28, of 140 Doane St., apparently hit a tree when she reached for something in her car.

Police say there were no indications that Prescott was speeding. Prescott's 1990 Mitsubishi Mirage flipped over, police said.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said firefighters broke the windows to extricate Prescott. because the car door was jammed.

Prescott was transported to South Shore Hospital where she was treated and released.

Sunday, Sept. 21

8:49 a.m., medical aid, Atlantic Ave. by Beach St.

9:28 a.m., MV accident, Cushing Plaza.

9:59 a.m., animal complaint, Highland Ave.

12;42 p.m., by-law violation, Beechwood St.

2:14 p.m., disturbance gathering, Cushing Plaza.

4:04 p.m., parking violation, Elm St.

10:02 p.m., suspicious (other), N. Main St.

Monday, Sept. 22

12:21 a.m., suspicious auto, Denero's lot.

12:23 a.m., general services, HQ.

12:36 a.m., general services, Government Island.

1:38 a.m., disturbance gathering, Summer St. Arrested: Ryan, Victoria E., 43 Beechwood St., Cohasset. DOB: 3/19/53. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, 2nd off.; failure to stay within marked lanes.

2:36 a.m., officer wanted, Pleasant St.

6:49 a.m., disabled auto, Jerusalem Rd.

10:54 a.m., animal complaint, Sohier St.

2:59 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

5:10 p.m., disturbance gathering, Cushing Plaza.

10:10 p.m., disturbance, King St., 44-year-old in protective custody.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

12:42 a.m., open door/window, King St.

7:13 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.

7:22 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:56 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

1:06 p.m., MV stop, Pleasant St.

2:20 p.m., MV stop, Cushing Rd.

3:21 p.m., missing person, Ripley Rd.

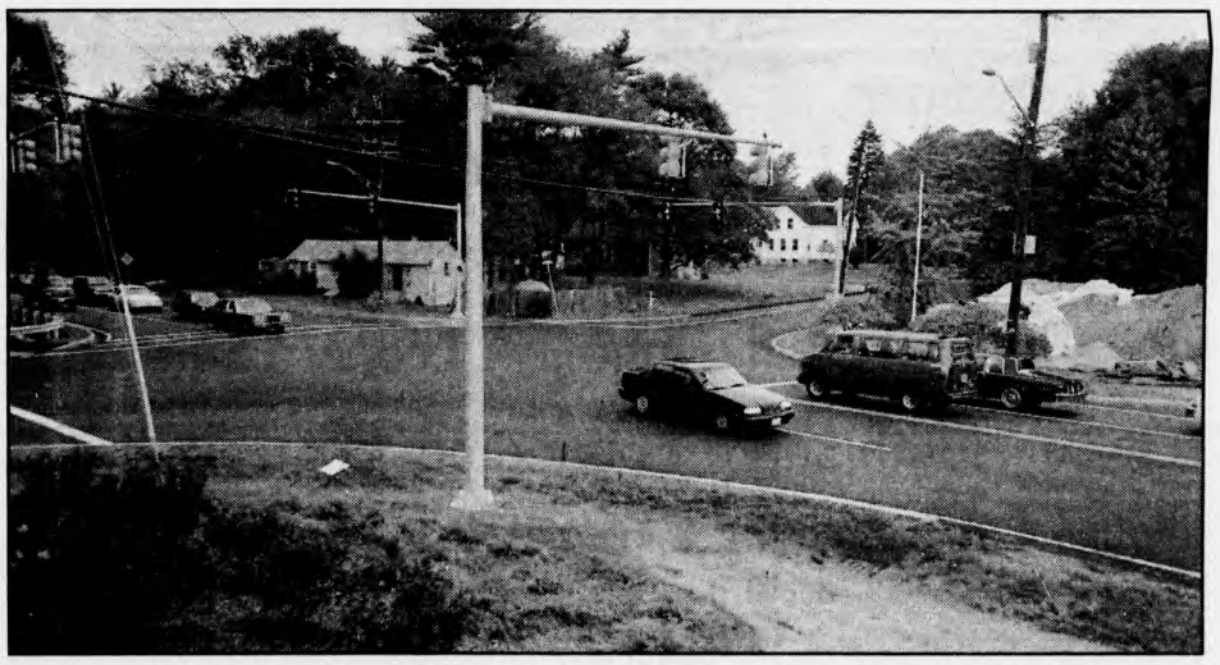
6:55 p.m., trespassing, Pleasant St.

7:31 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:21 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

9:06 p.m., threats (other), CJC Hwy.

10:36 p.m., annoying phone calls, Pleasant St.



Police say the intersection at Beechwood and Rt. 3A needs dedicated turning lanes.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Intersection needs turning lane

Police Officer Richard Yocum said he has notified state engineers that the intersection at Rt. 3A and Beechwood Street needs some improvement.

"People are using four lanes to travel, it's a like a speedway," Yocum said.

He explained that there are no dedicated turning lanes on Rt. 3A to Beechwood, so cars are trying to pass and beat each other to the point where the highway narrows to two lanes again.

Yocum said the intersection should be more like the light in front of Stop & Shop where there are dedicated lanes for cars making left-hand turns.

He estimated that many cars race through the light at 50-60 miles per hour. Sunday, Yocum said he stopped eight or nine cars for speeding or failure to stop at the light.

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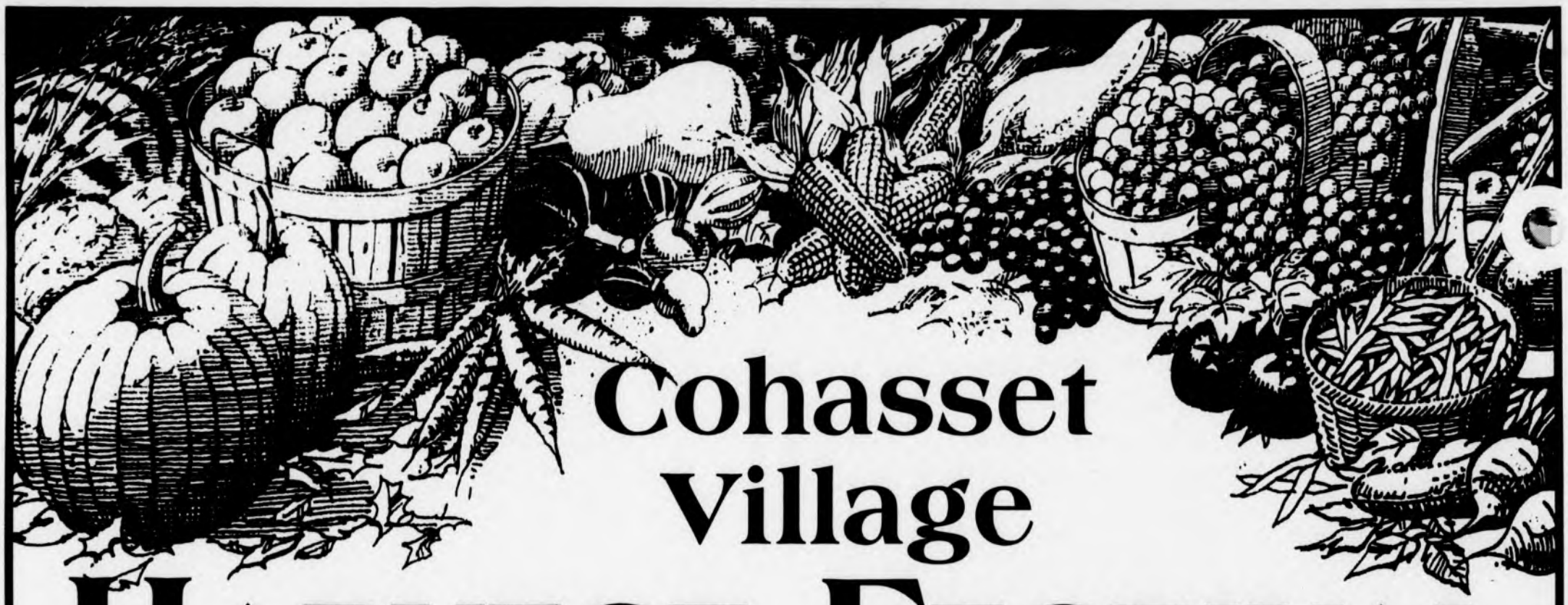
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Some want plug pulled on the King Street tank

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

King Street neighbors are not thrilled with the proposal to site the town's second water tank in their neighborhood which overlooks Lily Pond.

In addition to being the town's water supply, the reservoir also provides one of the most spectacular vistas in Cohasset. The proposal includes building a $1.8 million, 750,000 gallon ground-level tank and a state-of-the art enclosed pumping system next to the water treatment plant.

"This is one of the prettiest spots in town," said Victor Vanderlugt, 344 King St. "Now when you walk down the hill, there will be a plant with a tank."

"Welcome to the neighborhood, that's what we have now," replied a resident from the Bear Hill area.

Commissioners planned to discuss the King Street proposal again last night after the Cohasset Mariner went to press.

Abutters have objected to siting the tank next to the town's existing standpipe on Bear Hill

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Town divided over fate of Hagerty House

By Margo Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Every evening, Paul Pattison takes a walk by the harbor through the Parker Avenue right of way. It is the same route to the harbor that he followed when he was a boy, and it takes him near a house that has opinions in town divided.

In a way, his path is also symbolic of the repetitious course the committee studied the Hagerty House has followed. Selectmen now want to see the house demolished as do a majority of the property committee on which Pattison and about eight other citizens still serve.

As many as 13 people started out with Pattison as members of the Hagerty Property committee. While the large number of board members proved inconvenient, there is no doubt in anyone's mind, the main reason the board's progress stalled is due to the house.

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Josh Cutler to go after Murray's Statehouse seat

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Echoing then candidate Bill Clinton's 1990 campaign refrain, Josh Cutler thinks it's time for a change.

The 26-year-old Hull resident is throwing his hat into the ring for the 1998 Democratic Party nomination to seek the Third Plymouth District house seat held by long-time incumbent Republican Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset.

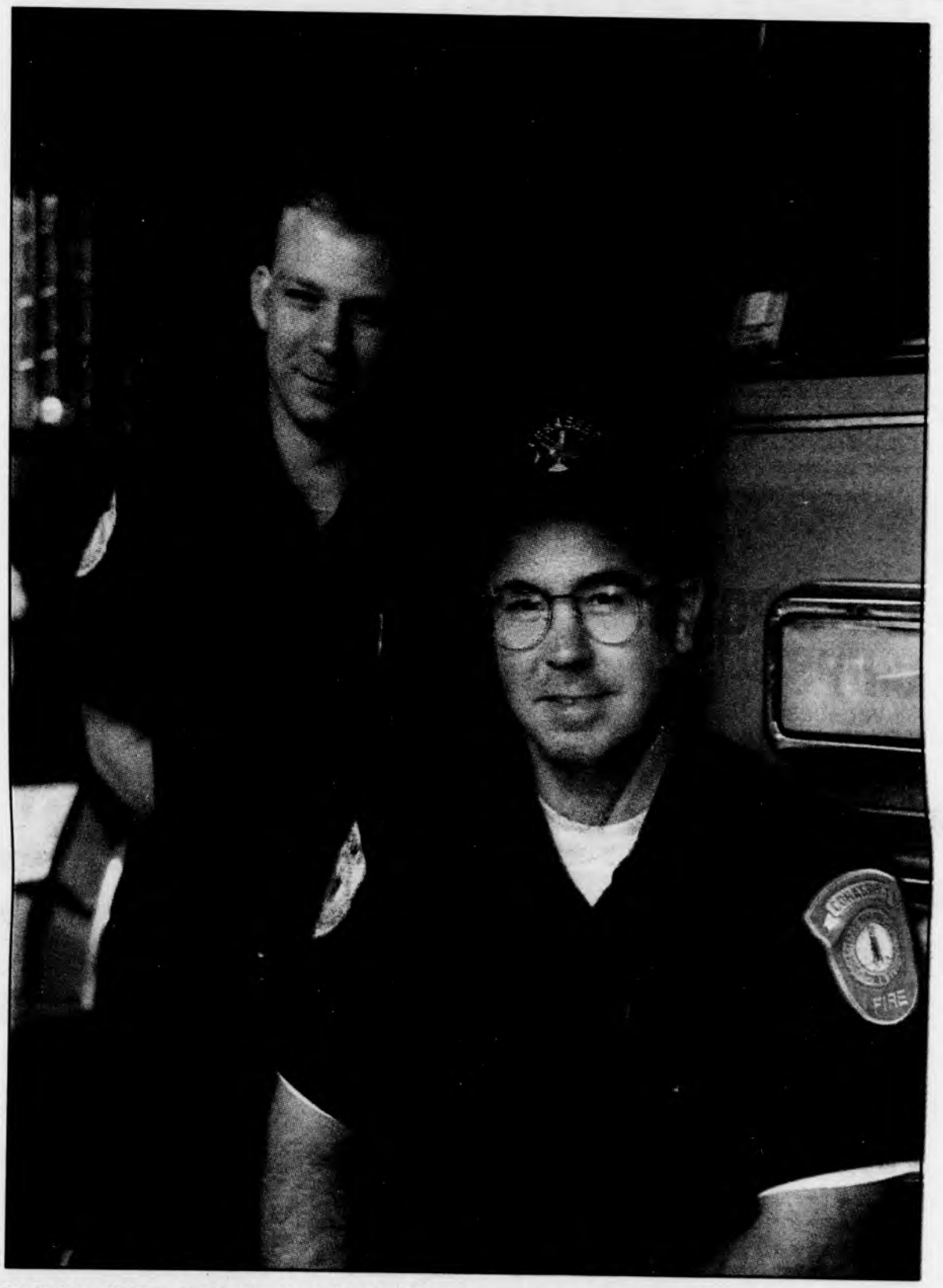
"My philosophy is that the district needs someone who is aggressive and energetic and can tackle the issues," Cutler said.

Cutler thinks a Democrat can get more accomplished on Beacon Hill.

"It's a Democratic legislature, like it or not. That's the way it is and a Democrat has a better chance of being effective," he said.

And as Cutler points out, if

JOSH CUTLER PAGE 14



Firefighter/EMTs Philip Pratt and John Heman are the newest additions to the Cohasset Fire Department.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

To town's newest firefighters, there's no place like home

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset's newest firefighters say that being home-grown is an asset in a small town.

"We don't have to look at a map book," says Philip Pratt.

"We know where the 'Buckley' condos (off Forest Street) and the Wolf Pit are - it helps a lot," adds John "Jack" Hernan.

Hernan, who lives on Beechwood Street, and Pratt of Sohier Street are the latest additions to the Cohasset Fire Department. For both men, serving in the town where they grew up is fulfillment of a life-long dream.

Pratt, 24, graduated from Cohasset High in 1991; and Hernan, 33, is a member of the CHS Class of 1981.

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Pay-as-you-throw plan still under review

The pay-as-you-throw system, where Cohasset residents would pay a fee for every bag of trash they dispose of, instead of the current annual flat fee for an RTF sticker, is still under consideration by the Recycling Committee.

The Recycling Committee is continuing its discussions on pay-as-you-throw at its meetings scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall, and Saturday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m., at the DPW garage, and invites interested residents to attend if they have any questions.

"The pay-as-you-throw system is a proven way to increase recycling," said Recycling Committee Chairman Arthur Lehr. "Towns with pay-as-you-throw in place have been able to increase their recycling rates of 50 to 60 percent, far more than our current recycling rate of about 34 percent."

Lehr also pointed out that "pay-as-you-throw is a more equitable method of charging residents for trash disposal, since people will be charged only for what they actually dispose of. Since there will be no charge for bringing recyclables to the RTF, residents will have an economic incentive to separate their recyclables."

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Sat. 11	7:11	9.4	12:56	7:30	10.3	1:19
Sun. 12	8:10	9.9	1:55	8:31	10.6	2:19
Mon. 13	9:06	10.6	2:52	9:29	11.1	3:17
Tues. 14	10:00	11.2	3:46	10:25	11.4	4:13
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When seconds count

Towns aim for faster emergency response

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

In the grand scheme of things, three or four minutes may not seem like a long time. But when you're waiting for medical assistance, those few minutes can mean the difference between life and death.

"The more time that passes, the more devastating the circumstances become for the patient," said Robert Fitzgerald, an emergency physician and the chief of emergency services at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

If a heart attack victim does not receive cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) within four minutes and Advanced Life Support treatment (ALS) within eight minutes, that person may have only a 40 percent chance of survival, he said. After 15 minutes without medical attention, chance of survival drops to 2 percent, he said.

With that thought in mind, fire departments across the South Shore are struggling to shave as many minutes as possible off their average response times for emergency calls.

Local fire chiefs say their departments are aiming for a four-minute or less average response time. Marshfield has been able to achieve that goal.

Marshfield has three fire stations, which enable crews to make speedy rescues, said Fire Capt. Jack Beagle. Last year, Marshfield responded to 2,900 emergencies.

But in some communities, like Cohasset, a lack of fire stations prevents crews from quickly reaching out-of-the-way neighborhoods.

"Under optimum response conditions, it takes five minutes to get to Beechwood from fire headquarters," said Cohasset Fire Chief Roger Lincoln. "It can take seven to eight minutes to get to North Cohasset."

Bad weather can triple the response time, Lincoln said. Last year, Cohasset responded to more than 1,000 emergencies which were evenly split between fire and medical incidents.

Lincoln explained Cohasset used to have sub-stations in Beechwood and North Cohasset but the stations were closed in the early 1980s due to town budget constraints.

At one time, there was a proposal to open a station on Route 3A near Sohier Street, which is the geographic center of Cohasset, but the town turned that down, Lincoln said.

The town of Scituate had to close one of its four stations, the Minot Station, in 1993 due to a tight budget. Two years later, a fatal fire - which claimed the lives of three children - broke out in a home located less than a mile from the closed fire station.

The station's closure hindered emergency crews' ability to respond within a comfortable three or four minutes. With only three stations open, Scituate's emergency response time to certain part of town has jumped to seven minutes, said Scituate Fire Chief James E. Breen.

To try to remedy this problem, Scituate town meeting voters approved initiating a study of a fire department master plan that would ultimately improve the town's fire protection, he said.

In the meantime, the SFD has bolstered its lifesaving skills by training its firefighters in Intermediate Life Support. Medical emergency response can be learned on three levels — advanced, intermediate and basic life support - depending on the amount of training received.

EMTs have 110 hours of basic training with 21 hours of annual refresher training that will enable them to stabilize a patient for a trip to the hospital. Intermediate and advanced life support paramedics have had more training and know more skills. Paramedics are able to read electrocardiograms, to start intravenous tubes, to give advanced airway care and to provide 30 medications. They are also trained in pediatric advanced life support as well as neo-natal advanced life support.

Cohasset firefighters are trained in basic life support. Chief Lincoln said although there are no plans now, more advanced life support training is something the fire department should get involved in down the road.

Hingham's Fire Chief William Johnson said the department needs more firefighters to man the town's three stations. Ten years ago, 16 firefighters worked each day; now only 10 perform the same job, he said. He is currently conducting a manning study and reassessing the apparatus the department uses.

The department is also in the process of purchasing a special dual-purpose vehicle that combines the uses of a ladder truck and a pumper engine.

Last year, Hingham responded to 2,559 emergencies, 1,200 of which were medically related.

A regional approach

A few years ago, the towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Norwell, Hingham and Hull toyed with the idea of creating a regional district - the Seaside Fire and Rescue District - to cut costs and combine resources. Those towns' selectmen met and agreed to hire a consultant to study the possibility of a regional department, but never got very far.

"It would have made the deployment of people and resources more efficient and would have lowered response time," said Jane Goedecke, a former Cohasset selectman, who was involved with the project.

One regional department would have replaced individual towns' departments. Town boundaries would have been obsolete, with fire stations operating out of the most logical locations, she said.

But the state fire union - fearing that its members would be laid off as part of the consolidation effort - forbade firefighters from participating in the development of the regional district and department, she said.

"We were at a stalemate. We couldn't plan it without the firefighters. They're the ones who know how to make it work," Goedecke said. The selectmen went into the project with a commitment that there would be no reduction in staffing, she added.

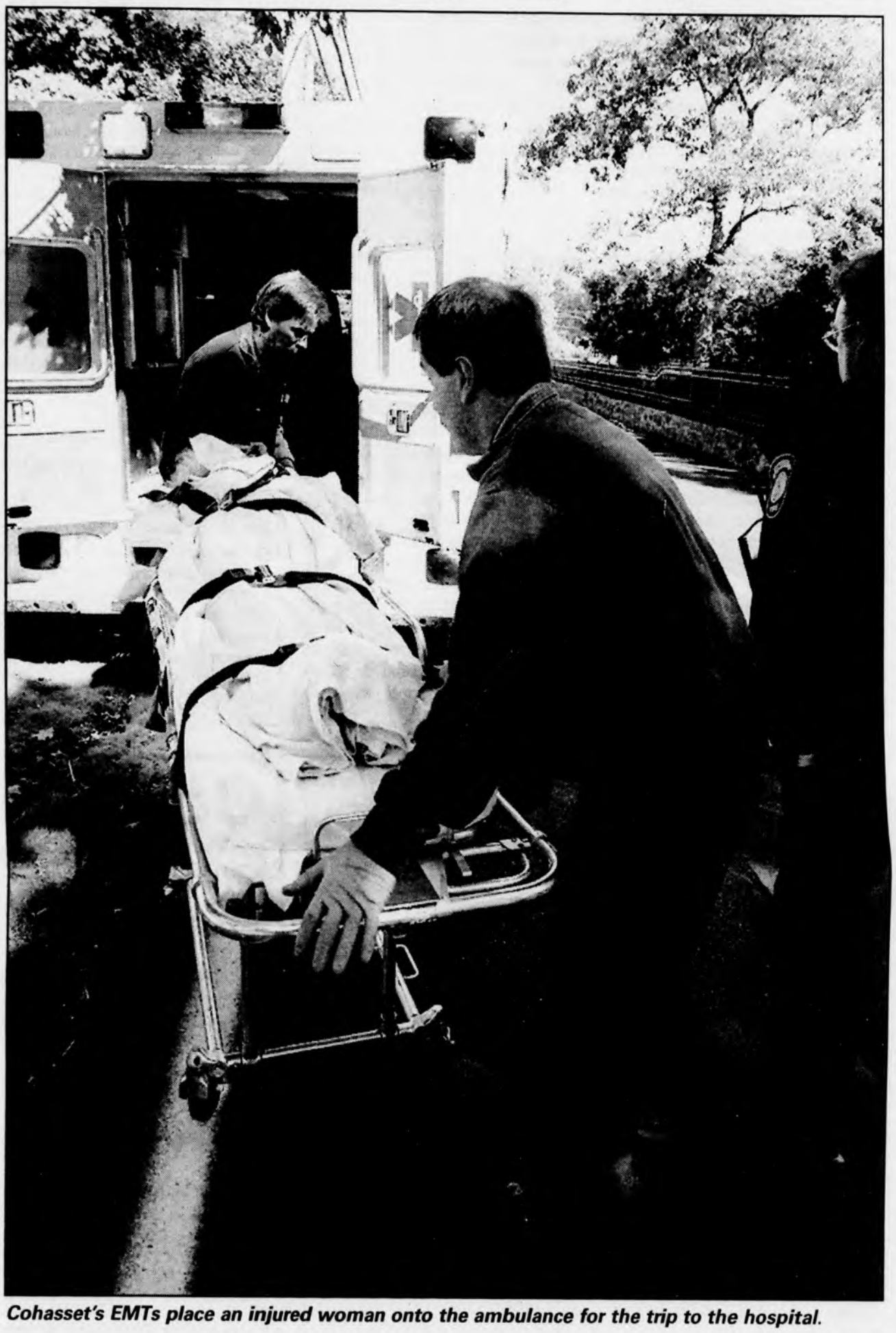
Initial costs for building a central fire station on Route 3A with no immediate savings may not have appealed to certain towns, she said. As a result, the project never got off the ground and has not been dredged up since.

"I think we bit off more than we could chew in the sense that we were looking at sharing something with some of the largest costs, the most personnel and a strong union when we don't even share something as simple as a building inspector," said Goedecke. "It was probably naive of us to even consider it."

Five years ago, South Shore Hospital began offering non-transporting ALS services to the South Shore. Sixteen communities, including Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland and Scituate, rely on the hospital for back up paramedics when necessary.

Many towns do not have the resources to hire paramedics or provide comparable training, which is why the service was created, said Peggy Cass, paramedic services coordinator at South Shore Hospital.

At no cost to the towns, rescue officials can call the service, which will send one of its pair of certified paramedics, who arrive in one of two Chevrolet Blazers rather than ambulances. They stabilize patients and one paramedic will often ride in the town ambulance to the hospital.



Cohasset's EMTs place an injured woman onto the ambulance for the trip to the hospital.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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— FIRE CHIEF ROGER LINCOLN

Emergency Response

Community	Calls
Cohasset	1,000
Duxbury	1,612
Hanover	1,798
Hingham	2,559
Kingston	1,500
Marshfield	2,900
Norwell	1,812
Scituate	2,209

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Town is divided over fate of Hagerty House

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"The house has stood in the way of the plan," as property board Chairman Al Moore put it, not mincing words.

At present, engineer John Modzeleweski has still not completed a final design, although he said he is working on it.

"We're finishing it up momentarily," he said this week.

Meantime, there is no plan, although most board members said eventually, the design will at least call for a walkway to Government Island, an improved retaining wall, a pier and a parking lot. A talked-about picnic area, on the other hand, might never happen.

There is also confusion about the status of permit applications to the Army Corps of Engineers and the state environmental agency. And not surprisingly, the committee, which has had only two or three meetings this past year, appears to be mired in frustration.

For 4-1/2 years, the debate over the house has both stymied the committee and proved a stumbling block to the effort to move on and develop the property for boating and for passive recreation while the building has fallen into disrepair. Now the selectmen are on record with the hope the house will go, but some residents want the building saved.

"It would be nice to know if we were working with the house or without it," said Moore.

Recently, with Special Town Meeting imminent, the controversy has heated up over the vacant house which is the last substantial building standing on property the town bought 4-1/2 years ago for $470,000. Marine biologist Kevin Ulmer, a member of the health board, has lost some major backing for his idea to refurbish the house as a research facility, but is still in the game, and another group, the Habitat for Humanity, is also eyeing the site.

Despite the divisiveness, matters appear to be coming to a conclusion because Special Town Meeting could decide the question Oct. 27.

But if the voters don't settle it, Mother Nature, in Pattison's opinion, is ready to.

"It's not a place really for green space," Pattison said because high tide and storms regularly swamp the house and much of the grounds.

According to Pattison, "The only land that's not inundated by water is under the house."

Realistically, he said, if there's any passive recreation at all there, "it's going to be the type of recreation good for someone docking a boat."

Like other members of the divided committee, Pattison now regrets the price of the venture. Besides the $470,000 purchase price, the committee has also spent about $50,000 to demolish ramshackle factory buildings and now proposes using about $250,000 to build a dock, shore up the rip-rap by the harbor, and construct a walkway to Government Island.

"It's close to a million dollar proposition," he said.

Fellow committee member Russ Bonetti also raised questions about the high price tag, especially for a place that much of the public might never use. "Everyone's paying for it, and not everyone uses the boats," he said.

However, Bonetti acknowledged there were several reasons behind the purchase which was made to expand the public's access to the harbor, though primarily to the launch, and to protect the harbor from potential industrial pollution because the Hagerty property is in an area zoned for light industry. Though the case the deal was for the public good can be made, Bonetti still wants to see some passive recreation for non-boaters. Opposing him, the people who use the launch largely support making the whole site a parking lot.

The committee, according to Veneta Roebuck, will probably meet prior to the Special Town Meeting to prepare a statement for the voters. Roebuck also expressed frustration with the committee's slow progress and lack of consensus.

"It's always been about the house," she said.

Habitat eyes Hagerty House

Close to the 11th hour, a new suitor may be coming forward to save Hagerty House from the wrecking ball.

A spokeswoman for Habitat for Humanity has confirmed some members of her organization took a fresh look at the Parker Avenue house this weekend, reviving an old idea.

According to Julie McKinney of Braintree, a member of the Habitat board of directors, the group is by no means sure it will come forward with a proposal.

"It's very, very preliminary," McKinney said. "We're not even sure the house would fit in with our Habitat philosophy."

Kevin Ulmer, a marine biologist, is still interested in turning the house into a Lobster Lab, which would serve as an educational research facility.

Meantime, Special Town Meeting voters on Oct. 27 are expected to act on a question about moving or demolishing the building. The majority of the selectmen want Hagerty House destroyed and have recommended that action to the voters. According to selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, it's not likely a discussion about Habitat House would be held at the town meeting.

The warrant has been closed, he said, and it is too late for Habitat to get a proposal on the agenda.

Special Town Meeting is also expected to take up Ulmer's proposal to retrofit the house for the Lobster Lab's use as a research facility. It stayed on the agenda, though the selectmen voted not to recommend the Lobster Lab article after Ulmer's partners in the undertaking, the Lightkeepers Corporation, withdrew their support.

In explaining the board's anti-Lobster Lab vote, Sullivan said the majority did not want to see the building go to a one-person venture.

Ulmer did not return calls, but previously he has said he would not give up his campaign for the Lobster Lab until the Hagerty House was actually gone.



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Some want plug pulled on the King Street tank

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because of aesthetics and potential impact on property values. Last summer, the zoning board appeared to side with the neighbors prompting the water commission to withdraw its application for a height variance. The Bear Hill site was approved by annual town meeting last March.

"Wherever we go, we have that problem," water commission chairman Robert Kasameyer told those questioning the tank's effect on aesthetics. "The fact is, we need a second tank."

(In a telephone interview Tuesday, water commissioner John McNabb said engineers would be able to place the tank off to the side of the water plant in the woods and not in the plant parking lot as was discussed last week.)

With the ground-level tank, water pressure would be provided by a set of five pumps instead of gravity as is the case with the town's existing tank.

Glenn Pratt, 482 King St., said the water commission was heading "in the wrong direction by seeking an expansion of an industrial use in a residential zone."

The third proposal would be to site the tank on a piece of the former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor land on Scituate Hill off Route 3A across from Jonathan Livingston Seagull Square. The site, which is suitable from an engineering standpoint, would require an eminent domain land taking by the town. The 62-acre parcel is for sale and the effect of a land-taking on a possible offer is unknown.

McNabb explained that the current owner "does not want to throw a monkey wrench in if we don't have to."

But Wayne Sawchuk, 432 Beechwood St., who backs the Scituate Hill site, said the property owner might welcome the standpipe.

Reached at his office Tuesday, Sawchuk said the Webb-Norfolk land has no public water supply and any development there would require mains and infrastructure.

He also dismissed concerns that a land taking would be prohibitively expensive.

Sawchuk said the owner, Mario Susi & Sons of Dorchester, bought the property for $1.2 million and is asking $3.6 million. That would translate into $58,000 an acre or less if assessed valuation and not market rates are used. An acre is all that's needed for a tank, he said.

Shawchuk said a Scituate Hill tank could be camouflaged with a berm and 45-foot tall evergreens. He said that location is the most logical because of its proximity to Route 3A and development along the state highway. Scituate Hill is higher than Bear Hill, so the tank could be 20 feet shorter and that, coupled with the landscaping, would prevent it from being an eyesore to residents of Fair Oaks Lane across 3A, he said.

A developer with an office on Route 3A, Shawchuk said he would not gain financially from the Scituate Hill site.

"But I am absolutely positive, it is the best location for Cohasset," he said. He explained a standpipe at Scituate Hill would better serve Forest Avenue and north Cohasset, should that part of town be added to the Cohasset system. (North Cohasset is on Hingham water, but some residents there want to be hooked up to Cohasset. Hingham water rates soared last year to pay for a new treatment plant in that town).

The town needs a new tank for better fire flow and also to enable the existing tank to be taken off line to be cleaned, water commissioners said. A second tank would ensure that even on days with the highest demand, water levels would not drop below the optimum needed to provide sufficient pressure to fight a fire.

The ground-level tank which commissioners estimate to be the most expensive option would include computer sensors that would kick pumps into action if more water was needed in the system.

The water commission is keeping all options open and to that effect, has placed several articles on the Oct. 27 special town meeting warrant detailing the three tank proposals. They hope to decide on a preferred alternative before town meeting. McNabb has gone on the record saying King Street is his first choice.

Kasameyer said all the proposals have positives and negatives but the commission wanted to be in a position to move ahead following the special town meeting. The cost of whichever tank the town opts for will be paid for through increased water rates approved last spring.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Arts grants available

The Local Cultural Council of Cohasset reminds interested parties that the application deadline for Arts Lottery/Pass Grants, 1998 cycle, is Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Application forms are available in the selectmen's office at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

Mail completed application in care of: Local Cultural Council/Selectmen's Office, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

For more information, call 383-9883, Fridays, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The notification of LCC Grants will be made by Dec. 15.

Year-round swimming pool

The Friends of the Cohasset Swim Center will host a public meeting on making the Cohasset Swim Center a year-round facility. This is your opportunity to see preliminary plans and voice suggestions. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. at the Lightkeepers' Bancroft Hall, Government Island, Cohasset Harbor, Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark at 383-9900 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays. However, next week's meeting is on Tuesday due to the Monday holiday.

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To town's newest firefighters, there's no place like home

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Both men have fire-fighting in their blood.

Pratt's father served as a call firefighter in town for 30 years. And Hernan's father is a retired deputy chief and not long ago, his brother transferred to Scituate after 12 years on the Cohasset force.

When Pratt joined the call department five years ago, it was like a homecoming.

"Lenny Davis (who has since retired) remembered me climbing around the trucks when I was little," he recalled.

Hernan said Chief Roger Lincoln can remember him being pushed around the fire department in a stroller.

"We have a lot of history here," he said.

Pratt did some post graduate work at Blue Hill Technical Regional High School and was employed as a carpenter until joining the fire department full time. He says his knowledge of buildings is helpful when fighting structure fires.

Hernan earned a bachelor's degree from UMass Boston, served as a US Army medic in the reserves, and worked for Brewster Ambulance, a private service, before coming on board in Cohasset.

Both men started at the Cohasset Fire Department on Aug. 18. The starting annual salary for a firefighter/EMT is in the $32,000 range, Lincoln said.

The firefighters just completed 6-1/2 weeks of in-house training that included medical service, firefighting, hydraulics, handling hazardous materials, pumper operation, driver training and theory.

Chief Lincoln explained the department conducts its own "mini-academy" because the waiting list for the Massachusetts Fire Academy is so long. The new fire-fighters are numbers 369 and 370 on the waiting list so it could be as long as a year or two before they can attend.

Both men are Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and say they would eventually like to become paramedics, a more advanced level of life support service.

Chief Lincoln applauds their desire for more training.

"The addition of paramedics to the department is something I see in the future," Lincoln said. "We have to think seriously about it because we are 12 miles from the nearest hospital."

Being a firefighter in a small town has a lot of appeal, the firefighters say.

"We have to do everything," Pratt explains. "One day we're on the ambulance, then the pumper or ladder and then back to the ambulance. It depends on the call."

He said in cities, firefighters are assigned to the same truck every day.

Hernan says there is a lot of camaraderie in a small department.

"There's a real team effort here," he said.

Cohasset also provides a varied terrain, fields, ponds and the ocean for water rescues, and a variety of houses and structures.

"We're not a planned city, we have to deal with terrain problems, and that presents a challenge," Hernan says.

But most of all what appeals to the firefighters is being able to make a difference.

Hernan said 30 minutes after an accident, people drive by and have no idea what occurred just a short while before.

"But we were there, we made a difference," he says.

The men said expecting the unexpected keeps them motivated and ready for anything.

"When a call comes in, I can feel my heart pumping. I give 120 percent. I don't think about it, I just do it," Pratt said.

Hernan points out - while adrenaline is pumping inside - on the outside, fire-fighters are calm.

"We just react," he says. "And hope the training will carry us through."

Plan to memorialize lightkeepers hits rough seas

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

At 84, Herbert Jason, a hardy lobsterman, admits he's getting on in years. And that's got him to thinking about what he wants to do.

Right at the top of his list is the construction of a memorial to the two, 20-year-old assistant lighthouse keepers, Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson. The young men perished when the original Minot's Ledge Lighthouse toppled in a gale in April 1851.

"Those two boys walked all the streets we walked as boys and played around the harbor," Jason says.

So the Cushing Road resident would like to construct a fitting memorial to Wilson and Antoine on Government Island. Jason's concept involves placing a polished block granite stone in the center of a compass rose made out of red brick to be built on a grassy area near the water on Government Island. The area would include shrubs and benches similar to those around the pond on the common.

But Jason's concept has met opposition from both the Government Island Study Committee and Cohasset Historical Commission, which both feel a brass plaque on the Replica dedicating it to the two men is more suitable.

Hamilton Tewksbury, chairman of the GISC, said the committee felt the plaque would be more appropriate.

"We realize and appreciate all the work Herb put into the Replica," Tewksbury said. "But his proposal is too much, it's too big." Jason was one of the prime movers behind the Replica.

Tewksbury said a lot of people would see the plaque on the Replica. Town Manager Mark Haddad gave the go ahead to get the plaque, which would be paid for with historical commission sale of T-shirts and other items, not tax money, he said.

In a letter to Jason, Noel Ripley, chairman of the historical commission, said the majority of the commission felt the plaque is what they would like to see as a long, overdue recognition for Wilson and Antoine.

Wigmore Pierson is the sole commission member to back Jason's concept.

"I believe it's time after nearly 150 years to recognize in a significant way these two young men who gave their lives while trying to do their duty," Pierson said. "I do not believe placing a plaque on the Replica does these men justice."

He said he supports Jason's efforts to do something of a more significant nature that "is tasteful and fits in with the Government Island environment."

"I voted for the concept to go forward. That doesn't mean it can't be adjusted or changed," he said.

Pierson said he, Jason and some other supporters are putting together a detailed plan which they hope to present to selectmen in November. He said no public funds would be used for the project.

Jason said Wilson and Antoine continued to perform their duties in the midst of hurricane-force winds in the unsafe lighthouse which was built on stilts so the water could pass through.

But the sea surge caused the waves to reach the lightkeepers quarters weakening and eventually toppling the lighthouse.

In a recent letter to the editor of the Cohasset Mariner, Jason said the town of Cohasset has always remembered those who gave their lives for their country, but somehow the town has forgotten two of its bravest men.

"Honoring those boys has been on my mind for years," Jason said. "I think they deserve more than a little plaque."

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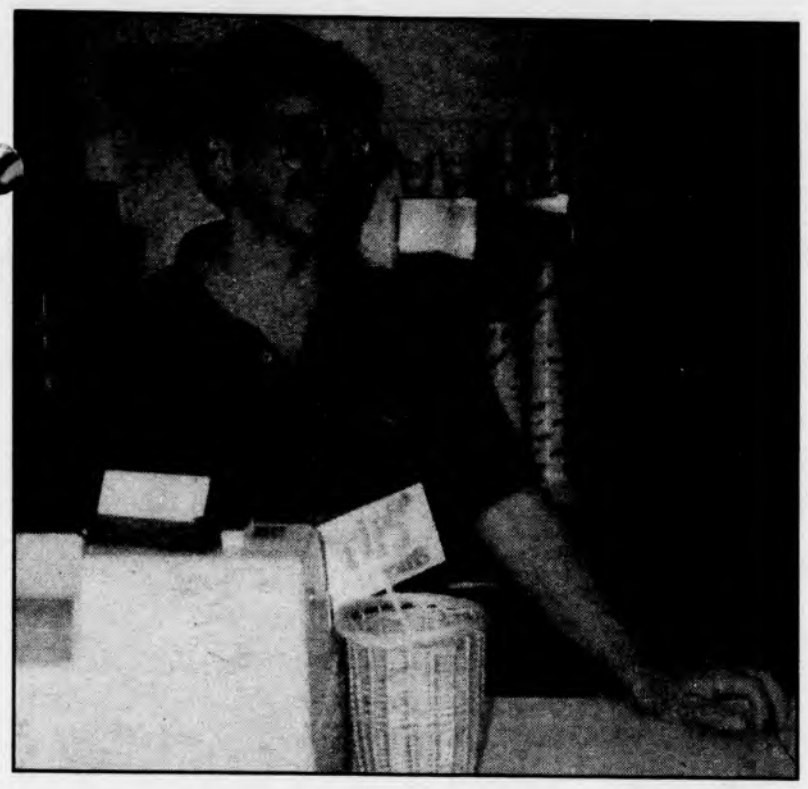
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Goal: To expand the business to include more lunches and light meals.

Best vacation: A week in Aruba.

Best day of your life: The day I got married.

Biggest worry: Paying for college education.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite TV show: 'Law and Order.'

Favorite movie: 'Rain Man.'

Favorite book: 'A Time to Kill,' by John Grisham.

Favorite junk food: Lays Potato Chips.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: I turned the wrong way out of a parking garage in Boston and was facing four lanes of on-coming one-way traffic.

Person you'd most like to meet: Michelangelo.

Pet peeve: Laziness.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Upcoming meetings are noted

The following meetings have been posted at town hall:

Board of health, 7 p.m., Oct. 14 & 29;

Citizens Advisory Committee on Greenbush, 7-10 p.m., Oct. 15, Marshfield Town Hall.

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 16;

Government Structure Committee, 8 p.m., Oct. 15;

Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 20;

Planning Board, 8 p.m., Oct. 22 (public hearing);

Recreation commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14;

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 16, Nov. 6 & 20 in room 10 at the high school;

Town History Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 22;

Troika, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 29;

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., Nov. 4;

Water commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 2 at the water treatment plant;

Zoning Board of Appeals, 8 p.m., Oct. 9.

All meetings are at town hall unless otherwise noted. For exact room locations check the bulletin board in the vestibule at town hall the day of the meeting.

Oil filters, antifreeze and batteries can be recycled

Used oil filters, antifreeze and batteries can be recycled by bringing them to the Cohasset Recycling Transfer Facility on Cedar Street..

"We have been successful in providing for the recycling of used oil filters, antifreeze and batteries by Cohasset residents," said Recycling Committee chairman Arthur Lehr. "We urge everyone to separate and recycle these items rather than throw them away."

In addition to these materials, Cohasset residents may also bring the following to the RTF for recycling: newspapers, white paper, junk mail, plastic bottles, aluminum, steel, cardboard, glass (separate by color), and cans (which should be cleaned out). Paint is accepted, but only on designated days. A fee is required for dropping off: tires, household appliances, household furniture and other miscellaneous bulky materials.

EEE packets available

Packets containing basic information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and general measures for mosquito control are available at three Cohasset sites: Town Hall (in a receptacle mounted on the large billboard), the Community Center, and the Paul Pratt Library.

This information has been provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Audubon Society, and the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee (CMCC). For further information call 383-9900, ext. 121, or leave a note in the CMCC mailbox in town hall.

Traffic committee member sought

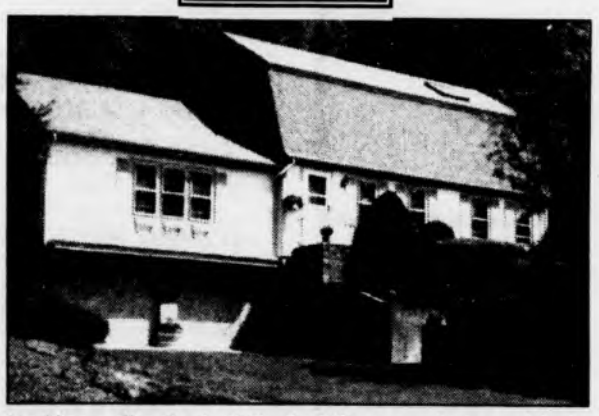
Selectmen are seeking one more volunteer to sit on the town's new traffic study committee which will look at traffic problems around town and recommend solutions. Interested citizens should contact the selectmen's office at 383-9900.

Village revitalization meeting

Dean Rizzo of the Chamber of Commerce said a public forum on plans to revitalize the village will get underway at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 23 at the Lightkeepers Residence.


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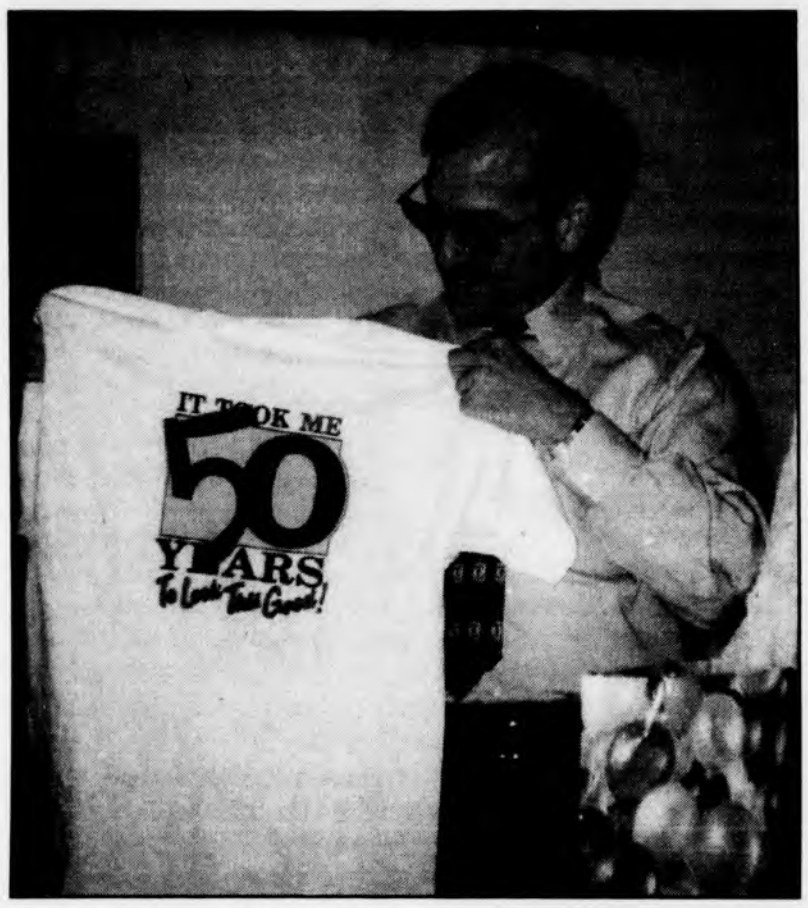
GET WELL SOON

Get well soon to Gerard Keating and Patricia Walsh. They are both at Braintree Hospital and would really enjoy hearing from you. Please send cards to Gerard and Pat in care of Braintree Hospital, PO Box 859020, Braintree, MA 02185-9020.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE NEWS

I am about to tell you outstanding news from Bowdoin College right now - two Cohasset students have been designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars and Book Award winners at Bowdoin. Book award winners are those students who receive grades of no less than an A during the preceding year. They were among 308 undergraduates accorded recognition for distinguishing themselves in scholarship by the college. The designation as Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars honors James Bowdoin III and his wife Sarah. James Bowdoin III was the earliest patron of the college and was instrumental in its founding in 1794. A drum roll please Ö Johanna R. Horn '98, and Christopher M. Kondrat '98, are the two students we are in awe of, can you imagine the work they had to have done to accomplish this feat? Awesome! We certainly congratulate you both!

Glenn Pratt turns 50!





TOP–Glenn Pratt gets a surprise at his office in Braintree by a witch, pig, and a skunk. Who are they?
LEFT–Glenn holds up with his "50s" T-shirt.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUE FONE!

One of our biggest readers from out-of-town is celebrating a birthday next week, Sue Fone. We truly hope that your day is the best birthday yet, with the same kind of year to follow! May health and happiness always be yours!

MEALS ON WHEELS

Jeff Steele, who coordinates our wonderful Meals-On-Wheels program for the Social Service League, tells me she urgently needs volunteer drivers to deliver meals. One driver delivers to about 13 homes between 11 a.m. and noon and only needs to volunteer one hour a month! I'll bet there are many of us who could spend one hour a month helping our neighbors, and that feeling of pride that will come at the end is really quite nice, indeed! Call the Social Service League at 383-0771 for more information.

FREE PROGRAM FOR STEP PARENTS

Lynne Layman and Margie Steele, the family service directors of the Social Service League, tell me that they are putting on a free program called, "Step-parenting: How to Live With Other People's Children," Thursday, Oct. 16, at the First Parish House. This will be a great time to get answers to the many difficult questions arising in a step-parenting relationship. The Social Service League's social worker, Pat Carleton, and author Judy Osborne will be there to offer guidance.

THEATER EVENING WAS SUPER

Former Cohasset students John Kornet and his wife Rebecca, Heather Davenport, Chad Blaine and Beth Perry went into Cambridge to see John Kuntz's show "Freaks," - they met after the show and talked about old times, and had a wonderful evening, indeed! "Freaks" has been extended for three weeks through Oct. 18, with Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m.

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Weddings & Engagements

Hassan–Nussdorfer

On June 14 Julie Marie Nussdorfer and Joshua Andrew Hassan, both from Cohasset, were married at the Nussdorfer family's summer home on Sutton Island in Maine. The bridesmaids were Teresa Williams, Kathleen Daghlian, both of Buffalo, N.Y., Jill Gregg of Hamilton, Meredith Hassan of Pembroke, and the bride's sister Virginia Froio as her maid of honor. The groomsmen were James Hassan, Peter Hassan, Aaron Hassan and Brett Siedman. The best man was David Hassan, the groom's father. Julie's parents are Daniel and Jayne Nussdorfer, now of Halifax; the groom's parents are David Hassan, owner of Hassan Sign Company, and Charlaine Sullivan of Hull. The day was a perfect one!



Joshua Hassan and Julie Marie Nussdorfer, both of Cohasset, are married at the Nussdorfer family home in Maine.



Mr. and Mrs. Hassan

King–Anagnost

On behalf of the late Dollie M. King and the late Oris A. King, Sandra Carol King announced her engagement to Robert John Anagnost (R. J.), son of Mr. and Mrs. James Anagnost, summer residents of Ocean Point, Maine, and winter residents of River Vale, N.J. The prospective groom planned a surprise flight to Washington, D.C. over Easter weekend and proposed on the banks of the Potomac River under the cherry blossoms. The wedding will be held Saturday evening, Oct. 11, at Belcourt Castle in Newport, R.I.

Sandra graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, where she received a B.S. in education with distinction and is a member of Pi Lambda Theta National Honor Society. She holds a B.S. in finance and accounting from UMass/Boston where she graduated summa cum laude and as both the Accounting and Finance Concentration Award winner and a nominee for the Kennedy Award. She completed her graduate work at Babson College in Wellesley where she earned an MBA in entrepreneurial studies and international business. While at Babson, Sandra was nominated as a participant in the prestigious Douglas Prize business plan competition and published an article in an academic journal focusing on legal foundations of privatization in eastern European countries. She is a consultant with Coopers & Lybrand L.L.P., an international accounting and consulting firm.



Sandra King and Robert Anagnost

R. J. graduated from Union College with a B.S. in philosophy and Siena College with a B.S. in accounting. He holds the respected Certified Systems Information Auditor (CISA) assignation. R.J. spent several years at Coopers & Lybrand L.L.P. where he developed expertise in the investment company industry via complex computer systems analysis and implementation. He is currently a senior business analyst with Fidelity Investments.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

A red flag

Sometimes we wonder if state highway engineers drive. We do know they spend a lot of time designing roads and intersections but in some cases common sense seems to be lacking.

This is evidenced by the "new" intersection of Beechwood and Route 3A. With widening and improved sight lines, it's supposed to be safer than before. But that hasn't happened.

The lack of designated left-turning lanes from Route 3A onto Beechwood Street in both directions has created a mini-speedway. With four "travel" lanes, cars heading north toward Hingham are passing in the inside lane and trying to out run one another before the highway quickly narrows back to two lanes.

Cohasset police have called the state to say the intersection needs some improvement. The speed limit is 35 m.p.h. but average speed there now is 43 at peak times. Think about it, that means half the cars are going in excess of 43 m.p.h. and that's in traffic!

Earlier this week, Cohasset police stopped 17 cars for moving violations in the area in just and hour and a half. Officer Richard Yocum told us last week that while he was monitoring the intersection on a recent Sunday, he stopped eight or nine cars for speeding or failure to stop at the light. Police say there have been five accidents there since the intersection was finished. Two or more cars go right through the red light on Route 3A almost every time it changes.

Our local police cannot work that intersection full time. All of us should be more responsible drivers. That means stopping for red lights and not exceeding the speed limit.

But we also rely on traffic engineers to use their abilities to design a safe roadway. In this case, they have apparently goofed and should get back out here and make some adjustments. Clearly marked left turn lanes would seem like a good place to start.

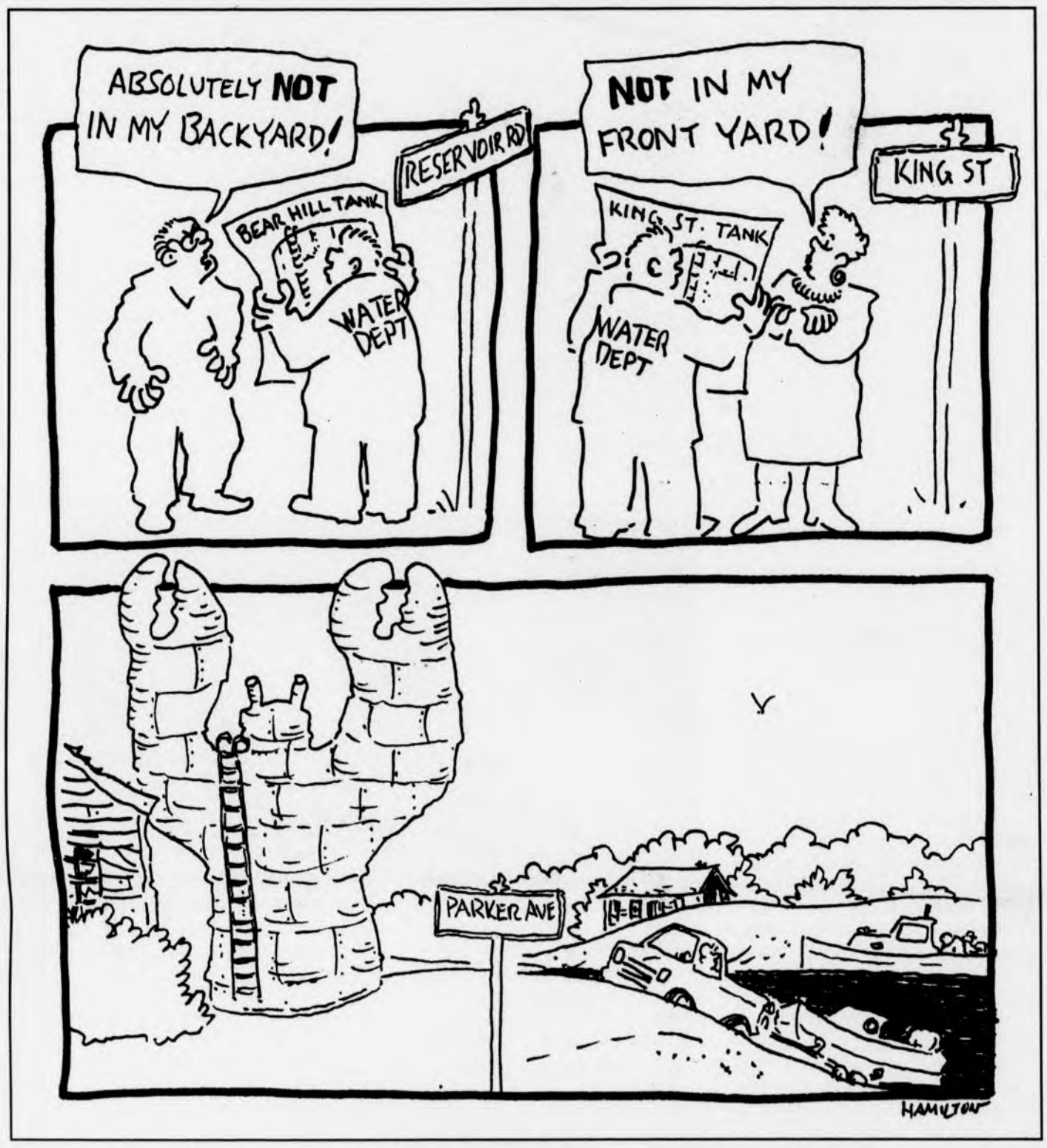
Five recent accidents there should send up a red flag to town officials that they should lobby the state to take immediate corrective action.

John Carlisle, director of public affairs for the state highway department, said the design is based on volume. He said designers felt the left-turn lane would impede through traffic and make the intersection more dangerous.

"But we are always willing to listen to towns and citizens," he said.

Anyone interested in registering their concerns, should contact the District 5 office at 508-824-6633.

— Mary Ford
Editor



LETTERS

Priceless jewel or worthless junk?

To the Editor:

Is the former Cohasset Colonials showroom (the Hagerty Building) so worthless that it should be demolished or sold for a song for removal across the street?

Or is it so incredibly valuable that it can't be leased to a citizens' group without exhaustive examination of the proponents' qualifications, fund-raising plans, programs, building layout, specifications for future staff and so on? (The citizens' group sought to establish a Learning Laboratory for Marine Biology and Genetic Research as a community resource for aspiring students. They didn't seek to establish something harmful to the town)!

If it's worthless enough to demolish or move for a pittance, why the determined resistance against leasing it to a citizens group for a constructive purpose? After all, the taxpayers aren't being hit. If the lab succeeds, townspeople would point to it with pride to visiting firemen as one of the many unique qualities of the town. If it doesn't succeed, the town would be no worse off and could then do what it wants with the building.

Removing the building to gain parking spaces for users of the ramp makes no sense because there is no lack of parking spaces for Cohasset residents, even on summer weekends. Because the lab would be closed during periods of peak parking demand, it would in no way disadvantage boaters! If we don't need the parking spaces gained by removing the building, then the space gained is essentially worthless. So the building and the land beneath it seem to have no great value to the town.

But if it's worthless, why do the selectmen and various critics act as if the lab proponents are after the crown jewels? Why is so much passion generated by opponents who have nothing to lose from the lab? Whose pocketbooks won't be affected? Who won't be prevented from launching their boats?

The Concerned Taxpayers group profess to want the best value in all things for the town. To be consistent, they should support a plan to turn an otherwise worthless building into a community asset at no cost to the taxpayers. Demolishing the building to increase the number of unused parking spaces is a poor bargain for the town, in comparison with the potential of the lab. It may be junk, but it could be a jewel!

R.M. Campbell
75 Old Pasture Rd.

Emergency help appreciated

Dear Chief Lincoln:

My wife Pina and I would like to thank your EMT staff that came to her assistance at the Deer Hill last Thursday, Oct. 2.

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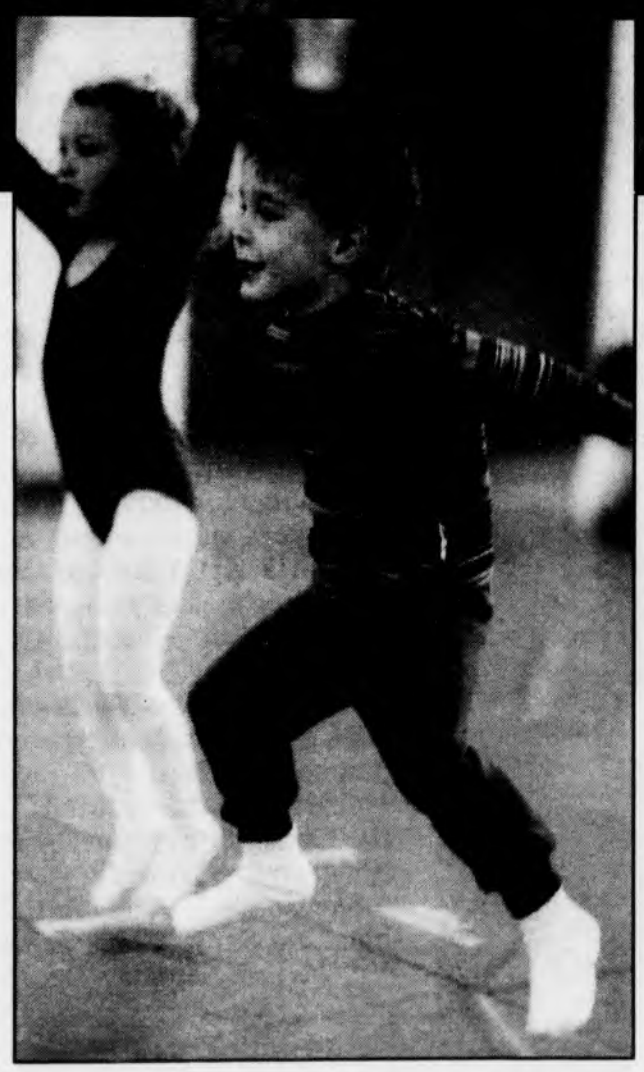
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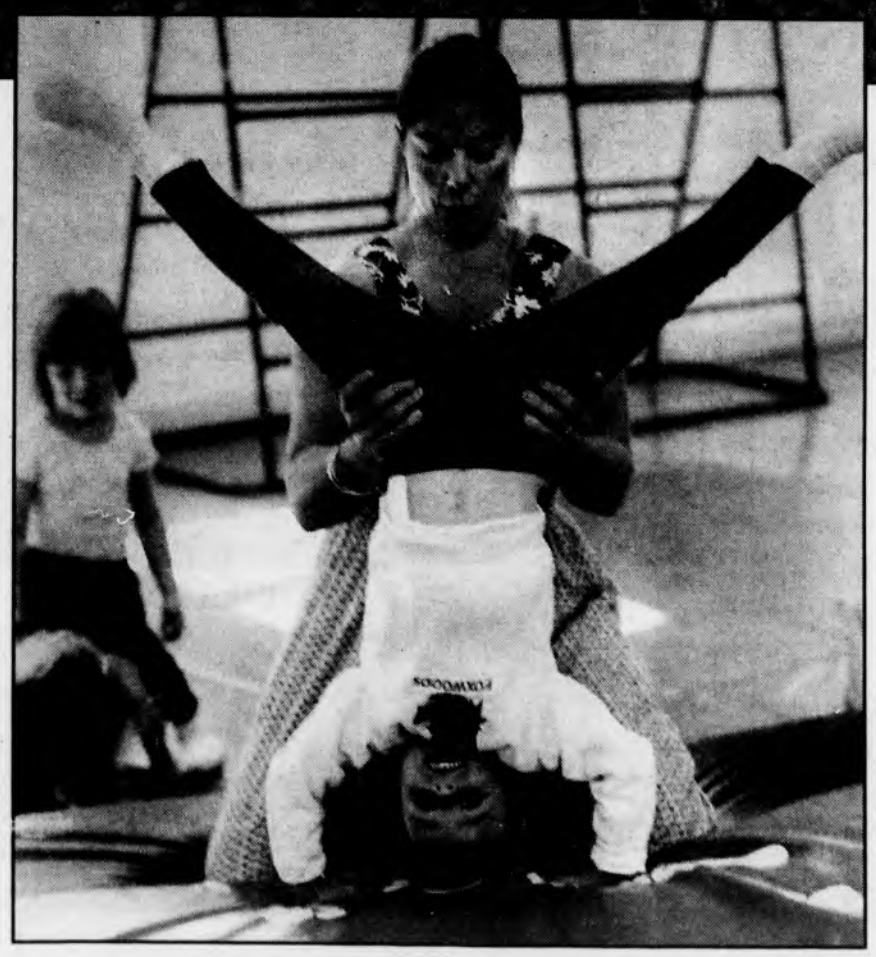
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Clockwise from top left–Whitney has perfect form on the balance beam. Caitlin Sullivan, Whitney Jaffe, Andrew Fewsmith and Travers Craven wait for instructions during gymnastics for four- and five-year-olds at the South Shore Community Center. Caitlin prepares for her running start. Instructor Suzie O'Brien helps Kathleen Kelly with her somersault. Andrew eagerly does jumping jacks during warm-ups.











Arduous journey ahead as town seeks new superintendent

By Jason Bouffard
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset's School Committee faces no easy task when it seeks to hire a replacement for retiring Superintendent Stephen Hart.

Hart will step down at the end of the school year.

The true magnitude of the task was brought to light by a representative of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Jim Hardy, during last Thursday night's school committee meeting.

In a detailed explanation of the process of recruiting a new school superintendent, Hardy cautioned school committee members not to take the task lightly. He advised the committee to cover the details before hand, from developing an appropriate contract to deciding who will provide water for candidates during interviews.

"It's important to be as proactive as possible," he said.

Hardy explained the committee's options for seeking candidates for the position, namely, to search for a replacement within the school district, beyond the district, or use a combination of the two. He advocated the internal search, stating that candidates within the school system should be considered for the position first.

"By conducting an internal search, you send a message throughout the school district that you value your staff," Hardy said.

However, Hardy noted that the committee should not be afraid to search beyond their own staff if a suitable candidate is not available. External searches open the field to a wider range, and possibly better qualified, list of applicants. However, higher advertising expenses are incurred when a committee must place employment ads instead of circulating district-wide postings.

The hiring committee, which may include the school committee, school administrative and teaching staff, parents and students, should clearly define the skills and work experience they will require in a candidate. Issues such as education level and teaching experience are a few of the qualifying factors the committee will need to weigh before starting a search.

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– JIM HARDY OF THE MASS. ASSOC. OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

Contractual arrangements should be prepared in advance to some extent, as well.

"Be ready for a candidate to accept the position once it has been offered," Hardy advised.

Hardy also spoke of the value of site visits, in which a candidate spends time in the hiring party's schools. Not only does the experience provide the hiring committee a chance to better assess the candidate's strengths and weaknesses, but it also gives the candidate an opportunity to get acquainted with the school district, Hardy said.

While candidates will try to impress the interviewers, the reverse must also be true.

"Remember that the search is a bilateral process. It's a selling process," Hardy said.

Hiring committees should also be willing to visit the candidate's current school district. This practice will give interviewers a chance to talk to an applicant's colleagues and sometimes see the applicant in action first hand.

After a vigorous selection process, interviewers should expect to spend four nights of five-hour interview sessions. This lengthy process should be approached with the same attention to planning as all other facets of the recruiting process, according to Hardy. Interviews should be well advertised to give interested parties a chance to clear their calendars. The committee should decide to what extent to involve staff members, parents and students in the actual interviews. Questions and agendas should be drawn up ahead of time.

Hardy also pointed out that budgetary issues should not be neglected. The hiring committee must answer questions such as: How much can we afford to spend on advertising? Will finalists be reimbursed for the travel and lodging costs of a site visit? What will the community reaction be to reimbursing relocation expenses? Can we afford a consultant to assist in the hiring process?

While the school committee now has a great deal to digest, they do not have much time to respond. Hardy recommended allotting seven months to complete the recruiting process. If the school committee plans to have a new superintendent in place by July, they must begin to take action by January.

The school committee will discuss Hardy's suggestions at their next meeting.

Teens line up for Appalachia Service Project

There were more than 75 teenagers in attendance at the Sept. 21 Cohasset Appalachia Service Project 1998 registration meeting. The limit set in the past has been 48. To date, 62 registration forms have already been turned in.

As one of the Cohasset High School teachers remarked, "That's a third of the high school population! Doesn't that say something great about our teenagers - that doing something to help others is so popular?"

The adult leadership of the project has begun pondering the possibility of expanding the program to include all those registered by Nov. 1. One of the greatest challenges will be finding enough adult advisors to go on the trip. Two adults are needed for every five teenagers. They ask that anyone (particularly adults) interested in joining them, please call the Rev. Gary Ritts at 383-0345 for an application form! Forms are currently available at three churches: St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's and 2nd Congregational; and at Cohasset High School's business office.

Another occurrence of great pride is the fact that two other area ASP projects have been spun off. From volunteers who have traveled with Cohasset's group, a group at Pembroke's St. Thecla's Church is being organized under the leadership of Brian Cunningham. Likewise there are plans to begin a project sponsored by Marshfield's First Congregational Church.

With these increasing numbers, the Cohasset ASP requests everyone's prayers and assistance in their upcoming financial ventures:

Fall ASP fund-raisers will include the following:

On the Common selling Appalachia products at the Chamber's Harvest Fair, Thursday, Oct. 9, from 3 to 7 p.m.;

Taking orders early in November for our Thanksgiving pies and breads;

Sharing in the proceeds of the Chamber's Annual Auction, Saturday, Nov. 22;

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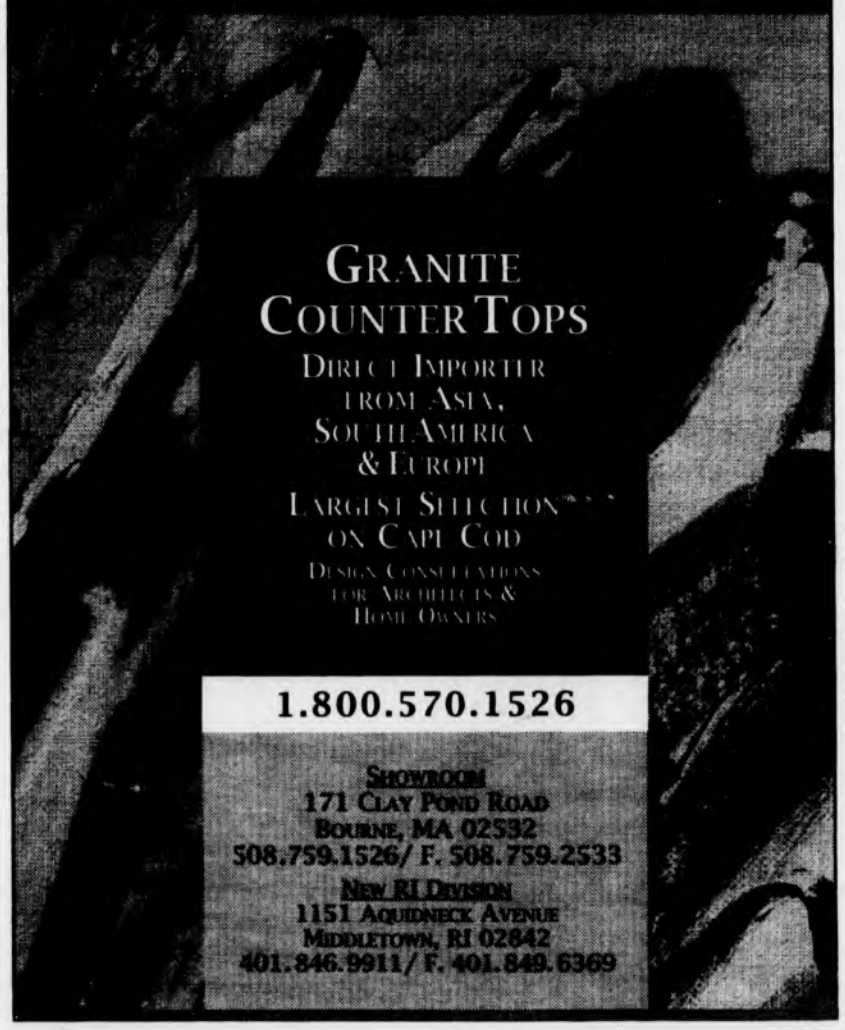
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Cohasset school technology plan is racing against time

By Margo Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

The technology race has a special meaning in Cohasset.

In just about two weeks at Special Town Meeting, the public will be asked to approve $107,000 in technology spending, primarily to build a wire network inside Deer Hill and the Middle/Senior high schools (a $20,000 portion set aside for professional development).

The glitch is, the school technology plan is not yet ready for town officials to review.

Moreover, the final plan is not going to be ready in time for the Special Town Meeting Oct. 27.

Instead, the voters will be acting on a draft of an education grant proposal, according to technology coordinator Dr. Joseph Angelo.

Angelo said the so-called plan the town meeting will see actually is a revision of the papers submitted last June to maintain the school department's eligibility for about $36,000 in state funds. The first draft is on file at the superintendent's office.

Technically, that plan is not quite ready, either, though luckily, the school department has until June 1999 to file an application.

"We're racing because of the town meeting," said Angelo who this week started making the rounds of the town boards, starting with the Capital Budget Committee Wednesday. "They'll see me, but not the plan."

The technology coordinator, who authored the Cohasset Public Schools Educational Technology Plan for the Twenty First Century, said he fell behind schedule this summer when he unexpectedly was called on to supervise work on a handicap-accessible lab at the high school.

His new deadline is set for Oct. 17, but before that, he will meet with the selectmen Oct. 14.

Angelo said, with or without a plan, the Phase I expenditure for wiring, which he compared to building a road, is valid.

"There is no question in my mind," he said. "You have got to start with wire."

The other part of Phase I is for teacher training, a cost which school board member Ralph Kidder defended as an investment in employees.

Kidder also upheld the school grant plan which he said "purposely" left key questions about the computer platforms open and was similarly "purposely vague" in places with an eye to keeping options alive.

Overall, Kidder said, the final Cohasset plan will call for a fiber optic connection linking all town offices and the schools in a wide area network. The WAN will then be combined with local area networks, built of copper wire, inside each school, at a final cost of $1.3 million for at least four workstations in each classroom to be phased in over 5 years, ending in the year 2002.

A town-wide technology board and the cable operator MediaOne are also working on the logistics.

As far as the school plan, Kidder indicated the mission statement and the basic strategy to use the technology to support academics would stay the same as described in the grant.

"We think it's critically important that the curriculum drive the technology," Kidder said, echoing a theme also sounded by schools superintendent Stephen Hart.

Although the written plan is not yet specific about the details, in a interview Angelo did give several examples of the ways that students and teachers could employ the Internet to enrich learning. In one example, he described how file transfer technology could be used to share a science project about seashore erosion with students in Oregon and broaden understanding of the scope of the environmental problems.

Net Day cancelled by school board

Net Day has been cancelled until further notice on advice from a consulting firm.

According to school board member Ralph Kidder, the decision to put the event on hold was adopted by the technology sub-committee at its October 1 meeting and was due to reports about mixed

, which is highlighted by parent, business and community volunteers

Greenbush hearing announced

Representative Joseph C. Sullivan, D-Braintree, chairman of the Joint Committee on Transportation and Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, ranking minority member of the Committee announced that the Committee is having a public hearing on the Greenbush segment of the Old Colony Rail Restoration Project. Senator Hedlund noted that "as this project moves forward, it is imperative that the legislature hold the MBTA accountable in addressing the concerns of impacted communities."

Chairman Sullivan stated "it is essential that the public fully understands the impacts proposed rail service will have on the communities along the Greenbush corridor."

The Committee will hold a hearing on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Barnes Auditorium in Hingham Town Hall. Prior to the hearing, members of the Committee will be joined by local officials in a "walking tour" of some sections of the rail line at 5 p.m.

Representative Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, and Senator Hedlund strongly urged Chairman Sullivan to conduct a hearing in the Greenbush corridor.

"It is essential that we continually monitor the progress of the project and keep the public and the legislature involved," Hedlund added.



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Hedlund town hall office hours

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In addition, Senator Hedlund's district office, located at 66 Sea St. in Weymouth, 340-9866 will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30.

"The whole purpose of my district office is to meet with and serve my constituents in a more accessible and convenient setting" Hedlund said. "It means a lot to me to be able to talk with constituents face to face. Together we can get a lot done."



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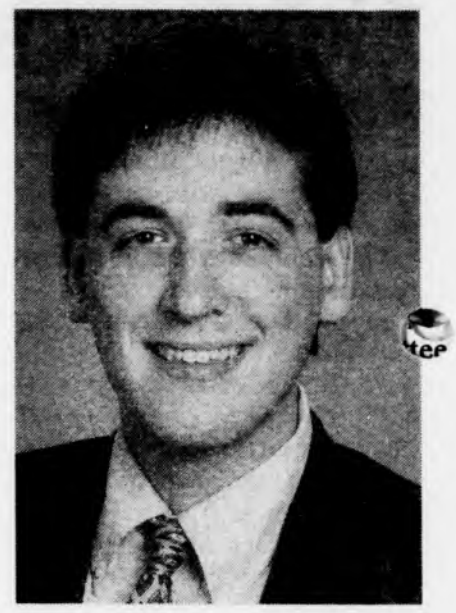
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Cutler to go after Murray's Statehouse seat



Josh Cutler

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elected, he won't need a tour of the Statehouse.

"I wrote laws, I worked on committees," said Cutler, who worked in the past as an aide for state Sen. Mark C. Montigny, D-New Bedford, and state Rep. Eric T. Turkington, D-Falmouth.

A key issue for Cutler is the environment. He backs expansion of the bottle bill which he describes as a "tremendously successful program" and would work hard to preserve open space. Having worked with Turkington, Cutler is familiar with the land bank programs enacted on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Land banks, which he supports at the local level, assess a fee on the transfer of real estate with the money going into a fund to enable the town to buy or maintain open space.

On Greenbush line of the Old Colony, Cutler would work "to get the best train possible."

"I think the train would be good for the South Shore," he said with a caution that the environmental and safety issues surrounding Greenbush must be worked out. Cutler said he would advocate for the short tunnel under Hingham Square which is one of several alternatives studied by the MBTA.

He praised incumbent Republican state Sen. Robert Hedlund's efforts to improve the commuter boat service from Hingham. Cutler said he would also work to get money through the Open Space Bond Bill for commuter boat improvements. He also supports expanded parking at the T station in Braintree as part of a multi-modal solution to the area's transportation problems.

If elected, Cutler promises to be on top of the Education Reform Act, now in its fourth year. He noted that towns like Hingham, Hull and Cohasset which send students to the South Shore Charter School in Hull will not be reimbursed for the students' "tuition" in the future. He said it is important to prepare for that.

Cutler would also strive to be "out in front of issues" such as the huge increase in water rates for Hingham, Hull and north Cohasset to pay for the new Mass-American water treatment plant in Hingham. After citizen uproar, the rates are being reviewed by the Department of Public Utilities.

"You can't put the toothpaste back in the tube," Cutler said. "I believe in getting out in front of the issue before it's too late to do something."

Cutler said he will support the tax roll-back initiative being sponsored by Citizens for Limited taxation and if elected, would work to see that any resulting cuts did not hurt average citizens. (CLT is conducting a petition drive to get the roll-back question on next year's state election ballot. If successful, taxes would be rolled back from 5.95 percent to 5 percent over a three-year period).

He also supports campaign finance reform and an assault weapons ban.

Cutler, who coaches youth baseball in Hull, grew up in Duxbury and Hingham. He is the son of local businesswoman Suzanne Cutler of Hingham and former Mariner newspaper publisher David Cutler of Norwell. A graduate of Skidmore college with a degree in political science, Cutler is a third-year night student at Suffolk University Law School. He's also an account executive with a Boston public relations firm.

Over the years, Cutler served as an intern in Washington, D.C. for former Congressman Gerry Studds, D-Cohasset and worked for Sen. Mark Roosevelt's 1994 campaign for governor. And last year, Cutler took a leave of absence from his job to work as a field coordinator for Phil Johnston, who sought the Democratic Party nomination to run for Studds' 10th Congressional District seat.

Cutler says politics are in his blood.

"My mother had me holding Kennedy signs when I was nine," he said.

Cutler is planning a campaign kick-off event at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 7 at the Sons of Italy Hall on Route 3A in Hingham. Phil Johnston will be the featured guest.

Garrett Hunt of Hingham, a Plymouth County prosecutor, has also thrown his hat into the ring for the Democratic Party nomination for the Third Plymouth District seat.

Rep. Murray, 72, says she welcomes the competition.

"People having the opportunity to run — that's what this country is all about," she said.

Murray , who has served the district for 22 years, said she will seek re-election.

"Does somebody think I'm not?" said Murray, who let it be known she has substantial support.

"I'm very grateful and in awe of the 92 percent of the votes cast which I received last year," she said.

Murray faced last-minute competition last year when Nancy Buckley of Hingham launched a write-in campaign. But this is the first time in ten years, that Murray will be challenged by a Democratic Party candidate.

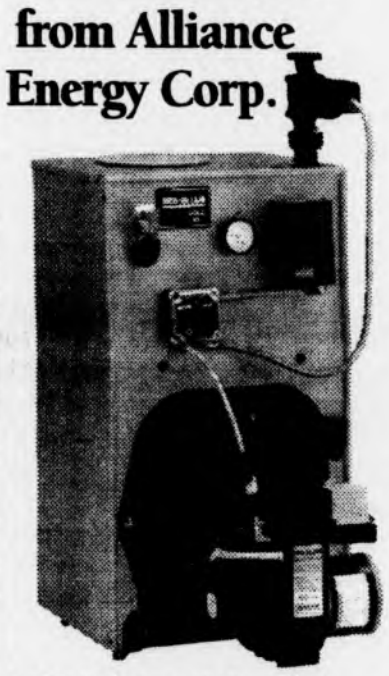
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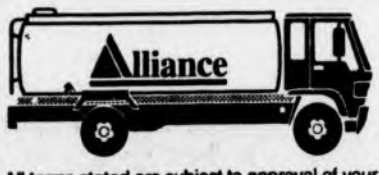
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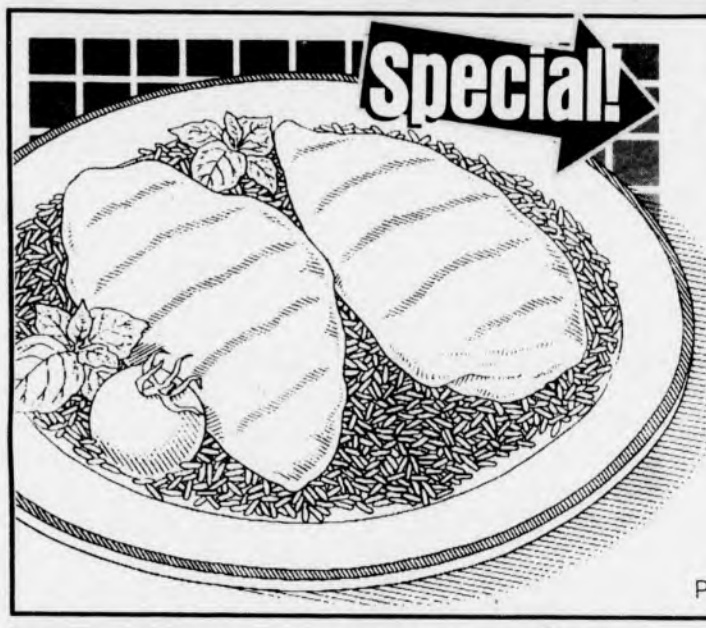
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The Kimball's Point Court Martial and Cohasset

By David Wadsworth
HISTORICAL SOCIETY CURATOR

Coming to light recently, courtesy of Jim Fahey of the archives of the museum ship U.S.S. Salem, are documents about a little-known 1896 Naval Brigade Court Martial case involving a number of Brigade troops assigned to duty aboard U.S.S. Minnesota, located at Boston, who participated in an encampment at the Cohasset shore, with consequent unfortunate results both for themselves and for some Cohasset residents.

As part of a military exercise, the second and seventh Brigade Divisions, under Lieutenant J.H. Dillaway, were assigned to an encampment expedition at Cohasset's Kimball's Point, in the uplands area just north of Sandy Beach, at the shore, near the second Pleasant Beach House known as Kimball's Hotel. During the course of the encampment, a number of troops engaged in acts of misconduct that led to a Court Martial held in Boston in late July, 1896.

Location of the encampment at the Cohasset shore was chosen by arrangement with the Kimball's, whose land and hotel were located between the beach and the "causeway" going west toward the junction of Jerusalem Road.

A summary of the findings of the Court Martial shows that, while the site of the encampment was considered excellent, discipline of the troops appeared close to non-existent.

That evening, despite instructions from the commanding officer, that none were to leave the camp without permission, two groups departed from the encampment without receiving permission.

About 35 of the total of 80 men later admitted having been absent without permission. One group is called "The Cohasset Party," the other the "Nantasket Party."

The "Nantasket Party" proved the more troublesome, walking along Jerusalem Road to the electric railway at Strait's Pond, then riding to an establishment called the "Bicycle Inn" at Nantasket, where they remained some time, then walking along the board walk to a saloon where they stayed until it closed.

In the first group were boatswains Mates Jones and Jackson of the second division, and the group marched in "mock military formation" to Cohasset center under the "command" of their own boatswains, Mate Jones. Proceedings indicate it was felt that it was his restraining influence that minimized the property damage done along the way by this group, the only real damage done being the removal of a large sign from Frank Browne's Drug Store at the corner of Brook and Elm Streets, as well as the unhinging and throwing of a blind from a residence, and the theft of a street sign that was taken back to the camp. Most of this fairly quiet group were back in camp by 1 a.m., some having been sent to the guard house, though some had gone on to "the messing (eating) place at Stony Beach," where they were at the time the fire broke out.

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Returning, they removed and destroyed a window blind from a livery stable, and back in Cohasset, stole several wicker chairs from the piazza of the Black Rock House and destroyed them. The group then loitered at the hotel, and the noise they made "disturbed the inmates." Proceeding east along Jerusalem Road they stole a table from Mr. Coolidge's piazza which they carried to Matthew Luce's boathouse (at Sherbrookes' beach). Leaving the table at the boathouse, they then broke a street electric light fixture and made "a good deal of noise." Also taken from an unknown site were 35 feet of garden hose, also left at the boathouse. Leaving behind two stolen street signs at the boathouse, some of the party proceeded toward the Kimball's Point encampment.

At about 1:30 to 1:45 a.m., an old shipwreck on the shore near Luce's boathouse, identified as the "Lewis," was set on fire. It was never known who set the blaze, since the Brigade men going to Nantasket had been accompanied by a group of "hooligans" who had accompanied them, but the forces at the military encampment responded with alacrity, under the command of Ensign Ley.

Most of the men at the camp went, and "it is the testimony of several of the town's people that the Brigade men worked heroically to save the ship." Several Brigade men were injured fighting the fire, more prostrated by smoke, and a temporary hospital was set up at the cottage of Mrs. John Roach, at the west end of the causeway.

Assistant surgeon Abbe of the Brigade was overwhelmed by the number of injured and overcome men and called for assistance from Dr. Oliver H. Howe, prominent Cohasset general practitioner. The following day the Cohasset sailing yacht Gracie (belonging to Edward Everett Tower) took the injured men back to the U.S.S. Minnesota. Despite efforts, the shipwrecked Lewis was totally destroyed. Later it was alleged that, of the Brigade force, a Seaman Second Class Shattuck, insulted Mrs. Atwood while he was obtaining hot water for the surgeon, but no proof of the alleged insult was presented.

Following the ensuing Court Martial, Seamen Gowdy, Shattuck, Monroe and Mansfield of the Brigade were discharged "for the good of the service." Seamen Bracy and Hichborn were discharged "with the reenlistment clause erased," and Seaman Johnson was given a dishonorable discharge. As well, Boatswains Mates Jones and Jackson were reduced "to the ranks" by the Headquarters of the Naval Brigade, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, Boston, with subsequent approval by endorsement of the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, given July 27, 1896.

Thus ended the Naval Brigade's Kimball's Point encampment and Court Martial, a heretofore little-known episode among the more obscure by-ways of Cohasset's history.

Join Cohasset Historical Society

The Cohasset Historical Society membership drive has begun. If you have not returned the envelope provided by the society, or for some reason have not received one, send your check to the Cohasset Historical Society, 14 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

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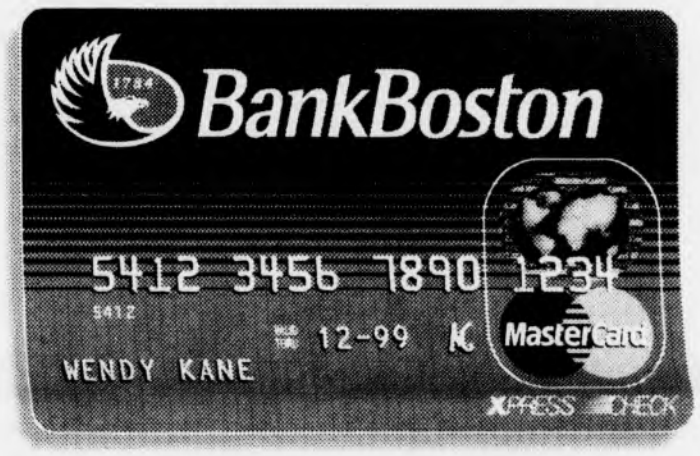
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Art Notes

Gallery artist entries and exhibit proposals

South Shore Art Center announced a call for exhibit proposals and artist portfolios to be reviewed for Gallery Artist Member status, Thursday, Oct. 16. Artists entering for Gallery Artist status must be professionals, consistently and currently working in their field with a body of work large enough to meet a frequent showing schedule. The exhibiting membership is open to all media. Artists must include seven works, a rÉsumÉ and/or artist statement.

Artists entering exhibit proposals must include a description of the exhibit with a statement of the underlying concept, current rÉsumÉ(s) of the curator and/or artist(s), original work and slides. Work and proposals must be submitted by Wednesday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Portfolios and proposals will be reviewed by jurors, Valerie Vitali, an artist from Scituate, and Catherine Mayes, a curator from Hingham. Call (781) 383-ARTS for more information.

Art Auction to benefit Habitat

Join us on Saturday evening, Oct. 18 at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd. for an art auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

7 p.m. Silent Auction - wine, cheese and hors d'oeuvres.

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Tickets - $5 Donation.

For more information call Liz Charlton (781) 545-8199 or Laurie Mann-Strenge (617) 773-3289.

Art center classes offered

Register now for fall workshops at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd. One- to three-day workshops are available for ages Pre-K through adult. Adult workshops include Masks and Storytelling Workshop, Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join Suzanne Benton, a renowned sculptor, performing artist and printmaker, in creating collage masks and using them to discover and tell stories. Awakening Creative Expressions, held Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: recapture the freedom of creative expression we all had as children and use art as a medium for personal transformation.

Children's courses

Children's workshops include, Folk Art Traditions, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 8 to 15: two-day workshop inspired by Mexican folk art. Family Ornament Workshop, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 22, Dec. 6 and 13: start a new tradition by making ornaments as a family. Holiday Happenings, Monday afternoon, Dec. 1 and 8 pre-K, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 4 and 11, grades 1 to 3: rejoice in the holiday season as you create festive decorations, gifts, treats and much more! Call to register or for brochure. Business hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 383-ARTS (2787).

South Shore Art Center annual meeting

The South Shore Art Center will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome. Following the meeting, at 7:30 p.m., Allison Shutz Moskow will give a talk on the Blue Ribbon Members' Show. For more information, call (781) 383-ARTS. The center is located at 119 Ripley Road and is wheelchair accessible.

Harpsichord and cello recital

Russian-born harpsichordist Marina Minkin and cellist Joel Cohen will present a concert of 18th century music at St. Stephen's Church Sunday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m., as part of its Sunday concert series. Works to be performed include those by Vivaldi, Boccherini and J. S. Bach.

A free-will offering will be taken, and a reception will follow the program .

The church located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset has handicap access, and plenty of parking in the village lot. For information call (781) 383-1083.

Hingham Symphony concert

Hingham Symphony Orchestra will present a concert Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Hingham Middle School auditorium, 1103 Main St., Hingham.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. and tickets may be reserved by calling (781) 749-4936. Ticket prices are as follows: adults, $10 (reserved), $12 (at the door); students (18 and under), $5 (reserved or at the door).

The concert program includes the "Coriolanus Overture" by Beethoven, "Karelia Suite" by Sibelius and "Symphony No. 100" 'Military' by Haydn.



Cohasset artists JoAnne Chittick and Patricia McCarthy chat by some of Chittick's work during an opening reception for local artists last summer at the art center.

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Winless Lady Skippers refuse to give up

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

If it weren't for bad luck, it would seem that the CHS girls' soccer team would have no luck at all.

After finally getting all of their players back from an assortment of injuries, the Lady Skippers played well enough to win their first game of the year Tuesday afternoon against Carver, but still fell to defeat 2-1.

"My heart just breaks for these kids," said fourth year head coach Maureen O'Day-Clark. "They try so hard, but we just can't seem to get the big goal when we need it."

The Carver game was a prime example of that problem, said O'Day-Clark.

"We just couldn't get a break," she said. "We were right there so many times, but we just couldn't put the ball in the net."

The team has now fallen to 0-12 and are at the bottom of the South Shore League.

Even though things have not gone to plan, O'Day-Clark said that her team has by no means given up the ship quite yet.

"If you looked at these girls there is no way that you could tell we were winless," said O'Day-Clark. "Everyone has their head held high and their spirit is way up in the sky.

"Nobody is pointing any fngers at anyone else or given up," she continued. "The best thing about this season is the way that they have stuck together and supported each other both on and off the field."

She credited her co-captains, defenders Ali Kinchla and Hannah Bregan with helping to keep the team together this season.

"They've played hard and given the team some solid leadership," said O'Day of the duo.

Bregan scored the lone goal for Cohasset in the Carver loss.

With only the two seniors and a handful of juniors on the team, this season has been a major opportuntiy for the underclassmen to step forward and gain some valuable experience on the varsity level.

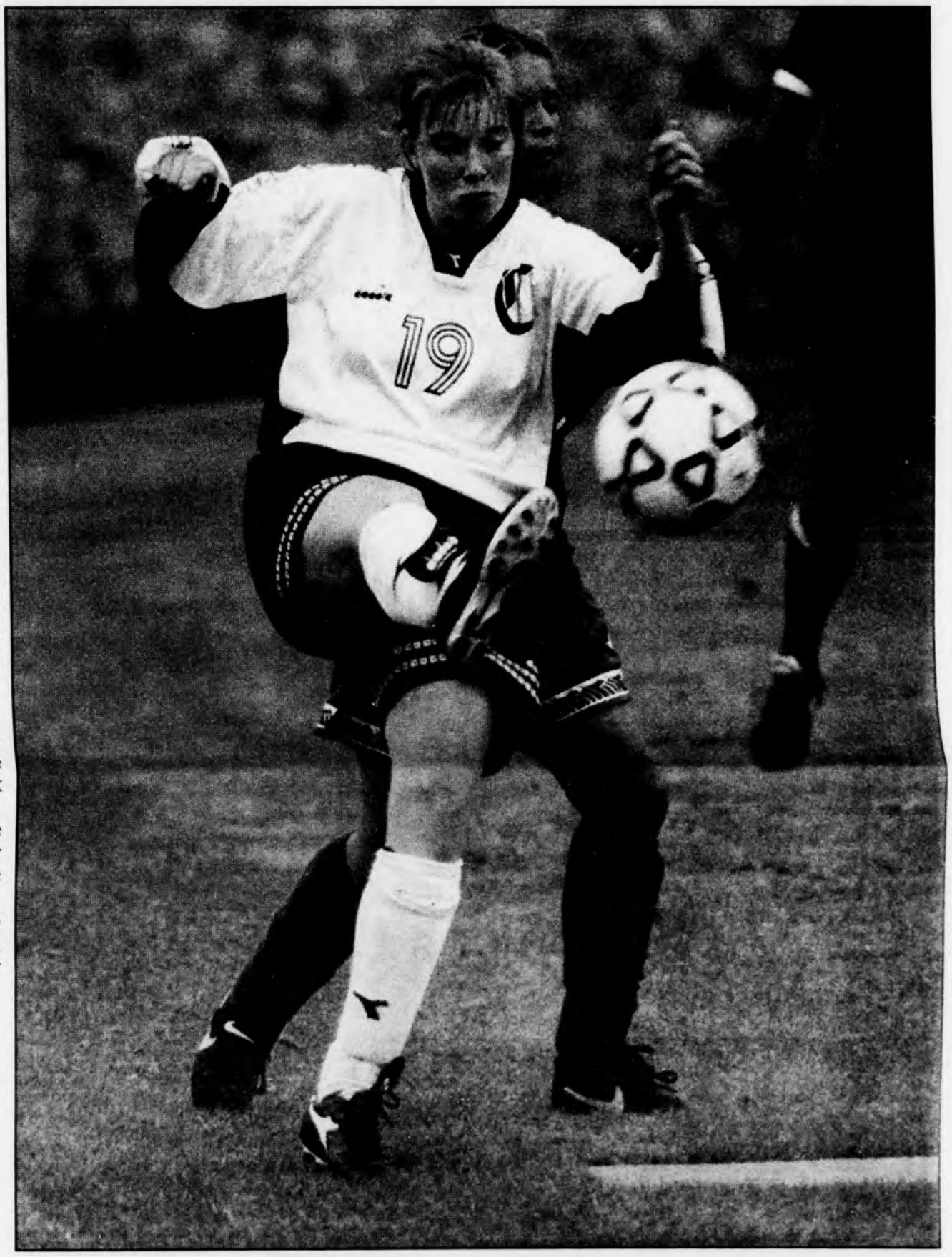
The play of those younger booters has given the coach hope for some more wins over the next few seasons.

"Sarah Motley (a freshman) has looked good up on the front line and put some pressure on the opposing goaltender," said O'Day Clark. "(Sophomore) Maura Duffy has also played well on defense.

"Overall, I'd have to say we are a true team," she added. "We play together and since we don't have a true superstar, we have to work that much harder as a team.

"These kids been great," she added. "I can't think of another group that deserves a win more than this team."

They will get the chance to gain that win on Wednesday, when they travel to Abington for a 6:30 p.m. game.



RIGHT– Junior forward Susan Thompson gets in her kicks in a recent contest against Norton. The Lady Skippers return to action on Wednesday with an away game against Abington.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Injury bug continues to bite CHS gridmen

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset Skippers lost their third consecutive game last Saturday, falling to the Norton Lancers 29-16. On the strength of two Marcus Bennett touchdown runs, the Lancers mauled the visiting Skippers in the first half, scoring 21 points.

Despite a season-best game from tailback Raheem "The Dream" Shepard and a gritty effort by the patchwork offensive line, Cohasset couldn't come all the way back in the second half.

Cohasset fell behind from the kickoff, when they allowed the ball to be taken to the 45-yard line. However, the defense made a stand, largely due to sophomore "Notorious" James Edgeston's quarterback sack. Edgeston was making his first varsity start, but is now entrenched at the noseguard position.

Former noseguard Alex "Big Daddy" Russell has been moved over to defensive tackle. Edgeston's sack forced a punt and gave the Skippers good field position.

However, the offense sputtered and died and were forced to punt as well. Bennett carried in from the 15-yard line to cap the Norton drive and the boys in blue were down early.

As usual, the first quarter proved to be far and away the most damaging for the Skippers. The Lancers pushed across two TD's and knocked senior captain fullback Andy "Hammer" Hamilton out of the game, along with John "Kase Closed" Kasameyer and Luke "Cobra" Caldwell, who were felled on the same play.

Kasameyer occupied a starting guard position and Caldwell played both guard and linebacker.

Juniors Greg "Stork" Parkinson and Jim "Shamrock" O'Sullivan were pressed into duty along the offensive line.

The first Cohasset touchdown came early in the second half. Coming out fired up, the Skippers' offense began to move.

Behind an unwavering offensive line, Pat "Hollywood" Hurley slung bullets to his receivers who gathered them in. Shepard found holes and ran for daylight and Cohasset ate up the yardage.

Finally, Hollywood fired to Jamie "Snake" Buick for the touchdown.

Later, Shepard bounced a run outside and took it in for an additional six. The Skippers converted on both touchdowns.

Despite the high point total for Norton, Cohasset's defense actually played well. Edgeston showed ability in his debut and Justin "Juggernaut" Golden continued his outstanding play at roving linebacker.

John-Paul Laugelle stepped up his play at defensive tackle and played his best game of the year thus far. Shepard and sophomore Joe Pergola anchored the corners, while Hollywood held down the safety position.

The loss of Hamilton, Kasameyer and Caldwell adds to the growing roster of wounded Skippers. All three are sidelined for at least this Thursday's game against Rockland, possibly longer.

Running back and defensive back Jamie DeMichele has been out since the first scrimmage and will sit for the rest of the year with a broken collarbone.

Linebacker Adam "Sasquatch" Sasso is nursing an injured ankle, signal caller Hurley is banged up with an injured back, and Pergola suffers from an injured knee.

Both Russell and senior captain end and defensive end Buick are playing with broken hands.

At last count, the Skippers will be missing six starters for Thursday's 5 p.m. start against undefeated Rockland.

Stretch drive is in motion for state tourney

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

After a slow start, first-year coach Jeff Martell and the CHS boys soccer team are in a position to make a late run for a spot in the state soccer tourney.

Martell, who stepped in as the interim coach after Keith Clark stepped out to take over the Bridgewater State College team, said continued solid defensive play and some added offense are needed for any late-season surge to pay off in post-season play.

"We did not get off to the kind of quick start that we were looking for. But we recovered from that and have come together as of late," said Martell. "As the season goes on the team seems to be coming more together as a unit."

The squad, 5-6-1, started off the year at 0-3 and at one time was 2-5 before gaining three wins and a tie in their last five games, including an exciting 1-0 victory Tuesday against Carver.

Andy Ross scored the lone goal, with an assist going to Nate Cotter.

The team has six games left on the schedule, including important clashes against Hull. Rockland and Abington, as well as league powers Hanover and Norwell.

Besides Rockland, Hull and East Bridgewater, the Skippers also hold a win over North Quincy.

Simply stated, the more games the team can win in the next two weeks the better their chances that they will be invited to the tournament.

"Post-season play is still very possible," said Martell. "Our first goal is to get back to the .500 mark. After that, we'll just take things as they come.

"I think that we've recovered well from out poor start and really started to play a solid game. The season has been a learning experience for us all, but it is a credit to this team how they have come back and played to win."

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> JEFF MARTELL

Martell said the leadership of his two captains, forward Nate Cotter and sweeper Leigh Atherton, has helped shape the team.

"You couldn't ask for better captains than Nate and Leigh. They are doing all the things they are supposed to in order to make this a better team."

Mark Equi is leading the team in scoring this season, tallying 6 goals and 4 assists.

Andrew Ross and sophomore goalie Kevin DeVito have also excelled this year for the Skippers.

"Overall, it's just a matter of working hard to keep up a strong defense in front of Kevin (DeVito) and getting pressure on offense," said Martell. "We do those things and good things will happen."

The Skippers stretch drive continues on Wednesday with a home game against Abington.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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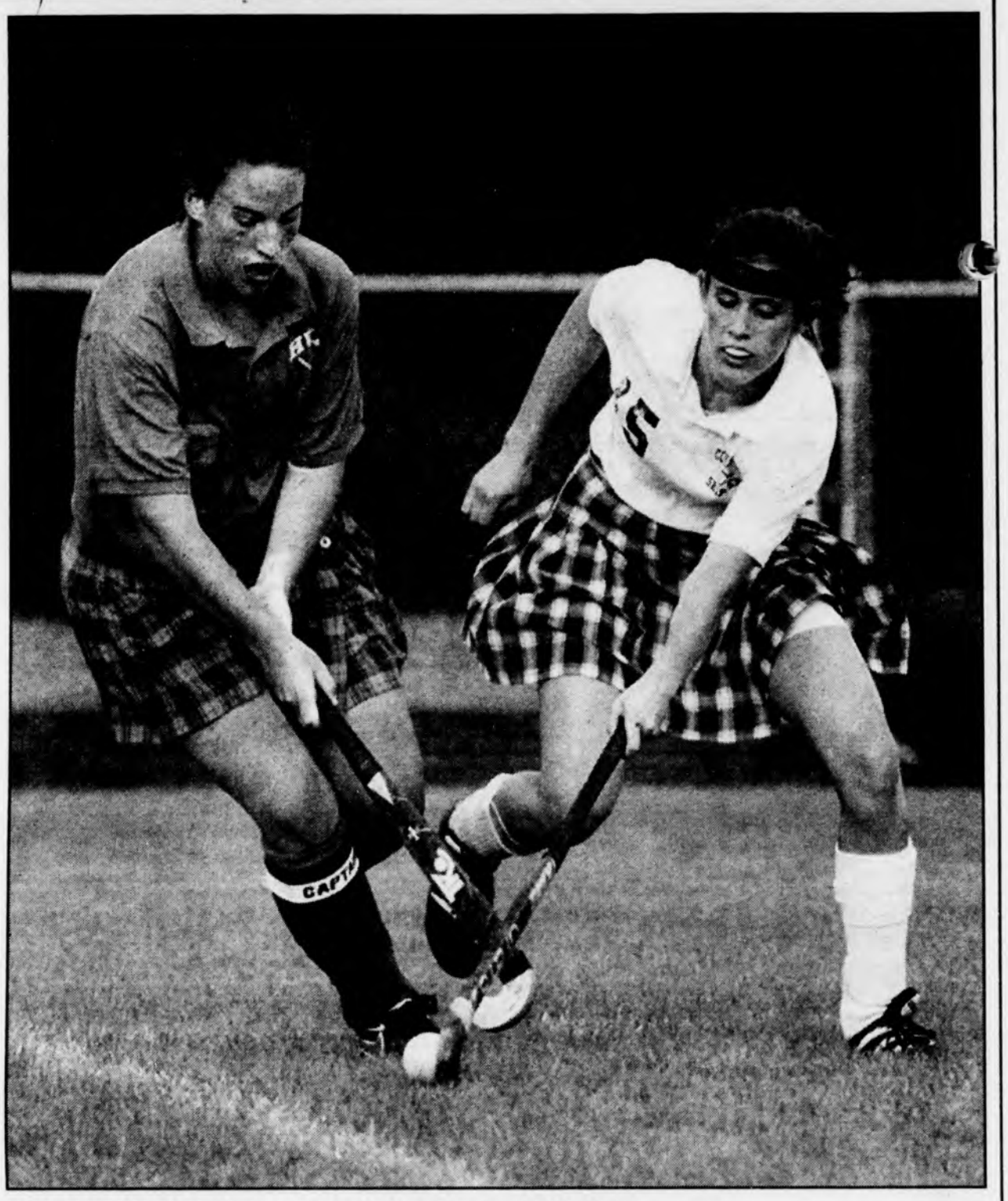
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Locals flip over Olympic gold medal winner

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Those of the perky, pony-tailed, athletic suit-wearing group met their leader Thursday night when U.S. Olympic gold medal winning gymnast Dominique Moceanu made an appearance at the 5-7-9 clothing store in the Braintree Mall.

Moceanu was in town for a performance of the John Hancock Tour of World Gymnastics Champions at the FleetCenter over the weekend that includes her friends from "The Magnificent Seven", the group whose stunning performance took home women's the team gold medal in the 1996 Olympics.

"It's been a hectic time," admitted Moceanu while signing pretty much anything that the seemingly endless throng of her admirers put in front of her. "The tour has been fun so far and I have been doing appearances all around the country."

Moceanu, who just turned 16 on Sept. 30, said it seems like she had been on the road every day since the victory in Atlanta over one year ago, but she was trying to keep everything "as normal as possible."

Like any good 16-year-old, one of Moceanu's next goals is to obtain that great bastion of freedom, the drivers license. She has the car, a birthday present, but has not been able to make time yet to get the license.

Decked out in a fashionably funky fedora, Moceau was truly the belle of the ball to those who stood in line for an autograph and a quick word with her.

"She's so cool," said nine-year-old Abington resident Amy Reynolds. "I can't believe I got the chace to meet her. She's famous!!!"

A trio of young ladies from the Ellis Gymnastics School in Braintree also had kind words for their pint-sized hero.

"She's a great role model," said eight-year-old Amy Caldwell.

"She worked hard and won the gold medal," added Marissa Ellis, 9.

Another aspiring gymnast, eight-year-old Kerriann Cusack, said she was very interested to know if Moceanu was going to make an effort to get on the next Olympic team.

The next summer Olympic games are scheduled for 2000, when Moceanu will be 19, a grizzled veteran by average gymnast age standards.

When asked about any future Olympic plans, Moceanu gave a coy smile, shrugged her shoulders and said "Maybe. We'll see how everything goes."

Balance in life is as important to Moceanu as it is for her on the beam. Between the gymnastic tour she's on now, her schoolwork, as much as six hours each day of training (four hours when she feels like being good to herself) and just being a teenager, she freely admits to not hving a clue as to how she fits it all in a 24-hour day.

"I really don't know how I do it sometimes," said Moceanu. "I'm dedicated to doing all of this, but there are a lot of things for me to juggle each day.

"It's something that I've chosen to do and this lifestyle has allowed me the chance to do a lot of things that I normally would not have has the opportunity to take part it. To me, all of the work is worth it."

Asked about being a role model to some young women who may only be a year or two younger than herself, Moceanu said she only "tries to do right thing."

That attitude did not go unnoticed by Julie Evans, a Cohasset mother who brought her daughter and some of her young friends to meet Moceanu.

"She (Moceanu) is what you want your daughter to be," said Evans. "She was very gracious with everyone who was there to talk with her and seems to have it all under control. Success hasn't gone to her head."

Moceanu plans to attend college and eventually move into acting or television commentating.

"I definetly want to go to college," said Moceanu, who when not out on the road attends a private school near her training camp in Houston, TX.

The daughter of a pair of Romanian gymansts, Moceanu, a member of the U.S. National gymnastics team each year since 1992, was born in Hollywood, CA, where she lived before moving to Houston to be closer to her coach, Bela Karolyi, when she was only nine.

A 1995 nominee for the Sullivan Award, given each year to the top U.S. amateur athlete, Moceanu finished ninth in the overall competition at the Atlanta games and has already had a book published on her young life, "Dominique Moceanu- An American Champion."



1996 Olympic gold medal winner Dominique Moceanu dropped in on the South Shore last week to help promote the John Hancock Gymnastic Champions tour .

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Epic New England

History and culture, close to home

By Emily C. Hicks
CNC Travel Correspondent

New England is known as the "birthplace of the nation," and for good reason. History here has quite a story to tell, and allows multiple generations a retreat into the past. Tourists and history buffs alike will have their hands full traveling through the six states.

Massachusetts is the hub of history, from Plymouth Rock to Lexington and Concord. Patriotism abounds through much of the state. Many holidays are occasions for reenactments of past conflicts and wars, and are quite popular for travelers and residents of all ages.



Boston is filled with culture and history
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Rich with history, Boston is a popular destination for vacations and day trips. The Boston Common is a favorite gathering spot. Sunbathers, roller-bladers, joggers and business associates meet in the park, possibly unaware of its history. Located between Beacon and Tremont streets in downtown, this year-long activities center is the oldest park in the United States. Nearby, Faneuil Hall receives just as much attention. Built in 1742, this marketplace and meeting area became a focal point of discussion and protest against the British government during the Colonial era. Historical talks are held daily in what has become known as the "Cradle of Liberty."

On Congress Street see the Boston Tea Party Ship and Museum, which annually documents the December 16, 1773 protest where a group of colonists dressed as Indian natives stormed a British ship carrying tea. They dumped the tea into Boston Harbor because they objected to high taxes placed on the tea by the Crown. This replica of the original ship houses a museum detailing a history of the events leading up to the Tea Party.

Another popular spot for field trips and patriotic celebrations is the Charlestown Navy Yard. Visitors to Charlestown catch glimpses of the naval history of Boston; the site was actively used by the U.S. Navy from 1800 to 1974. It includes a museum detailing the history of the USS Constitution, better known as "Old Ironsides," which is the world's oldest warship still afloat. Nearby in the picturesque heart of Charlestown is the Bunker Hill Monument. It marks the site of the Bunker Hill skirmish, one of the first battles of the Revolutionary War, which took place on June 17, 1775.

Other historic Massachusetts attractions include: the New England Holocaust Memorial, which commemorates the millions of lives lost in Nazi concentration camps during World War II; the Old North Church, built in 1723, which is Boston's oldest church and was made famous during the Revolution when lanterns were hung ("one if by land, two if by sea") to warn of the approach of British troops; the Paul Revere House, built in 1680; the site of the nation's first public school, which was built in 1635 and is marked by the Franklin Statue; Copley Square's Trinity Church; Harvard University, America's first university; Mount Auburn Cemetery, where many historical figures rest; the John F. Kennedy Library, and the National Historic Site of John F. Kennedy's birthplace in Brookline.

Travelers visiting Maine also have a wealth of history from which to choose.

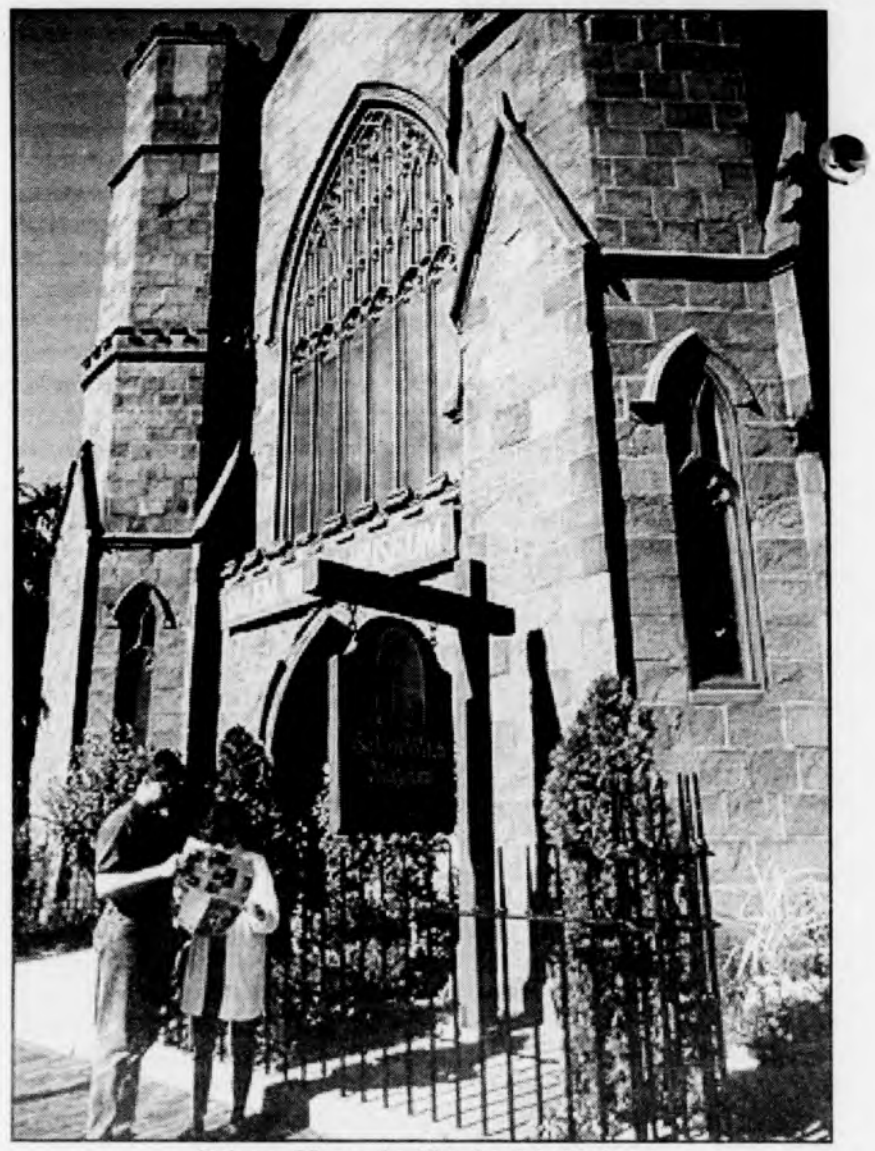
The Maine Maritime Museum in Bath has stood strong from the beginning of the Civil War to the turn of the century. One of the nation's most important seaports and ship-building cities, Bath continues the maritime tradition. Similarly, the Sailor's Memorial Museum and Grindle Point Lighthouse in Isleboro offer exhibits on local fishing life and artifacts; the lighthouse was built in 1850. Luther Little and the Vesper are two wrecks that foundered along the banks of the Sheepscot River in 1932; both were four-masted schooners built during World War I and were used as cargo ships.

Caratunk Falls is a beautiful natural wonder, home to an amazing historic find: Indian relics and petroglyphs that date back as far as 9000 years ago.

Along the same lines, the Indian Burial Ground in Windham marks the presence of Native Americans, beginning centuries before the arrival of colonists from Europe; the burial ground is an example of a now-vanished culture.

Connecticut finds a wealth of other famous historical sites. Along the area of the Mystic Seaport, the Mystic River Historical Society Museum is a community organization that works to preserve and promote the historical traditions of the greater Mystic area. Visitors to the museum can see two sites, the Portersville Academy, which was built in 1839 and contains a recreated 1840s school room, and the William A. Downes Archives Building, which contains growing collections of artifacts, printed material, maps and photographs. Among the many other popular attractions are the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse, a classroom built in 1774 where Connecticut's state hero was taught and worked before he enlisted in the Continental Army, and the 1833 Robert Mills U.S. Custom House, which remains the nation's oldest operating custom house designed by America's first federal architect. Its front doors are made from planks from the USS Constitution.

For more information on the countless historic attractions and districts of New England, call the Massachusetts Department of Tourism, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, or visit a comprehensive World Wide Web site at http://www.visitnewengland.com.



Salem, Mass. is filled with history, including the Salem Witch Museum
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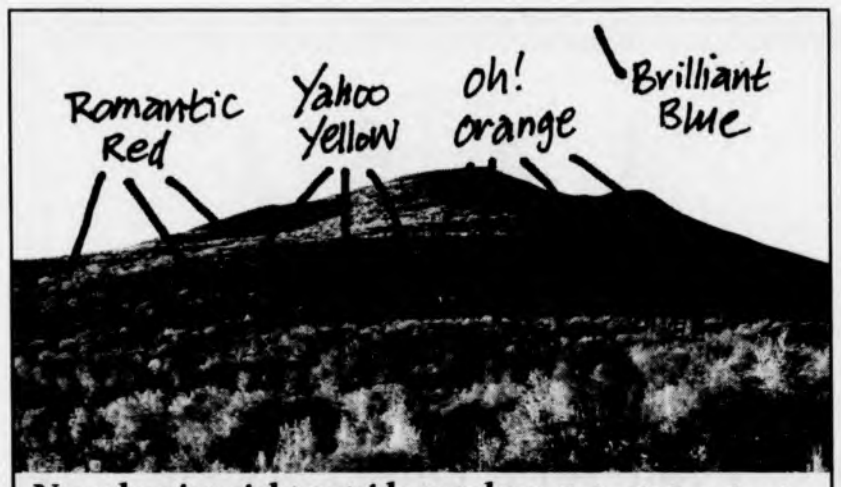
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Natural wonders, lively arts abound in the Florida Keys

By Emily C. Hicks
CNC Travel Correspondent

Most people know the Florida Keys as a great getaway, where every address has its own mile marker. It is unique, calm and serene – the perfect setting in which to recharge your batteries and rejuvenate your spirits.

The Keys, however, are much more than peace and quiet. They are palm-lined streets, Victorian homes and unspoiled natural wonders. There is, quite simply, no place like it.

America's most dazzling underwater parks and reefs wait to be seen in Key Largo, the first key. From John Pennekamp State Park, the nation's first, and the National Marine Sanctuary, to the crystal clear waters of Molasses Reef and the underwater caves of the French Reef, divers flock to this key. With outstretched arms seemingly welcoming scuba enthusiasts, the submerged Statue of Christ of the Abyss is a Key Largo icon. An array of activities awaits; dive operators and glass-bottom boats allow an opportunity to experience the area's beauty. Adjacent to one of the parks is the nation's first underwater hotel. Many like to experience a bit of old movie magic checking out Bogey's "African Queen" and locations where scenes from "Key Largo" and "PT 109" were shot. Family members of all ages can explore the island, which offers places like Dolphins Plus, where visitors can actually go swimming with these friendly and highly intelligent mammals in a natural lagoon.

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Visitors to the area like the acrobatic dolphins and other deep sea stars performing at the Theater of the Sea on Windley Key. Tourists cast their sights on arts, crafts and other island treasures in the shops and galleries at both Treasure Village and Rain Barrel on nearby Plantation Key, or explore Lignumvitae Botanical Site and ascend to the highest elevation in all the keys – a dizzying 18 feet.

Continue south on the keys' lone thoroughfare and stop at the famous Seven Mile Bridge in Marathon, in the heart of the Florida Keys.

It is the longest segmental bridge in the world and the only access to the old conch houses on Pigeon Key. Located just off the coast is Hawk's Cay Resort and Marina, which has its own bridge across the turquoise sea to the small island. Another popular destination is Little Palm Island, a 5-acre island home to 15 thatched roof villas among lush palms. With a 15-minute launch or short seaplane ride, guests here find themselves deserted in paradise with no telephones or TVs.

The next destination is Big Pine Key, home to tiny native key deer found nowhere else in the country. Among the other sites is the Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary and Sugarloaf Key, site of the unusual structure, Perky's Bat Tower.

The continent's last stepping stone is Key West, which is the end of the road. Located 90 miles north of Havana, 159 miles southwest of Miami and 65 miles west of the coast of South America, Key West is the southernmost city in the continental United States and probably the most popular of the keys. John Dos Passos, who rode a train to Key West in the 1920s, described the trip later to his friend Ernest Hemingway as "one of the most exhilarating experiences of my life – coming to Key West was like floating into a dream."



Tourists enjoy visiting Key West, the southwestern most city in the continental United States.
Photo courtesy of Florida Keys TDC

John Audubon and Ernest Hemingway lived here. One had a passion for preservation while the other had a great zest for living. This is the combination that encompasses Key West's unique personality. When visitors walk down world-famous Duval Street in Old Town Key West, they not only feel the ambiance, they become part of it. The nightly Sunset Celebration at the Mallory Square pier is evidence of this. With food, spirits, clowns, mimes, jugglers, musicians, magicians and the occasional fire-eater, this is the most exciting time of day. This Americanized Caribbean tradition is where the sun doesn't just shine, it performs.

Experience elaborate resorts such as the historic Marriott Casa Marina. This lushly landscaped resort is the height of Spanish style and provides every amenity and convenience. Docking in front of the Casa Marina is the popular and picturesque Queen Conch, a 40-foot catamaran that carts adventurists off for snorkeling, diving, and sunset and starlight cruises. The people here couldn't be more friendly.

The city can be toured via the Conch Tour Train or Old Town Trolley, or by foot. Visitors can mingle with residents to learn some of the Keys' vast history.

The city's historic old cemetery is the final resting place for those who died on the U.S. Battleship Maine, at the start of the Spanish-American War, and is actually a fun place to visit, with humorous remarks on many of the headstones. Of course Key West is known for its beaches, gingerbread architecture, charter boats and glorious sunsets, but it is also known for its historic forts, lighthouses, museums, festivals, markets, legendary pubs and sidewalk cafes.

All told, 120 miles of perfect balance between natural beauty and extraordinary excitement lies at the foot of Florida. The Keys are rich with coral reefs, shipwrecks, history, art, theater, fine dining and entertainment.

Between relaxation and activities, the quaint and the classic, the islands' accommodations are just as diverse as its pleasures. From charming bed-and-breakfasts, hotels and resorts to rustic, family-owned lodgings and campgrounds, there is certainly something for everyone.

In short, if you're planning a Florida Keys vacation, plan on staying longer than anticipated.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

The British are coming! The British are coming!

How different are American teenagers from their British counterparts? This question will be explored when the 1997-1998 drama season gets underway Oct. 30 and Nov. 1 in a very special way with Cohasset High School's first international production. Seven students from Southend High School for Girls will travel across the Atlantic to join Cohasset students in presenting "Through Your Eyes," a script written in concert by students at the two high schools.

Work at Cohasset began during the summer months of 1995 when students got together one night a week to present their monologues and short scenes for group reaction and suggestions. The only ground rule, says Cohasset drama director Ron Emmons, was "No whining! There are enough high school plays out there that have self-pity as their major attribute." Emmons says that he "was overwhelmed by the number of students ready to commit to a project that offered no school credit and no guarantee of ever reaching the stage." A workshop production of the resulting script was presented to positive reaction from the community during the following fall.

While spending a year as an exchange teacher in England, Emmons offered his older students the chance to react to the work done and add material relevant to their own society. Assistance in developing the script was provided by the Central Bureau in London and by the United States Information Agency. All seven of the Southend students who participated in the writing project are coming to Cohasset to participate in the production. The joint work contains words written not to criticize or belittle, but to say that this is the way it is among young people and to ask if this is the way it should be. The audience is urged to listen as openly as the authors have written. Even the writers have attempted to avoid being judgmental of their characters. Instead, they have simply tried to let you hear the words of the young characters who populate the script.

The intent has not been to criticize Cohasset High School and/or Southend High School for Girls, but to comment upon being a teenager as millennium approaches.

"It would be foolish to look upon these pieces as representations of life at the two schools which the authors attend," Emmons says. "Students are not limited in their associations only to people in their own schools, 80 characters and events presented here are not events that necessarily occur at the two schools, nor are the characters portrayed necessarily students there. The pieces amalgamate schools, students and situations; they are to be considered works of fiction."

Topics presented range all the way from anorexia to SATs, from a cheerleader's revenge to the wonders of eating cheese, from suicide to "lust-induced brain-freeze."

Authorship of specific pieces is not noted, for both groups felt that this should be a collaborative effort. In fact, sometimes a piece began with one writer and was reworked by another; sometimes a monologue became a scene in rehearsal. The intent is not to deny credit but, instead, to spread it around," Emmons says.

"The audience now will see that the situations presented in the various monologues and short scenes of the original script are far more universal than they had perhaps thought. Certainly that was my observation during my year spent at Southend High School for Girls, in my visits to other schools in England and Northern Ireland, and from my conversations both with other fellow exchange teachers and with UK teachers. Only the dialects differ." A further new aspect of the play is the utilization of dance segments performed to contemporary musical selections with lyrics that accent the students' words. Margaret Barlow, a 1977 graduate of CHS, who appeared in the first CHS production of "Godspell" and choreographed a later version of that play, as well as "Bye Bye Birdie" and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," before going on to study dance in England, and Mary DeLeon, Cohasset High School's new art teacher, have choreographed these segments.

Featured in the cast are Cohasset seniors Jenny Figueiredo, Jane Flaherty, Ali Kinchla, Colin Kilroy, Alan Marcus and Kelly Tufts; juniors Megan Conley, Jordan Fiore, Meredith O'Hayre and Stephen Reynolds; sophomore Grace Gardner; and freshmen Lizzie Ingber, Morgan Hurley and Julia Lovallo. They will be joined by Year 13 students Sarah Cooper, Philip Goodchild, Sadie Hasler, Nina Lemon, Katy Smith, and Hannah Watkins and Year 12 student Bethan Ellis.

All seats for the production will be reserved and may be obtained from cast members or at the high school for $5. Tickets may be reserved by phoning the high school at (781) 383-6100. Reserved tickets will be held at the box office until 15 minutes before performance.

P.A.C. meeting is Oct. 14

Due to a conflict with the P.S.O.'s fall meeting, the regularly scheduled PAC has been changed to Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Deer Hill School library.

The guest speaker will be Lynn Silva, director of student services. All parents/guardians of children receiving services under Chapter 766 are welcome.

For further details, contact PAC chairperson Kim Maynard 383-2707.

DRUG FACT

A lot of people who would never consider using marijuana consider beer to be perfectly acceptable. Beer contains alcohol and alcohol is a very addicting drug - probably the most abused drug there is. Surveys have shown that almost half of all male high school seniors - and nearly 20% of all 9th grade boys - can be called "problem drinkers", meaning they repeatedly get drunk, have problems with school authorities and difficulties with friends and the police. There is always the problem of drinking and driving. The simple fact is that a single can of beer contains the same amount of alcohol as a shot (1 1/2 oz.) of whiskey. If you drink a six-pack of beer, you're getting six doses of a very powerful and addictive drug.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Drunk driving prevention program slated

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The Neon Drunk Driving Simulator is a 1996 Dodge/Plymouth Neon, modified with an on-board computer that can be programmed to delay the car's steering and braking response time, simulating the slowed physical and mental response abilities of a driver under the influence of alcohol.

It was developed to allow sober drivers to experience firsthand the dangers of drinking and driving. Students drive (with valid license) or ride as passengers on a safe controlled course.

A trained instructor is in the car with the driver at all times. The instructor enters the driver's weight into the computer, followed by a hypothetical number of drinks. The computer processes this information and automatically sets the timing delay on the car's braking and steering.

The course covers a 150-ft. by 200-ft. area. It is marked off with orange pylon cones. The driver attempts to negotiate the figure-eight course without hitting any pylons.

Pop-up silhouette figures representing pedestrians are also planted in the driver's path. Under zero blood-alcohol level conditions, the driver has ample time to stop without hitting the figure. However, after entering any number of drinks, it becomes increasingly difficult to avoid them, until it is virtually impossible to do so.

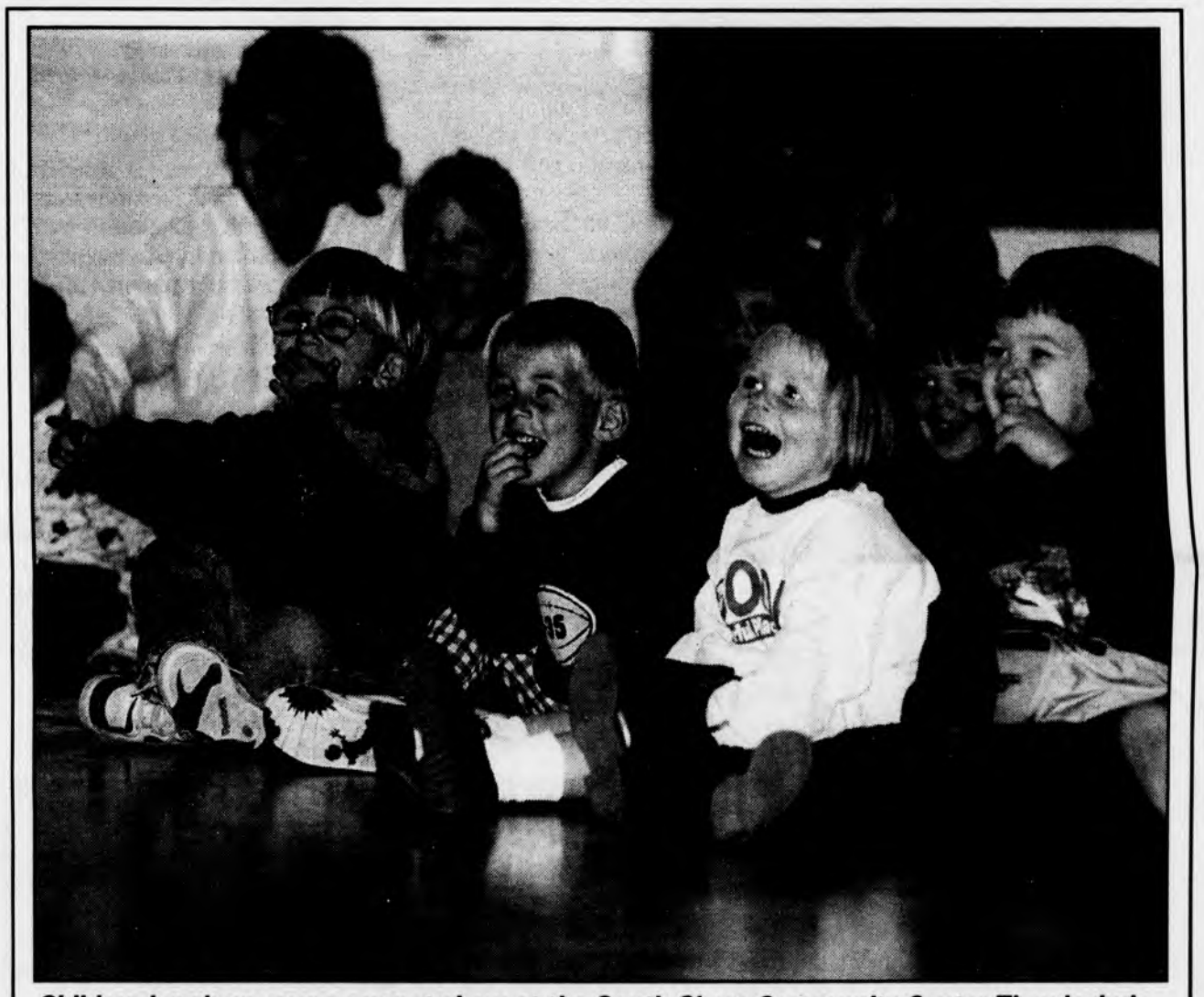
The simulator will be at St. Anthony's parking lot on So. Main St. for the entire school day.

A shuttle bus will be making trips between the high school and St. Anthony's approximately every 15 minutes.

All teachers at the middle school and high school are welcome to bring their classes down for any length of time they feel they can spare to this important issue. Students will undoubtedly have a valuable learning experience, whether they drive the car or ride as passengers.

Step-parenting program

The Social Service League of Cohasset will present a free program entitled, "Step-Parenting: How to Live with Other Peoples' Children" on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Unitarian Church Parish House, 23 North Main St. In this free program, Judy Osborne, LMFT, LMHC, author of "Stepfamilies-The Restructuring Process" and director of Stepfamilies Associates in Brookline, will address the many challenges and rewards of this common family structure. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 383-0771.



Children break up over a puppet show at the South Shore Community Center. They include (from second from left) Jacob Moscow, Camryn Caron and Claire Herlin.

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The gift shop at the Carousel will be open weekends through October. Hours are Fridays from 3-7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon-6 p.m. The gift shop and Carousel will also be open from noon-6 p.m. on Columbus Day. In addition to the shop at the Carousel, gift shop items can be found year-round at Pots and Petals, located at 540 Nantasket Ave. in Hull.

The Paragon Carousel and Gift Shop are operated by Friends of the Paragon Carousel, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of this historic landmark. All proceeds from gift shop sales help to defray the costs of operation and restoration

For more information on the Paragon Carousel and gift shop, please call (781) 925-0472.

Carousel Halloween Party

The Paragon Carousel will host a children's Halloween party on Friday, Oct. 24 from 4-6 p.m. Activities will include a costume parade at 4:30 p.m., facepainting, pumpkin decorating, and more.

While there is no admission fee for the party, rides on the Carousel are $1.50 per person. There will be an additional charge for some activities. Children are encouraged to come dressed in costume - prizes will be awarded for the costume parade.

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For more information on the Halloween party, call 925-0472.

Face painting workshop

Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham offer a face painting workshop Saturday, Oct. 18, from 10 to 11 a.m. Children ages 3 and up can practice for Halloween! Space is limited. Call 383-2665 or 749-2665 to register. Take advantage of our Halloween special - 10 percent off all dress-up costumes Saturday, Oct. 18 only!

Cohasset Teen Center October events

October 18 - Octoberfest dance for adults at the South Shore Community Center 8 p.m. to midnight featuring live music with The Bottom of the Fifth. Tickets are $10 per person and are available at The Hardware Store, the Community Center, or any teen center board member. Refreshments will be served. Come have a fun evening for yourself while supporting the teen center.

October 24-25 - Haunted House at the teen center from 5 to 7 p.m. $2 per child. The friendly haunted house will be for young children of all ages. Each child will be given a special Halloween treat.

October 31 - Halloween teen dance at the Deerhill School from 7 to 10 p.m. All seventh and eighth graders from Cohasset welcome. There will be a D.J. and prizes for the teens.

Newcomers Club elects officers

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomer's Club recently elected officers for 1997-1998. Serving as co-presidents are Karen Canfield of Scituate and Susan Jaffe of Cohasset; co-vice-presidents, Kris Ford of Scituate and Maureen Stebbins of Cohasset; treasurer, Tracey Kelly of Scituate; corresponding secretary, Kellie Gaumer of Cohasset; recording secretary, Jennifer Maher of Scituate; communications secretaries, Martha Benintende of Scituate and Karen Hohner of Cohasset; historians, Mal McCunney of Cohasset and Colleen Irish of Cohasset; membership, Susan Hernon of Cohasset; and Lee Vickers of Scituate; hospitality, Carolyn Calnan and Megan Quinn of Scituate and Bridget O'Brien of Cohasset; telephoning co-chairs, Jen Adams of Scituate and Ruthann Daly of Cohasset; moms and tots, Heidi Arnold and Kelly Ziff of Cohasset; and publicity, Kathleen Knight of Scituate; and Judy Dickstein of Cohasset.

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomer's Club is always open to new members and invites all residents of Scituate and Cohasset to join and participate in any or all of the activities. Joining is a great way to meet people with similar interests and make new friends.

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Elder Affairs news

Cohasset Elder Affairs News is out for the month of October, here is a partial list of what you seniors can look forward to: Oct. 14, Rev. Gary A. Ritts will speak about the history, feasts and customs of his church (Second Congregational Church) and talk about the Ecumenical Service to be held Thanksgiving evening; Oct. 21, two representatives from the Hingham Visiting Nurse Association will tell you when and how to access them; Oct. 28 Helen Crowley from the South Shore Office of the American Red Cross will discuss " 'Till Help Arrives."

Beechwood Church bazaar

The Harvest Bazaar, sponsored by the Beechwood Congregational Church, will be held on Sat. Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 51 Church Street.

Shop early for the holidays. You'll find crafts, fancy work, wreaths, plants, and even a silent auction.

Children will enjoy crafts, a children's table, The Pocket Lady and Mrs. Santa and our highly sought after beach glass candy.

A senior discount will be available at the lunch counter from 11:30 to 1:00. The church will be serving its famous clam chowder.

For more information, call 383-0808.

Fire prevention open house

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What the analysts have to say about tech stocks

By Amy K. Barrett
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Those investors who have watched the recent stock market rally during the past three years know that technology stocks as a group – though sometimes volatile and with a few stragglers – have ended each year with returns more impressive than the broad market's gains.

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Since the end of 1994 – effectively the beginning of this recent market rally – until Sept. 23, the technology stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index have jumped 192.3 percent in value, while the broader index has risen 107.2 percent, according to Standard & Poor's. Just in the last three months, the technology group has increased 19.6 percent in value, more than twice the increase of the S&P 500.

The lofty levels beg the question: Whither will technology stocks go in the next six months? Will their share prices move higher? Or could the group stall out?

While a slowdown in the economy would hurt most companies' earnings, analysts say the answer lies more in the fate of individual companies and specific industries than that of the group as a whole.

"It's better to talk about a specific industry than the technology sector as a whole," says Bruce Lupatkin, the managing director of Hambrecht & Quist in San Francisco, Calif. "Lumping all tech stocks together is a bit of a mistake because the industries they serve are much different now and much broader in their own right."

Investors, therefore, should look for trends within these industries and then invest in the companies they believe will benefit the most, says Lupatkin.

For instance, one theme that Lupatkin sees gaining in importance is the approach of the year 2000 and the resulting complications for computers' software. Most computer software programs only store the last two digits of the four-digit year. So, when the year 2000 rolls around, computers will start entering data as if it were applicable to 1900, instead of the new millennium.

Bringing computer systems up to speed could cost companies around the world between $600 billion and $900 billion, with American companies paying around $70 billion, according to Alfred R. Berkeley III, president of The Nasdaq Stock Market Inc.

"This should ignite a very big upgrade cycle" in software, says Lupatkin. He expects companies like Netscape, Platinum Technology, System Software Associate and Computer Associates to benefit as companies start replacing their software programs.

Computer networking is another area that could continue to get a lot of attention.

Connectivity has become the byword in discussions on productivity and efficiency in the workplace. Companies that produce networking equipment, such as Cisco Systems are worth watching, says Bret Barry, senior vice president at Bailard, Biehl & Kaiser, an investment firm in San Mateo, Calif. which oversees $1 billion of investors' funds.

As networking equipment has been further developed, it has also grown more expensive, making the decision to buy it a bigger one. "The products are getting complex, so the decision to buy them is getting kicked upstairs [to executives]. Customers are taking a bit longer to evaluate the product," says Barry. As a result, sales appear to have slowed a bit. "But I think we are going to see the dam break" and sales gush, he says.

And Lupatkin agrees. As companies try to cut costs, part of their efficiency will lie in communicating via computer among workers in the office and off-site. Cisco makes the equipment for those kinds of networks.

Another industry that should gain speed in the next few months is fiber optics, says Barry. The Internet, long touted as the information highway, is paved by fiber optics. But investors have largely ignored fiber optics companies, betting instead that service providers would merge and make the laying of new fiber optic cables unnecessary, according to Barry.

Instead, "the number of Internet service providers is exploding, and fiber optic cable is in very high demand," he says. His pick of the fiber optics company most likely to succeed? "Corning Inc. is a pure play in fiber optics and the hardware for connecting the cable. The stock has become cheap here and worthy of long-term investing."

If you are not one to take a risk investing your money on a newcomer, you can always stick to the technology behemoths, the leaders of their industries, analysts say. Intel, Microsoft, IBM, Applied Materials, Cisco and 3Com are among those that make up the club.

Their large scale operations give them purchasing power and distribution muscle and – what's proved to be just as important – the ability to build brand-name equity. Intel's advertising slogan "Pentium Inside," for example, has made buying a computer with a Pentium computer chip a must even for technophobes.

"The largest companies in the industries have guarded their (market) niches very well," says Barry. And, he predicts, they will continue to do so over the next year.

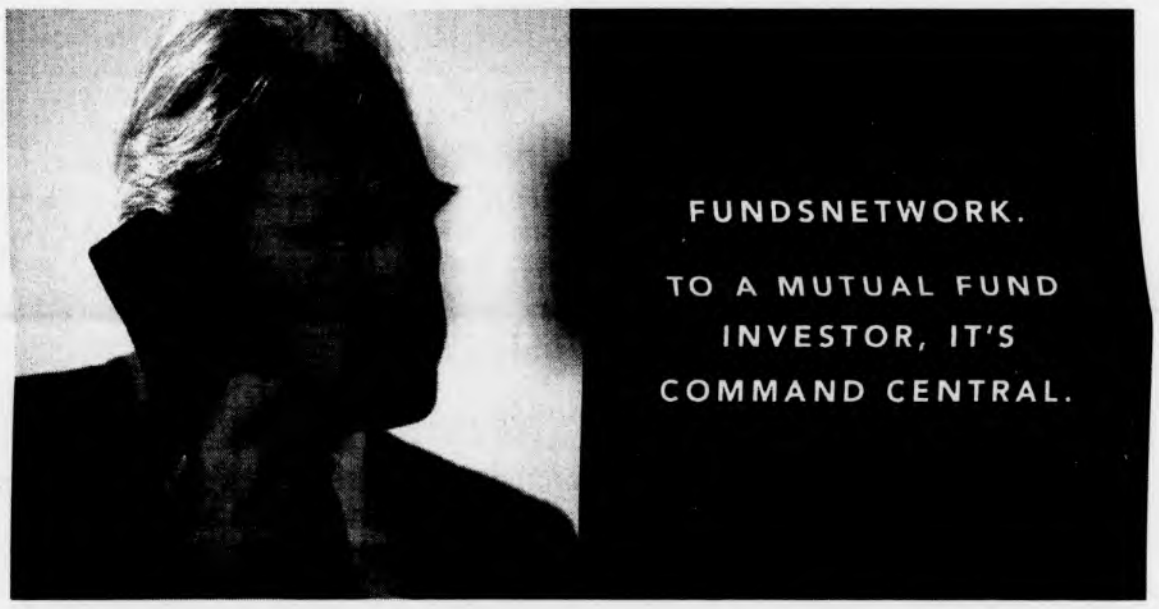
Ultimately, finding the technology stocks most likely to weather time depends on understanding the technology; knowing what the companies' make, knowing the products' uses, or potential uses and whether those products will be crucial in an ever-changing world.

But right now one thing is for sure: Companies continue to update computer systems and software and individuals continue to buy personal computers.

In 1985, for instance, spending on computers represented 0.4 percent of the gross domestic product. By the first quarter of this year, the proportion had risen to 3.4 percent, according to London investment bank Deutsche Morgan Grenfell – and that's good news for most technology industries.



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Wednesday, Sept. 24

12:36 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
12:54 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:21 a.m., assist other PD, Nantasket Ave.
7:02 a.m., serve restraining order, Howes Ln.
7:30 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:49 a.m., medical aid, N. Main St.
11:22 a.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.
4:24 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
5:07 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
5:15 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
5:23 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
7:19 p.m., assist other agency, CJC Hwy.
7:39 p.m., general services, Pleasant St.
7:59 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:20 p.m., assist other agency, Hillside Dr.
9:46 p.m., disturbance family, Hillside Dr.
10:29 p.m., noise complaint, Norman Todd Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 25

10:24 a.m., vandalism, Hull St.
11:35 a.m., medical aid, Cherry Ln.
12:47 p.m., animal complaint, Atlantic Ave. by Jerusalem Rd.
3:18 p.m., MV accident, 3A 1/2 mile north of PD.
4:05 p.m., assist motorist, Pond St.
5:26 p.m., disturbance, Norman Todd Rd.
5:27 p.m., summons service, Parker Ave.
5:43 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
5:49 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:36 p.m., animal complaint, Heather Dr.
7:27 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
7:54 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
8:46 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

Friday, Sept.. 26

11:02 a.m., burglary (B&E), S. Main St.
1:34 p.m., general services, King St.
3:37 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
4:25 p.m., disturbance gathering, Cushing Plaza.
6:31 p.m., animal complaint, N. Main by Red Gate Ln.
7:32 p.m., disturbance gathering, Cohasset Plaza.
8:16 p.m., disturbance, Pond St.
11:35 p.m., MV stop, Border St., 51-year-old in protective custody.

Saturday, Sept. 27

1:20 a.m., property damage, King St./N. Main/Forest Ave.
2:10 a.m., property damage, Rt. 3A/lower King.
1:11 a.m., MV accident, 3A at Beechwood St.
11:29 a.m., MV accident, S. Main by Sum mer St.
4:02 p.m., property damage, Bancroft Rd.
4:47 p.m., MV stop, S. Main/Scituate Line.
5:41 p.m., Mv stop, Jerusalem Rd./Linden Dr.
8:33 p.m., MV stop, S. Main/Summer St.
10:30 p.m., officer wanted, Sohier St.
10:40 p.m., MV stop, S. Main/Beechwood St.
10:57 p.m., suspicious auto, Castle Rd.

Sunday, Sept. 28

1:38 a.m., MV accident, Pond St.
2:12 a.m., suspicious auto, Border St.
7:31 a.m., suspicious person, Beechwood St.
8:44 a.m., disturbance, Hull St.

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HEALTH NOTES

85th year for Social Service League

The Cohasset Social Service League, which was founded in 1912 and is celebrating its 85th anniversary, wants to remind Cohasset residents and newcomers to town of the services it provides. Counseling and support groups are provided by professional social worker Patricia Carleton, LICSW, whose confidential services include individual, family, geriatric, marital, teen and grief counseling, advocacy and referral. Office and home visits are available.

Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver hot, nutritionally well-balanced meals provided by South Shore Elder Services at a reasonable price to qualified residents five days a week.

A Job Bank registry of private workers offers in-home support services such as: errands, respite care, garden maintenance, snow shoveling, babysitting, etc.

Nursing services are provided by public health nurse Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N., under the direction of the Cohasset Board of Health. These services include: lead screening, blood pressure monitoring; home visits; immunization clinics for flu and pneumonia (flu shot clinics will take place in October); cancer screening clinics; consultation on general health, diet and medication. Two "Keep Well" clinics are held twice a month at Harborview Senior Housing, last Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; Senior Center luncheon, second Tuesday at the Senior Center, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Walk-In nursing office hours at the Social Service League offices, 16 Highland Ave. (at St. Stephan's Church) are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The Cohasset Consignment Shop at Shaw's Plaza is operated solely to benefit the Social Service League. New volunteer workers and consignors are welcome. Call 383-0687.

The Social Service League also compiles a list of emergency telephone numbers, found on page 157 of the Rotary Club Cohasset phone directory.

On Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m., the league is sponsoring a free program on anxiety and panic disorders for the general public, adolescents to seniors, at the Cohasset Lightkeepers residence, 96 Border St. The guest speaker will be Michael Jablon, Ed.D., licensed psychologist.

On Oct. 16, the league will conduct a program on step-parenting, featuring Judy Osborne, LMFT, LMHC, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Parish House, Cohasset.

For more information about the league, its programs and services or to volunteer, call the Social Service League office at 383-0771 or 383-0821.



Michael Jablon, Ed.D., psychologist at South Shore and Cambridge hospitals was introduced to some 85 guests by Cohasset Public Health Nurse, Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N. at last week's program on Anxiety and Panic Distorders. The program was sponsored by the Social Service League. From left are: Fitzsimmons, Jablon, Merle Graham and Carol Riley.

HVNA offers flu vaccinations

The Hingham Visiting Nurse Association, a branch of Affiliated Community VNA, Inc., will offer a series of flu clinics for adults this fall. Dates, times and locations of flu clinics are:

Oct. 21, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Stop & Shop at Lincoln Plaza, Route 3A in Hingham;

Oct. 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the CVS Pharmacy in Hingham Square;

Oct. 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Stop & Shop on Route 3A in Cohasset;

Nov. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Stop & Shop on Middle Street in Weymouth;

Nov. 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the CVS Pharmacy on Bridge Street (Route 3A) in Weymouth;

Nov. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Stop & Shop at Lincoln Plaza, Route 3A in Hingham;

Nov. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Stop & Shop on Route 3A in Cohasset.

There will be a nominal fee for the vaccinations at all locations. For more information, call the Hingham Visiting Nurse office at (781) 749-1160.

Meals on Wheels drivers sought

Social Service League of Cohasset needs Meals on Wheels drivers for one hour a month from approximately 11 a.m. to noon to deliver meals to 13 to 14 homes Monday through Friday.

To volunteer, call 383-0771.

HVNA volunteers sought

The New Friends volunteer visiting program, a community service outreach program sponsored by the Hingham Visiting Nurse, a branch of the Affiliated Community VNA, serves homebound, handicapped or socially isolated people in Hingham, Cohasset, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth. The program is open to men and women who can give four to five hours per month. A four-week training program to prepare interested volunteers for visiting will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hingham VNA office at 10 Downer Ave., on four consecutive Wednesdays Oct. 22 to Nov. 12. Training program topics include the value of volunteering, our feelings toward aging, and visiting and listening techniques. For information, call the Hingham VNA office at (781) 749-1160.

October flu clinics slated

The Social Service League of Cohasset and the Cohasset Board of Health will sponsor Flu Clinics in October for Cohasset residents.

It's time to "winterize and immunize!" The best way to protect yourself from the flu is a yearly flu shot. Who should get a flu shot?

People who are 65 or older. Children or adults with lung disease (including asthma), heart disease or other chronic health problems. Children or teens who, for medical reasons, take an aspirin every day. People who live with or take care of someone who is at risk of getting the flu (health care worker, primary care givers, etc.). Anyone wanting extra protection during the winter months from the current flu strains.

There will be two flu clinics for seniors: Tuesday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to noon at Second Congregational Church and Friday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to noon at Harborview Senior Housing.

Community flu clinics for all Cohasset residents: Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall; Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall; Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Note: Please try to wear a short-sleeved shirt.

La Leche league to meet

The Tri-Town La Leche League will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at 453 Tilden Road, Scituate. The topic will be "Birth and Breastfeeding." The league is a non-profit organization offering information and support about breastfeeding and parenting through informal meetings and phone help to all women. Free. For information, call 545-0815 or 545-5392.

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Bumper sticker fad unites South Shore devotees

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Like a secret code, the fastest growing fad in bumper stickers lets other drivers know your favorite places on the South Shore: COH, SCI, HUM, MAR, HIN, NOR, DUX.

Just as stickers reading "Speeders Against Roof Racks" and "One Day at a Time" unite a particular segment of the population that shares a common interest or attitude, these discreet decals express a similar sentiment in as few as three letters. Other commonly seen oval stickers include MV, for Martha's Vineyard, VT, for Vermont and ACK, Nantucket's airport call letters.

"It's a recognition thing, like 'This car climbed Mount Washington,' " said Amy Gaynor, owner of Tags, the Kennebunkport, Maine-based bumper sticker company. "But it's a nice look. It's not tacky and it doesn't take away from your car."

Since the first printing of these stickers - which resemble the European car identification tags - four years ago, the company has sold thousands to visitors and residents of the South Shore. The stickers sell for $2.

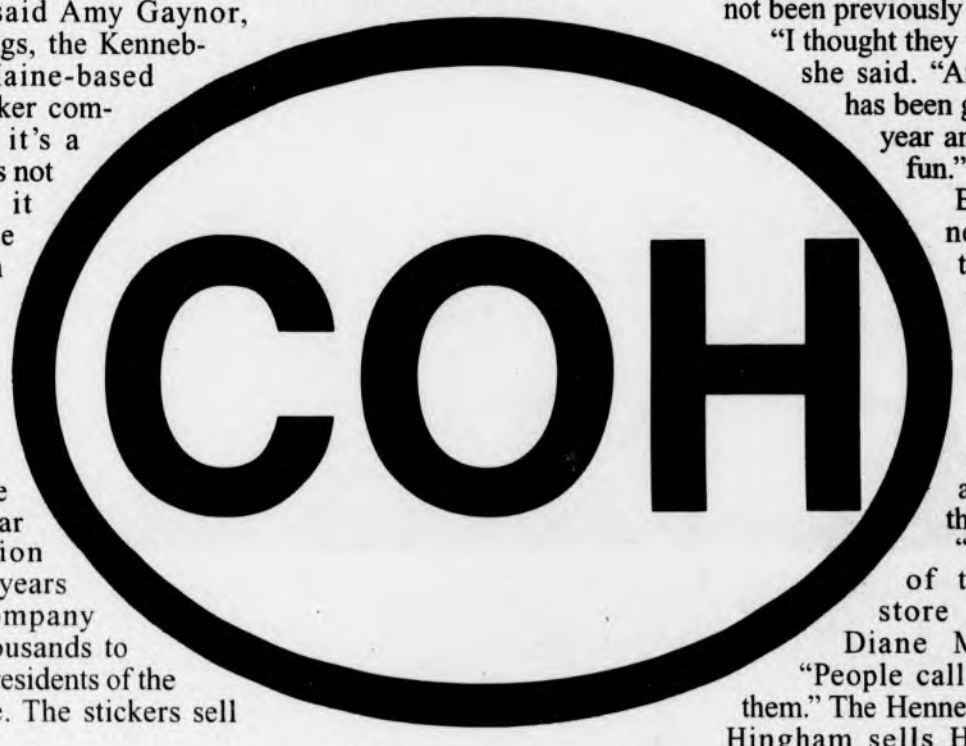
"It's definitely a trend. Can you guess what this sticker means?" said Judy Mantz, the Scituate-based Massachusetts sales representative for Tags. "It's the kind of thing that sells. It's an impulse item. We spend so much time in bumper-to-bumper traffic, it gives people something to try to figure out."

Tags made the biggest splash in Humarock with its fun HUM logo, Mantz said.

"They are truly my most popular bumper sticker," said Chris Brown, owner of Humming Rock Gifts, the only store selling them. "For those people who wouldn't be caught dead with an 'I heart Humarock" sticker on their car, this is a cool thing."

> ***"For those people who wouldn't be caught dead with an 'I ♥Humarock" sticker on their car, this is a cool thing."***
> - CHRIS BROWN, HUMMING ROCK GIFTS.

Since she stocked them in her store two years ago, Brown has sold more than 1,000 stickers to residents as well as tourists. One of her customers purchased a HUM sticker for an uncle who loves to hum, she said.



"It's a conversation piece," Brown said. "People are always asking me, 'What does that HUM on your car mean?' "

COH stickers made their debut at Cards and Shards in Cohasset in June, but residents are a little slow catching onto the craze, said store owner Suzanne Straley.

"They don't get it," she said. "It's taking a while for people to get the game."

But Straley predicts that by Christmas, her supply will be wiped out by eager trend-setting shoppers.

"Cohasset needs to g going," she said. "I thinl stickers) will make a nice s ing stuffer."

In Scituate, the SCI stickers have caught on like wildfire.

Joan Noble at the Quarter Deck ran out of SCI stickers over the busy summer tourist season and has not been able to reorder because they are only printed once a year. In the past month, Noble has received inquiries about the stickers at least once a day, she said.

"It's embarrassing. Here we are in Scituate and we don't have any Scituate stickers," Noble said.

However, the store still carries MAR (Marshfield), DUX (Duxbury), NOR (Norwell) and COH stickers. In fact, Noble special ordered the Norwell and Marshfield stickers, which had not been previously printed.

"I thought they were a hoot," she said. "And the trend has been growing for a year and a half. It's fun."

But Hennessey News, the first store in Scituate to sell the stickers about a year ago, still has some available right on the counter.

"We sell tons of them," said store manager Diane McGaughey. "People call looking for them." The Hennessey News in Hingham sells HIN bumper stickers.

The same phenomenon has occurred in Duxbury at Cotton's, where about a thousand DUX stickers have been sold to residents as well as tourists, said owner Denise Johnson.

"Driving on the expressway, it's fun to see them," Johnson said.

The sales associates have also heard of people placing the stickers not only on their cars but also on their luggage.

So far, no stickers have been created for Pembroke, Kingston, Abington, Rockland or Hanover.

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Town's private ways enter the public domain

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset's private ways have become a problem too large to ignore. Recognizing this fact, selectmen last year formed a private ways advisory committee to explore ways to accept private ways as public streets.

The town also allocated $50,000 to prepare some private ways for public acceptance. The town is also expected to ask voters at town meeting to approve another $100,000 for work on private ways.

But some residents are unhappy about the private ways committee's slow pace. The committee hasn't met for several months. The private ways committee was scheduled to meet last night after the Mariner went to press.

Other residents have been surprised to discover some private ways will not be accepted by the town.

Residents who live on private ways say they pay taxes and should be able to utilize the same town services as residents on public streets.

Currently, there are 11 miles of

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Suggested Halloween curfew gets top marks

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The suggested curfew for Halloween trick 'er treating this year is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 31.

Selectmen urged all parents to follow the new guideline at their meeting this week. They want to avoid a recurrence of what happened last year when local police officers were attacked by egg-hurling mobs of teenagers in the village.

Town Manager Mark Haddad explained that selectmen cannot require the curfew because there is no allowance for that in the town by-law, but they can suggest it.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan applauded the restricted hours.

"I think it's a great idea especially being that Halloween is a Friday night," he said. "People should feel comfortable turning their lights out by 8:30 p.m.

"I think it will make a difference."

Sullivan, who noted that several officers were on bicycle patrol last Halloween, said eggs can be dangerous and possibly put out an eye.

"What happened last year was extremely dangerous and wasn't a joke at all," he said.

Selectman Nan Roth urged all parents to talk to their children

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Hingham prosecutor to tackle Cutler, Murray

Race for state representative heats up

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The state election is a year away, but Garrett Bradley doesn't believe in wasting a minute.

The 27-year-old Hingham resident has officially launched his campaign for the Third Plymouth District seat held by long-time state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset.

But Bradley must first face off with Josh Cutler, 26, of Hull in the state Democratic Party primary next September. The winner will face Murray, who has represented the district, which includes Hingham, Hull and Cohasset, for nearly 22 years.

"I'm very excited with the possibility of running against Mary Jeanette Murray — that would obviously be a privilege," he said.

"And Josh is a formidable candidate. He is well-prepared and well-informed."

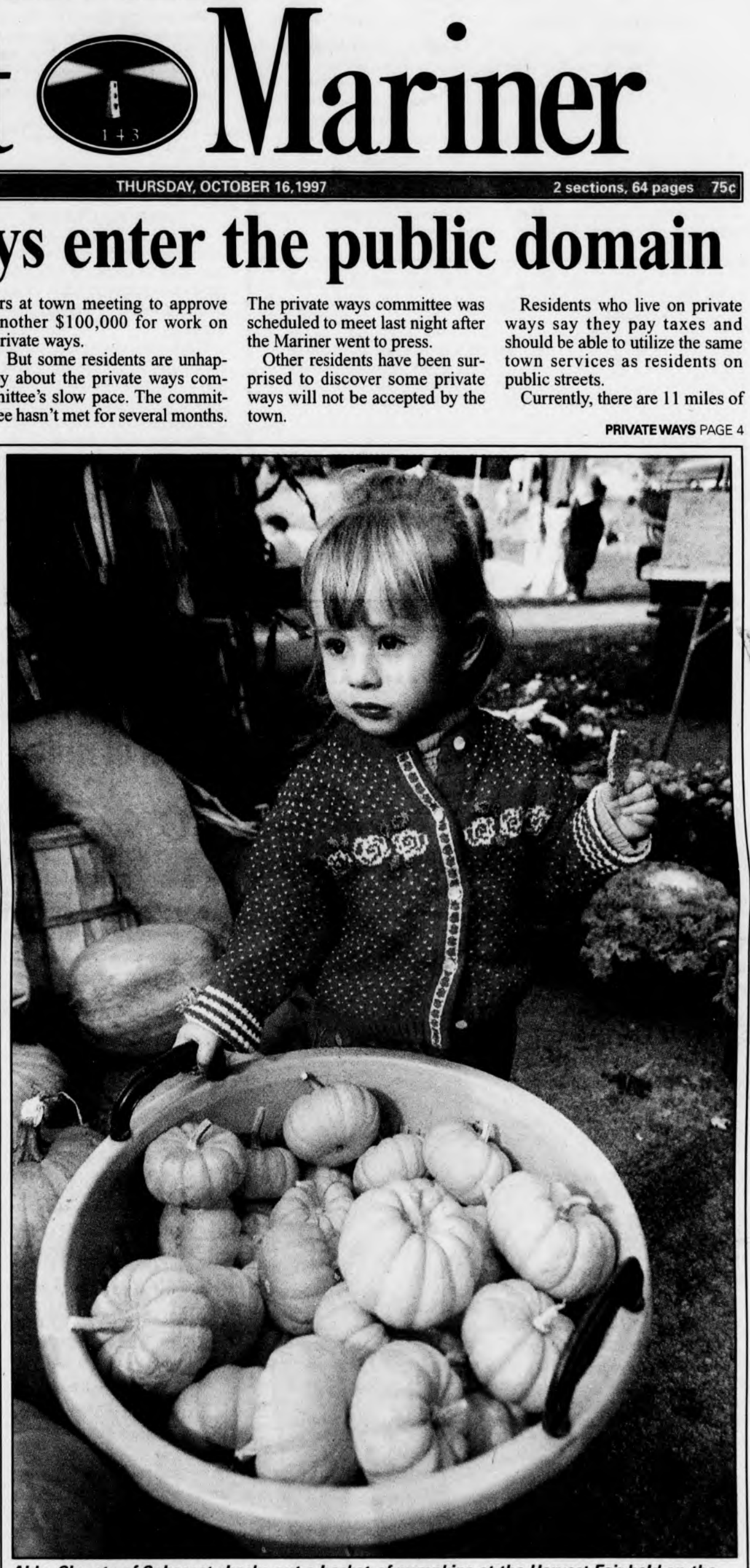
Through his job as a Plymouth County prosecutor, Bradley has been exposed to substance abuse, domestic violence, broken homes, and lack of employment and education.

"Although all I see is not always representative of the district, my work has made me want to make a difference in lives," he said. "I believe I can by drafting legislation that will affect real people before the fact."

A "triple Eagle" — meaning he graduated from B.C. High School, Boston College and Boston College Law School — Bradley says education is an issue that's close to his heart.

"Education played a major role in my life and as a homeowner, I live on a check to check basis," he

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Abby Slanetz of Cohasset checks out a basket of pumpkins at the Harvest Fair held on the town common last Thursday. For more photos, see page 11.

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Ambulance billing update

The fire department billed for 32 ambulance transports last month for a total of $11,446.39 and collected $8173.09.

Amounts collected can pertain to prior month's bills.

So far this fiscal year, which the fire department has billed for $32,672.15 in ambulance transports and collected $25,774.97.

Treasurer's office open Wednesdays

Treasurer/Collector Joseph Buckley announced the treasurer's office on the second floor of town hall is open Wednesdays.

For the past several years, the office was closed to the public Wednesdays to enable the staff to work without interruption.

Buckley changed that policy last month.

He also explained that the tax payments are now sent directly to the Bank of Boston where they are picked up and deposited with the funds electronically transferred to Cohasset.

"This saves time in my office," he said.

Public hearing on zoning change

The planning board will hold a public hearing at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22 at town hall with regard to a zoning by-law change before the Oct. 27 special town meeting.

The by-law change seeks to exempt the height limits for any water storage tank on town-owned land which is authorized by town meeting and constructed by the water department.

The water department is sponsoring the article. It withdrew its request for a variance of height restrictions in a residential zone last summer to site the town's second water tank on Bear Hill.

The existing by-law limits structures to 30 feet????.

Lights at soccer shed

The Cohasset Soccer Club has the go-ahead from Town Manager Mark Haddad to install an underground electrical line to the newly built soccer equipment building at Milliken Field.

According to DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield, the club must check with Wire Supt. Stephen Wigmore to make sure any plans comply with the electrical code. The club must also contact Weed 'n Feed, the contractor who installed the sprinkler system at Milliken Field, to determine location of underground water pipes so there is no conflict with the electrical conduit. The club will also be responsible for any costs incurred now and in the future relating the electrical line.

Forest Avenue safety issues

The Norfolk County Engineers will provide engineering in determining the best location and actual layout of a new sidewalk on Forest Avenue, said Henry Ainslie, director of operations.

Cohasset is in the process of reviewing town roadways and determining the need for sidewalks to improve public safety. Selectmen have concluded that Forest Avenue is in need of a sidewalk.

Safety officer Clifton Jones also recommends the addition of more 30 mph speed limit signs on Forest Avenue as well as "speed enforced by radar" signs at each end of the roadway.

In a letter to Police Chief Brian Noonan, Jones said police continue to monitor traffic on Forest Avenue and issued more than $1,400 traffic tickets on Forest Avenue from July 1 1996 to July 1, 1997. He estimates verbal warnings issued numbered at least 50 during the same time frame.

His recommendations are in response to a letter from Patricia Morse, 78 Forest Avenue, expressing concern about safety on the street.

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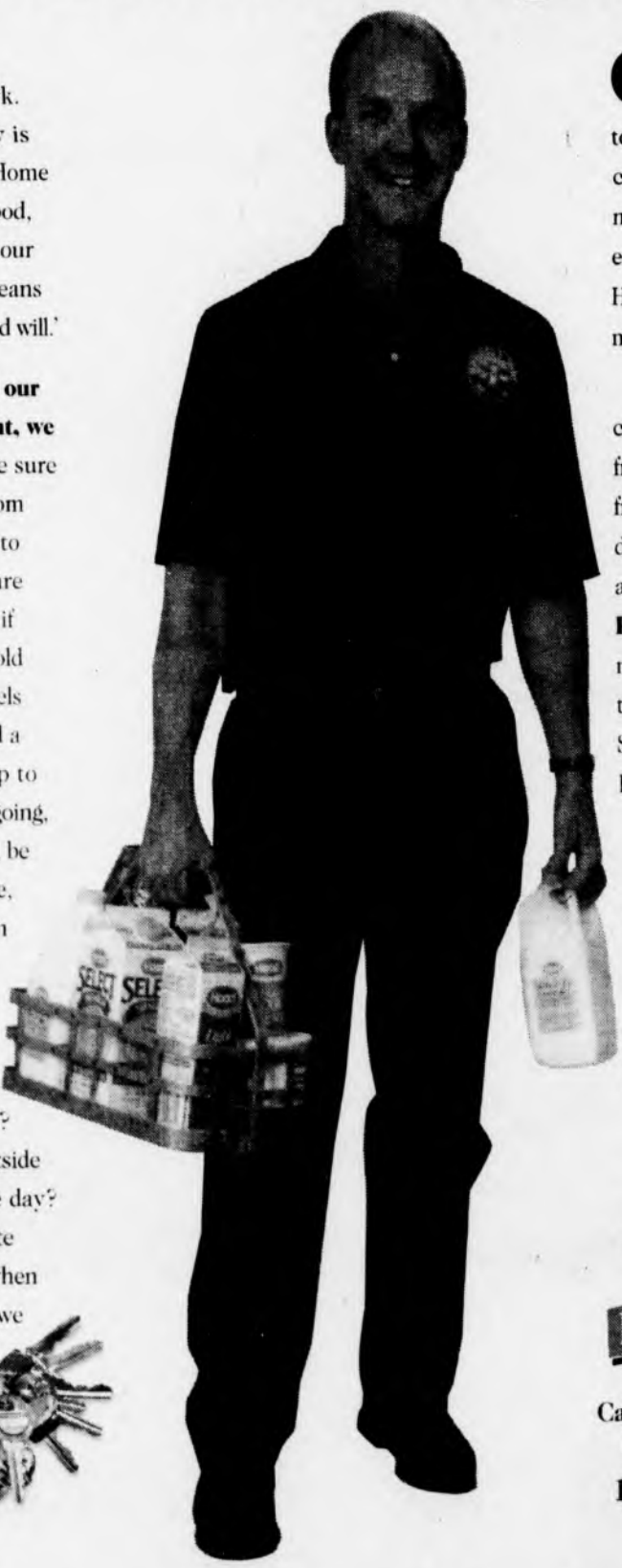
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Sun. 19	1:56	11.0	7:58	2:11	11.8	8:33
Mon. 20	2:49	10.5	8:49	3:03	11.2	9:26
Tues. 21	3:44	9.9	9:42	3:58	10.6	10:21
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Towns pursue 'pay as you throw' trash disposal

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

With Scituate's landfill set to close at the end of 1998, landfill review committee members are looking into other ways to dispose of waste that won't be too costly to the town.

One option under consideration — a "buck-a-bag" or "pay-as-you-throw" system — has already caused a stir in the neighboring town of Cohasset. Selectmen last year approved the program, which would replace the current $65 permit for use of Cohasset's Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF) on the former town landfill. But after some residents spoke out against the program, calling it a new form of taxation, the board decided to hold off on its implementation until the public could receive more information.

"We want people to be more comfortable with it," said John McNabb, a member of the Cohasset Recycling Committee.

Unit-based pricing on trash disposal, or "pay as you throw," means residents pay for solid waste management services based on how much garbage they discard, rather than through a flat fee or property tax.

The issue will be revisited in Cohasset at a pair of public hearings scheduled for Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at town hall and again on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. at the DPW garage.

Scituate's committee to study uses for the town landfill when it closes has held preliminary discussions of the program, but will probably not make an official proposal until the spring, said member Susan Phippen.

"We're looking at how we can most equitably charge residents for waste disposal," she said. "It seems most equitable to charge people for what they dispose of."

Currently, each household in Scituate pays the $50 flat fee for a year's worth of landfill use. After the Scituate landfill closes, Phippen said that without a "pay as you throw" program, the town would have to charge households between $200 and $250 annually to cover disposal costs — a difference of almost $200.

Under that scenario, Phippen pointed out that elderly residents — who may generate only one bag of waste per week — would end up paying the same for trash disposal as families producing four or five bags a week.



John Calabro throws his trash away at the Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF) off Cedar Street. Next year, residents may have to pay-per-throw by purchasing trash bags for $1 each.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

According to the "pay-as-you-throw" system, residents would purchase 30-gallon garbage bags for one dollar each, stuff them with trash and bring them to the waste management facility in their town.

Officials in both towns are hoping this plan will encourage residents to segregate recyclable materials from their trash. Separating recyclables saves residents money because it leaves more room in the bags for non-recyclable trash. Residents benefit financially by throwing away less and recycling more.

"This program brings the incentive to recycle directly to the individual," said Scott Cassel, Director of Waste Policy for the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. "If they recycle and reduce waste, they save money."

> ***"We are not the first to try it. We are not the guinea pigs. It's tried and true."***
> **– JOHN MCNABB, COHASSET RECYCLING COMMITTEE.**

Towns save money with unit-based pricing through lower disposal costs and increased recycling revenues.

While trash must be shipped off-site at an average cost of $55 per ton, materials like newspaper, card board, aluminum, glass and plastic cost between $2 and $20 to transport, Cassel said. In most cases, these materials save and earn the town money when recycled, he said.

The Cohasset Recycling Committee estimates that with increased recycling, the average household will use one bag per week for trash. With 2,216 households in Cohasset, the town would yield $109,470 after subtracting the cost of the bags.

Cohasset Selectman Merle Brown said the program may open people's eyes to more responsible shopping. Residents may buy in bulk rather than purchase disposable items.

"I'd like to see people look at their ways of buying and change their ways on their own," Brown. "The dollar bag will be an incentive. Right now, with the $65 permits, people don't even think about it. They throw everything they can away. A lot of recyclables go in the trash."

Cohasset and Scituate residents are already conscientious about recycling, as evidenced by the recycling grades they received last year from the state, Cassel said. Cohasset, with a recycling rate of 31 percent, earned a grade of "A" for residents' efforts at the RTF. Scituate's recycling rate of 26 percent garnered a "B" grade.

"Those rates are not bad. They're quite good. But with unit-based pricing, they could be even better," Cassel said.

While Scituate's rate has risen steadily over the last few years, Cohasset's rate has dropped slightly, said Brown. The RTF accepted 200 more tons of trash than last year, he said.

"People are doing a good job at recycling, but I think they can do a better job," Brown said.

As part of its Solid Waste Master Plan, the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs has set a goal for the state to recycle 46 percent or better of its waste by the year 2000.

The towns of Milton and Halifax have already reached that goal; both towns get rid of trash through a "pay as you throw" program, Cassel said.

Seventy-five cities and towns in Massachusetts are involved in the "pay as you throw" program and have a recycling rate on average than those that are not, he said.

"We are not the first to try it. We are not the guinea pigs. It's tried and true," said McNabb. Cohasset residents need to learn more about the program so they will better understand its benefits, he said.

"We're trying to get more feedback from people. We want the people to want to do it," he said. "We're trying to see what we need to do to move it forward."

The state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the state Department of Environmental Protection have also developed financial incentives for unit-based pricing programs, including grants of up to $10 per household per year to pay for residents' bags.

Meetings on pay-as-you-throw

The pay-as-you-throw system, where Cohasset residents would pay a fee for every bag of trash they dispose of, instead of the current annual flat fee for an RTF sticker, is still under consideration by the Recycling Committee.

The Recycling Committee is continuing its discussions on pay-as-you-throw at its meetings scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall, and Saturday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m., at the DPW garage, and invites interested residents to attend if they have any questions.

"The pay-as-you-throw system is a proven way to increase recycling," said Recycling Committee Chairman Arthur Lehr. "Towns with pay-as-you-throw in place have been able to increase their recycling rates of 50 to 60 percent, far more than our current recycling rate of about 34 percent."

Lehr also pointed out that "pay-as-you-throw is a more equitable method of charging residents for trash disposal, since people will be charged only for what they actually dispose of. Since there will be no charge for bringing recyclables to the RTF, residents will have an economic incentive to separate their recyclables."



	Dump Sticker	Pay as you throw (based on 2, 33-gal. bags per week)
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Cohasset	$65/yr.	$104

Recycling Rate

Scituate	26%
Cohasset	31%
State goal by year 2000	46%

Town's private ways enter the public domain

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private ways in Cohasset and 34 miles of accepted streets.

A group of residents who live on private ways has submitted a citizen's article to accept five private ways: Cedar Acres Lane, Cedar Acres Drive, Fair Oaks Lane, Old Pasture Road, and Surry Drive.

But town officials say taking private ways is not a simple process, and in some cases, can be extremely expensive.

The citizen's article has not been supported by the advisory committee, the private ways committee or the board of selectmen.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said the wording of the citizen's article may not be adequate for legal approval.

"The article doesn't address the issues that need addressing," DeRensis said. "Before a private way can be accepted there needs to be deeds, surveying, engineer's drawings, layout hearings, and that takes money."

Accepting private ways is a fairly complicated process. First, the private way under consideration must be surveyed, and then researched to see who owns it.

Then the planning board must hold a hearing on the suitability of the road in question, followed by a selectmen's hearing to determine whether the road serves the public interest.

Next, town meeting must approve money to acquire the property.

"The law says you must acquire the property within 120 days of acceptance," DeRensis said. "The only effective way to do that is through an eminent domain taking."

The private ways committee has compiled a prioritized list of private ways. The list is arranged so that the easiest streets to be accepted by the town can be approved first. At the bottom of the list are streets that would be too expensive to accept because of the need for expensive repairs or upgrades.

Selectmen Merle Brown said one problem is the town doesn't receive state funds for private ways. Roads must meet state standards to qualify for Chapter 90 state funds, which help pay for road repairs and upgrades.

"For the town, accepting more roads means an increase in Chapter 90 funds," Brown said. "But we don't want people to rush in with a citizen's article because we need to upgrade some roads before they can be accepted and we need to allocate money for that."

But many private ways do not meet those standards. Accepting a sub-standard road would force the town to stretch its state highway funding over more projects. The end result would be higher local costs to repair public roads.

"The private ways committee took a list of private ways and started by recommending the ones that could be accepted without a lot of trouble," Brown said.

Ross W. Rosano is chairman of the private ways committee. Rosano could not be reached for comment, or to obtain a copy of private ways on the committee's list.

The private ways committee is recommending eight streets for approval at the 1998 annual town meeting.

Some streets that are on the list to be approved include Norman Todd Road and Fair Oaks Lane.

Laura and Jack Doherty live on Cedar Acres Lane, a private way that is not one of the eight streets up for acceptance next year. She said she and her husband had a terrible drainage problem on their street, and found little help available from the town because the street is a private way.

Jack attended a private ways committee meeting, and was surprised to discover that his street was not considered a high priority.

"Jack couldn't make any sense of their selection process," Doherty said.

She added that she never figured out how private ways are categorized by the committee for acceptance.

"Our street was overgrown with wild grasses and trees coming up through the asphalt," Doherty said. "We finally went to selectmen and the DPW did a quick paving job on our street."

But Doherty's problems don't end there. The water commission has stated that residents on private ways must pay for their own water main repairs if the pipe breaks.

Then there is the question of who is liable for an accident on a private way caused by structural deficiencies in the pavement.

"We haven't even been able to figure out who owns our street," Doherty said. "The town says we own it, but the street doesn't appear on my deed."

Some private ways are owned by the residents of the street, while others are sometimes owned by the contractor. When the contractor still owns the road, the town may have to pay a hefty price to acquire a private way.

Tired of what she considered to be the slow pace of the town and the private ways committee, Doherty helped sponsor the citizen's article.

"There are all these streets in town that are not accepted, yet we pay high taxes," Doherty said. "I've lived here for 25 years, and it's ridiculous that I have to ask Superintendent of Public Works Harold Litchfield for a favor every time we need some work done. We're not asking for anything extra, just what other taxpayers are receiving."

Doherty is hoping town meeting voters will support the citizen's article. She added that residents of private ways may also petition the town for tax abatements if the article fails.

"We're not just going to give up and go away," Doherty said.

Litchfield said the town just can't afford to accept every private way in town all at once.

"Some of these streets are eight-feet wide and some are 20-feet wide," Litchfield said. "Some of these are nothing more than old cart paths. We can't use state funds to maintain roads that don't meet state standards."

David Wadsworth is on the private ways committee. He said the committee has categorized the roads by which are cheapest and easiest to accept first.

"Some were eliminated from the list because they are just lanes and not suitable for acceptance," Wadsworth said. "The cost to bring the drainage and subsurface up to acceptable standards is prohibitive."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town is fully committed to accepting as many private ways as possible.

"We need money to bring many roads up to the planning boards rules and regulations," Haddad said. "We'd like to do it all at once, but the money's just not there. We would like to do all private ways, but some of them are just too far gone."

What about residents who live on private ways that don't even make the list?

Haddad said those residents might have to band together and get funds to bring the road up to acceptable standards.

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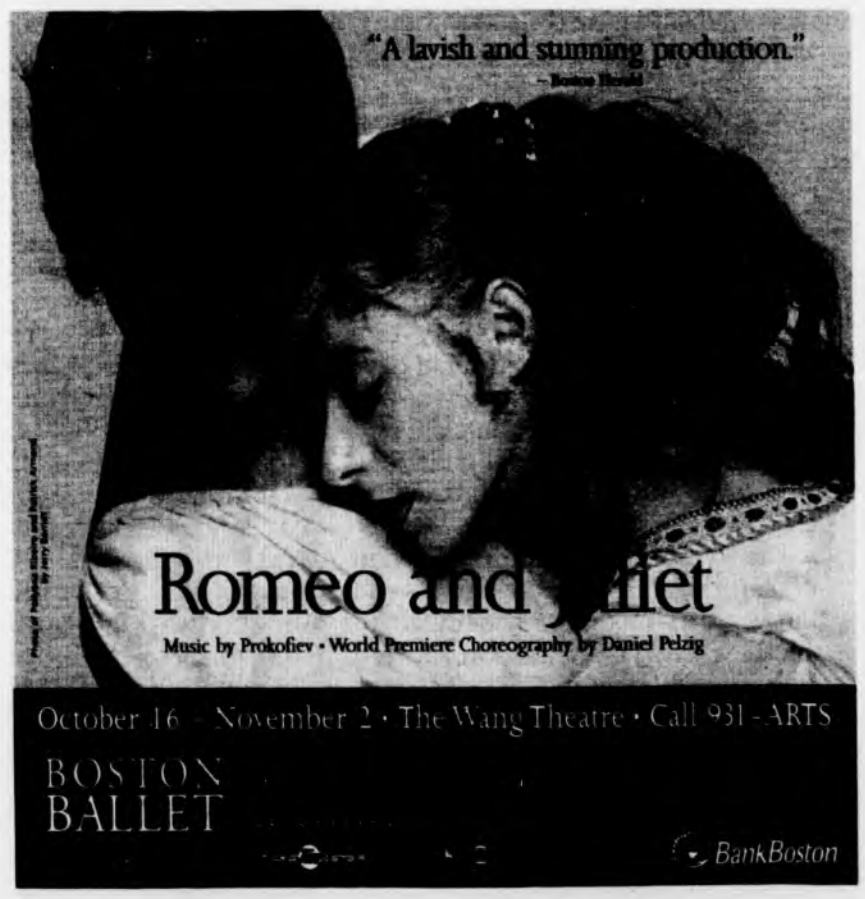
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Harborfest breaks off from art festival

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The Festival on the Common next spring will be minus one "fest."

Harborfest - which has been under the festival umbrella since its inception six years ago - will be held on an earlier weekend, organizers said this week.

The Festival on the Common, formerly known as the South Shore Arts Festival, has been a Cohasset tradition for many years. Harborfest joined up with the Arts Festival in 1991.

The festival attracts upwards of 10,000 people a day.

"The steering committee decided to have Harborfest on a separate weekend than the art festival," said Bob Martin of Harborfest. "Our events are pointed to the local community. The arts center serves 44 towns.

"We want to spotlight our events a little more," he said.

Harbofest activities, which include the ice cream festival, "luminaria", Blessing of the Fleet, parade, pancake breakfast and center stage, will take place June 5-7. The arts festival is June 19-21.

Martin said the marching band, which is made up of local citizens, will be as good as ever despite the earlier date allowing less time to practice.

He said plans are to have a combined chorus from all the churches in town to sing during the candle luminaria on the common.

"There won't be a dry eye in the house," he said.

Harborfest organizer James Lagrotteria said the steering committee has informed the art center of the plan.

"We have written and called and have had no answer," he said.

The Festival on the Common has traditionally included the Strawberry Festival, hosted by the Second Congregational Church. Harborfest organizers said the Strawberry Festival would very likely stay as part of the Festival on the Common.

Selectmen unanimously agreed to the Harborfest dates at their meeting on Monday.

Curfew,

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about respecting property and police.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said all parents should know the whereabouts of their children on Halloween and what they are up to.

Selectman Diane Sullivan suggested extending the curfew to 9 p.m. in order not to "disenfranchise our good teens."

But Selectman Merle Brown stressed that 8:30 p.m. was late enough. The board voted unanimously to back the suggested curfew.

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Sidewalk study first step in revitalizing Cohasset village

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Revitalizing the village remains one of the town's top priorities. Last year, the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and the Cohasset Rotary sponsored a two-day charrette — a French term for any intensive, last minute work effort — to solicit community ideas to revive the village.

The first fruits of that effort are just beginning to blossom. Rizzo will present some of the charrette ideas to the selectmen on Oct. 21.

The chamber of commerce is sponsoring a follow-up workshop at the lightkeeper's residence on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. Architect Jim Sandell will give a presentation on the results of the village design charrette.

There will also be an open forum to discuss the charrette and develop an implementation plan.

The town is also getting in on the act. The board of selectmen is sponsoring an article that will asks voters at the Oct. 27 special town meeting to appropriate $10,000 for the design and engineering of a sidewalk on the east side of South Main Street in front of St. Stephen's Church.

The sidewalk would begin at the corner of Robert E. Jason Road (in the town common) and end at the intersection of Elm Street.

The actual sidewalk plan predates the village charrette. Last year the town failed to secure a $120,000 transportation enhancement grant to build the sidewalk because it lacked an engineering design.

The sidewalk will be designed using concepts developed in the village charrette.

The village charrette was used to bring together town officials and residents to come up with a master plan for revitalizing the village.

"The charrette was used to bring out a master concept," said Dean Rizzo, vice president of the chamber of commerce. "If we have a master plan for the total village area, we can get grants. It's also useful for long term planning because we can provide designers and builders with the same concepts and ideas for their projects."

But there is more to the charrette than unified designs and ideas. It also allows the town to rebuild the village in pieces, rather than trying to borrow $10 million to do the whole thing at once.

"With the charrette we can do the sidewalk now, the village in four years and new parking areas in seven years," Rizzo said. "We don't have to worry that doing the village in separate phases will result in an inconsistent design because we'll use the charrette as our master plan."

The charrette can also be used to make sure the MBTA builds sidewalks and parking areas consistent with town plans, if and when the Greenbush line is revived.

Many good ideas have come out of the charrette. People offered ideas to use the same kinds of bricks for sidewalks, add bright lighting to the municipal parking lot, link the village to harbor, link the arts center to the Music Circus, bring more shops to the village, eliminate overhead wiring and add sidewalks to the village.

"Some parts of the charrette would have to be implemented at the same time," Rizzo said. "We would have to lower the roads to add sidewalks in the village, so it only makes sense to install underground wiring at the same time. The charrette is a way of planning for all aspects of the village revitalization."

The sidewalk project is a nice way of putting the charrette ideas to the test. If the town can get the grant, and the sidewalk is built using the charrette process, residents can see a small piece of what the new village could look like.

"This sidewalk idea fits in with the charrette," Rizzo said. "This is also the only part we can tackle now until we get more town involvement."

Rizzo hopes enough people will remain interested enough to follow through on the charrette.

"The charrette is a way of developing a vision, but we really need everyone's involvement to follow through on the ideas," Rizzo said. "Then we can take it to the next step and obtain grants to help us pay for the revitalization of the village."

Hingham Prosecutor to tackle Cutler, Murray for state representative

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said. "I would work to continue to find creative ways to fund the schools without bankrupting our property owners."

Bradley says funding for the state charter schools, like the one in Hull, must be looked at closely. As it stands now, "tuition" money follows the student from his or her town school system to the charter school. For the past three years the state has reimbursed the sending towns but that won't continue forever.

"I'm all for competition among schools, but I'm not for creating one school at the detriment of another school," he said.

Bradley readily admits he doesn't have all the answers, but promises in the months ahead he'll be wearing out his shoe leather finding them.

"The state representative must have a vision on how decisions today will affect the district will into the 21st century," he said. "The representative must understand a variety of issues while focused on the local issues."

Bradley said he will become educated on Cohasset Heights Landfill (a privately-owned landfill that seeks expansion) and the Mass.-American water rate issue,



Garrett Bradley

which is currently before the Department of Public Utilities after citizen uproar over soaring rates last year.

"I need to understand the issues and see what wasn't done and what can be done," he said.

Bradley is against restoration of the Greenbush line of the Old Colony Railroad, because he sees the cost of the project as outweighing the potential benefits.

For a fraction of the cost of Greenbush, water transportation could be upgraded, he said. Bradley also said extending the MBTA Red Line down Route 3 should be really studied.

But if the train does come, Bradley said he would be out in the forefront helping local officials to protect the district from over development.

Bradley sees the deregulation of electric companies as one of the biggest issues looming next year.

He would work to see that the "stranded costs" of the electric companies are not passed on to the consumers. Stranded costs are those from bad investments, such as nuclear power plants, Bradley explained.

Bradley, who was married last May, lives in Hingham Woods off Tuckers Lane in Hingham. His wife, Heather, whom he met in law school, is an assistant district attorney for Middlesex County.

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Edvia Yocum



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Goal: To do the best I can do.

Best vacation: Trips to Hawaii & the Kentucky Derby.

Best day of your life: When my children were born.

Biggest worry: My grandchildren being a success.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite TV show: 'The Bill Cosby Show.'

Favorite book: 'The Last Convertible.'

Favorite junk food: Potato chips.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Throwing a dollar bill into the toll booth in New Hampshire instead of four quarters. I just sat there as all the lights went off!

Person you'd most like to meet: Dan Rather.

Pet peeve: People who are late, especially for dinner.

Register to vote for special town meeting

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or election day, may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists.

If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting, Monday, Oct. 27, is Friday, Oct. 17. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office, but must be received or postmarked on or before Oct. 17.

Oil filters, antifreeze and batteries can be recycled

Used oil filters, antifreeze and batteries can be recycled by bringing them to the Cohasset Recycling Transfer Facility on Cedar Street..

"We have been successful in providing for the recycling of used oil filters, antifreeze and batteries by Cohasset residents," said Recycling Committee chairman Arthur Lehr. "We urge everyone to separate and recycle these items rather than throw them away."

In addition to these materials, Cohasset residents may also bring the following to the RTF for recycling: newspapers, white paper, junk mail, plastic bottles, aluminum, steel, cardboard, glass (separate by color), and cans (which should be cleaned out). Paint is accepted, but only on designated days. A fee is required for dropping off: tires, household appliances, household furniture and other miscellaneous bulky materials.

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ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

We send special anniversary greetings to Marje and Harry Ritter, who will be celebrating their 51st Oct. 20! Hopefully the day will be perfect, just as you two are a perfect couple!! Many happy returns!

ELDER AFFAIRS NEWS

Cohasset Elder Affairs News is out for the month of October, here is a partial list of what you seniors can look forward to: Oct. 14, Rev. Gary A. Ritts will speak about the history, feasts and customs of his church (Second Congregational Church) and talk about the Ecumenical Service to be held Thanksgiving evening; Oct. 21, two representatives from the Hingham Visiting Nurse Association will tell you when and how to access them; Oct. 28 Helen Crowley from the South Shore Office of the American Red Cross will discuss " 'Till Help Arrives." On Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m., will be a program on your knowledge of Money Management; Barbara Elliot starts her bridge groups, lessons, etc. and wonderful chef Anna Abbruzzese will let you in on her "trade secrets" the first and third Monday of the month and the second and fourth Wednesdays ($2.50 per class plus $10 for materials). Please call 383-9112 for more details! Sounds to me like it is going to be another wonderful month for our seniors!



Elsa Givan is pleased with the flower painted on her face at the Harvest Fair. For more photos, see page 11.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

THERE'S ANOTHER DOOLEY IN TOWN

We must begin this week by welcoming another Dooley to our town! Brett Roy Dooley is his name, and he is the son of Lisa (Foreman) and Kevin Dooley of 124 Doane St. Brett was born Aug. 31 at 7 a.m. and weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces! He joins his brother, Conor Joseph Dooley. Brett's maternal grandparents are Mary and Joseph Foreman of Quincy, his paternal grandparents are Roseann and Joseph Dooley of Dennis. The Dooley legend will certainly live on. What great news for Cohasset! Congratulations!

HOMECOMING THIS WEEKEND

Lest you forget, this Friday (Oct. 17) is CHS' Homecoming. It will be quite an event - the girls' soccer team will play at 3 p.m., the boys' football team will begin their game at 6 p.m. They are hoping that the flagpole will be lit, and the brick walk started - that will certainly add to the festivities. The "King and Queen" of Homecoming will be crowned, always a great thrill for both the crowd and the "royalty." And, lots of alumni come home from college for the first time to be part of the event. We'll see you there!

MIMI CHATTERTON IS ON THE MEND

Mimi Chatterton is resting comfortably after her rotator cuff surgery; she was operated on last week. Mimi is counting the days until she can pick up and give big hugs to all of her great-grandchildren - we all know how she loves them!

HAPPY 95TH, GERT

Oct. 29 is a special day indeed, that is when Cohasset's own Gert Young celebrates her 95th birthday! Hope your day is a wonderful one!

ALUMNI FIELD LOOKS GREAT

The next time you see Gary Smith (Black Bear Stump grinding/landscaping) be sure to tell him how much you appreciate all of the time and effort he has put into Alumni Field! Without him things would not be progressing as quickly and smoothly as they have been, and the pride that he takes in his work is evident indeed!

APPALACHIA SERVICE UPDATE

Isn't it a tribute to The Rev. Gary Ritts that so many teens signed up for the Appalachia Service Project; there were 75 of them! The group has been going for the past 10 years, and word has spread as to how wonderful it is to do for others - they are in need of adult volunteers so that they might meet the demand of all the teens who want to help, perhaps you could be that one who will enable an additional group to go (two adults for every five teens is the count that they like to have). There are applications at St. Anthony's, St. Stephen's and the Second Congregational Church - they'll love you for signing up, and you will love that warm feeling that you have helped others! If you cannot attend, be sure to support the many fund-raisers they hold to make the trip possible. We promise to keep you informed!

ART SHOW IN SCITUATE

Spotted JoAnne Chittick painting a beautiful harbor scene last week, she tells us that she will be having a show in Scituate next month - she promised to let us know dates and times so that we can all enjoy her exhibition. Isn't she a great artist?

HARVEST FEST WAS SUPER

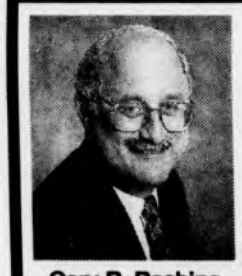
Wasn't it great to see all of the activity at the Harvest Festival that was held by the Cohasset Village Farmers' Market last week? It was so festive and alive with children and adults, all having a wonderful time! The pony rides were a huge success, the music lively and wonderful and face painting is always a fun time for the kiddos! Kudos to Anna Abbruzzese for organizing such a good time, and for all of her efforts throughout the summer that made the Farmers' Market a huge success and something to look forward to each week.

MEMORY TREE

Did you know that the South Shore Community Center is sponsoring a Memory Tree on their front lawn which will have bulbs

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Consignment shop manger Andi Merrill said that there was a variety of Gucci, Ad Doone, Fendi, and Palizzio snake skin bags as well as linen holiday banquet clothes, silver serving dishes, meat platters, antique bowls, wide assortment of lamps, baskets, etchings and prints.

In addition to the regular hours Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the shop will be open Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Consignment hours are Monday through Friday, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The shop is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers, with proceeds providing the major funding of the social service league's pneumonia and flu shots, counseling and support groups, new friends program, nursing services and "keep well clinics" that include blood pressure screening, weight, sugar testing and nutritional education for Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Norwell.

To volunteer or to seek information call Andi Merrill, 383-0687. President of the social service league is Jane Russell.

MAY I PRESENT



Sallyann Chatterton

I would like to begin by telling you how gratified I am with all of the positive comments I have received on this new food column! Hopefully I will continue to keep your interest piqued and tummies sated in the future!

This week's recipe, seafood stew, is one that you will love, as will everyone you serve it to. Keep the recipe handy, you will be asked for it every time you serve it. It's great company fare, especially if you have "out-of-towners" looking forward to seafood.

SEAFOOD STEW

1 pound large shrimp
1 pound sea scallops
salad oil
1 10-ounce package medium-sized mushrooms, each cut in half
1 medium-sized onion, minced
1 teaspoon curry powder
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 13-3/4- to 14-1/2-ounce can chicken broth
1 can crab bisque or cream of shrimp (10-1/2 ounce) soup
1 cup milk
1/4 cup dry sherry
1 9-ounce package frozen artichoke hearts, thawed
1 12-ounce package salad-style imitation crabmeat
1 10-ounce package frozen peas

1. Shell and devein shrimp. Rinse scallops with running cold water to remove sand from crevices.

2. In five-quart Dutch oven or sauce-pot over medium-high heat, in two tablespoons hot salad oil, cook mushrooms until golden brown. With slotted spoon, remove mushrooms to bowl; set aside.

3. In same Dutch oven, in two more tablespoons hot salad oil, over medium heat, cook onion and curry powder until onion is tender. Add flour and cook, stirring constantly, until flour is dark brown but not burned. Gradually stir in chicken broth, crab bisque, milk and sherry; over high heat, heat to boiling.

4. Add mushrooms, artichoke hearts, shrimp and scallops; over high heat, heat to boiling. Reduce heat to medium; cook until shrimp turn pink and scallops turn opaque. Stir in crabmeat and peas; heat.

Makes 8 servings.

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illuminated throughout the season for the names of individuals you would like to remember? The names will also be published in the Mariner. Memory Tree participation options range from $5 to $15, to being an Archangel for $50. Call Stephanie Church at the Community Center for more information (383-0088). What a wonderful idea this one is!

MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Good news from the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, they raised more than $1,100 for their scholarship fund. They want to thank their sponsors, Goodwin Graphics; BankBoston; Artists Son Gallery; Abington Savings Bank; Cohasset Harbor Travel; Cohasset Heights Ltd.; Edward Jones Investment; Carr, Lynch and Sandell; Fruit Center Marketplace; Scituate Federal Savings; Rick Shea and American Athlete.

SEND IN YOUR NEWS

That's the news for this week, we are all waiting for your latest news flash!

- Sallyann
383-0560

Annual Halloween Fair set for Oct. 26 on Cohasset Common

Spooks and cartoon characters of all shapes, sizes and ages will want to mark their calendars for Sunday, Oct. 26, and the annual South Shore Community Center Nursery School Halloween Fair on Cohasset Common. A South Shore Halloween tradition for more than 20 years, the fair offers lots of holiday fun for the entire family. Enchanting games of skill and luck will encircle the common, as well as a moon walk, ghostball, goblin target game and lots of refreshments. The fair gets under way at 1:30 p.m. sharp with a friendly witch-led costume parade, and the spooktacular time continues until 3:30 p.m.

Tickets for all games and activities may be purchased at the fair. Tickets are three for $1. Most games and activities will require two or three tickets to participate. Proceeds from the fair benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, including the school's scholarship and program funds. Last year's fair was the largest fair to date and raised $3,000, which was used to purchase classroom enhancements and playground equipment, in addition to funding two scholarships.

For more information about the fair or the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, call Lynne Sheridan at 383-0036.



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'Tis the season

Fall is the favorite season for many of us.

The air is crisp, our energy level is up. And as the leaves turn radiant shades of yellow, red and orange — New England, with its abundance of trees and parklands becomes an artist's dream.

But with all the beauty around us, it's easy to forget what's ahead.

Winter, which can be every bit as beautiful as fall, is just around the corner. Unfortunately, a downside to winter — besides all the snow shoveling — is that it brings with it the flu season.

Influenza isn't like an ordinary cold. It's much more serious. And every year, like the hurricanes, we seem to get new ones with unusual names.

This year, we have the Johannesburg, Nanchang and Harbin strains waiting to pounce upon us.

Luckily for us, through the Social Service League, the Cohasset Board of Health conducts flu clinics with free shots that can protect us from these dangerous germs.

For a list of flu shot clinics, see page 21.

We urge everyone who falls into one of the target groups to get a flu shot. These groups include those who are over 65 years of age; adults and children who require regular medical care or follow up; family members of high risk individuals; and those who provide essential community service such as medical personnel, police officers, fire-fighters, and public works and school employees.

But even if you're not in a high-risk or target group, you probably won't regret getting vaccinated against the flu.

Injections are unpleasant, but they only hurt for a second or two. That's a small price to pay for staying healthy, which translates into not missing work or school or social events due to the flu.

And best of all, you might be giving a co-worker, friend for family member a gift by not having the nasty germ to pass onto them.

— Mary Ford
Editor



Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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LETTERS

Scituate Hill tank site supported

To the Editor:

On Oct. 27, the Board of Water Commissioners will ask the voters to change the town Zoning By-Law. They want the authority to locate a two million gallon, 70' high water storage tank on any parcel in town, without approval or input from any boards or citizens.

At issue is their desire to place a second water storage tank on Bear Hill (behind the high school). They were unsuccessful in obtaining a variance from the Board of Appeals in the summer of 1997 to allow construction of this massive structure in a residential neighborhood.

All previous long range plans for a second tank select Scituate Hill (the highest point in town) as the location for a tank. The Commissioners refuse to act as responsible elected officials and obtain the land (Scituate Hill) in the industrial zone to construct this important addition to the water distribution system.

The Commissioners in a desperate effort to cover their poor judgment use arguments for Bear Hill, and now King Street, that are not a factual presentation of the issues.

Asking to change the zoning by-law is a desperate attempt to be rescued from making the correct decision, which surely is acquiring the land on Scituate Hill to construct the second tank.

Glenn A. Pratt
King St.

Police are not part of the problem

To the Editor:

The Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee would like to let every resident of Cohasset know that this committee which is totally made up of volunteers from the community (PSO, clergy, police, parents, etc.) completely supports Police Chief Brian Noonan and his officers. We do not think that they are a part of the problem with our youth.

We do think, however, that some of the problem lies back with the parents in teaching their children to show respect to adults (police, teachers and the general public). To know where their children are, who they are with and what they are doing. Let them know you care.

Take a ride at night downtown, to Lily Pond, the Harbor, the Beach, Wheelwright Park and Whitney Woods to see what is going on. Stop and say hi to the kids. Don't be afraid that you may embarrass them. When they go to a party, call, make sure you know there is adequate supervision.

The problem is everyone's.

Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee
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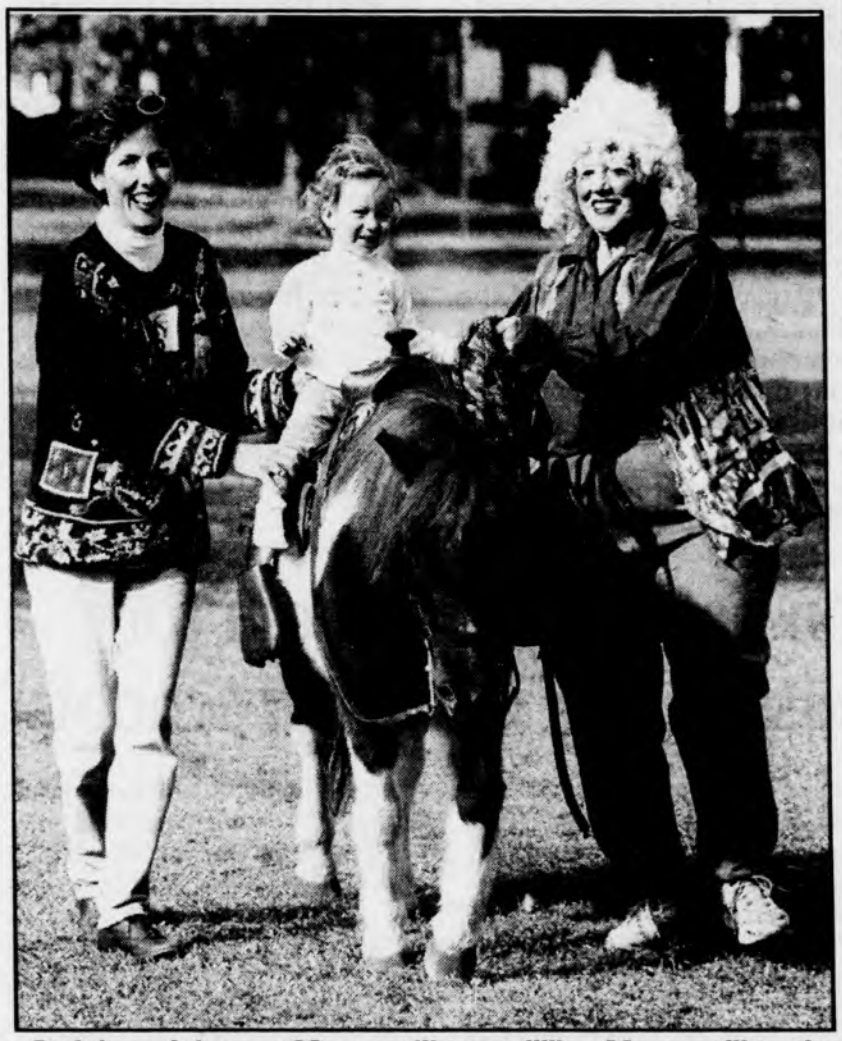
Hedlund town hall office hours

State Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and/or members of his staff will be at the Cohasset Town Hall on Highland Ave. for office hours the third Thursday of each month.

In addition, Senator Hedlund's district office, located at 66 Sea St. in Weymouth, 340-9866 will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30.

Harvest Fair caps off final farmers market

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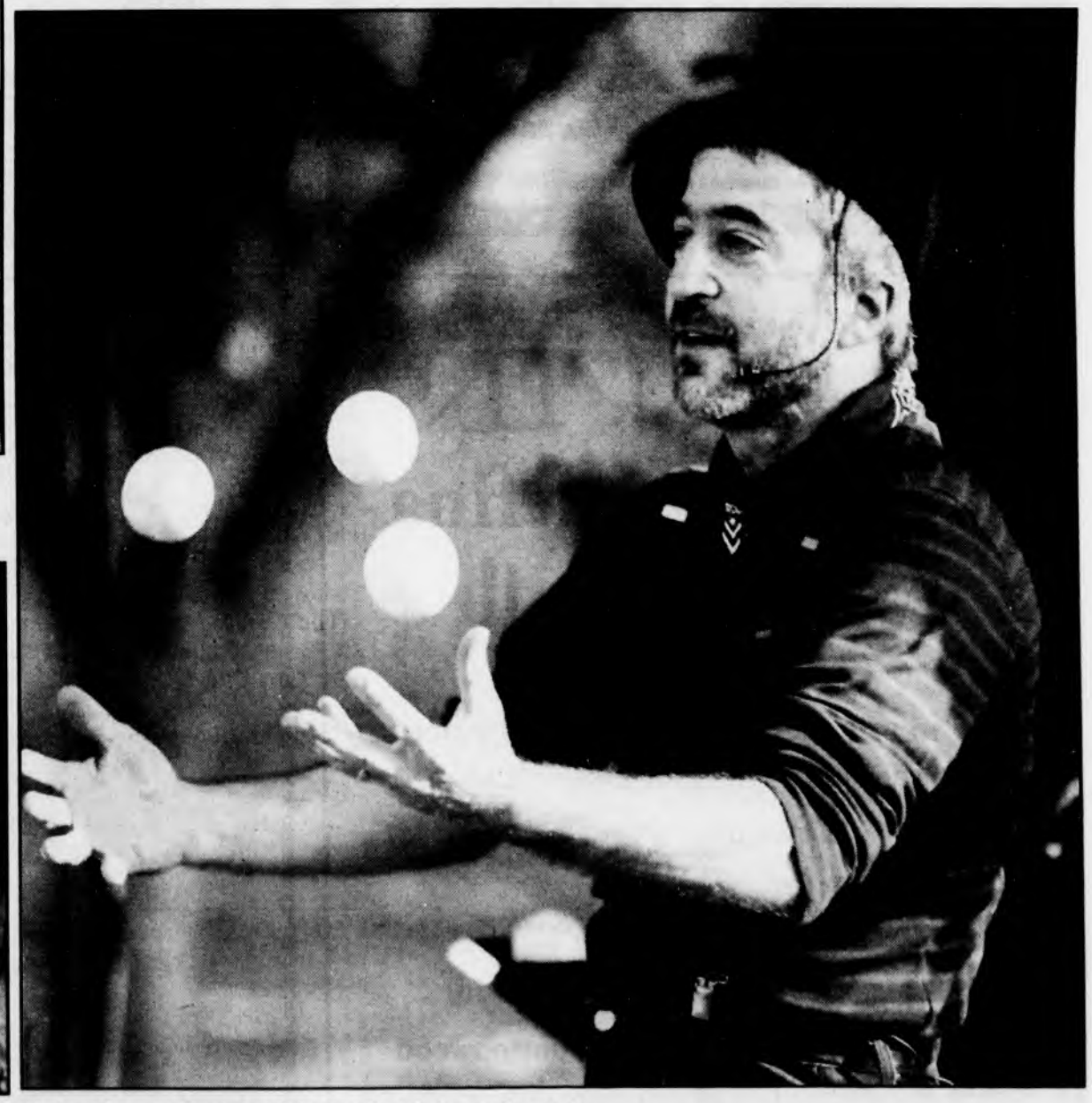
Pedals and Joanna Morganelli treat Jillian Morganelli to the pony ride on the common. The rides were one of many attractions at the annual Harvest Fair.



Betts Murray sits with her daughter Polly, son Wis and Jared Dick while listening to a storyteller at the Harvest Fair last Thursday.



Susan Puleio sells produce from her Scituate garden at the Harvest Fair which wraps up a summer season of weekly farmers markets on the common.



A juggler performs with magic tricks and music.



South Shore Community Center gymnasts prepare for a tumbling run during a gymnastics exhibition at the Harvest Fair.

Adult supervision at Cohasset teen dances is topic

By Stacey Powers
CORRESPONDENT

A letter to the school committee asking for more chaperones at school dances won't be needed after all.

Last Wednesday, the drug & alcohol committee discussed increasing the number of adults at dances in an effort to raise awareness of the problems that can be associated with alleged teenage drinking at school functions.

But after a meeting this week with high school administrators, the Rev. Clifford Cutler of the Drug & Alcohol Committee said he was satisfied there were enough chaperones at dances and that those chaperones are provided with a written set of expectations prior to the dance.

"I was pretty pleased," Cutler said.

Nine chaperones, all members of the school staff, were slated for a dance this week. That doesn't include the parents who are on hand to help with refreshments, he said.

"That's a pretty good number," Cutler said.

The issue of supervision at school dances will be taken up tonight at the school committee meeting which gets underway at 7:30 p.m. in Room 10 at the high school.

The drug & alcohol committee is proposing that a police officer be assigned to work each school dance.

Drug & alcohol committee members are on the agenda "to help keep the lines of communication open," Cutler said.

The discussion arose last week after concerned parents brought up an alleged incident of teenage drinking at a recent high school dance and the need for chaperones to monitor more closely what is going on at school functions.

More severe tactics were discussed including the use of drug-sniffing dogs and breathalyzer tests.

"Sending the dogs in would have to be at the request of the superintendent of schools who would make an announcement at the beginning of the school year stating that the school would have random canine checks over the course of the school year," said Cohasset Police Officer Lisa Matos.

"Kids who don't have anything to hide will not object," said Tony Bramblett,, student representative to the committee.

Officer Matos also told the committee that breath testing at proms and semi-formal dances is being done in other communities but that they "may not be necessary right now for Cohasset, but maybe in the near future."

She cited an example that in the Dighton/Rehoboth school district, breath testing is conducted before students are allowed to enter the prom and again before they are allowed to enter the after hours, all-night party that is held.

"The kids don't drink if they know that they will be tested and caught.," she said.

PSO Committee representative Wallace St. John said that "we have to find out if people really want that type of action to be taken."

Legal liability

The committee will also invite state Rep Frank Hynes to speak on legal liability and consequences for a host at a social function when alcohol is available to minors. The invitation is in response to a letter received by the committee seeking its endorsement on a proposed act relating to this issue.

Early intervention needs spark search for special needs assistance in Cohasset schools

By Jason Bouffard
CORRESPONDENT

Principals from Cohasset's elementary schools told the school committee that they are out of resources to provide special education assistance to the rising numbers of "special ed" students.

The school committee voted unanimously to support a request for one full-time and one part-time aide at their last meeting. They hope to ease the strain on existing staff members faced with increased special needs enrollment.

Superintendent Stephen Hart emphasized the point that the request for increased staffing was a last resort option. He told the school committee that principals at the Deer Hill and Osgood Elementary Schools had spent a great deal of time trying to meet the special education needs through the use of existing staff members, but had come up empty.

"We have literally squeezed the sponge dry," said Director of Student Services Lynn Silva.

An unexpected increase in enrollment has resulted in higher numbers of special education students, according to Osgood Elementary School Principal Merilee Cantelmo. Between the two schools, 43 new students who were not accounted for at budget time last year are enrolled for this school year. That figure has placed this year's special education needs above expectations.

About ten of these 43 students require some sort of special needs assistance, whether it be actual special needs enrollment or simply extra attention. Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan stressed the importance of attending to special needs right away, as opposed to allowing time to take its toll on students who need greater attention. The sentiment was backed by others who requested the new aides.

"Early intervention is key," Cantelmo said.

Lynn Silva, special needs coordinator, said that she was uncertain whether the town would meet legal requirements if extra staff members were not brought aboard.

While the school committee was supportive of the request, questions arose regarding the cost. Committee member Ralph Kidder voiced serious concerns about where the $20,000 to pay the aides should come from. He noted that the request was brought before the committee during last year's budget hearings, but was turned down, and was adamant about not reallocating funds from other programs in order to fund the new request.

The committee agreed that funds for the request should come only from savings resulting from over-budgeting in some areas, or from additional funding granted by the advisory committee.

Although the advisory committee does not allow for a special education reserve budget, members of the committee may seek such a reserve in future budgets.

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Value of state-wide achievement tests questioned

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

This South Shore school district bested all others on the Iowa tests. Yet, rather than claiming bragging rights, some local educators have begun to question the value of statewide achievement exams.

Moreover, their questions appear to be mounting, due to a rise in the number of different state-ordered tests.

"It's a little bit disheartening," according to Betsy Connolly of Cohasset.

Connolly specifically objected to testing third-graders because they might be too young to cope with the pressure of a marathon two-hour multiple-choice test of reading and basic academic skills, such as the Iowa series.

"It isn't healthy," she said.

Connolly, a Hingham guidance counselor, also expressed doubts about the purpose of taking time away from the curriculum to teach children how to take tests.

"The state is requiring so many more tests," Connolly said, citing the new written language samples fifth-grade and tenth-grade youngsters must produce this year, along with the new state-mandated tests on the curriculum called the Frameworks.

Most of all, she questioned the state's right to use the school population as "guinea pigs" to test the tests, in effect.

"They" (the state) "is experimenting with their own assessment tests," she said.

According to the guidance counselor, most parents grasp their children's achievement levels, as a result of teacher conferences and report cards, and by comparison, the test scores tell them little. (Cohasset youngsters fared well on the standardized tests, which were administered last spring to all Massachusetts third-grade and 10th-grade students, but the results came as no surprise.)

Schools superintendent Stephen Hart also played down the value of the tests.

"It does give us a general rating," Hart acknowledged. "But it's only one measurement."

The superintendent also had reservations about the number of standardized exams students now have to master. Hart said the school board might opt to drop the Education Research Bureau test, dubbed the ERBS, this year since the youngsters will face the state test on the Frameworks in the spring.

Hart said the record has long shown Cohasset can boast about a "very able student body, hard working, capable teachers and a lot of emphasis on curriculum development."

Though the Cohasset classes fell short of the top in the state, such as the 91 and 85 averages which Dover and Wellesley scored, they did rack up solid 81 and 82 overall averages for the two grades, respectively and scored substantially better even than Hingham. (The neighboring community weighed in with a 78 average for the 10th-graders and a 76 for the third-graders. Over the years, the two districts have been on a par, and the gap, which at the 10th-grade level, was due to lower Math and Social Studies scores, was a bit unusual.)

The mass testing of the elementary school children was part of a campaign to insure all youngsters are reading at grade level by the third grade while the 10th-graders performance on the IOWA battery was intended to serve as a "snapshot" of the students' achievement prior to the new tests on the Frameworks this spring.

Board of Education chief John Silber has said students who cannot pass the 10th-grade test will not receive a diploma. Silber also said low scores should serve as a warning to school districts and superintendents that they must do a better job.

Sample questions from Iowa test

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Many adults in this area took the Iowa tests as youngsters and so may be glad to learn the exam they remember has been changed.

The test series does boast a long history and according to schools superintendent Stephen Hart, the Iowa remains "a good standardized test," although Hart was not positive it is the "best test to measure student achievement."

The best or not, the price was right, according to a spokeswoman in the state education department who said Education Commissioner Robert Antonucci decided to go with the Iowa test because "it best fit the needs for cost control, reliability and standardization."

Nonetheless, statewide scores at the 10th-grade level were hard to compare because some districts gave different versions of the exam.

Here is part of the third-grade practice test which the DOE supplied. It was easier than the actual test, reportedly.

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"Lions, house cats, and other cats also use their tongues to help them loosen meat from bones. Their tongues help them lick the bones clean.

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O How cats find food
O Why cats need meat
O Why cats hunt at night
O How cats use their tongues

2. How do cats' tongues feel?

O Rough
O Slick
O Soft
O Furry

3. How do cats' tongues help them eat?

O By making meat soft
O By taking meat off bones
O By making meat taste better
O By breaking bones into pieces

4. When a cat cleans itself, how does it use its tongue?

O As a towel
O As a bathtub
O As a hairbrush
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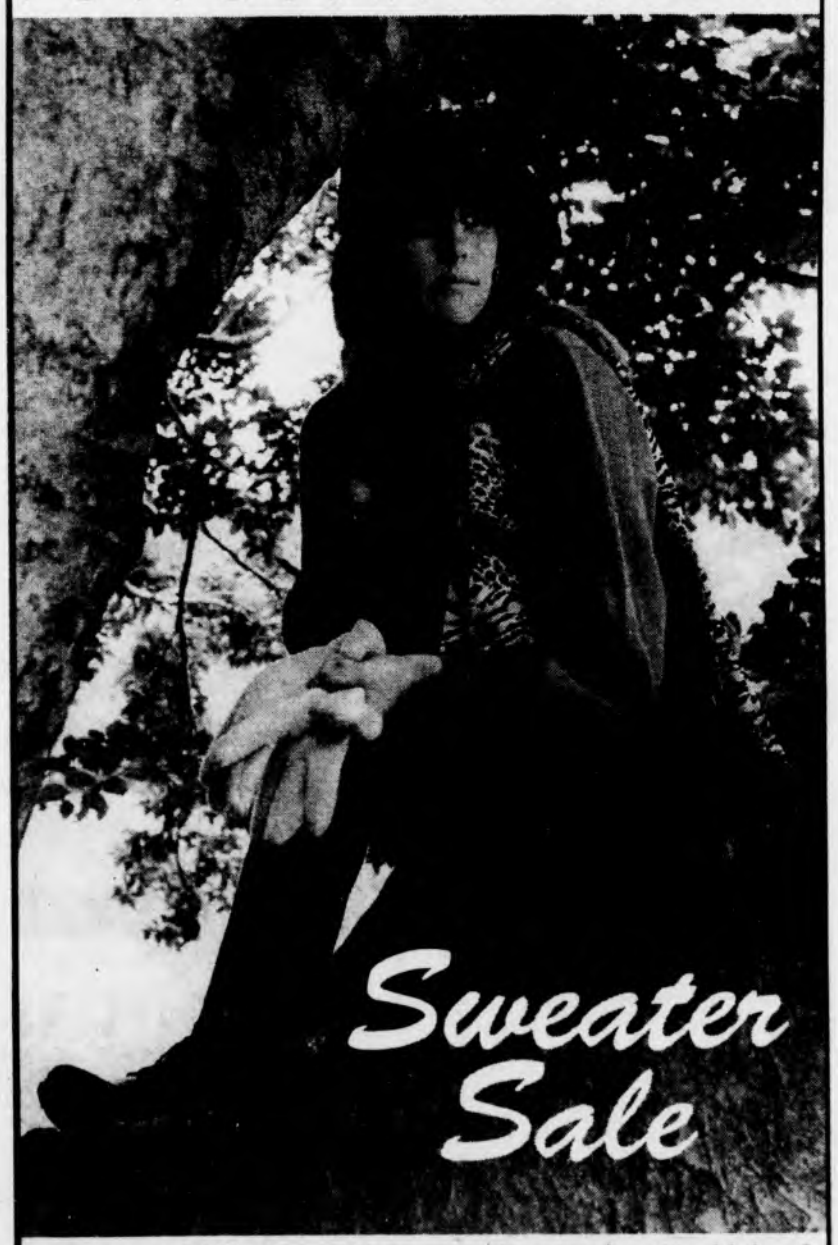
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Cohasset resident is hooked on rug making

By Laura Caldwell
CORRESPONDENT

A little artistic intuition and healthy dose of creativity have produced big results for Susan Buswell. The Cohasset resident has become an accomplished rug hooker, and her work was recently honored by the book "A Celebration of Hand-Hooked Rugs VII."

Rug hooking is simply the art of making rugs. There are two methods of hooking rugs: punch needle hooking, and traditional hooking. Buswell uses the punch needle method of rug hooking, which entails literally punching yarn through a burlap cloth with a "yarn gun" of sorts. This method is noted for its ease and speed.

With this punch-needle style, Buswell crafted a rug designed as a fish - it was this accomplishment that landed her in "A Celebration of Hand-Hooked Rugs." Using an Oxford punch needle and wool rug yarn, she spent two weeks punching a 6-foot-long and 2-foot-tall rug in the shape of a fish. This concept of a shaped rug was an innovative departure from the traditional square, rectangular and circular styles.



Sue Buswell, whose work was honored in a book on hand-hooked rugs, is hard at work on one of her rugs.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Her success is somewhat surprising given her circumstances. Her only formal training in the craft was a rug hooking class that she took in 1992 at the Swinboum School of Domestic Arts in Newport, R.I. For the most part, Buswell has been her own teacher, relying on books and instructional manuals for guidance. She points to Amy Oxford and Gloria Crouse, two professional rug hookers, as key influences and teachers.

In terms of artistic experience, "I had absolutely nothing", Buswell claims, "but I had always been interested in fiber art. This craft is so forgiving that you can teach yourself."

This accessibility to novices was an aspect of rug hooking that appealed to Buswell. Between the demands of the building restoration business that she and her husband own, and raising three children, her free time is limited. The flexibility of the craft suited her.

"I found it very appealing as a mother," she says.

Rug hooking also appeals to her in that it allows escape from her frantic schedule.

"It's my unwinding," Buswell comments, "a couple of hours of working on a rug, and everything just looks better ... it's a nice form of relaxation and it's a nice way to meet people."

Buswell also enjoys the craft because of its New England origins. A five-and-a-half-year Cohasset resident, she appreciates the fact that rug hooking is largely an American - particularly northeast American - craft. Although an ancient art, rug hooking peaked at popularity in mid-19th century New England.

Although her reasons for enjoying the craft are varied, they manifest themselves in a single way: she is a prolific rug hooker. She makes 12 rugs a year. Buswell hopes that this productivity will eventually evolve. "I'm trying to open my own business and sell my rugs," she says. The goal of her young company, Barefoot Rugs, is to celebrate events of life via creating custom made rugs.

"You can have a rug to commemorate an event, a house, a neighborhood, a pet, something that people identify with themselves. And these rugs will last 100 years," Buswell says.

Buswell's own rugs honor important events in her life - such as a rug she made celebrating her young daughter's graduation - but they also represent mere artistical whims. Other designs have included a bear, flowers and a pumpkin. All of her designs are her own; she fills a sketch book with ideas for new rug subjects and designs.

These rough sketches are eventually drawn onto cotton monks cloth, the rug's base ("I use invisible ink", Buswell notes). When the design is firmly established, Buswell chooses colors for the finished product. She uses Halcyon yarn, because of the material's colored variety. Finally, using a punch needle, she threads the yarn into her picture.

"The process is like sculpting wood. You have to feel as you go along," Buswell says.

After two weeks to a month of this process, the rug is complete. Finished rugs take on a variety of forms. "You can take it as far as you want to. You can do something very simple and primitive, or something intricate and artistic," Buswell says.

The relatively novice craftswoman has propelled herself into the midst of some of America's finest rug hookers.

Buswell comments, "There are so many talented people out there - I didn't expect it. It was exciting for me to be included in the book."

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Upcoming town government meetings are noted

The following meetings have been posted at town hall:

Advisory committee, 8 p.m., Oct. 21;

Board of health, 7 p.m., Oct. 29;

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 16;

Hagerty Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 23;

Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 20;

Library planning committee, 9 p.m., Oct. 16;

Planning Board, 8 p.m., Oct. 22 (public hearing);

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 16, Nov. 6 & 20 in room 10 at the high school;

Town History Committee, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 22;

Troika, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 29;

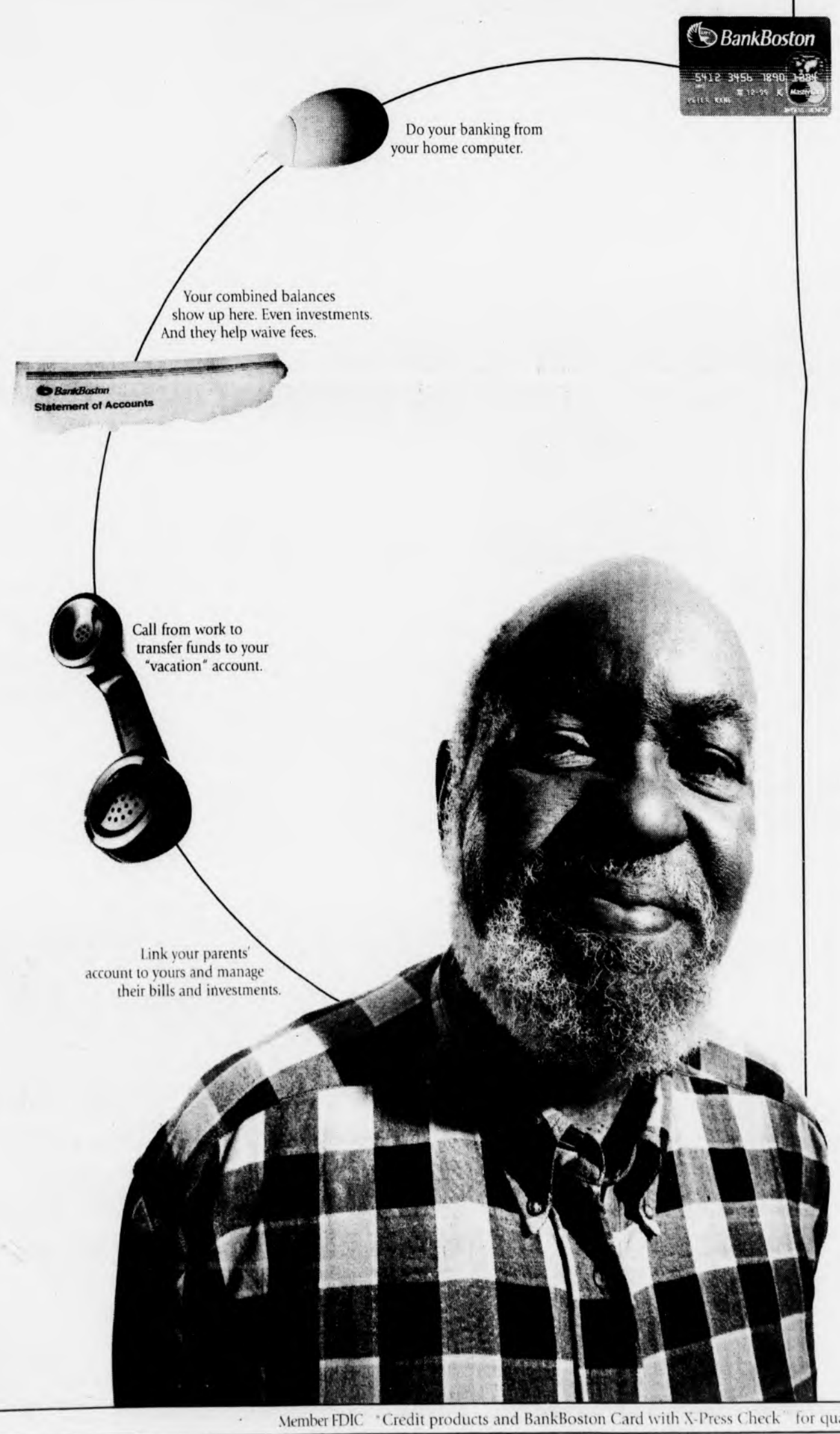
Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 20;

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., Nov. 4;

Water Resources Protection Committee, 8 p.m., Oct. 23.

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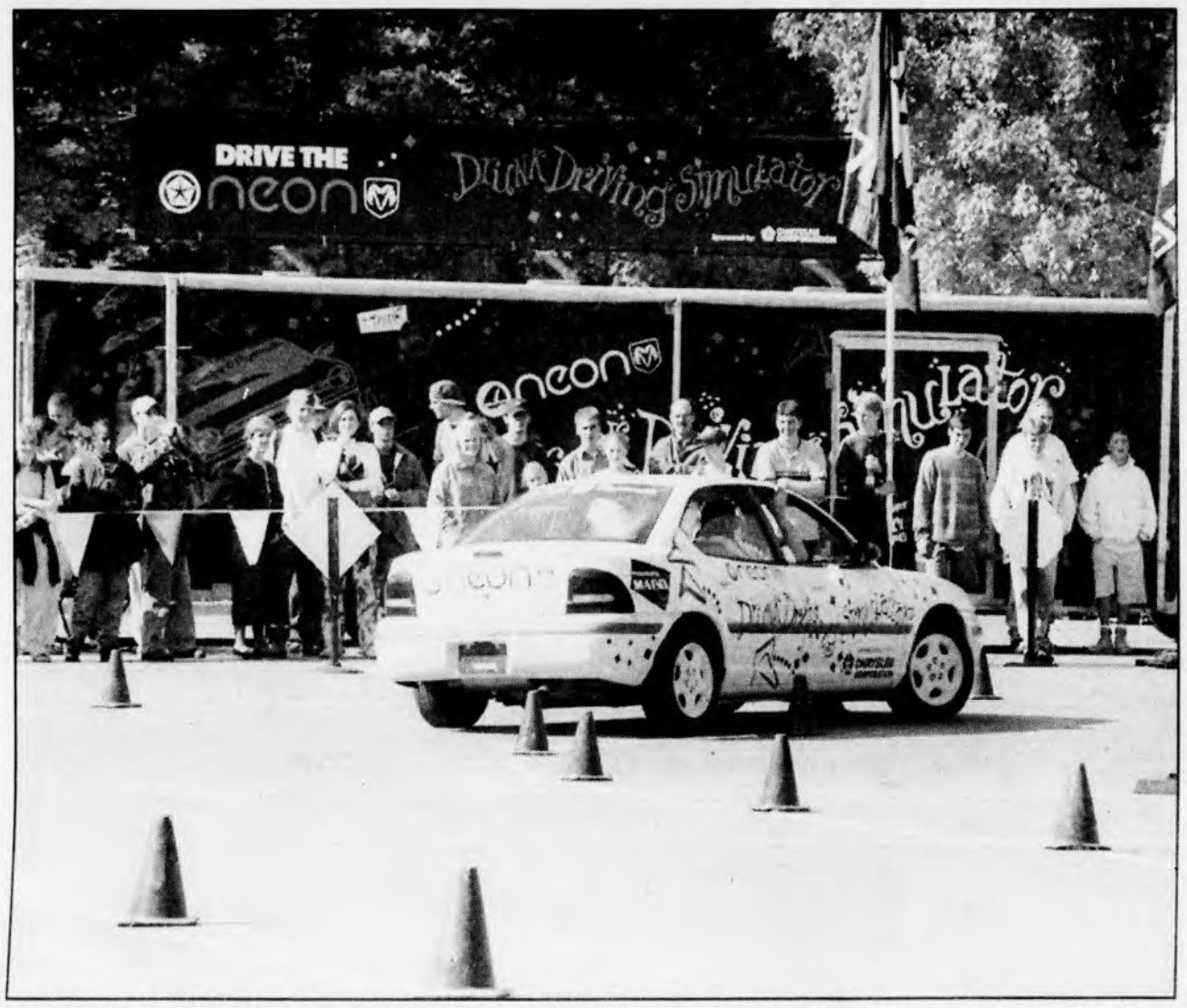
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Students learn about drunk driving perils



Students drive around the track in the St. Anthony's Church parking lot in a car programmed to simulate drunk-driving conditions.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

Tuesday the parking lot of St. Anthony's Church was turned into a driving course where Cohasset students from grades seven through 12 either drove or were a passenger in a 1996 Dodge/Plymouth Neon modified to respond as though the driver was intoxicated.

The atmosphere was festive although the subject was deadly serious because over 30 percent of all deaths of people ages 15 to 20 are a result of motor vehicle accidents. Two out of five of these deaths result from drunk driving.

> ***"It demonstrates what people are like on the roads after they've been drinking, and now I know what to watch out for. It was a good overall experience."***
> — KYLE WHITELEY, COHASSET HIGH SENIOR.

In 1996 17,126 people died in alcohol related accidents, that's about one every 30 seconds. The Cohasset students were bused over from the school in shifts to participate.

The event, sponsored by the Chrysler corporation in conjunction with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Cohasset Police Department, and Weber Dodge in Hingham was designed to allow high school students to experience the dangers of drunk driving without ever taking a sip of alcohol.

The specially equipped car with a computer was programmed with the students' weight and a hypothetical number of drinks the student had consumed. As a result the steering and braking responses were delayed producing an effect similar to the slowed mental and physical responses of a driver under the influence of alcohol. With these impaired abilities, the drivers attempted to make their way around the obstacle course without hitting the orange cones or the pedestrian figures that pop up along the way. Two laps were made by each driver around the track, the first with the car operating normally and the second with the computer turned on.

With a wailing siren and flashing lights, Officers Lisa Matos and Richard Yocum from Cohasset Police Department periodically would pull over the swerving, cone-hitting drivers and have them step out of the car and perform field sobriety tests.

Seventeen-year-old Andrew Ross, a Cohasset High School senior who has had his license for about eight months hit at least ten cones as well as a pedestrian, said that the experience was educational as well as eye opening for him.

The Neon Drunk Driving Simulator and its crew travel all over the country giving these demonstrations. This year they will visit over 250 schools in over 200 towns and cities including Rockland High, Hull High and Norwell High as well as South Shore Vo-Tech.

There is no way to determine how many young lives this program has and will save but according to Mike Gill, the director of health education in Cohasset schools, one of those responsible for putting this event together, "even if it saves just one it is well worth the time and effort."

Kyle Whiteley, another 17-year-old high school senior said that his second time around the track was frightening. He hit about five cones and said that it was as though the power steering had turned off and the breaks were failing.

"It demonstrates what people are like on the roads after they've been drinking," Kyle said, "and now I know what to watch out for. It was a good overall experience."

Since its inception in 1988 the drunk driving simulator has made close to 1,100 appearances. During that time over 230,000 people have participated in the program and approximately 2.4 million have been exposed to it. The program has been featured on national television shows including Good Morning America, 48 Hours, Today, Geraldo, CNN, MTV's Like We Care, and many others.

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Skippers hope for Homecoming glory

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Missing six starters, including starting guard and linebacker Luke Caldwell, starting fullback and cornerback Andy Hamilton, starting quarterback and safety Pat Hurley, starting guard John Kasameyer, starting defensive back Joe Pergola, and starting linebacker Adam Sasso, the Cohasset Skippers sent a ragtag team out onto the field against the Rockland Bulldogs.

Rockland, the fifth ranked team in the state, fought hard for their scores in the first half, then cruised in the third quarter, finally triumphing 35-0 on their home field.

Due to radical realignment occurring in southeastern Massachusetts high school sports, the Bulldogs have for one year shifted into the Division 3 South Shore League, from their post last year in Division 2.

Next year, they will move back into Division 2, completing the restructuring. However, this year, the Skippers had the bad luck to run into them at the wrong time.

A good first quarter defense, led by Jamie Buick, James Edgeston, and Justin Golden, held the Bulldogs to seven points. Edgeston and fellow noseguard Darryl Jones clogged up the middle of the field, and Rockland was forced to pass and run outside the tackles.

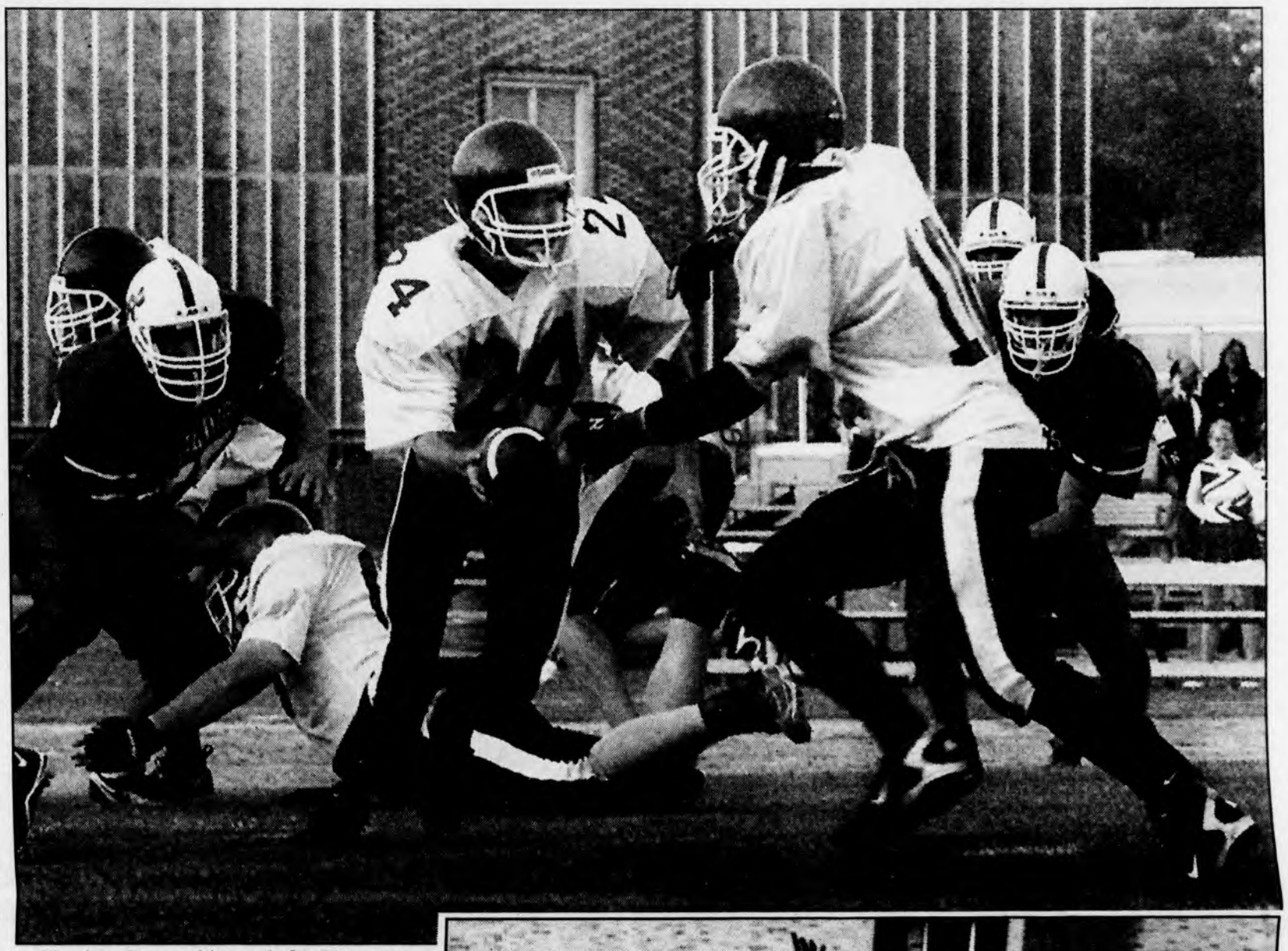
The score of 7-0 held until the middle of the second quarter, when the Bulldogs managed to push across another touchdown. Despite the gutsy effort of second-string quarterback Ben Ketchum and the hard running of Raheem Shepard, the Skippers could not move the ball, and much of the burden fell to the defense.

Indeed, it looked as if the Skippers would hold Rockland to two first-half touchdowns. However, with two ticks left on the clock, the Bulldogs squeezed off one last play, a 30-yard Hail Mary, which fell into Rockland hands for the TD, making it 21-0 at the half.

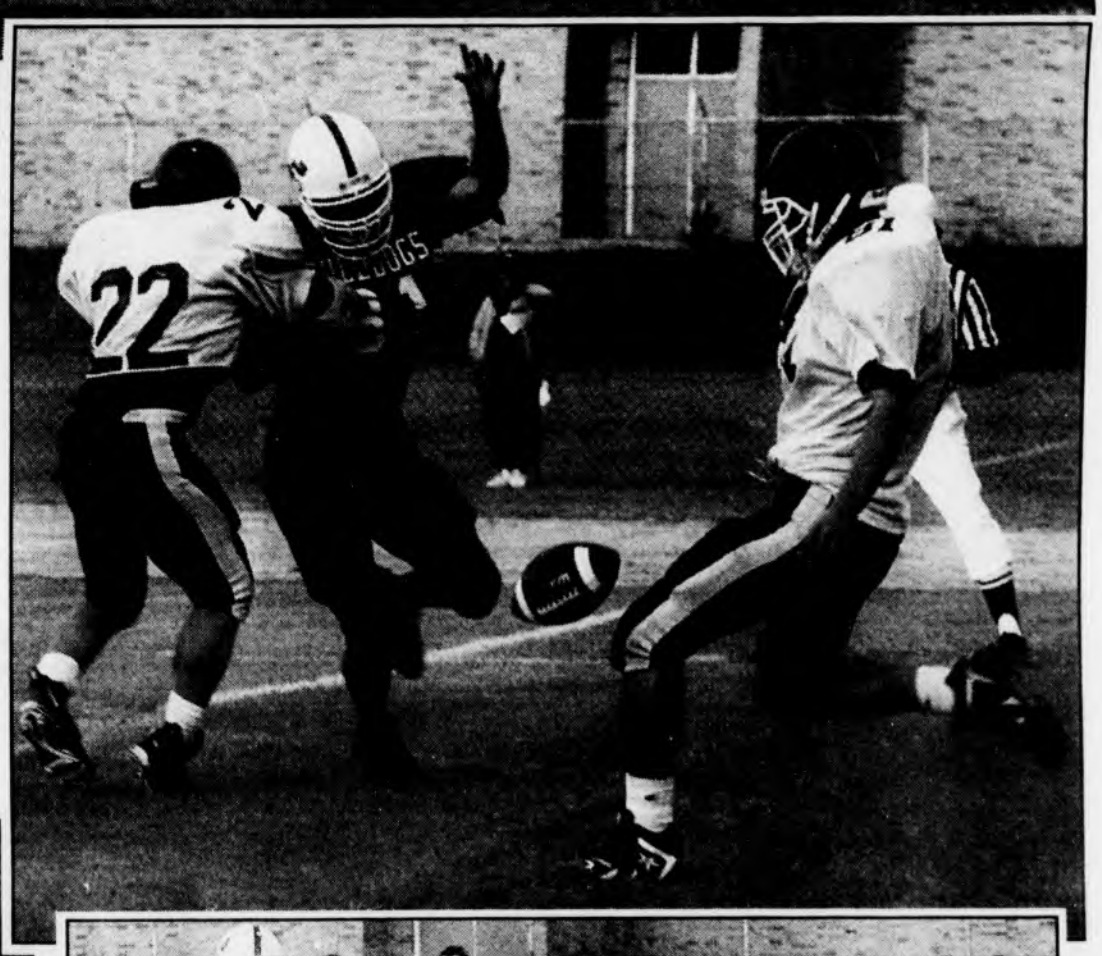
Deflated by injuries, the half-ending touchdown, and the fact that they were playing a clearly better team, Cohasset came out flat in the second half.

Rockland, behind their powerful offensive line and the strong running of Bobby Flynn, struck twice quickly in the second half. Cohasset's poor tackling technique was evident on one particular play, when Flynn scored on a long run after being touched by seven Cohasset defenders.

The home team scored twice in the third, but Rockland's coach showed class and pulled his starters. Cohasset still could not mount an offensive attack, and the Skippers were held scoreless.



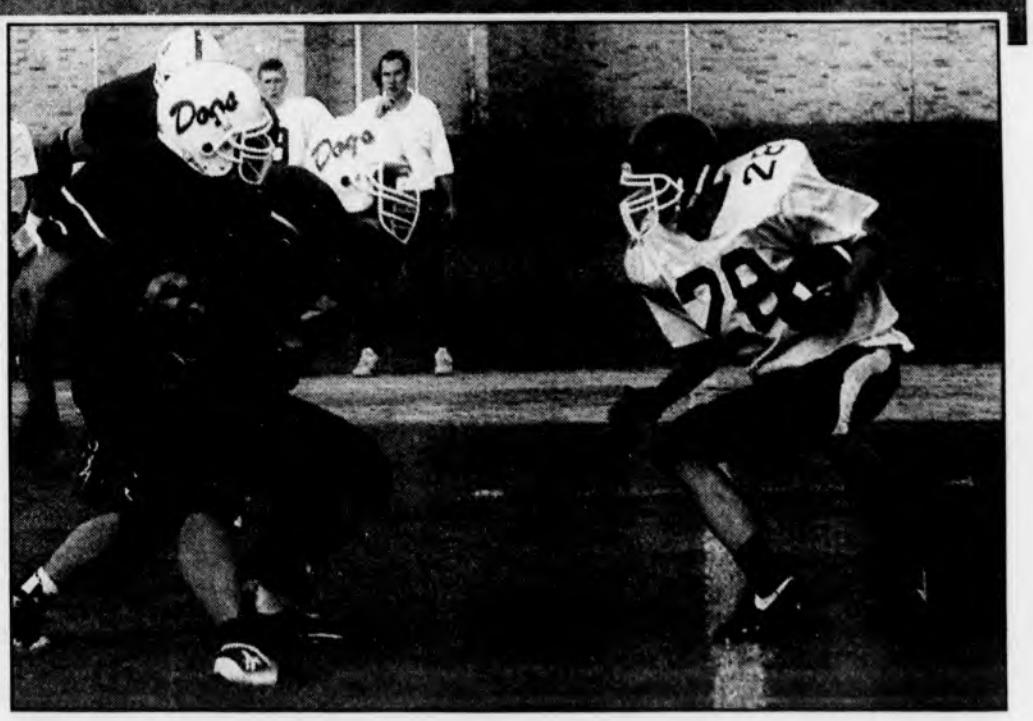
Hosting Carver this week for Homecoming, the Skippers should put forth a better showing. With Caldwell, the only one of the starters even questionable for this week's game, the squad could be at full force for the first time in three games. More spirited practices this week and a feeling of desperation for a win should produce a new looking Cohasset squad Friday night at 6 p.m.



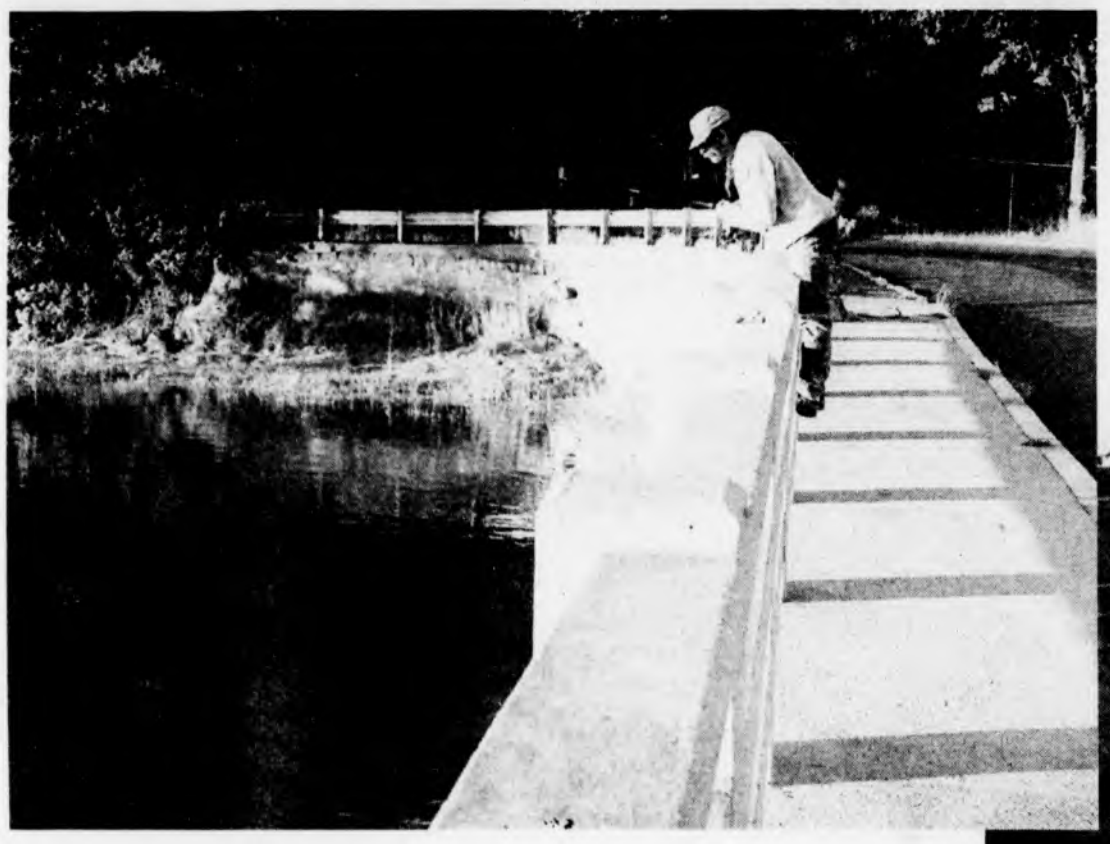
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT–Skipper QB Ben Ketchum hands the ball off for a short gain. Brandon McDowell gets off a punt in the face of a Rockland attacker. The Skippers fell to the undefeated Bulldogs last Thursday under the lights at Memorial Stadium. The Bulldog defense has Ben Roine stopped in his tracks. The CHS cheerleaders attempt to keep their fans into the game. Homecoming is this weekend for Cohasset, who will kickoff at 6 p.m. Friday night against Carver.

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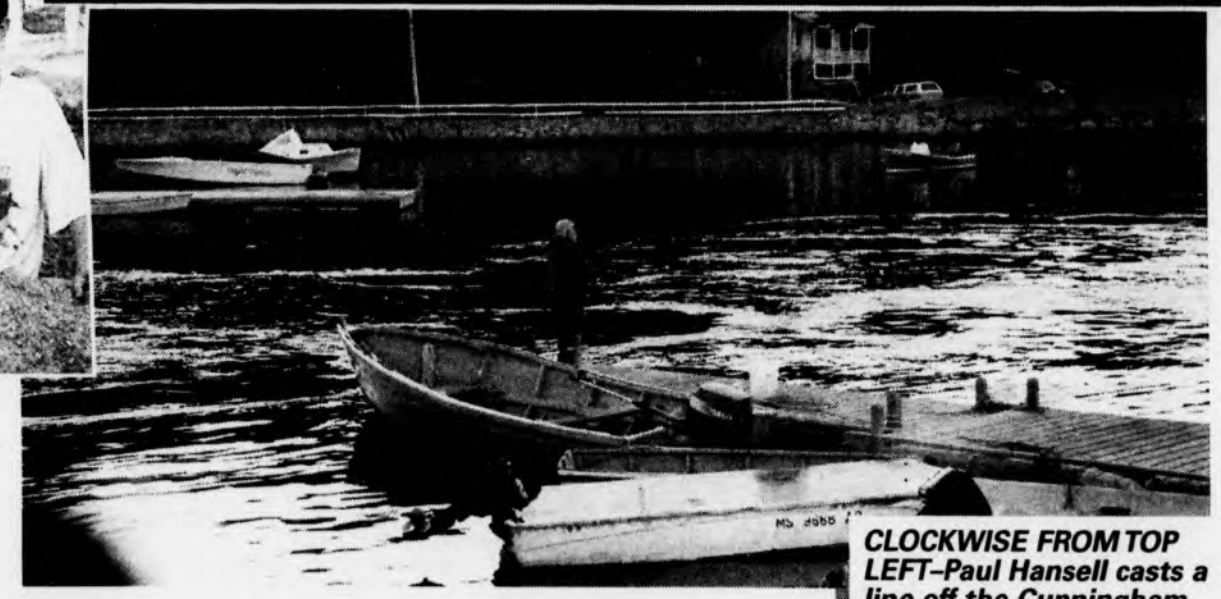


The Sheldon Sladen Memorial Fishing Tourney









CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT–Paul Hansell casts a line off the Cunningham Bridge. Mark Trask proudly displays his latest catch, a striped bass he caught in Cohasset Harbor. Harry Trask tries his luck off the Government Island pier at Cohasset Harbor. Gerry Stephens, center of picture, proudly displays his trophy as the top winner in the Sheldon Sladen Memorial Fishing Tourney.

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Tourney dreams coming down to the wire

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

A pair of important wins last week against Notre Dame (2-0) and Norwell (4-0) have brought dreams of an invitation to the state tournament a little closer for the Cinderella CHS field hockey squad.

It's not going to be easy, said head coach Debby Bostwick, but four points in their remaining four games will make it happen for the 5-5-2 squad.

The final drive for the state tourney began Wednesday with a home game against Scituate and will see the Skippers then take on South Shore League leader Hanover, travel to Carver (10/18) and finish the year at home against East Bridgewater on Monday at 3 p.m.

With three very winable games in that group, a trip to the tourney for the first time in three years has worked its way from a dream to a very real possibility.

"These girls deserve it," said Bostwick. "They've worked hard to get where we are and are really sky high about having a chance to go to the tournament. The attitude around here has just been tremendous."

Defense wins championships, and it also was the key to the big wins last week. Goaltender Melissa Rosano only faced one shot in the two wins while playing behind a strong defensive performance from co-captains Alia Ashfar and Katie Buckley, Katie Devine and Lauren Dooley.

"They've played strong and together as a unit," said Bostwick. "When teams get the ball in our end they're doing the right thing and clearing to the wings and letting our speedy forwards take it from there."

Against Notre Dame, forward Meaghan Connelly opened the scoring off a scuffle in front of the net that saw the Notre Dame goalie make a series of nice saves before finally being beaten.

After a halftime pep talk from Bostwick, Buckley shed her defensive specialist tag and put in her first goal of the year, with an assist going to Kristen Reynolds off a corner shot.

"We came up with a good overall effort," said Bostwick. "Andi Shaughnessy and Maggie O'Conner came off the bench with big games."

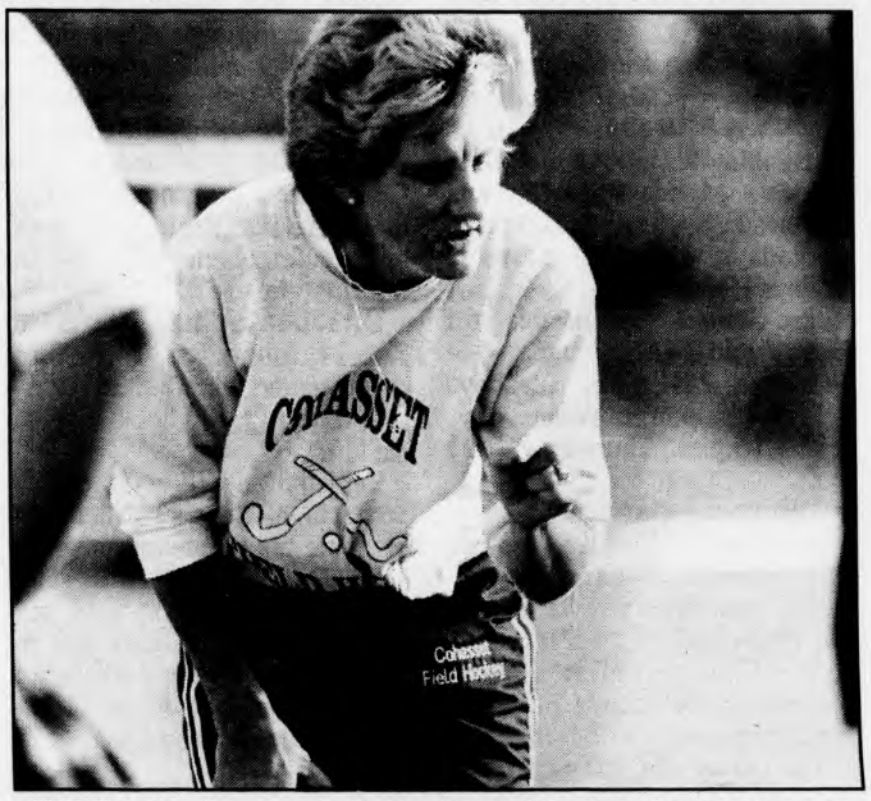
The team shook off a series of bad games they have had at Norwell to come away with the win.

"We always seem to have problems with their field and the one in East Bridgewater," explained Bostwick. "We couldn't afford to come out slow against Norwell and I told them so before the game."

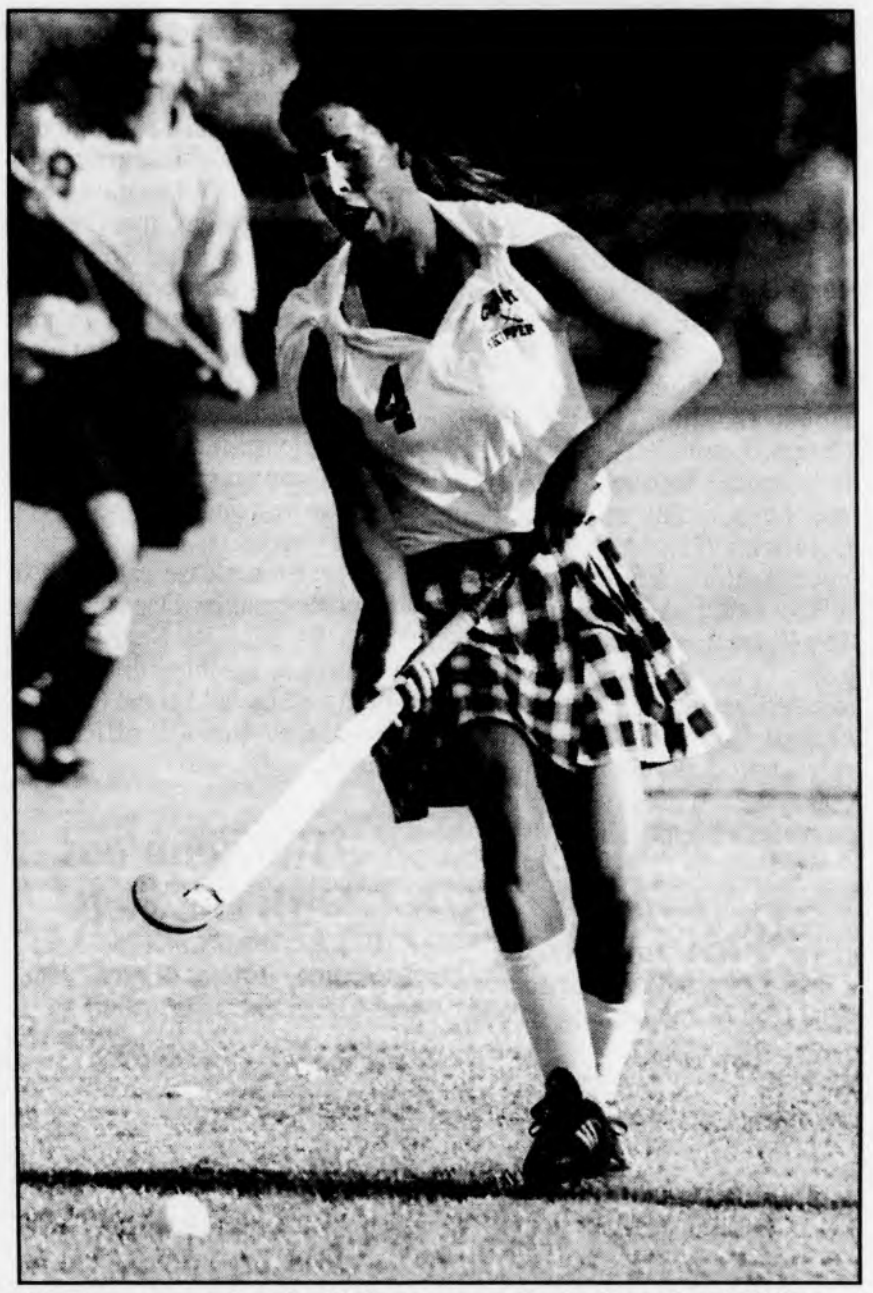
Whatever Bostwick said seemed to work as after a first period goal by Connolly, the Lady Skippers erupted for three goals (Laura Dooley (2) and Shaughnessy) on their way to their largest goal output of the year in the 4-0 win.

The team has scored 18 goals this season and has already surpassed last year's total of 4 wins.

Although fan support has been great this year, Bostwick said the team could use all the help they can get in their final home game against East Bridgewater on Monday at 3 p.m., which very well may decide the state tourney bid. "Our fans have been great, but I don't think a lot of people know that we are on the verge of getting into the state tournament," said Bostwick. "The girls would really love the community to come out and show their support for this team."



CHS field hockey coach Debby Bostwick gives her team a pep talk.



Senior co-captain Alia Afshar moves the ball up the field in a recent victory against Notre Dame. The Lady Skippers need two wins in their last four games to make the state tournament.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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The Cohasset Recreation Department/Booster's Basketball registrations will be held for girl's and boy's in grades 1 thru 8, at Town Hall, on Saturday, November 15, from 9a.m. to I la.m.. The fee for the program is $30.00. Checks should be made payable to: Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, (CBBC), shirt charge is included in the fee. Details on the Basketball Program will be available at registration. Games are Dlaved on Saturday's, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid conflicts. The Recreational Basketball Program is m~de available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the recreation department, providing youngsters with a teaching and recreational opportunity.

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Golf Lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Scituate Recreation Department will accept registrations via phone for adults, Beginner Indoor Golf Lessons, scheduled to begin Thursday Evening, November 7,1997. Lessons are 5 weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly and cost $65.00 per person. Classes are limited to 8 individuals maximum, in size and registrations are accepted on a first enrolled basis. Should you require use of golf clubs for the classes please indicate this at the time of your registration and we will loan you clubs for the classes free of charge.

To register please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-6791. Mr. Dan Neary will be the golf pro teaching this session which will be held at the Cushing Elementary School, offRt. 3A, Scituate.

Afternoon out with the girls

Come join Ruthann, Susie, Stephanie, Edvia, Kathy, Peter, and others for a fun-filled afternoon of gymnastics, obstacle course, "Make your own Pizza" bowling, "Make your own Craft," and much, much more.

This "Afternoon out with the girls" is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 11 from noon to 2:30 p.m. The day is open to kids ages 6 to 11.

Space is limited, so sign up today. You must be pre-registered to participate. No drop-ins!

Cost for this fun-filled afternoon is $15.

SSCC Gymnast in Motion Program

There are still openings for gymnastic classes for both boys and girls.

Sports for kids ages 4-6: Mondays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays 9-10 a.m.

Tumble Bugs Boys and Girls age 3: Mondays 11:15-noon, Wednesdays 1:30-2:15 p.m., Thursdays 11 a.m. to noon, Fridays 12:15-1 p.m.

Pre-School Gymnastics for Boys and Girls age 4-6: Mondays 2-3 p.m., Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m., Wednesdays 2:15-3:15 p.m., Thursdays 10-11 am.

Beginner Girls age 5-8: Mondays 3:15-4:15 p.m., Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Beginner/Intermediate age 7-11: Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Jr. High and High School Gymnastics: Mondays 6-7 p.m. and Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The center also offers a team program for USA levels 4, 5, 6 and 8.

For more information, call the center at 383-0088.

Hockey beginners instructional program

The Seahawks youth hockey program invites all boys and girls, ages 5 to 9 to join our beginners instructional program.

Requirements are a desire to have fun while playing, a hockey helmet with cage or shield, hockey gloves or waterproof winter gloves. Any skaters with full hockey equipment interested in playing hockey are welcome.

The 1997-98 season will run through March. Weekly lessons will be held on Saturday nights from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Hobomock Arena (Rink 2) in Pembroke. Telephone 294-0260 for information.

Directions: Take Rte. 53 to Rte. 14, follow Rte. 14 to Pembroke center, take Rte. 36 for 3/4 of a mile to Hobomock Rink on the left.

Registration will commence at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 13. There will be a one-time registration fee of $12. This year's learn to skate will cost $40 per eight-week session. Registered skaters will receive a decal at the registration table to be placed on the child's helmet above the name tag. Only those skaters with decals will be allowed to skate.

Adult Beginner Golf

Joint Cohasset/Scituate adult recreation programs

Adult Beginner Golf - Dan Neary - $65 for 5, 1-hour classes, Cushing School, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Starts Nov. 6, Thursday. Payable to Town of Cohasset.

Men's Under 35 Basketball - Gates Jr. High School, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-9 p.m. Sept. 15 through May 27, 1998. $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Men's Over 35 Basketball - Gates Jr. High School, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-9 p.m. Sept. 16 through May 28, 1998. $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Adult, Advanced Co-Ed Volleyball - Gates Jr. High School, Mondays, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 17 through May 27, 1998. $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Beginner/Intermediate Volleyball - Gates Jr. High School, Fridays, Sept. 19 through May 29, 1998, 6:30-9:30 p.m. $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Sign-up for Santa Claus hockey tournament

Applications are being accepted for the 25th annual Santa Claus Hockey Tournament Dec. 26-31 at the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham.

The tournament is for AHA Mite A and Squirt A hockey teams. All teams are guaranteed four games. Trophies are awarded to all participants.

Please call 749-6660 for information.

Skaters pass figure tests

The Skating Club of Hingham would like to congratulate the following members for successfully passing their tests.

Pre-preliminary moves: Marcus Booth, Norwell; Sarah Hassan, Cohasset; Lyndsie McDougall, Pembroke; Laura Corkery, Marshfield.

Preliminary moves: Adrienne Perry, Scituate; Nicole Capostagno, Weymouth.

Pre-Juvenile moves: Briana Perry, Marshfield; Krista Kozlowski, Hingham.

Juvenile moves: Shannon Fredrick, Scituate.

Pre-Preliminary freestyle: Kristina Lingertat, Milton; Marcus Booth, Norwell; Suzy Barker, Hingham; Madeline Hurst, Milton; Sarah Hassan, Cohasset; Lyndsie McDougall, Pembroke; Laura Corkery, Marshfield.

Preliminary freestyle: Caitlyn Boleza, Abington; Krista Kozlowski, Hingham.

Pre-Juvenile freestyle: Susan Concannon, Braintree; Caitlin Fitzmaurice, Hingham.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Historic storms is topic

The Cohasset Historical Society presents "Historic Storms of New England," an illustrated presentation by Robert Thompson, Southern New England area manager, National Weather Service, Sunday, Oct. 26, at Kimball's by the Sea, 124 Elm St., Cohasset. Cash bar begins at 5 p.m., dinner at 6. Tickets are $17 members, $20 non-members. Reservations are required. Please make checks payable to The Cohasset Historical Society and mail to the society at 14 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025. Call (781) 383-1434 for more information.

The annual meeting of the Cohasset Historical Society will be held after the speaker. All current paid members are asked to stay for this brief meeting.

Exhibition at Christopher Gallery

The Christopher Gallery, 130 King St., Route 3A, in the Jonathan Livingston Square, Cohasset, will host the First Eastern and Southern Regional Juried Exhibition of Oil Painters in America. The show will feature artists from 22 states and Canada. The show will run from Oct. 18 through Nov. 8 with an opening reception Oct. 18, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Halloween costume parade at carousel

The costume parade is sure to be one of the highlights of the Halloween party at the Paragon carousel Friday, Oct. 24. The party will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. with the parade beginning at 4:30 p.m. All costumed participants will receive prizes for marching in the parade. Prizes will also be given out for various categories such as scariest costume, most creative costume, best homemade costume and more.

Other activities taking place at the party include face painting, pumpkin decorating and Halloween games. While there is no admission fee for the party, rides on the carousel are $1.50 per person. There will be an additional charge for some activities (face painting, pumpkin decorating).

Proceeds from the party will benefit Friends of the Paragon Carousel, Inc., the non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of this historic landmark. For more information about the Halloween party and the Paragon carousel, call (781) 925-0472.

Art Auction to benefit Habitat

Join us on Saturday evening, Oct. 18 at the South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd. for an art auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

7 p.m. Silent Auction - wine, cheese and hors d'oeuvres.

8 p.m. Live Auction.

Tickets - $5 Donation.

For more information call Liz Charlton (781) 545-8199 or Laurie Mann-Strenge (617) 773-3289.

Harpsichord and cello recital

Russian-born harpsichordist Marina Minkin and cellist Joel Cohen will present a concert of 18th century music at St. Stephen's Church, Sunday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m., as part of its Sunday concert series. Works to be performed include those by Vivaldi, Boccherini and J. S. Bach.

A free-will offering will be taken, and a reception will follow the program.

The church, located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, has handicap access, and plenty of parking in the village lot. For information call (781) 383-1083.

Face painting workshop

Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham will hold a face painting workshop on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 10 to 11 a.m. Children ages 3 and up can practice for Halloween. Space is limited. Call 383-2665 or 749-2665 to register. Take advantage of our Halloween special, 10 percent off all dress-up costumes on Saturday, Oct. 18 only.

October flu clinics slated

The Social Service League of Cohasset and the Cohasset Board of Health will sponsor Flu Clinics in October for Cohasset residents.

The second of two flu clinics for seniors is Friday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to noon at Harborview Senior Housing.

Community flu clinics for all Cohasset residents: Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall; Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall; Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Note: Please try to wear a short-sleeved shirt.

South Shore Art Center annual meeting

The South Shore Art Center will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome. Following the meeting, at 7:30 p.m., Allison Shutz Moskow will give a talk on the Blue Ribbon Members' Show. For more information, call (781) 383-ARTS. The center is located at 119 Ripley Road and is wheelchair accessible.

Hingham Symphony concert

Hingham Symphony Orchestra will present a concert Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Hingham Middle School auditorium, 1103 Main St., Hingham.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. and tickets may be reserved by calling (781) 749-4936. Ticket prices are as follows: adults, $10 (reserved), $12 (at the door); students (18 and under), $5 (reserved or at the door).

The concert program includes the "Coriolanus Overture" by Beethoven, "Karelia Suite" by Sibelius and "Symphony No. 100" 'Military' by Haydn.

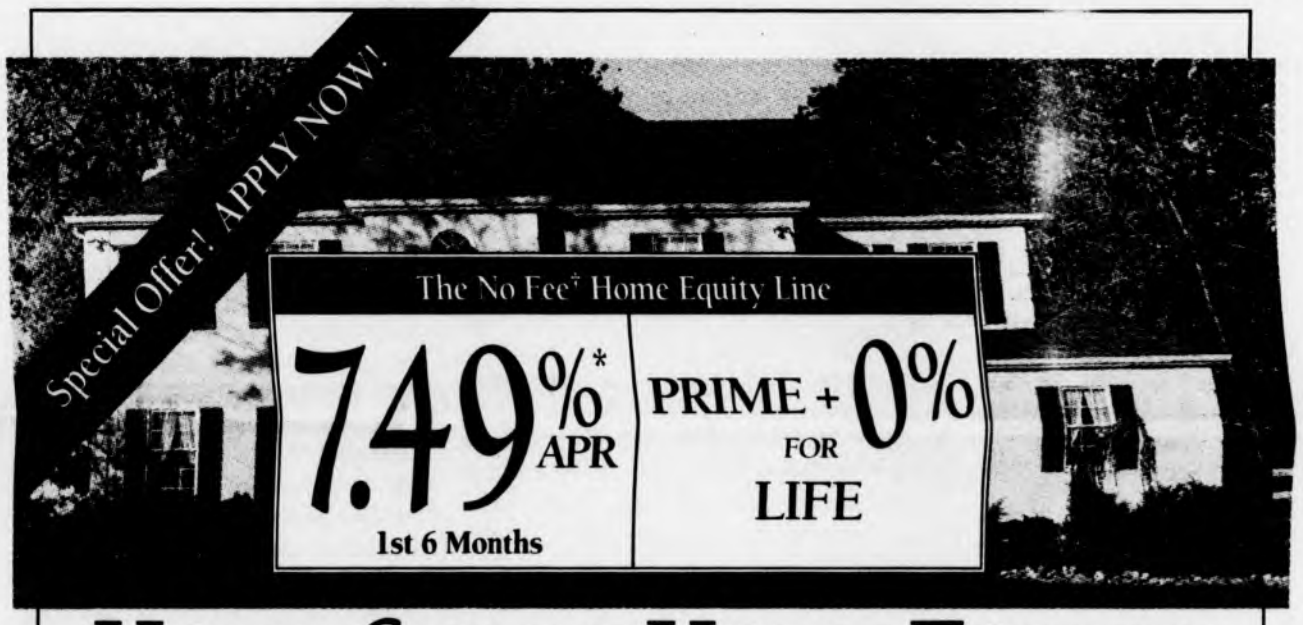
Suzuki instrumental demonstration

South Shore Conservatory presents a Suzuki instrumental demonstration at the Hingham Public Library Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the Whiton Room. Children and parents are invited to come and learn about the Suzuki or "Mother Tongue" method of instrumental instruction with Suzuki instructors Asako Yoshida and Karen Rafferty.

The program is free and open to the general public. The Hingham Public Library is located at 66 Leavitt St.

An elegant evening to benefit CEF

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Collecting the best of the Massachusetts landscape

Trustees of Reservations own 77 properties

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Their mission can be stated simply. Nonetheless, the Trustees of the Reservations shoulder an immense undertaking. As Thomas Foster put it, "Much as an art museum collects the best works of art, the Trustees of the Reservations collect the best of the Massachusetts landscape."

Foster is the director of the land trust's Southeast Regional Office in Canton. Recently, his office played a pivotal role in the public's acquisition of Turkey Hill, 50 undeveloped acres with a panoramic view of the Atlantic and Boston Harbor. (see related story)

The significant achievement, according to Mario Romania, of the Hingham Conservation Commission, was not the first time the land trust has proved an able partner for the South Shore communities. Romania said the Trustees have been a big part of the effort to protect open space here, with responsibility for managing a band of green spaces between Wompatuck State Park and World's End.

"Hingham and Cohasset were just lucky to have their help with the Turkey Hill purchase," Romania said.

Foster acknowledged the land trust is no stranger to the local community. Though World's End is probably the most popular and best known of the South Shore holdings, with about 60,000 visitors every year, it is by no means the only foundation property in the area. The Trustees also protect the Whitney and Thayer Woods in Cohasset and in Hingham, as well as the Two Mile Reservation on the banks of the North River in Marshfield, and the 160-acre Norris Reservation in Norwell, with another half mile fronting the North, which is the only officially "scenic" river in Massachusetts, he said.

Moreover, they are on track to inherit the 82-acre Weir River Farm, located next to Turkey Hill, from artist Polly Thayer Starr. She has named the foundation in her will.

> ***"Sometimes I take a busman's holiday and go for a walk at World's End. I'm constantly amazed at how beautiful it is."***
> — TOM FOSTER, TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS.

Yet because the Trustees, unlike the Audubon Society, seldom use their funds to promote public education at their properties, many people are unaware of their purpose, Foster said.

This weekend, however, naturalist Meg Moore will lead a guided tour of World's End. The tour, scheduled for Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., will relate the story of the peninsula, which is actually two glacial drumlins connected by a beach.

Saved from development three separate times, the 251-acre spot was once a private park. (Its roads were designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, the landscape architect who also designed Central Park in New York City.) Later, World's End was a prospective site for two enterprises, the United Nations headquarters in 1945 and in 1965 a nuclear power plant proposed by Boston Edison and the New England Electric System but ultimately built in Plymouth. A coalition finally saved World's End in 1967 for the public's enjoyment, and once again the Trustees played a key role.

"We do try to create an awareness of the ecology and what it takes to care for these properties," Foster said.

For the record, the Trustees, the first private land trust in the world, were established in 1891 by landscape architect Charles Eliot, the son of a Harvard University president. Eliot was troubled by the push towards development in Boston and formed a private organization to "protect beautiful and historic places for public enjoyment," Foster said.

After more than 100 years of existence, the membership has stuck to Eliot's vision. Currently, the organization owns 77 properties, all in Massachusetts, including the Old Manse, the historic Concord house that figured in the writings of American author Nathaniel Hawthorne and has spawned numerous other preservation societies, serving as a model for the British National Trust.

Moreover, the Trustees, Foster said, deal only with outstanding properties which are notable either for beauty, historic significance or ecological importance.

Foster thinks of each one as a masterpiece.

"Sometimes I take a busman's holiday and go for a walk at World's End," he said. "I'm constantly amazed at how beautiful it is."



Corde Ewers heads off for a jaunt through World's End with her German shepherd, Bentley.

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Though the Trustees of the Reservations is a private group, membership is open to the public. People who want to find out more should call the Canton office at 821-2977, Foster said.

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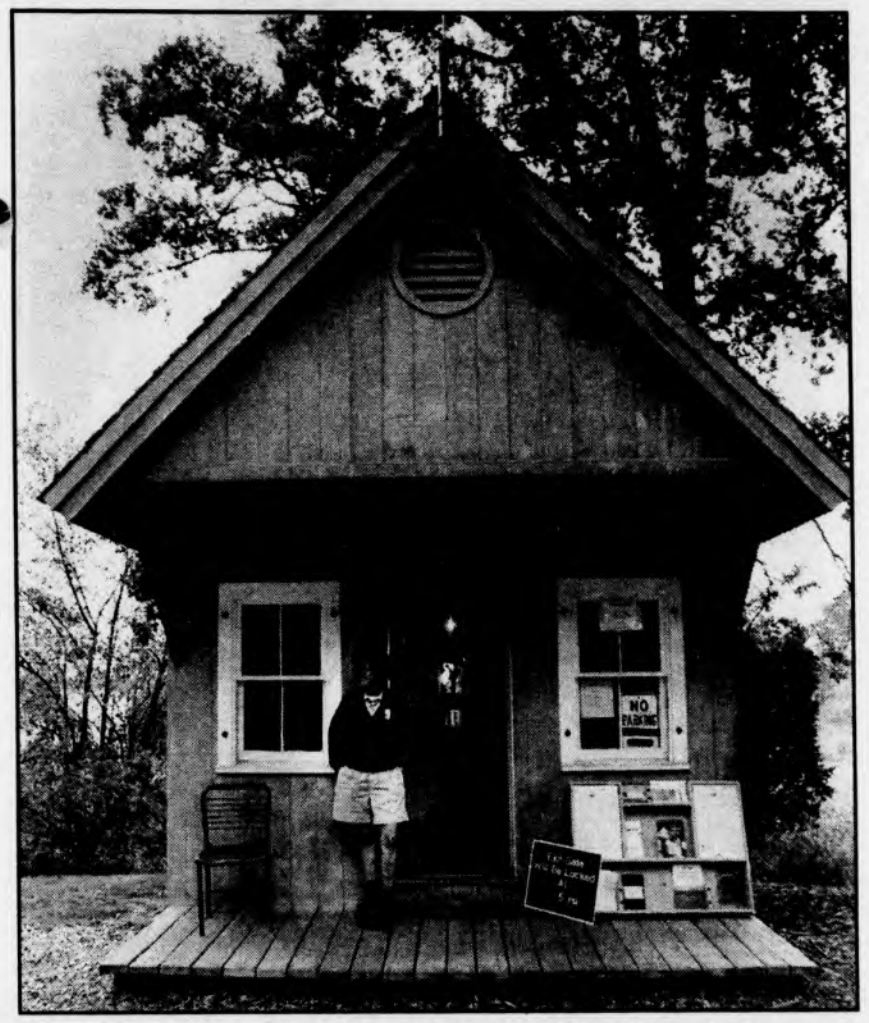
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Trustees sponsor guided tour of World's End



Ranger Gail Parks guards the entrance to World's End. This weekend naturalist Meg Moore will lead a guided tour Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. of the peninsula, which is actually two glacial drumlins connected by a beach.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

The Trustees of Reservations has announced that a guided tour of World's End will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19.

Join naturalist Meg Moore as she leads this guided tour and tells the story of World's End - its land and its people.

Members of The Trustees of Reservations will be admitted free, non-members must pay the $4 entrance fee.

World's End, a peninsula of two glacial drumlins joined by a narrow beach of rough sand, divides Hingham Bay and the historic Weir River. For more than a century, this 251-acre property has been admired for its dramatic topography and magnificent landscaping.

Its winding, tree-lined roadways were designed by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead in 1890, as part of a proposal to develop World's End as a "planned community" of more than 150 homes. Thankfully, the proposal never came to pass, and the land was farmed and maintained by its owners as a private park. In 1967, through an extraordinary public and private effort, World's End was saved from development and The Trustees were able to purchase the property and preserve it in perpetuity.

Today, World's End with its quiet walks and panoramic ocean views, offers visitors opportunities for a wide range of activities, such as jogging, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, nature study and photography.

To reach World's End, follow Summer Street from the rotary at Hingham Harbor 1/4 mile to the first set of traffic lights and turn left onto Martin's Lane. Follow Martin's Lane 1/4 mile to its end where the entrance to World's End is located.

For more information, call Mary Campbell at The Trustees' Southeast Regional office, (781) 821-2977.

Step-parenting program

The Social Service League of Cohasset will present a free program entitled, "Step-Parenting: How to Live with Other Peoples' Children" on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Unitarian Church Parish House, 23 North Main St. In this free program, Judy Osborne, LMFT, LMHC, author of "Stepfamilies-The Restructuring Process" and director of Stepfamilies Associates in Brookline, will address the many challenges and rewards of this common family structure. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 383-0771.

Turkey Hill grand opening is slated for Nov. 1

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Turkey Hill is in the news again.

The coastal drumlin, which was made by glaciers, is an open space long known both for geologic and historic value. During the War of 1812, it served local residents as an observation post to witness a naval battle off the Scituate coast and still provides a panoramic vista of World's End and Boston Harbor.

But now the property is to be officially opened to the public Nov. 1, the coalition formed to preserve the site has announced.

A 12-3 p.m. "bring your own" picnic celebration has been scheduled opening day to welcome visitors. Beverages and desserts are free. Parking is off Turkey Hill Lane. The jam-packed afternoon of events is slated to include story telling, hayrides, nature walks and live music. (Rain date is Nov. 2.)

The 50-acres of undeveloped hilltop land, which straddles the Hingham and Cohasset border, is viewed as another jewel in the "green belt" which links the 800-acre Whitney and Thayer Woods and the 2,900-acre Wompatuck State Park. It was purchased this past May with funds raised from both public and private sources after the Trustees of the Reservations, a non-profit land trust which claims over 20,000 acres of open space and historic properties statewide, reached an agreement with then owners, the heirs of Joseph Saponaro, to buy Turkey Hill for $810,000, a price about $100,000 lower than the value.

Since May, several improvements to the property have been undertaken, starting with an approved landscape plan. The former Nike missile site has been dismantled, though one building was saved for historic interest. Finally, the Turkey Hill farmhouse is under renovation, and new parking lots and public trails are being constructed.

The Trustees of the Reservations are managing the site, although the two towns actually own Turkey Hill jointly. Both town meetings approved spending to help buy the property with $164,500 coming for the 30 acres on the Hingham side of the town line and $125,000 for the 20 acres in Cohasset. The balance came from donations and from funds earmarked by the Trustees, the Cohasset Conservation Trust and the Hingham Land Conservation Trust, but a timely $450,000 state grant from the Department of Environmental Affairs put the deal over.

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Youngsters give fire station open house high marks



Three-year-old Brooke Cummings and her brother Shane, 5, enjoy themselves at the fire department open house.



Six-year-old John Maher tries on a helmet while seated in Engine 1.

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The town's fire and emergency vehicles were on display for Saturday's open house.

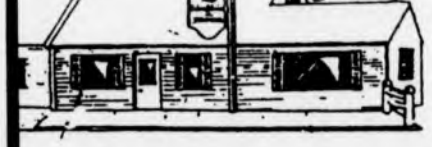
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Trusts & estates: What to do if a trustee is not trustworthy

By Amy K. Barrett & Claire Poole
Worth Magazine

Diantha Schierloch knows how hard it can be to fire the overseer of a trust fund – she spent more than $100,000 to oust one of the trustees of the $800,000 estate left to her by her husband.

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Her case demonstrates the hassle involved when a beneficiary of a trust gets rid of an unsuitable trustee.

Laws protect the trustee as long as he obeys the duties that the founder of the trust has entrusted to him. The trustee's obligation is foremost to the terms of the trust and secondarily to the beneficiary.

But, thankfully, there are steps you can take if the trustee – whether it be a bank, law firm or an individual – fails to obey the terms laid out by the grantor of your trust.

If your trust doesn't have a removal clause, look to see if it has an ancillary-fee agreement that will allow you to remove a trustee if he jacks up his fees without justified costs and without the permission of the beneficiary.

In Schierloch's case, she did what many dissatisfied beneficiaries are forced to do; she went to court. After her husband's death in 1989, the trustees of his estate, her husband's friend Earl Anderson and her stepson Derek Schierloch, stopped sending her regular payments of $3,000 a month, income she depended on to cover her living expenses. Instead, they tried to freeze her out of her husband's estate, sending money in dribs and drabs with no consistency.

After much angst and suffering for Schierloch (she was forced to use up her own savings), a New Hampshire court found the two trustees unfit to manage the fund. And Schierloch started receiving monthly checks soon thereafter.

Schierloch's case may be an extreme one. But it is not an uncommon problem, says Joshua Rubenstein, an attorney at New York law firm Rosenman & Colin. "I recently spoke at the Institute for Private Investors, and 25 percent of the questions involved how to get rid of a trustee you don't like."

Part of the difficulty comes from the fact that a beneficiary cannot actually fire a trustee. Instead, she has to prove in court that the trustee is unfit to manage the fund's assets – a lot more trouble than, say, giving your accountant the ax.

"As a general rule hostility is not enough. You have to have a good reason for getting rid of a trustee," says Charles Rounds, law professor at Suffolk University and author of Trustee's Handbook.

A beneficiary can take action, though, if a trustee shirks his obligations to the trust; if he thwarts the purpose of a trust, fails to account for investments, pays himself an excessive or unauthorized amount, shows signs of insanity or habitual drunkenness or fails in other ways to obey the terms of the trust.

(Mr. Schierloch, for example, specified in the trust document that he wanted his wife to receive income from the trust, so a failure to send her the money was a breach of contract).

The first step in getting rid of a trustee, says Standish Smith, founder of Heirs Inc., a group in Villanova, Penn., that helps people set up trusts, is to find out if the trust has a trustee-removal clause – a feature which allows you to settle your case outside of court.

With the removal clause, the burden of proof still lies in the beneficiary's hands, however. So beneficiaries should document their complaints thoroughly. But the clause will save them money and time normally spent in court.

If your trust doesn't have a removal clause, look to see if it has an ancillary-fee agreement that will allow you to remove a trustee if he jacks up his fees without justified costs and without the permission of the beneficiary.

If your trust lacks both of these features, then you may want to make some demands of your trustee, with hopes that he will improve or voluntarily resign, says Smith. For instance, a beneficiary can require that a trustee document the reason for every investment transaction, which would require a lot of tedious paperwork.

Another sure fire way to make a trustee squirm is to ask him not to deduct his fees from the trust. Instead, insist that you mail him checks for his services after you receive your trust payments.

If your trustee is a bank or a law firm, they may be willing to retire from their trustee office for a fee – usually somewhere between 0.5 percent and 2 percent of the fund's assets. If a bank refuses to step down as trustee, then start a letter-writing campaign. Write to the person who directly oversees your trust, his boss, the chairman of the bank and anyone else who will listen. You should first try to resolve trust problems through negotiation. Of course, if your attempts fall flat, you will probably have to take the bank to court.

While banks tend to be popular corporate trustees, quite a few trusts in Massachusetts are managed by law firms (a practice apparently borne out of fortunes made in shipping and textiles earlier in the century.) "A lot of Massachusetts law firms serve as trustees," says Smith. "But we [at Heirs] don't think that lawyers make good trustees."

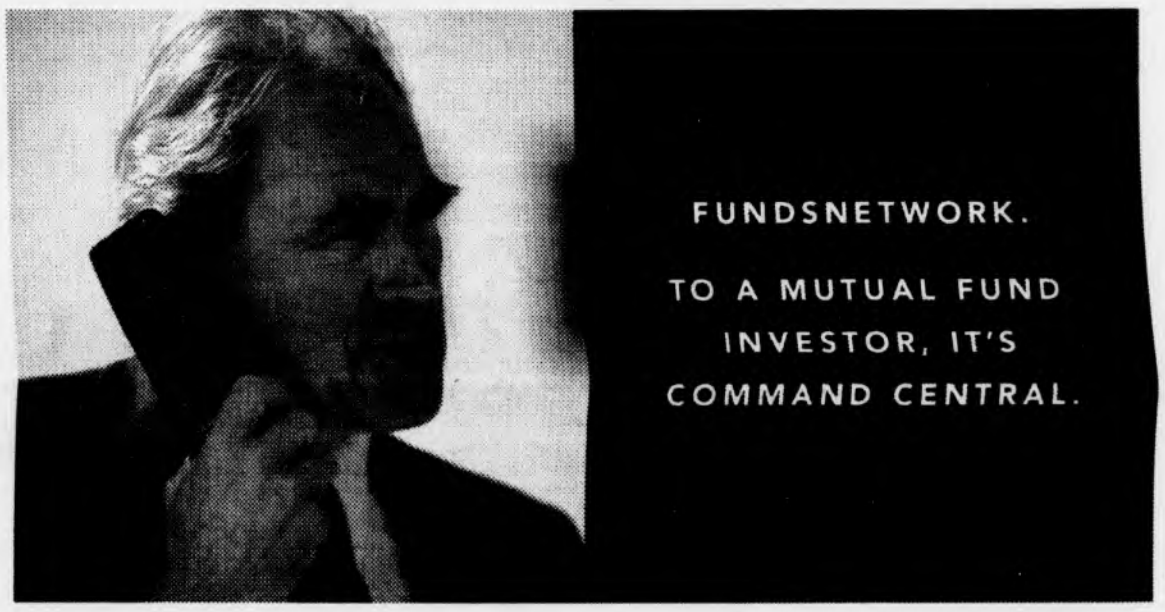
The danger of this arrangement is that by combining the role of lawyer and trustee, the necessary set of checks of balances are removed. Normally, a trust's lawyer can keep an eye on a trustee's activities and vice versa.

"Having a lawyer as a trustee is somewhat of a conflict of interest," says Round. And while federal and local government agencies monitor how banks charge fees for trusts, no one scrutinizes that practice for law firms – unless they end up in court, he says.



Of course, not all trustees are out to take advantage of beneficiaries. Indeed, trustees are an integral part of operating a trust. They do the trust's tax returns, monitor investments, keep abreast of changes in laws, shoulder the liability and do a lot of paperwork. It is when they neglect those responsibilities that a beneficiary should take action.

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POLICE LOG

Sunday, Sept. 28

11:09 a.m., MV stop, 3A at Beech wood St.
11:19 a.m., MV stop, 3A by Pond St.
11:33 a.m., MV stop, 3A by Beech wood St.
11:57 a.m., by-law violation, Pleasant St.
[illegible]:58 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Beech wood St.
1:10 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Beech wood St.
1:35 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Beech wood St.
1:44 p.m.., MV stop, 3A at Beech wood St.
5:04 p.m., MV stop, King St.
5:22 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:40 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
7:49 p.m., disabled auto, Jerusalem Rd.
9:24 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
9:47 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
11:00 p.m., medical aid, Clay Spring Rd.

Monday, Sept. 29

12:37 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:30 a.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
2:24 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
6:00 a.m., general services, Elm St.
6:58 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
7:07 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Rd.
9:06 a.m., officer wanted, King St.
10:33 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
2:18 p.m., threats, Hull St.
3:07 p.m., general services, Pleasant St.
3:09 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
3:32 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
3:36 p.m., tree down, Cushing Rd.
3:45 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:50 p.m., MV violations, Pleasant St.
8:56 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:00 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

12:38 a.m., medical aid, Surfside Rd.
12:43 a.m., disabled auto, Bergons' Parking Lot.
6:18 a.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
6:40 a.m., general services, Elm St.
7:20 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
8:29 a.m., MV accident, area of 463 Beechwood St.
8:58 a.m., parking violation, area of 111 Nichols Rd.
10:35 a.m., MV violations, Lamberts Ln.
12:26 p.m., medical aid, Border St.
2:12 p.m., MV violations, 3A at Pond St.
2:15 p.m., MV accident, Beechwood by Mill Ln.
5:53 p.m., larceny, Beechwood St.
6:16 p.m., assist motorist, Shaw's Parking Lot.
7:07 p.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.
7:59 p.m., MV stop, Beach St.
9:59 p.m., open door/window, High land Ave.
11:22 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

7:26 a.m., general services, Atlantic Ave.
10:06 a.m., MV violations, Beech wood by Hillside Dr.
11:30 a.m., summons service, Red Gate Ln.
3:40 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
10:03 p.m., fire, structure, CJC Hwy.
11:39 p.m., investigation, CJC Hwy.
Arrested: Green, Anthony F., 199 Hull St., Cohasset. DOB: 8/01/77.
Charges: warrant arrest.

Thursday, Oct. 2

8:28 a.m., parking violation, Jerusalem Rd. by 600 block.
9:15 a.m., medical aid, Sohier St.
11:37 a.m., medical aid, Margin St.
11:40 a.m., suspicious person, Whitney Woods entrance.
1:36 p.m., animal complaint, area of 246 N. Main St.
2:44 p.m., summons service, CJC Hwy.
3:11 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.
5:49 p.m., general services, Church St.
7:21 p.m., suspicious auto, Church St.
7:40 p.m., summons service, Beech wood St.
11:07 p.m., summons service, Beech wood St.

Friday, Oct. 3

12:45 a.m., noise complaint, Reser voir Rd.
2:57 a.m., escort, Hingham/Cohasset Line.
9:29 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
10:43 a.m., escort, Summer St.
10:49 a.m., assist citizen, N. Main St.
2:17 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
3:27 p.m., vandalism, Ripley Rd.
4:47 p.m., vandalism, Forest Ave.
11:50 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

Saturday, Oct. 4

1:26 a.m., MV stop, King St. Arrest ed: Ryan, James P., 112 Maplewood Dr., Hanover. DOB: 8/3/59. Charges: illegal possession of a Class B sub stance; operating a MV Lic. suspend ed 2nd or subsequent; WMS warrant; warrant.
3:30 a.m., animal complaint, Atlantic Ave.
7:08 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
10:37 a.m, assist other agency, Beech wood St.
11:15 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:28 p.m., MV stop, Brewster Rd.
12:30 p.m., officer wanted, Shaw's Prk. Lot.
1:41 p.m., officer wanted, Tedeschi Plaza.
5:39 p.m., medical aid, Summer St.
7:26 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
8:06 p.m., suspicious, S. Main St.
10:45 p.m., disturbance gathering, Howard Gleason Rd.
10:48 p.m., MV stop, Pleasant St.

Sunday, Oct. 5

12:01 a.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.
12:23 a.m, MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:00 a.m., assist citizen, Sohier St.
1:57 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
2:26 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
1:42 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
2:56 p.m., threats, CJC Hwy.
3:37 p.m., MV violations, HQ.
4:32 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
4:42 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
4:56 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:25 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:11 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:30 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:18 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:29 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:49 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:02 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:15 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:26 p.m, MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:53 p.m., MV stop, King St.
10:15 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:24 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:01 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Monday, Oct. 6

12:29 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
6:15 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
6:23 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
6:27 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
6:33 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
6:41 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
6:52 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
7:14 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
9:43 a.m., officer wanted, Parking way.
10:12 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
11:24 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:43 a.m., medical aid, Fairoaks Ln.
12:27 p.m., animal complaint, Sohier St.
1:05 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.
2:01 p.m., medical aid, Cushing School.
3:34 p.m., message delivery, S. Main St.
3:39 p.m., message delivery, S. Main St.
4:48 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:13 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:02 p.m., officer wanted, HQ.
7:06 p.m., suspicious auto, Sandy Beach Parking Lot.
7:20 p.m., disturbance gathering, Sandy Beach.
7:26 p.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.
7:36 p.m., officer wanted, Pleasant St.
7:42 p.m., structure fire, Jerusalem Rd.
7:56 p.m., disturbance gathering, Summer St.
8:08 p.m., assault, CJC Hwy. Arrest ed: Marie-Greek, Kelly A., 93 A Cap tain Pierce Rd. Scituate, DOB: 8/13/77. Charges: Assault & battery.
8:41 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:49 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:01 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:04 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:12 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:34 p.m., disabled auto, Atlantic Ave.
11:25 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

12:50 a.m., assist other agency, Hull St.
2:32 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
9:23 a.m., message delivery, Nichols Rd.
9:47 a.m., animal complaint, Smith Pl.
11:31 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.
2:37 p.m., medical aid, Elm St. by Brook St.
3:58 p.m., general services, Hull St.
4:09 p.m., property (found), Forest Ave.
4:22 p.m., assault, HQ.
4:59 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
5:07 p.m., officer wanted, transfer sta tion.
5:27 p.m., general services, Wom patuck State Park.
5:33 p.m., animal complaint, Hull St.
6:34 p.m., officer wanted, Beechwood St.
6:53 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
7:35 p.m., officer wanted, Bayberry Ln.
9:06 p.m., MV accident, Forest Ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

12:29 a.m., property damage, Hull St.
12:00 p.m., medical aid, Nichols Rd.
1:45 p.m., medical aid, Red Gate Ln.
7:06 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
7:24 p.m., medical aid, Parker Ave.
7:44 p.m., assist citizen, Highland Ave.
10:18 p.m., assist citizen, Howard Gleason Rd.
10:26 p.m., house checks, Sohier St.

Thursday, Oct. 9

1:37 a.m., medical aid, Ledgewood Dr.
10:24 a.m., escort, CJC Hwy.
11:20 a.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.
1:57 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.
2:01 p.m., notification, Pleasant St.
3:01 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
4:24 p.m., suspicious (other), Stevens Ln.
4:27 p.m., MV violations, Summer St.
6:05 p.m., mental health, Forest Ave.
8:35 p.m., assist citizen, N. Main St.

September police status report

Last month, the police department made a total of 17 arrests. Four were for operating under the influence of alcohol; four for operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license; one for possession of a Class D controlled substance with intent to distribute; one for a minor transporting alcohol; one for trespassing; and six for protective custody.

There was one incident of breaking and entering during the month. It occurred at a residence, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

During September, the dispatch center received 631 calls that required a response. Of these, 119 were emergency 911 calls.

Police bicycle patrols logged 72 hours last month.

LEGAL NOTICES

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The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on Monday, November 10, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for Fiscal Year 1998. The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at this time.

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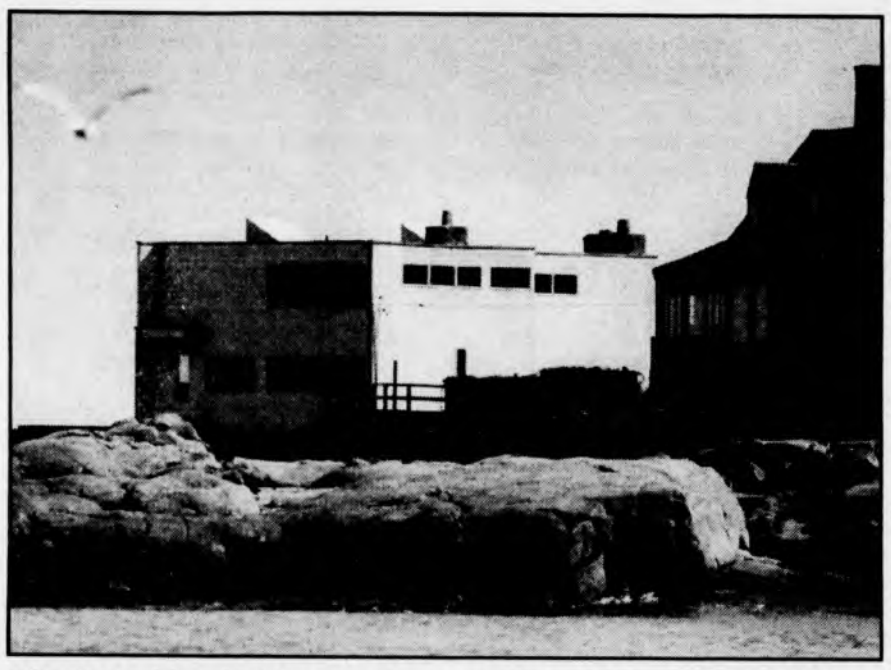
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'Very unusual modern house' added to National Register



The Josephine M. Hagerty House, designed by architect Walter Gropius, has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

From the day of its completion in 1939, the Gropius House has spawned its share of architecture critics as well as admirers. Finally, almost 60 years after one of the first observers said it looked like an egg-crate, a timeless question — "But, is it art?" —

has been answered both by the state and the nation's ultimate authorities.

Indeed, it is a national treasure, according to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Department of the Interior and the National Parks Service which in June listed the house with the flat roof on the National Register of Historic Places.

The news has circulated quietly, as is perhaps consistent with the house's peaceful and secluded surroundings. Until, this week, neighbor and former Gropius House resident Mary Hagerty was unaware this new laurel had been accorded to the house her husband's mother commissioned and which will now forever bear her name.

Though officially as the Josephine M. Hagerty House of 357 Atlantic Avenue, the current owner Dr. Richard Anderson, who did know about the decision, spoke softly when he said he too was pleased but wanted to maintain his privacy at home.

"I'm not conducting house tours," Anderson said, although he allowed the house, which is poised on a ledge near Kimball's Point, is exciting to live in.

"It's like living in a houseboat," Anderson said. He was not being whimsical.

"The ocean was in the living room," he recalled one time when waves, churned up by the "No-Name" Storm crashed through the windows.

Moreover, that was not the first time nature came inside, according to Hagerty.

Hagerty and her husba[redacted] in the house when they we[redacted] lyweds while their home next door to Gropius House was being winterized.

"There's nothing cozy about it," she admitted, although she still has affection for the house she still sees every day from her back yard and said the spot was quiet and peaceful and in the summers, a delight.

The push to get the house on the official government list was mounted by the local historical commission. David Wadsworth, who wrote up the initial report about the house, said it was a "very unusual modern house" in its day when most new architecture followed traditional lines. This architecture, Wadsworth said, was very untraditional.

"That is part of its historic value," he said.

As practically everyone by now knows, the building was designed by the architects who became known for the Bauhaus or International Style.

Walter Gropius, the principal architect, and Marcel Breuer fled Germany in 1928 when Hitler came to power and the Nazis made the Bauhaus Institute a target, due to "non-conformist ideas." In 1937 Gropius accepted a teaching position at the Harvard School of Design where he met a student John Hagerty. Hagerty's mother Josephine was about to build a summer house in Cohasset and because Hagerty was impressed with Gropius, he suggested the teacher take on the design.

For Gropius, the design remained paramount to the frustration and occasional amusement of Hagerty. In one article, Hagerty wrote about the day he tried out a chair in his new study, only to discover Gropius had traded the ocean view, Hagerty expected to enjoy, to maintain a consistent height between the band of windows around the house and the floor.

Eventually, Gropius and Hagerty had a falling out over changes Hagerty made to the design after 10 years of living with leaks and rust. Gropius, Hagerty said, had ignored the realities of wind and weather at the site, sacrificing practicality to design.

Nonetheless, the changes, in Wadsworth's view, did not diminish the quality of the house as an example of International Style architecture.

The Cohasset house was the second Gropius house built in America and followed the construction of the architect's own residence in Lincoln. But in its adaptation to the site on the New England coast, the Cohasset Gropius House also is important, Wadsworth wrote, as "a unique adaptation of the International Style to the rockbound coast of New England.

Cohasset now has a total of four National Register listings. The others are the Cohasset Common Historic District, Government Island and the Caleb Lothrup House at 14 Summer St., headquarters of the Cohasset Historical Society.



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Fire boxes will soon be part of town's history

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Since about 1912, one of the easiest ways to report a fire has been to pull the little white lever on one of the more than 100 pole-mounted fire boxes in town. Alarm boxes were connected directly to the fire station. Fire-fighters would respond to the box location, and look for the fire or emergency.

But times change, and in the age of cellular telephones, commercial alarm services and Enhanced-911 (E-911) fire boxes have quickly become obsolete.

Officially known as the "municipal fire alarm telegraph system," the pole mounted boxes and master boxes in commercial buildings will all be deactivated by no later than June, 1998, when Fire Alarm Superintendent Steve Wigmore plans to retire.

Letters have already gone out to commercial businesses in town announcing that all master boxes will be deactivated on Nov. 15. Companies have until that

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Richard Berard of Cohasset carries his ocean kayak back to shore after braving Monday's high surf conditions at Sandy Beach (see photo at left).

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Failing to register

One year old Sex Offender Registry remains flawed, incomplete, poll finds

By Chris Szechenyi and Steve LeBlanc
CNC STAFF WRITERS

Mark Goldman appeared to be just a petty criminal with a string of nuisance arrests for vandalism and other minor crimes.

So it seemed appropriate for Melrose police to order him to cut grass at the Ripley Elementary School as part of the community service he was required to perform after his most recent run-in with the law.

A Special Report

That sentence seemed appropriate - except for one small detail.

Goldman had been convicted of open and gross lewdness in Malden, which put him on that town's list of registered sex offenders.

But it wasn't until a woman who lived across the street

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Police wait for state to classify sex offenders

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Under the requirements of a new state law that went into effect last October, the Cohasset Police Department has a registry of five known sex offenders who live in town. All of the offenders are male.

The actual classification of the offenders is the responsibility of the state criminal history systems board, which is reviewing the histories of thousands of convicted sex offenders in the state. They will be placed in one of three categories based on the likelihood of a repeated offense.

Police can't say whether they're dangerous or not because the state hasn't set the criteria yet, according to Det. Lt. Richard Grassie.

Anyone convicted of a sex of-

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SOUTH LOOK

Catching the cranberry wave

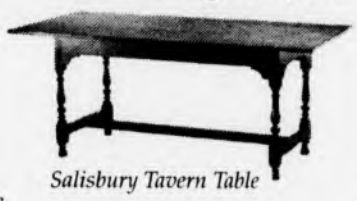
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Conservation members sought

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White stripes praised

Selectman Diane Sullivan said the white lines painted along the sides of Forest Avenue to help drivers and pedestrians look "wonderful."

The DPW also painted white lines along one side of Beechwood Road and one side of King Street, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Sullivan raised the issue several weeks ago and said it was a safety matter.

Football game gets high five

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said Friday night football games at Cohasset High School are great family events. He said last Friday's homecoming game was a lot of fun.

"There were a lot of people there, children there and everybody has a great time," he said.

Lights were added to the new athletic field last year enabling the high school to host night games.

Car license approved

Selectmen approved issuing a Class I auto dealers license to Thomas O'Brien of Scituate. O'Brien has purchased the former Autohaus dealership on Route 3A across from Shaw's.

He said he will run a full-service garage there.

"I purchased the property as well as the business," O'Brien said.

Library A/C on hold

Selectmen held off recommending spending more money to air condition the library than initially thought until the references of the sole bidder can be checked out.

Apex Corporation, the only bidder, priced the project at $64,900, about $17,000 more than budgeted.

Patience Towle, chairman of the library trustees, said the trustees urge selectmen to recommend approval of the additional funds if the bidder is qualified.

"We want to go forward," she said.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

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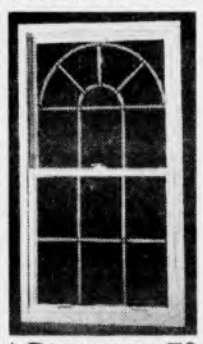
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(Un)common Cohasset house celebrates its bicenntennial

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

It has long been known as the tiniest house along the Town Common, but this year, there has been another way to set Jim and Patricia Murphy's home apart.

This year, the house at 27 Highland Ave. has been the house with the Christmas candles in the windows.

In fact, the lights have burned all night every night of the year to herald the house's bicentennial, according to Patricia Murphy, a former Cohasset teacher.

It was the couple's dream to be living in the house on its 200th, Murphy said.

"I must have lived here in another life," she said, as she searched for a way to explain how she knew she was home the moment she first saw the house in 1980.

The house was originally a barn built on the site where the town hall now stands but was later converted to a house and moved to its current spot around 1795. It is part of the Town Common district, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Yet despite humble beginnings, the house, dubbed the Nina Lincoln house, has continued to grow and change with contemporary times.

"It looks tiny," Murphy acknowledged, but said the doll house looks are deceiving. The building hugs the property line, she said, even shrinking in some corners to small rooms, shaped like a triangle, with almost every inch of land occupied. There are now 12 rooms, due to extensions added by previous owners, but in the process of discovering everything about the house, Murphy found nothing to take away the thrill she first experienced when she first threw open the tiny upstairs window casements and saw the view of the Common.

> ***"It's a special feeling, especially if you're a teacher and you like history.'***
> — PATRICIA MURPHY, HOMEOWNER.

"It's a special feeling, especially if you're a teacher and you like history," Murphy said.

The couple has made some changes to the interior of the 12-room structure, but Murphy is committed to maintaining as much of the house's "integrity" as she can manage.



Patricia Murphy at the door to the Nina Lincoln house, circa 1740, the oldest building on the Common. Lights have burned in the windows all night every night of the year to herald the home's bicentennial.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

The process has been something of a compromise, she said.

"We kept the barn roof and horsehair in the ceiling of the master bedroom," she said, though the latter takes some maintenance. Nonetheless, some features had to go. A fireplace and some of the old casings eventually were replaced, but Murphy has also added details that continued ideas, such as an exposed brick wall in the kitchen, which a remnant of an original fireplace suggested. With little more than the two feet of the flue visible, Murphy brought in a mason to build a beehive oven, with "found" old bricks and then extended the brick along the entire wall.

"It's not an authentic bake oven," she conceded, but as a fireplace, it warms the cold northeast corner of the house.

In the kitchen, moreover, Murphy went against conventional wisdom by keeping the wood floor, a soft pine stained almost to the hue of embers.

"It gives the warmth to it," she explained. She also added white contemporary cupboards with maple knobs to brighten the room and repeat the natural look. Next, the texture of the wood floor planks was repeated in exposed maple ceiling beams, actually found items believed to be about 100 years old, which Hingham builder Peter Bickford contributed.

"We're trying to keep it historical," she said but noted the original barn didn't have a kitchen anyway.

Contemporary needs and history collided in a couple of other living areas.

For instance, in 1980 the old living room still contained the original barn's shed-style door (on the far wall beside the fireplace,) and wide, vertical tongue and groove panels. Though charming, there was no suitable place to hang the couple's paintings or display their books and collections. Murphy, with Bickford's help, got to work. The panels and the shelves came down, and the pair adopted the strategy of building bright warm rooms by preserving primarily the most unique features.

The couple, who both hail from New York, have lived in 17 different homes around the world, moving wherever husband Jim, a naval aviator, was stationed, sometimes in Europe but mostly in America and in the South. Both missed the change of seasons, so the return to the New England climate was a homecoming, she said, especially since both had frequently talked about one day owning an old house.



Patricia Murphy in the living room of her uncommon home on Highland Avenue.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Home snapshot

Name: Nina Lincoln House
Address: 27 Highland Ave,
Current Owner: Jim and Patricia Murphy
Notes: The oldest house on the Town Common, this colonial-era barn was converted to a house around 1795 and moved from its original location on the site where Town Hall stands. Various owners altered the exterior, but some interior doors and casings from the original structure have been preserved, and the original birthing rooms have been adapted for other uses.

This is one in an occasional series on Cohasset homes. If you own an uncommon home and would like to tell the Cohasset Mariner about it, please call the Editorial Desk at 741-2933.

Sewer door opens slightly for Newtonville neighborhood

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The health board, selectmen and a handful of residents ganged up on the sewer commission chairman Monday demanding he extend the sewer district to include a cluster of homes on a private way off Atlantic Avenue.

For more than 90 minutes, Edward "Ted" Guild stood steadfast against attacks from all sides. Guild insisted that detailed documentation on the failing septic systems including causes of the failure and any possible remedies be forthcoming before sewers could be considered for the Newtonville neighborhood.

After being pressed repeatedly, Guild reluctantly agreed to allow Dan Coughlin, an engineer with Tutela Engineering which designed the town's sewer plant upgrade and expansion of the sewer district area, to accompany the town's health agent and an independent engineer on a visit to the eight or nine affected homes. They will investigate the causes of the problem and examine alternatives.

If the three are unanimous that there are no alternative solutions, Guild said he would consider extending the sewer to those homes.

The houses, some of which range in assessed value from the high $300,000s to $600,000s, are in a neighborhood off Atlantic Avenue just outside the sewer district. The houses are surrounded by ledge making septic repairs difficult. There is also concern that the failed systems are polluting the nearby salt marsh and ultimately the inner harbor.

The residents of Newtonville are caught in the proverbial "Catch 22" situation - in which Title V hangs over their heads like a cudgel.

They refuse to have Title V inspections unless they are guaranteed sewer connections if they fail. And the sewer commission has said it won't guarantee sewer connections unless they have Title V inspections. Under Title V, the state environmental code, homeowners have two years to replace or upgrade a failed septic system which can be very expensive.

One Newtonville resident said an estimate to replace her septic system was $50,000.

At this point, only one house, which is for sale, has had a Title V inspection. It failed. Two others are "in the ground water" meaning they would automatically fail - but the homeowners there have not had a Title V inspection and will not allow the health agent to conduct one.

The town has been granted some "advance capacity" of the 300,000 gallons per day in wastewater it will be permitted once the upgraded plant design is complete early next year. The advance capacity was granted after an appeal to the state because the current sewer moratorium was restricting commerce, Couglin explained.

Of that "sewer pool" of 15,000 gallons about 1,800 gallons are not already spoken for. Most of it is going for the new school and other buildings which have been "grandfathered" such as the community center and post office, Guild said.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said the remaining pool should be used to connect the Newtonville homes in light of the declaration of a state-of-emergency there by the board of health. Last summer the health board made the declaration after finding unacceptable levels of fecal coliform at the site.

Sullivan called Monday's joint meeting between selectmen, and representatives from the health board, and sewer commission after an acrimonious Sept. 30 sewer commission meeting reached an impasse on the same matter.

Health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said soil tests at 26 Atlantic Ave. revealed a perc rate so slow that any on-site system would require a variance from the Title V code.

An alternative to those conditions is a waterless system which might include a tight tank or composting toilets and evaporation transport system for the gray water.

Godzik explained that a communal system for the neighborhood would be problematic because there is no area large enough to construct one.

He said in this case the environment would be better protected by hooking up to a sewer than by the granting of a variance to the state code. If the sewer is not an option, which is the case with most of Cohasset, then "you do the best you can," Godzik said.

The town is under a court order to fix its sewers woes and is emerging from about 20 years of litigation with the state due to overextending its sewer service area which cost the town hundreds of thousands of dollars, Guild said.

Guild said his job is to protect the town from over-committing its capacity.

Raising funds to enclose pool, will be an uphill climb

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

Joe McElroy hosted the meeting held at Bancroft Hall in the Lightkeeper's Residence last Wednesday to discuss the $1.2 million proposition to enclose the Cohasset Swim Center in order to turn it into a year-round swimming facility rather than the ten or so weeks it's open each summer. The proposed renovations include a glass structure that would enclose the pool with an opening roof that slides down to allow the fresh air and sunlight in during warm days and would be closed during the winter months.

As discussed, the major stumbling block is the cost and who will carry it (see letter page 10). McElroy proposed that the money be raised by a three-year pledge system that will appeal to businesses, other non-profit organizations, benefactors and most importantly — a cross-spectrum of local area residents.

The cost to run the existing pool is $65,000 for the short time it is open each year, and the operating costs on a yearly basis are estimated at $150,000.

McElroy, who has three children including a 12-year-old, said that he started the drive after the events that occurred last Halloween in which a number of youths were involved in throwing eggs at police and creating a disturbance. He fears youngsters do not have enough creative and constructive outlets to spend their time on.

The pool, built in 1974, is located behind the baseball field on North Main Street and is not currently equipped to accommodate the handicapped. The new plans include handicapped accessibility.

Those in attendance supported the concept but were concerned about the cost to build and maintain it. Ideas included renting the pool out to neighboring communities and senior centers.

McElroy explained that it took more than three years of aggressive fund-raising to come up with the $400,000 to renovate the Lightkeeper's Residence into what it is today and it took the Cohasset Education Foundation three years to raise the $150,000 for school improvements. According to McElroy this will not be an overnight proposition unless he can find several "swimming angels" that are willing to contribute large sums of money.

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Fire boxes will soon be part of town's history

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time to contract services with a private alarm company.

Private alarm companies install their own master boxes in buildings. When an alarm is triggered, the company alerts the fire department by telephone.

Municipal buildings also contain master boxes. Town Manager Mark Haddad informed selectmen on Oct. 20 that the town must also switch to a private alarm service by Nov. 15.

Currently, there are five buildings in town which require alarm service.

The demise of municipal fire alarm systems can probably be traced back to the advent of E-911. When a 911 call comes in to the dispatch office, the caller's name, address, telephone number, and apartment number appear on a computer screen. Even if the call is interrupted, the information is transmitted as long as an initial telephone connection is established.

Cellular telephones have also contributed to the demise of fire boxes, making it simple for callers to report fires or emergencies from any location, even a car.

Former selectmen Peter Pratt is leading the town's effort to decommission the municipal fire alarm system.

Pratt pointed out that there are two components to the system: pole-mounted fire boxes and commercial building master boxes which monitor entire buildings.

Pratt said town officials saw E-911 coming as much as 10 years ago and knew it would eliminate the need for municipal fire alarm service.

Selectman Nan Roth was chairman of the advisory committee from 1991 through 1995, when the town developed its plan to implement E-911. Roth said E-911 all but eliminated the need for fire boxes.

"The town was getting only one or two calls a year, plus false alarms," Roth said. "E-911 made the box system appear redundant. Plus other towns were successfully dismantling their alarm systems."

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln confirmed that very few calls for fire service originate from pole-mounted boxes.

With E-911, the town also moved fire registers—electrical boxes that record the origin of a call requesting emergency service—from the fire department to the centralized E-911 civilian location.

Pratt said the decision to officially dismantle the box system came last year soon after Wigmore announced his desire to retire after 32 years on the job.

"When Superintendent Wigmore announced his intention to retire, it just seemed like a good time to revisit the issue of decommissioning the alarm service," Pratt said." We had the choices of also privatizing our service or appointing another superintendent."

Pratt said the position was enshrined in legislation, and only the state could eliminate the job. This step was necessary to transfer the wire inspector's duties to the fire chief and selectmen.

Voters at last spring's town meeting gave the go-ahead to eliminate the position.

The first step the town took was to petition the legislature to eliminate the position of superintendent of wires.

Wigmore spent most of his time upgrading and installing wiring at municipal buildings and schools, Pratt said. It didn't seem necessary to maintain the position of wire inspector.

Once the legislature approved the request, the town could focus on dismantling the rest of the system.

Pratt said the advent of E-911 virtually guaranteed that the town would disconnect commercial businesses from the municipal service.

"The town has for years subsidized commercial businesses using the municipal fire alarm service," Pratt said. "But it's not as simple as just turning off a switch. There are questions of liability, and we will assist commercial businesses with the transition."

With that done, town officials moved to dismantle the physical system.

Wigmore has already been hard at work removing boxes and overhead wires for the system. He said he is confident the entire system will be dismantled before his retirement.

"The entire town was rewired after the blizzard of '78," Wigmore said. "I put those wires up, and now I'm taking them down."

Wigmore pointed out that the wires are on Boston Edison poles, and it's unlikely that the electrical company will want obsolete wires to remain on its poles.

And while Wigmore removes the wiring, the town is trying to choose a commercial alarm service for municipal buildings.

Haddad has obtained quotes from two companies: Sonitrol of Canton and Atlas Alarm Corp. of Weymouth.

Sonitrol uses regular telephone lines to monitor its system at an annual charge of $1,770 ($295 per building), plus $1,368 ($228 per building) per year for monitoring. Sonitrol tests its telephone once once a day.

Atlas uses a dedicated line, which allows them to know instantly if the telephone line is not operational. Atlas charges $3,510 for installation ($585 per building), plus $2,738 for monitoring ($456 per building).

Pratt said that the town's municipal alarm service cost about $55,000-$60,000 per year, including Wigmore's salary. However, Wigmore also serves as the town's electrical inspector and municipal electrician.

In a memo to selectmen, Haddad pointed out that Atlas' system is more expensive than Sonitrol's, but more reliable because of the early warning afforded by a dedicated line.

Selectmen have not yet decided what company will monitor municipal buildings.

Wigmore said fire alarm boxes will are not completely obsolete, especially in big cities.

"Everyone thinks of these as things of the past, but there are a lot of them out there," Wigmore said. "Big cities will keep these boxes for a while. They're easy to identify, and everyone knows what they're used for."

But Cohasset is not a big city, and the future is now. By this time next year, fire alarm boxes in Cohasset will be rooted firmly in the town's past.



The fire box off South Main Street across from St. Anthony's Parish. The town is in the process of decommissioning the old fire boxes.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Wigmore is last wire inspector

Steve Wigmore, 62, has served as the town's wire inspector and superintendent of wires for the last 32 years. But that all comes to an end on June 26, 1998, when Wigmore plans to retire--reluctantly.

Wigmore will retire, although he may stay on part-time as electrical inspector and town electrician-- if the town wants him. Town Manager Mark Haddad has asked Wigmore to come in sometime soon and discuss his plans for the future.

Wigmore began his job as superintendent of wires after he got laid off from a job in Boston for a few weeks.

"I started working for Edward Parker Malley and he showed me all the tricks of the trade," Wigmore said. "When I got called back to my other job, there was a $2 difference in the hourly rate, so I stayed on here."

Wigmore worked as Malley's assistant until 1973, when the senior man retired. Wigmore immediately took over as superintendent and has had the job ever since.

Now, Wigmore admits he is part of a dying breed.

"Most of the guys who hold the wire inspectors job have been replaced," Wigmore said. "As each old-timer goes by the boards, they do away with the position. I think I'm one of the few left. There's one in Milton."

Wigmore said he realizes the time has come for him to go, although he is interested in coming back in some limited capacity.

Wigmore has paid into the municipal pension system for the past 32 years. He will receive 80 percent of his last year's salary when he retires.

County rules allow retired municipal employees to work at town or county municipal jobs, only if their salary does not exceed the 20 percent not paid by the county pension.

"I've been here for a long time, and I've really enjoyed it," Wigmore said. "But they've eliminated my department and the time has come to go. It's really up to the town now if it wants to hire me back in some capacity, maybe part time."

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Tree issue branches out to Monday's town meeting

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

William Ross had a question for the Town Meeting voters this Monday about a tree near his driveway.

But this week, he found out the question did not get on the meeting agenda in exactly the words he wanted.

Now it's more of a math question than a nature question, and even if the public takes his side against the selectmen, Ross, who wants the tree felled, is likely to be disappointed.

As Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said, regardless of the town meeting's action, the tree warden still has to follow Massachusetts state laws which protect healthy shade trees.

"You can't have an article to cut down a tree," Sullivan said. "The only thing that article will do is appropriate the funds to pay for cutting down a tree."

The silver maple is a healthy tree, according to both the tree warden and Town Manager Mark Haddad who dismissed Ross' claim that falling branches from the silver maple posed a hazard to drivers.

"His particular driveway was cut in between a tree and a telephone pole," Haddad said, "and he has a couple of other options. There's nothing wrong with the tree. That's the selectmen's opinion."

Nonetheless, Peter Laugelle, the tree warden, has said if the town meeting sides with Ross, he will hold a special public meeting, as required by state law, to hear the case against the tree.

This last week of confusion over the article's wording capped about 10 months of frustration for Ross who has been taking his problem to town boards since last December, he said.

Originally, Ross asked the local government to chop down the silver maple tree at 16 Church St. and also foot the bill for the ax job. The tree, which has a majestic girth of roughly 12-feet around its base, gets in his way when he rides a snow plow into his driveway, he has said, and he has also had other problems, due to the roots beating up his asphalt.

Much later, after Ross got turned down by the selectmen, he opted to poll the voters, on the basis town meeting would have the authority to vote to chop down the tree.

And though the selectmen unanimously opposed Ross, the advisory committee last week backed him. Both also made unanimous, but contradictory, recommendations to the town meeting. (For the Advisory Committee, Chairman Roger Whitley said he thought his board treated Ross the way they would want to be treated if they had a problem).

If the voters need a hint about the answer Ross wants to hear, he has a picture that should solve their dilemma. It is a sepia-tinted picture of the house with the utility pole and no trees anywhere in sight. That's the way things used to be at 16 Church St., and Ross would like to see a yard without trees there again.

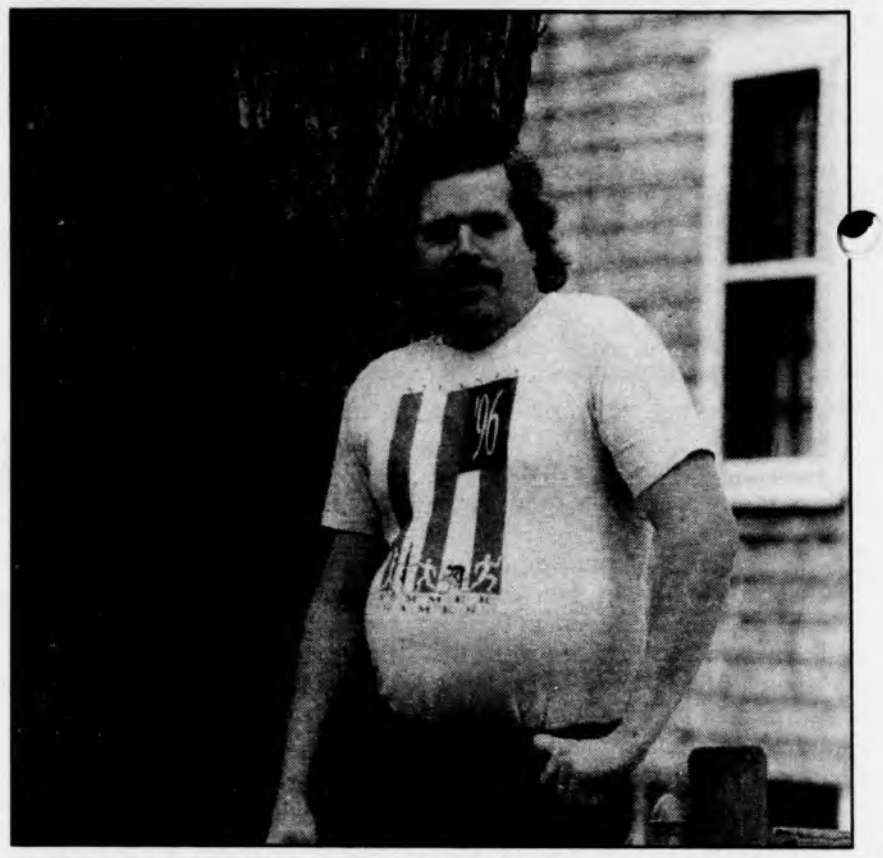
Nonetheless, Ross has acknowledged the tree is only one of many obstacles around his driveway. A neighbor's mail box across the street stands in a plumb line with the entrance. Hemming him in on the other side of his driveway is the utility pole.

However, Ross doesn't think moving the pole will be a long-term solution, and the telephone company and the cable company want to be reimbursed $1,200 and $800, respectively if the pole is moved.

Moreover, because the silver maple's a town-owned tree, planted squarely on town property, Ross has maintained the town should pay to cut it down.

Ross has previously told selectmen the big silver maple's roots are beating up his driveway and damaging his vehicles.

"I've been through hell," he said in an interview this week. "I am being denied access to my property."



William Ross, 16 Church St., stands by the embattled silver maple in his driveway.

Silver maple has cut marks

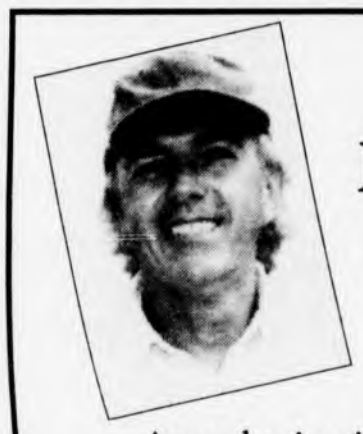
The embattled silver maple tree has already had one brush with destruction this year. Police chief Brian Noonan confirmed one of his men in August investigated a neighbor's complaint about cuts on the base of the tree, though no suspect was identified.

The cuts, about the size and shape of an elephant's hoof, appeared to police to have been made by a chain saw. "The tree is so large," Noonan said, "the cuts did not appear to have damaged it, although it could have been an attempt to end the life of the tree."

State law protects shade trees, according to the chief, who said cutting down the tree without a public meeting was prohibited by Chapter 87, Section 3 and Section 12.

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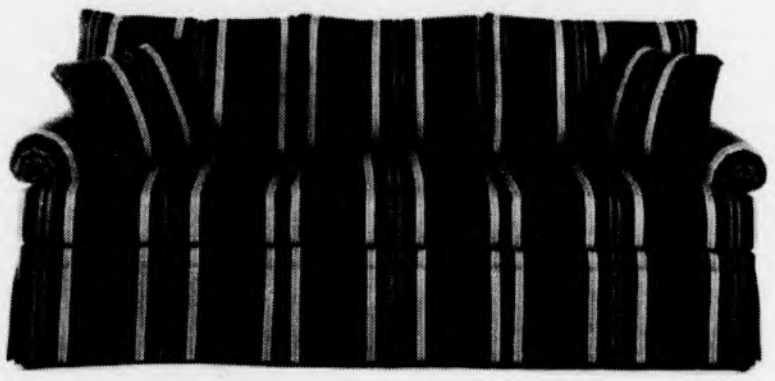
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BUMPER CROP

We must begin by telling you that we surely are hearing a lot about John Blaze's garden - he had a real bumper crop this year, tons of pumpkins, squashes, etc. Isn't it just the best feeling to look at all of that and think "I grew that!" Congratulations go to you, John!

MILESTONES FOR MACNEIL

There is a wonderful gentleman in our community, one who deserves special hugs the next time you see him! Millard MacNeill turned 87 a few weeks ago, although you would never know it to look at him! He also celebrated another milestone at the same time; Mr. MacNeill has been a member of the choir at the Second Congregational Church for 70 years! And what a wonderful voice he has, clear as can be! We hope that your day was a grand one, and that this year is a very special one for you!

A SAD NOTE

From a happy note to a sad one, "Pop" Fone passed away last Wednesday. Ken and Sue were frequent visitors, and he was so happy to see them always - on that day he went out to the nurses' station and just fell asleep. Everyone who knew Pop has a memory of him; he was one unique person! We will let you know as details are available, he will be buried in Quincy. Meanwhile, our deepest sympathies go to Ken and his family.



Lauren and Caroline Casey share a cookie at the recent Harvest Fair in the village which capped off the weekly farmers' market. The farmers market will be back in the spring.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

COHASSET TV STAR

There is a great reason to watch "Evening Addition" this Saturday, Oct. 25. Karin Anglin is going to be on it, playing Sarah. It will air at 9 p.m. And, speaking of air, she also taped a commercial with Michael Jordan recently, promoting his new clothing line that will be out Nov. 1. Karin reports that he is quite a gentleman, and sooo good looking, and nice, etc. All we would hope that he would be! Karin is also slated to be in a PBS series in January, we'll alert you before-hand so that you can be sure to watch. Another Cohassetite destined for stardom, it's really great! By the way, Karin lives in Chicago now, but maybe she'll be home over the holidays so that you can tell her that you saw her!

GET WELL SOON

It is hoped that Phyllis Leighton is feeling much better as she reads this, she is recuperating at home. At least it is a beautiful time to gaze out of the windows and see the festive colors that surround us at this time of year!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

As the cold weather approaches, please remember the Cohasset Food Pantry! We now have one kind lady who makes periodic trips to B.J.'s just to help stock the shelves with much needed items (we applaud that). Anyway, the items uppermost on the wish list are sugar, toothpaste, tea, pasta sauce, sugar, flour, coffee, beef broth and maple syrup. Actually, anything that you use every day is what you could buy an extra one of for the Pantry.

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There are six parts of the program: learning the history and philosophy of the UUA; attending worship services at a variety of churches; taking a more active part in the leadership of the church; participating in a mentor program; giving 10 in-house service hours and 10 hours in the community.

This year's class will visit Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham and a CCD class at St. Anthony's as part of its study of Roman Catholicism. The Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox will meet regularly with the students in the spring to discuss course work in "How Do I Know What to Believe?" These meetingswill help the students write a "Statement of Belief" that is the culmination of the two-year program.

On a special Sunday in the spring, each student delivers his or her "Statement of Belief" to the congregation. It takes a lot of courage for early adolescents to speak publicly about their beliefs, let alone in front of an adult group during a worship service. Each year, the eighth-graders who complete the program impress the congregation with thoughtful reflections on their faith and philosophy of life.

If you are interested in learning more about the Coming of Age Program, call the director of religious education at First Parish at 383-1100.

Obituaries

Laurence W. Fone

Laurence W. Fone, 92, of Denmark, Maine died Wednesday, Oct. 15 at the Fryeburg Health Care Center in Fryeburg, Maine. He was born in Boston, the son of George and Annie Dorning Fone and attended Boston schools.

He lived in Cohasset for many years, and in 1951 he opened the Long Island Marina in Moultonboro, N.H. and ran that until 1968. He was past president of the Moultonboro Lions. He moved to Denmark, Maine in 1995.

He was predeceased by a son, Laurence Jr. in 1986 and is survived by one son, Kenneth Fone of Denmark, Maine; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A memorial graveside service will be held at a later date at the Mount Wollaston Cemetery in Quincy, Mass.

Arrangements were handled by Wood Funeral Home of Fryeburg, Maine.

William J. Protulis Sr.

William J. Protulis Sr., 83, of Cohasset, a former proofreader and linotyper, died Friday at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a brief illness.

Mr. Protulis was a proofreader and linotyper for the Boston Herald-American before retiring 13 years ago. He also worked part time at the Boston Globe.

He was an avid reader, and a skilled craftsman. He built most of his Cohasset home.

He enjoyed walking along the beaches of Cohasset and Nantasket. He was also an avid Boston Red Sox fan.

Born in Boston, Mr. Protulis attended Wentworth Institute. He was a Cohasset resident for 47 years.

Four years ago, he took a second honeymoon with his wife of 54 years, Florence A. (Galluzzo) Protulis in Hawaii. The couple repeated their wedding vows at St. Anthony's Church.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two sons, William J. Protulis Jr. and Robert F. Protulis, both of Cohasset; two daughters, Virginia Spano of Abington and Karen Croteau of Hull; a brother, Gus Proctor of Brookline; a sister, Cristine Sorrentino of Brookline; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset made the arrangements.

Donations may be made in Mr. Protulis' memory to Massachusetts General Hospital, Cox Cancer Center, 55 Fruit St., Boston, MA 02114.

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CONSIGNMENT SHOP OFFERINGS

Once again Andi Merrill, the Cohasset Consignment Shop manager, is thinking of the working woman! The shop will be open Sundays from noon to five - it is a great place to find great things, especially for the holidays. Nifty accessories at affordable prices! Actually there is something for anyone and everyone, and poking through this shop is great fun. Next time you go to Shaw's, go there first (you don't want everything to melt while you browse!).

HALLOWEEN FAIR

It doesn't seem possible, but Halloween is right around the corner! This weekend starts it off, with the Annual Halloween Fair to be held on the Common. It is an event that all enjoy - a costume parade, games, activities, just tons of fun for all ages! Proceeds from the fair benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, and they use the money for scholarships and making the school a better one for the kiddos. Even if you don't have a little one of your own, attend to watch the smiles of pleasure and hear the sounds of fun - a great way to get the very special night underway!

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That's the news from here; next week we will fill you in on the Homecoming news! Sure to be tons of fun!

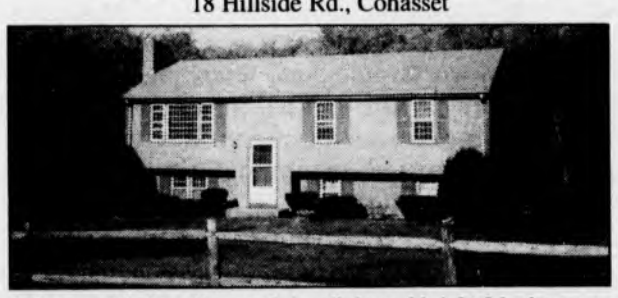
Don't forget to give me a call with your latest news.

Oh yes, the picture run a few weeks ago was the Laugelle family - the baby in the photo was Rocco! Did you get it? Do you have a photo that you would like to have run? Let me know!

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Sex Registry needs work

The idea of a sex offender registry has been well received by Massachusetts residents, according to a recent poll commissioned by Community Newspaper Company. However it is equally clear that the registry that came into being in October of 1996 needs to be fine-tuned to make it more effective and to make it fair.

Topping the list of flaws found in the registry as it currently stands is its failure to differentiate between sex offenders who pose a real risk to their communities and those who do not. We need to know about a repeat offender, a pedophile, or a rapist in the neighborhood, but the college student who mooned his graduation should not be included.

Other problems that need to be resolved include:

• Instructions to local police departments about their responsibilities and obligations need to be clear and consistent. Currently, how the registry appears to work depends on which police department you ask.

• Police across the region must learn to coordinate their efforts to use the registry. Otherwise efforts to track residents who pose a risk to our safety will be defeated by political geography.

• The role of the media must be reconsidered. Local newspapers cannot be expected to serve as the instruments of police as they seek to publicize lists of registered sex offenders they deem to pose a risk to public safety.

And finally, the state invites failure when it gives a volunteer, part-time, five-member board the key job of sifting through the records of thousands of sex offenders and judging which are most dangerous and which are least dangerous.

Who should take the lead to make this legislation effective and fair? In interviews with CNC reporters, both Acting Gov. Paul Cellucci and Attorney General Scott Harshbarger conceded the current version is unworkable. Both should be held accountable for working to secure meaningful improvements. And the legislators who brought us this registry should take responsibility for working with them to make it better.



Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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LETTERS

Concrete pool support sought

To the Editor:

A public hearing on Wednesday, Oct. 15, to provide year round swimming opportunities for local area residents was attended by less than 20 interested citizens. In view of newspaper coverage and a mailing to approximately 400 residents, the response was disappointing. Those in attendance were supportive, but a number of attendees also expressed concerns about the daunting task of financing the estimated $1.2M project as well as assuring that the pool could operate at affordable rates while maintaining its financial viability. Their concerns are valid and have caused us to reassess our current timetable.

We will not conduct our first fund-raising effort on Nov. 9, as had been tentatively scheduled. In addition to our own evaluation and input at the Oct. 15 meeting, we have received a consulting report that says we need to do more homework before taking the plunge. We are not abandoning our plans. We now have an architectural rendering that is exciting and cost-effective. We know that there is great enthusiasm for the proposal. However, we must be assured that "enthusiasm" will translate into "support."

Accordingly, we are going to take additional time to more accurately identify the optimum scenario for operating the year-round pool in the context of affordable rates while "breaking even" financially.

We cannot ignore the disappointing attendance on Oct. 15. Does it reflect a lack of support? Are enthusiasts sitting back and counting on others to finance the pool? Ten years ago, the Trustees tried to do what we are revisiting now. They had to defer their plans because of financial considerations. Do we need to delay again? I hope not. Personally, I took on this project because our youth need constructive outlets for their energies, year-round. However, the beauty of a year round swimming facility is that it will benefit residents of all ages.

We are all very busy and most of us support a number of worthy causes. Please ask yourself whether this project is worth doing and telephone me with your ideas, encouragement, and willingness to financially support a well conceived and financially viable project to provide year round swimming opportunities for local area residents of all ages.

Joe McElroy
59 Windy Hill Rd.

Train stop clarification

To the Editor:

In Joe Reardon's recent article on private schools and the reopening of the Old Colony Railroad, he quotes me as saying that there will be an Old Colony stop near Boston College High School, and that it will be closer to the school than the present JFK/UMass stop.

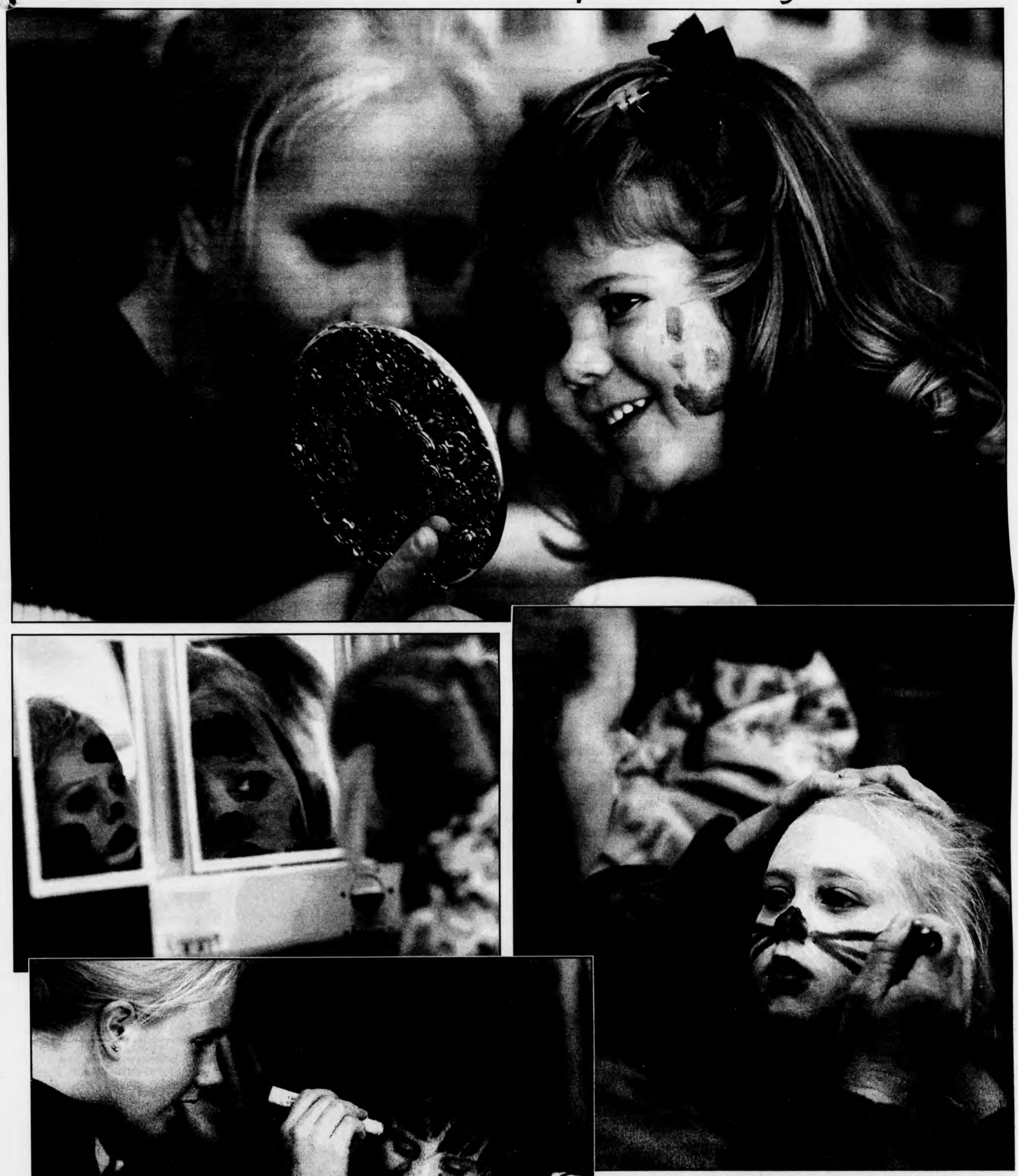
The MBTA has made a commitment to have a stop near the school in a little more than two years, but it will be at the JFK/UMass station. Plans are under way for the construction of a new platform at JFK/UMass for the Old Colony trains.

(Rev.) Joseph R. Fahey, S.J.
President
Boston College High School

For more letters see page 12.

Primping for Halloween

Children learn how to paint their faces



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP—Maggie Snell, 3, admires her face paint applied by Chelsea Brace, left. Kelsey Lovering, 5, is painted to look like a cat at the Buttonwood workshop where children three and up could practice for Halloween. Taylor Golz has a tiger face painted by Chelsea Brace. Three-year-old Micaela Lovering checks out her face paint during a special workshop at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset Saturday.

Staff photos/Bill Wadsworth

Drugs and alcohol are a community problem

By Jason Bouffard
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset School Committee reaffirmed its "zero tolerance" stance on student drug and alcohol use last week in light of recent concerns from parents and students.

Representatives of the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee told the school committee that some students had voiced concerns about other students who attended a recent school sponsored dance allegedly under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The school committee agreed that steps will be taken to diminish the problem.

In a letter to the school committee (see letter page 10), the drug and alcohol committee proposed several recommendations to help "abate, if not eradicate, unacceptable behaviors" such as drug and alcohol use. Among those recommendations is a proposed letter to parents of students in grades 7-12 which would reemphasize the school's policy on drug and alcohol use on school grounds.

"When we communicate, it lessens the tension," said the Rev. Clifford Cutler, a member of the drug and alcohol committee, stating his reasons for proposing a letter to parents. He later pointed out the importance of keeping the lines of communication open once they have been established.

While the school committee strongly supported the idea to highlight the policy found in the student handbook, committee secretary Ralph Kidder suggested broadening the letter to express community-wide concern.

"This is a community concern as much as it's a school concern," Kidder said. He suggested that the letter to parents should be cosigned by other relevant members of the community, such as church leaders and members of public health agencies, as well as the school and drug and alcohol committees.

"I think it has to be noted in the letter that the rules apply not just at school," Kidder said.

The drug and alcohol committee also recommended steps be taken to ensure that school dances are properly chaperoned. The letter to the school committee suggested that the chaperone/student ratio for dances should match the ratio required for school field trips.

According to Cutler, nine chaperones attended the recent dance in question, attaining a ratio which he described as prudent. He also noted that adequate care was taken to clearly staff the entrances and exits at the dance.

While the letter suggested that a written expectation of duties be presented to chaperones, especially non-school employees, current practices include a verbal briefing of chaperones before school events.

The letter also called for a police officer to be stationed at all high school dances, but members of the school committee agreed that past use of police officers at such events has only added to the event's cost. While dances normally last for two hours, police officers must be paid for four-hour shifts. However, it was noted that police are notified immediately when a drug or alcohol-related incident occurs.

Kidder hopes that making parents more aware of the problem will also alleviate it. Since drinking and drug use does not occur at the dances, but rather before, he reasoned that parents should be aware of their children's whereabouts from the time they leave the house to the time they arrive at a school event. Ideas such as the Halloween night curfew are aimed at achieving that end.

While they are hopeful that these simple solutions will reduce the problem, the drug and alcohol committee is prepared to recommend stronger actions if necessary.

LETTERS

Steps to deter teen drinking backed

Dear School Committee Members:

There is a concern in the community that there may be a problem with an increasing number of students who arrive at school-sponsored events under the influence of drugs/alcohol. Specifically, reports have been made from students in various grade levels who attended a recent back-to-school dance at the high school cafeteria. They allege a significant number of students appeared to have been high on drugs or alcohol. Their observations were unsolicited and were reported out of concern for the safety of those attending the dance.

Such information is disturbing and should not be taken lightly. We share in the responsibility to provide a safe, drug-free environment for the children of Cohasset, especially in a school or community-sponsored setting. We recognize the culpability of parents in this situation, and the difficult task school representatives have in controlling activity of this kind.

Nonetheless, this committee agrees that certain steps can abate, if not eradicate, unacceptable behaviors, and recommend the following immediate actions:

1. Ensure that the ratio of chaperones/students at a school dance conforms to school policy for the ratio of chaperones/students for field trips.

2. Present written guidelines/expectations for chaperones, especially non-school employees.

3. Mail to parents of Cohasset students in grades 7 to 12 a restatement of the School Committee-approved drug policy found in the student handbook describing consequences of drug use on the school campus.

4. Station a police officer at all high school dances.

We feel simple steps like these can send a message to students who abuse drugs, that they are not welcome at school-sponsored events. If the problem does not diminish or increases, we are prepared to recommend stronger actions.

As representatives of the community, it is our wish to continue to support the school, including both staff and students, in efforts to control substance abuse.

Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee

This letter was presented to the school committee last week.

Scituate Hill tank site backed

To the Editor:

I was actively involved in the design, construction and operation of the Water Treatment Plant on King Street. This plant was designed to deliver three million gallons per day, meet the water demands of the town to a projected population of 12,000 and expandable to 4.5 M.G.D. if necessary.

A proposal such as presented in article 24 for the special Town Meeting Oct. 27 would (in my opinion) jeopardize the intended design of the entire facility. To add clear well, holding tanks, hi-lift pump etc. will not accomplish the required end results as would constructing a second standpipe properly located.

The plant design also took into consideration, that a ground water supply would always be available from the town's two well fields. (This is the most economical and cost efficient way to help increase the supply and pressure, in addition to standpipe storage).

Shortly after the plant went on line, a distribution system evaluation was completed by S.E.A. Consultants Inc. of Boston. As a result, a 15-year, three-stage improvement and expansion program was recommended. Stage 1 included a second two-million gallon standpipe on Crocker Hill, (Scituate Hill, on land zoned light industry) and a main

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trunk line through Forest Avenue to Jerusalem Road. For some unknown reason this most important phase, which was to begin in the early 1980s, was never accomplished. (Forest Avenue was finally done in 1995).

The result of the most recent studies (1994/96) basically recommended the same improvements, and phase schedule. In view of these facts an amendment to the zoning bylaw (article 26) is not necessary to accommodate the construction of the second standpipe.

Article 26 must be defeated and construction of the second standpipe should go forward strategically located on land at the highest elevation in town, Scituate Hill.

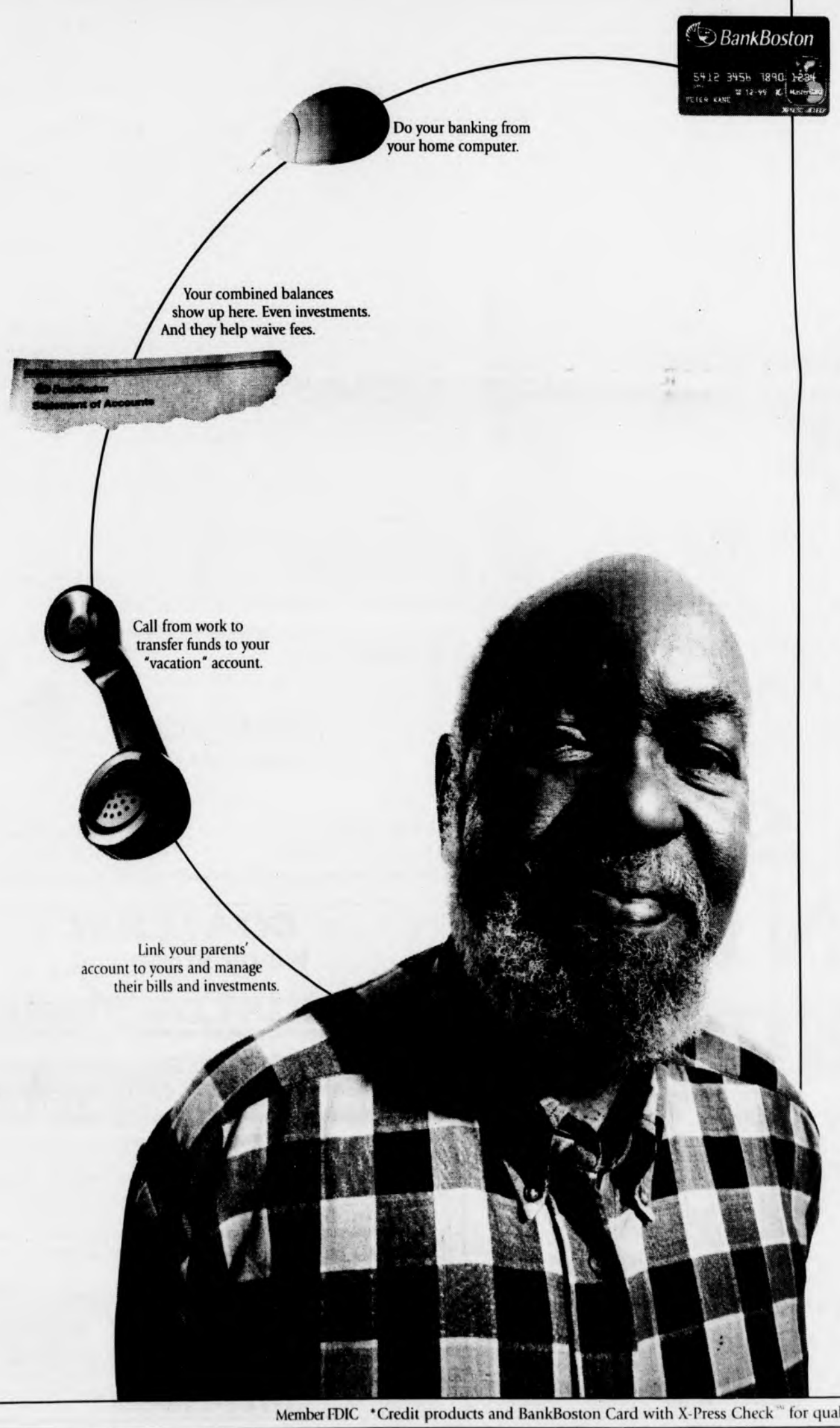
The Board of Water Commissioners and/or their consultants have lost sight of proposed future expansion of the distribution system in the northern section of 3-A and North Main Street. The North Cohasset, Hull Street system is also a realistic possibility for expansion.

If the second tank is not located on 3-A, the town could certainly face the construction of a third standpipe to accommodate these foreseeable expansion projects.

Now is the time to do it right. This project is already 15 years behind schedule. Construction should begin without any further delay at the 3-A site for all the above reasons and many others not mentioned in this letter.

Edwin H. Pratt
Former Cohasset Water Superintendent

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Sunrise living offers home, assistance for people in the sunset of their years

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The turreted Victorian manor home going up on the west side of Route 3A in Cohasset comes complete with port cochere, concierge and resident dog and cat.

The "house" is actually a 64-unit apartment building for the elderly. But, officials with Sunrise Assisted Living Inc. stress that no detail will be overlooked in making the assisted living facility home-like for its residents.

"As people move along, they move up in housing," says Carol Dignan, director of Community Relations for Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset.

She said a move to Sunrise should be another step up that ladder.

Assisted-living facilities are for the frail elderly who need assistance with day-to-day personal care such as bathing and dressing, and medication reminders.

They do not provide skilled around-the-clock nursing care like nursing homes do.

Sunrise of Cohasset, which is slated to open in March, combines a residential setting with a trained staff to provide residents with a

"There's no need to institutionalize frail elderly people."
— CAROL HURLEY OF SUNRISE

"very residential, social, non-medical model for care," said Carol Hurley, regional director of sales and marketing.

The company, founded in 1981, is based in Fairfax, Va. Sunrise owns and operates 53 assisted living facilities in 11 states with a capacity of about 4,000 residents with plans to develop 40 more facilities over the next three years.

Sunrise went public in June 1996 and currently trades for about $36 per share on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol SNRZ. It reported $47.3 million in sales in 1996. Nationally, assisted living is a $20 billion industry.

And demographics indicate the growth trend in assisted living will continue.

As much as 60 percent of those who have reached the age of 85 need help with daily living activities. The 85-plus age group is expected to double from 3.1 to 7 million people by the year 2020.

Sunrise of Cohasset will offer a range of apartments from small studios to two-room suites which come with refrigerators and a kitchen sink. Residents may bring microwave ovens. Rents will start at about $2,700 per month which includes three meals a day, recreational activities, laundry and housekeeping. Pets are allowed.

Dignan said the staff is specially trained in care for the elderly, something that sets assisted living apart for the old-fashioned rest home.

"Our staff has a good heart but a good head also," she said. "We have informed caring according to what research has shown."

Residents who have problems with incontinence, for example, are assessed and get help managing that, Hurley said.

She said studies show 30 to 40 percent of the elderly suffer from incontinence.

"That's no reason to have someone in a nursing home and not in assisted living," Hurley said.

Assisted-living is a private-pay industry for the most part and is not covered by medicare which is federally funded. Hurley said as a result, attention to the customer is paramount.

"We are customer driven," she said. "We have to provide a service that's needed and that our customers want and are willing to pay for."

She said when the government becomes the customer, there's a different focus.

"If we don't do our job well, we hear about it. Our people are empowered because they are paying the bills."

From the main lobby to the second floor, Sunrise buildings feature a grand staircase which is one of the company's "signatures." It immediately sends the message that this is not an institutionalized setting.

"When did you ever see a staircase in a nursing home?" Hurley asked.

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Assisted-living facilities are a growth industry

Cohasset will soon join other cities and towns across the state that have become part of the explosive growth in assisted-living facilities.

The Virginia-based Sunrise Assisted Living, Inc. is building a 64-unit Victorian-style manor apartment building off Route 3A.

According to Connie Sullivan, executive director of the Massachusetts Assisted Living Facilities Association, the state trade association for the industry, assisted living does not replace the nursing home.

"It's a choice people didn't have before," she said.

And as the population ages, assisted living has become a popular pick with the elderly.

Sullivan said five years ago, you'd be hard pressed to find an assisted living facility. Ninety ASFs — containing a total of 4,600 units — will be open in the state by the end of 1997 with 40 more ASFs expected to open in 1998.

The typical ASF resident is female, 83 years old, and lives within 20 miles of family. One-half rely on financial assistance from family and friends and the average length of stay for a resident is 28 months.

Sullivan said ASFs are not health facilities, like nursing homes, but are residential housing with services.

They are part of the spectrum of choices for the elderly which include congregate "senior" housing, ASFs and nursing homes.

Sullivan said the cost of ASFs should be put into perspective and may be less expensive than operating a home.

"Your taxes, food, utilities, transportation, housekeeping and laundry are covered. What you're left paying for is your personal phone bill and dry cleaning (in addition to rent)," she said.

ASFs provide meals, social activities, help with medication and assistance with bathing and dressing, incontinence and cognitive issues.

Some, like Sunrise, include Alzheimer units so those with dementia can stay longer, Sullivan said.

ASFs must be certified by the state Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The statute defining ASFs was passed in January 1995 with the governing regulations going into effect in 1996.

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An architect's rendering of the Sunrise Assisting Living facility being constructed off Route 3A in Cohasset.

Sunrise,

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"If they are having a good day, they can use the stairs. The elevator is also there for them to use," she said about providing residents with as much choice as possible.

Hallways are short with chair rails that serve as hand rails and rooms are arranged in small clusters.

No fluorescent lights is used, only incandescent and natural lighting, Hurley explained.

Toys are available for the grandchildren who stop by.

Reminiscence program

A special feature of the facility is the "reminiscence program" for Alzheimer's sufferers.

Twenty-two apartments on the third floor will provide a secure unit and "peace of mind," Hurley said. The unit includes common space and an area for wandering.

"We've found people have wonderful long-term memories," she said. "Women remember themselves as young brides and men remember playing sports with their kids."

Sunrise's life skill centers include nurseries with dolls or an office equipped with an old-fashioned typewriter, for example.

Sunrise opened an information center this week across from Shaw's Plaza at 746 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Model apartments will be open by the end of December or early January. Call 383-6300 for more information.

Hurley stressed assisted living can be a positive choice for seniors.

"Studies show 40 percent would prefer to die than go to a nursing home," she said. "There's no need to institutionalize frail elderly people."

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Failing to register

Poll finds year-old Sex Offender Registry remains flawed

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from the Ripley School recognized Goldman as a convicted sex offender that Melrose police learned about his record.

The police quickly yanked him off the school detail.

"I had no idea he was on the Malden registry - otherwise I never would have sent him to a school," said Melrose police spokesman Sgt. Daniel O'Neil. It just never occurred to Melrose police to check Malden's sex offender list or Goldman's criminal record.

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New doubts have been raised about the effectiveness of the sex offender registry as a tool to protect children following the murder and molestation of Jeffrey Curley, the 10-year-old boy who was snatched from a street in Cambridge earlier this month.

The state legislature designed the registry to be a first-line defense against sexual offenders who prey on the public, but the Melrose case proves the registry is far from foolproof. Polls conducted by Community Newspaper Company before and after Curley's murder together with an in-depth examination by a team of CNC reporters found fundamental flaws with the registry:

The public is largely in the dark about the registry after almost a year in existence. A poll taken before Curley's murder found that while 83 percent of area residents support the registry, more than a third did not know they could get a list of convicted sex offenders and their addresses.

Few people ever use the registry. Though 84 percent of area residents know sex offenders must register with police, only 2 percent have checked their local registry. The residents were evenly divided about whether they would ever go to their police station to ask for a list of all registered sex offenders.

In the aftermath of Jeffrey Curley's murder, however, a second poll shows a significant increase in the number of people who said they might use the registry in the future. A surge of requests sporadically flooded some towns, including Medford, Sandwich and Wakefield.

Some local police departments are confused about their roles and their responsibilities to monitor sex offenders and make their names public.

The registry includes such a broad scope of offenders its purpose is diluted. In addition to pedophiles and rapists, people convicted of seeking or having consensual gay sex must register. So must anyone convicted of lewd behavior, such as "mooning," streaking or urinating in public.

The law that created the sex offender registry is being challenged as unconstitutional because it subjects criminals to double jeopardy - years of public scrutiny after they have served their sentence.

Many sex offenders have simply failed to register. Of an estimated 13,500 sex offenders in Massachusetts, only 6,200 have signed up.

The state agency that manages the registry, the Sex Offender Registry Board, with an annual operating budget of $555,000, is overburdened and understaffed.

CLASSIFICATION BACKLOG

Of the 6,200 sex offenders who have registered, only 500 have been classified by the agency's six full time staff members in categories designed to identify which offenders are least dangerous and which are most likely to commit another crime.

"I think its unworkable," Acting Gov. Paul Cellucci said last week of the registry law. "The classification will take forever." In response to the newspaper poll, Cellucci said state officials and police need to make more of an effort to explain the registry to the public.



Mary Bonauto, an attorney with the Boston-based Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, has mounted a court challenge to the Sex Offender Registry law on behalf of a 61-year-old man. The man, who was arrested and pleaded guilty to groping an undercover state trooper during a sting operation, said he would rather kill himself than register.

James Gilbert, chairman of the Sex Offender Registry Board, which oversees the classification process, admitted it has become bogged down. "It's very, very slow," he said. "We're not the least bit happy with it."

Neither are some of the legislators who originally promoted the registry. "I'm upset to hear that a year later we're not up to speed," said state Sen. Cheryl Jacques, D-Needham, referring to the classification process. But she and Gilbert both defend the registry as a good tool for parents to use, despite the problems.

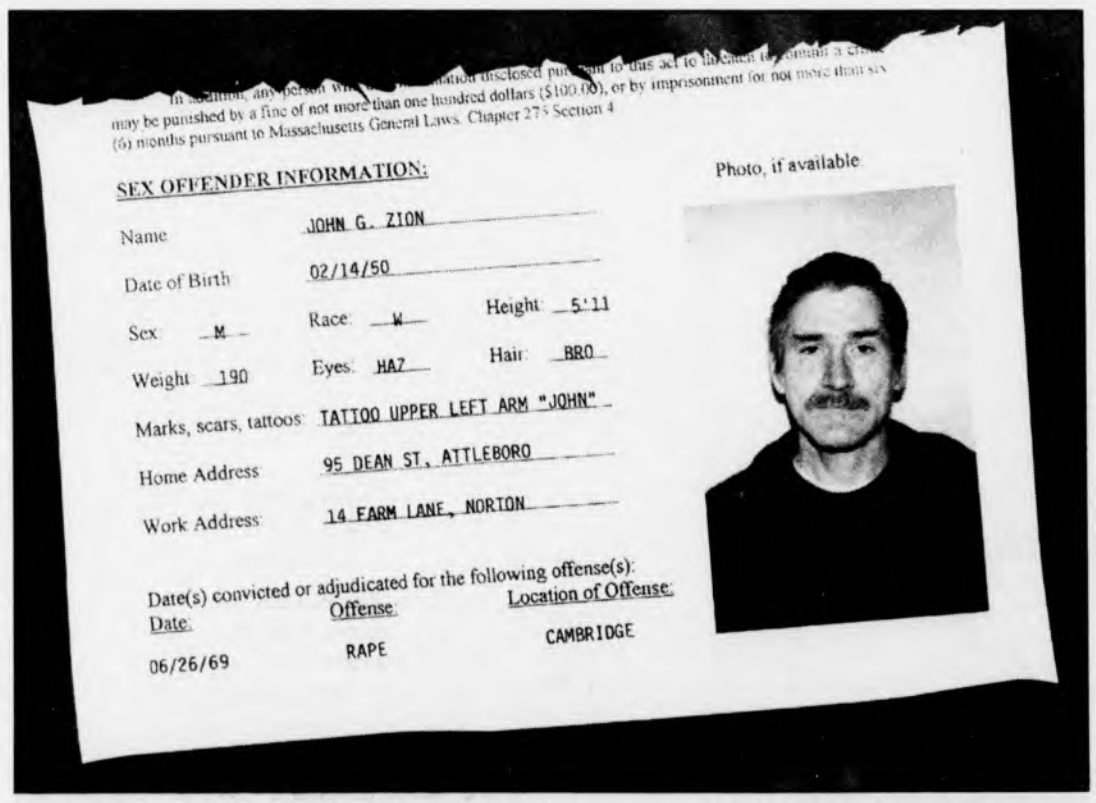
One concern is that some people will assume that if the registry is in place, it must be working. "People figure if there's a sex offender in my neighborhood, I'm going to be notified, and if I'm not notified, I don't have a sex offender," said state Rep. Donna Cuomo, R-North Andover. "People have been lulled into a sense of complacency."

Another universal issue is that while local police departments are responsible for monitoring sex offenders, local police say they cannot keep track of this highly mobile population. With nearly 70 sex offenders on the registry in Waltham, for example, "it puts a tremendous burden on manpower," said Waltham police Detective Jim Auld.

And if a sex offender fails to register or lies about his address, the worst punishment he faces is a misdemeanor charge - not much of a threat to those who face public embarrassment and perhaps harassment.

So many just don't bother to sign up.

A man convicted in Randolph after he molested an 11-year-old boy was hired as an umpire for a youth league in Weymouth. Officials had not checked his criminal background and he had not registered as a sex offender. He was later arrested for failing to do so after someone tipped off police.



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Marks, scars, tattoos: TATTOO UPPER LEFT ARM "JOHN"

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Date:	Offense:	Location of Offense:
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John Zion signed up with the registry, but argues that because his crime occurred over a quarter century ago - and because he served his sentence - he is being unfairly subjected to humiliation and public exposure.

PITFALLS AND PROMISES

The sex offender registry, even if it operated perfectly, would not have saved Jeffrey Curley from the men charged with his abduction and murder. Neither Charles Jaynes nor Salvatori Sicari had a record of sexual offenses, so their names were not on the list.

"I think you just have to depend on yourself and your kid," said one parent who lives in Needham. "There is just so much you can do to prevent a crime. I see the registry as just one more tool."

She said she has never checked the registry, but would do so if someone who seemed suspicious moved into her neighborhood. Like 45 percent of the people polled, she said she would tell her neighbors if she discovered a sex offender nearby.

It was the abduction and murder of another child, Megan Kanka of New Jersey, by a repeat sexual offender who promised to show her a puppy, that prompted states to create registries. Many states adopted a version of what came to be called "Megan's Law," which requires that community residents be notified when sex offenders are released into it from prison.

Last spring, President Bill Clinton signed into law a national act - named after a Minnesota boy who was kidnapped in 1989 and never found - that required states to set up registries by 1997 or risk losing 10 percent of federal funds for police departments. Massachusetts became the last state in the nation to set up its registry.

The law is designed to let people know if potentially dangerous sex offenders are living in their midst. The reasoning: sex offenders are prone to repeat their crimes despite treatment. As a result, experts like Gregory Canfield, a director at the Massachusetts Treatment Center in Bridgewater, believe sex offenders should be monitored for the rest of their lives.

"Every time they offend it's a tragedy," said Canfield, who feels the registry is an insufficient tool to keep track of sex offenders.

Today the Sex Offender Registry Board still labors to separate offenders into high-, moderate- and low-risk levels of repeating their offenses. But the process is tedious. Six staff members have sifted through 2.5 million criminal records to identify the sex offenders. Now the five-member voluntary board is in the process of classifying each of the 6,240 offenders who have registered so far.

The names of all who do register are entered into a state database available to local police. The problem is that the police are often unsure about what information they can release. So when Debbie Singleton went to the police station in Allston-Brighton in June, for instance, she said "They gave me such a run-around that I didn't even bother to fill out the form to get the information."

The mother of an 8-year-old, Singleton said the police told her she had to have the request for the list of sex offenders notarized and gave her a stern warning about the list.

"They told me that I couldn't share it with anyone else. I couldn't give it to the media, my next door neighbor or even the school my daughter goes to," Singleton said.

"The law is just a waste of time," she said. "It's just not being implemented right."

THE IMPACT ON OFFENDERS

John Zion agrees with Singleton's assessment.

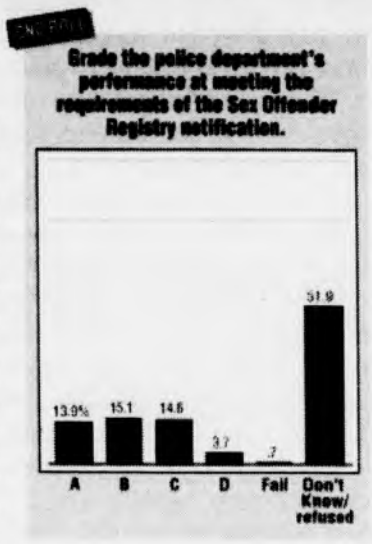
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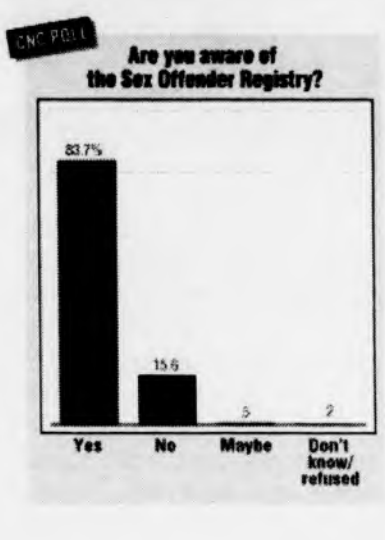
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Failing to register

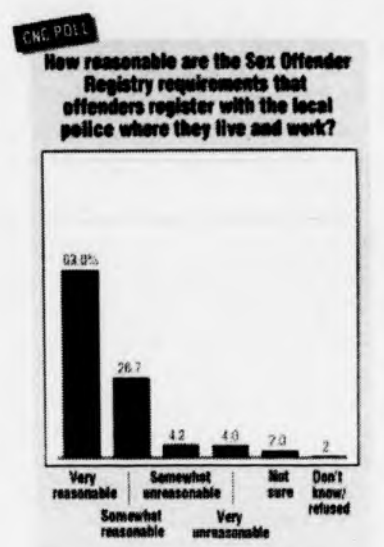
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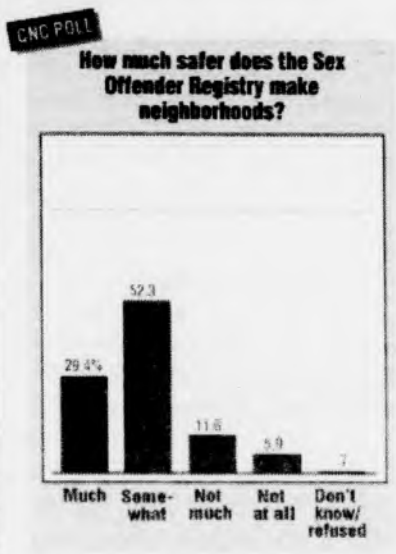
Community Newspaper Co., the paper's parent company, recently commissioned a poll of public opinion on the subject of the state Sex Offender Registry law from residents across eastern Massachusetts. The poll, executed by DiNatale and Hock Research, queried a random sample of 402 Massachusetts voters, with results accurate to within plus-or-minus 5 percent. The graphics included in this article indicate key aspects of the public perception of the law.

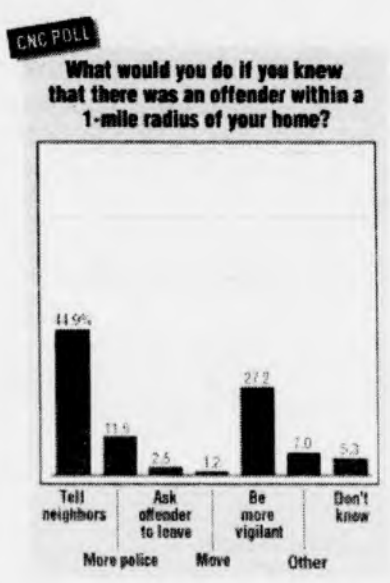


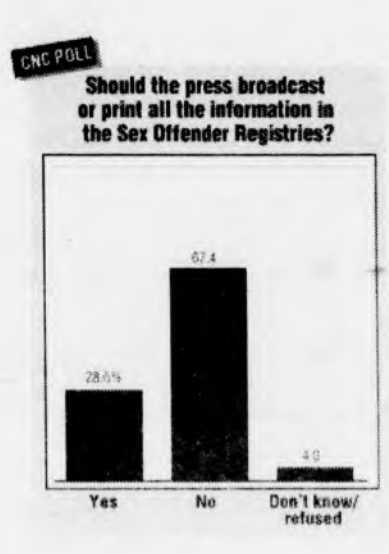


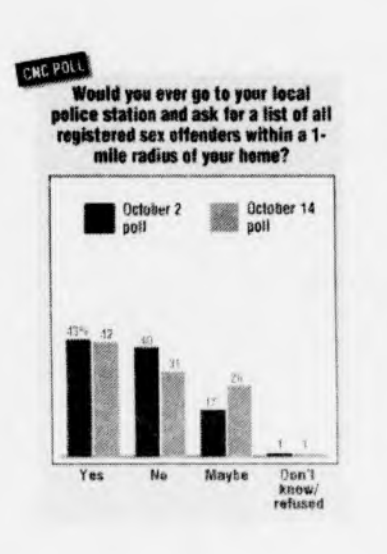












Follow-up poll

Because the Community Newspaper Company poll was completed before the news broke of the abduction and murder of 10-year-old Jeffrey Curley Oct. 2, CNC commissioned a second poll to determine how that crime and the news coverage that followed affected how local residents view the Sex Offender Registry.

Sex Offender Registry remains flawed, incomplete

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activists as well as convicted criminals who say they do not deserve to be blacklisted.

Before last year, things were looking up for Zion. He had just been released from prison. He was working for his brother-in-law. But then he registered as a sex offender. Afterward, the Attleboro resident said his life was permanently altered.

"I can't walk out my door without feeling like a dog," said Zion. "It's turned me into the bogeyman in town."

Zion was convicted in 1969 of raping a woman during a home invasion. He was 19 years old at the time. He served 27 years in prison and was released in January 1996 with a parole period of 10 years.

Despite the fact that Zion's parole ends in 2006, the law mandates that anyone convicted of a sex offense or released from incarceration after August 1981 must register with the local police and continue to register for 20 years. That means Zion will continue to be classified as a sex offender until 2016.

"I'm not a threat to the public," said Zion, who is classified as a level three sex offender, meaning he poses the highest degree of risk of repeating a sexual offense. "This was when I was 19 years old, living on the streets and I did something stupid."

Now his picture and offense is plastered in posters in day care centers and the police department in Attleboro right next to the pictures of child molesters. He believes he is being unfairly lumped together with sex offenders. "There's no question this law violates my rights," said Zion, 47, who said he was molested as a child and entered state institutions when he was 7 years old.

After Zion's name and offense record became public, his brother-in-law's business - listed as Zion's work address - was vandalized. Three of his family's cars have been vandalized. But Zion continues to work in apartment maintenance and, as part of his parole, he attends weekly counseling sessions.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONCERNS

No other case underscores questions of how fair the registry is as clearly as one that involves a 61-year-old grandfather who was arrested in 1989 for groping an undercover state trooper during a sting operation at a popular gay cruising area in Norwell.

Under the new law, he must register in the small town where he lives and provide home and work addresses as well as a photograph, which could be made available to the public.

But the man, a self-employed carpenter, said the law will cause him unbearable humiliation. He said he would rather kill himself than register.

"The law was intended to apply to people like rapists and child molesters who may pose a serious risk of recidivism," said Mary Bonauto, an attorney with the Boston-based Gay and Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, who is representing the carpenter along with Boston attorney John Ward. "But they're including people who are not dangerous and don't prey on women and children."

After his arrest, the man pleaded guilty to resolve the case as quickly as possible. Like many others, he never expected his name to become public. His case is now pending before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. A decision is expected by the end of the year.

Despite the constitutional concerns, Attorney General Scott Harshbarger defends the law.

"I still believe the Sex Offender Registration Law is constitutional, legal and good public policy," Harshbarger said. "The challenge now is to implement the law, make it workable and get some of the legal issues resolved before we make major new strides."

This special report was prepared by a team of reporters, including Linda Rosencrance, Adrianne Appel, David Caruso, Allyson M. Irish, Doreen Leggett and Harry R. Weber. It was written by Projects Editor Chris Szechenyi and Steve LeBlanc. It was edited by Richard Lodge.

How to use the registry

To obtain a list of sex offenders who live or work in your neighborhood, local residents may go to the local police department and simply ask for it. The state law that created the sex offender registry entitles residents to the name, address and offenses of all of convicted sex offenders who live within a mile of your home, workplace or other locale such as a day care center.

Any person, including juveniles, convicted of a sex offense, including abuse, abduction, or rape of a child or of an adult, or lewd and lascivious behavior after April 1, 1981, must register with his or her local police department within two days of being released from prison. Sex offenders who fail to register may be imprisoned for up to two and a half years. And under a bill recently passed by the Legislature, police may arrest a sex offender who has failed to register without a warrant.

Anyone 18 years or older who produces a valid form of identification may ask for information from the registry at a local police department. However, you must state that the information is for your protection or the protection of a minor or, any other person, in your care. You may ask for the following:

√ whether a specific individual is a sex offender;

√ whether any sex offenders live or work within a one mile radius of a specific address of the person making the inquiry, or at a specific address that can include a residential area, business, school, after-school program, licensed day care center or recreation area.

The police will give you the sex offender's name, home and work addresses, offenses for which he or she was convicted, the date of conviction, identifying characteristics and, if available, access to a photograph of the individual within seven days. Police will release the data for all sex offenders.

The sex offender data also may also be obtained by making a request to the Criminal History Systems Board, 200 Arlington St., Suite 220, Chelsea, MA 02150. The person making the request must state that he is over 18 and that he is attesting to that fact under the pains and penalties of perjury.

However, the Criminal History Systems Board will only process requests for a specific individual, or individuals. The board will not provide a list of individuals who live or work within a one-mile radius of an address.

In addition, the five-member volunteer Sex Offender Registry Board will classify all sex offenders according to their risk of reoffense. A sex offender classified as a level one would be least likely to commit another sex crime. A level two offender would pose a moderate risk, and a level three offender would be the most dangerous.

Once the board makes its classifications a police department is required to publicize the information about level two or level three offenders.

For level two offenders, the police can distribute the information to organizations in their towns that are likely to encounter sex offenders, including schools, licensed day care centers, religious organizations, sports leagues and individual community members.

Police are required to disseminate level three sex offender information through at least two of the following ways: a local cable television station; a local newspaper; or, by posting the information in public areas, like the police station, town hall, public library or U.S. Post Office.

Local Sex Offenders

The following list is a current count of local sex offenders, by town.

Abington	6
Braintree	34
Canton	9
Cohasset	5
Duxbury	3
Hanover	6
Hingham	15
Holbrook	10
Kingston	10
Marshfield	9
Norwell	2
Pembroke	7
Rockland	14
Scituate	8

Special town meeting is Monday

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Air conditioning at the new school, the Lobster Lab, water tank, private ways, and what to do about a tree are just a few of the topics at Monday's special town meeting.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset High School auditorium. A quorum of 100 registered voters is required before town meeting can get underway.

There are 28 articles — or items of business — before the meeting. Some are fairly routine housekeeping matters such as taking care of unpaid bills but others are bound to stir debate. The fate of the Hagerty House on Parker Avenue has been consistently in the news since the annual town meeting approved the Lobster Lab concept for the building. Since then the Lightkeepers Corporation has backed out of the project prompting selectmen to push to have the building demolished.

Voters can expect to hear compelling debate on both sides including arguments from marine biologist Kevin Ulmer, the prime mover behind the Lobster Lab project, who still wants to see it go forward.

The water commission is backing the Bear Hill site for the town's second water tank needed to improve the town's fire flow capacity and to enable the existing tank, also on Bear Hill, to be cleaned. Bear Hill abutters won't sit this one out. They've fought the proposal since last spring's town meeting approved constructing the tank in their neighborhood.

William Ross of Church Street has appeared at numerous selectmen's meetings demanding a tree in his driveway be removed. The advisory committee and selectmen are split on this issue. And the school building committee says if the town wants air conditioning at the new school, it will have to vote the money at Monday's special town meeting. The committee refuses to use the contingency fund at this stage to pay for the installation of the duct work necessary for the project.

If all the business cannot be covered Monday, the meeting will likely reconvene at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Citizens with questions, can call Marlette at his office at 508-586-2123 or at home at 383-6809.

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King Street water tank is sunk

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The King Street water tank is off the table, water commissioners said Monday.

In a meeting with selectmen, water commissioners said the proposed $1.9 million 750,000-gallon, ground-level tank next to the water treatment plant off King Street was too expensive.

Commissioners have decided to back placing the town's second water tank on town-owned Bear Hill next to the town's existing tank because that is what town meeting voted last spring. However, they said they are not opposed to using Scituate Hill for the tank if that's what the Oct. 27 special town meeting decides.

Both sites are suitable from an engineering standpoint. At $1.5 million, the Scituate Hill site would be about $140,000 more expensive than Bear Hill because the town would have to buy about two acres of land to place it on. But the additional cost could be covered in the current water rates, commissioners said.

Efforts to get a height variance for Bear Hill from the zoning board last summer appeared doomed because of neighborhood opposition. Town by-laws do not allow structures higher than 35 feet in a residential zone. The tank would be 65 feet high.

One of the water commission articles before Monday's special town meeting asks for a zoning by-law change exempting height limits for construction of water storage tanks on town-owned land. The zoning change would have to pass muster with town meeting voters for the Bear Hill site to be viable, commissioners said.

Wayne Sawchuk, a local developer who backs the Scituate Hill site, said a height variance would probably not be needed for Scituate Hill. He explained the tank could be 20 feet shorter and wider because the ground elevation is higher at Scituate Hill than Bear Hill. Height limits in an industrial zone are 45 feet.

He said the location is better for Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road and for any future development on Route 3A.

Glenn Pratt of King Street who also backs the Scituate Hill site, said the landowner has agreed to talk to the town about selling a piece of the 67-acre former Webb-Norfolk conveyor site.

"We're all on the same sheet of music," he said.

Selectmen voted 4-1 to recommend the Scituate Hill site at town meeting. Saying she would support the water commissioners, selectman Diane Sullivan cast the sole dissenting vote.

Greenbush hearing is tonight

The Joint Committee on Transportation will hold a public hearing on the Greenbush segment of the Old Colony rail restoration project.

Rep. Joseph C. Sullivan, D-Braintree, chairman, and Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, ranking minority member of the committee, announced the hearing earlier this month..

The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Barnes Auditorium in Hingham Town Hall.

"This meeting is the place for concerned residents to express their views," said Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan.

The MBTA may be given the opportunity to make a half-hour presentation at the beginning of the hearing, according to Macmillan.

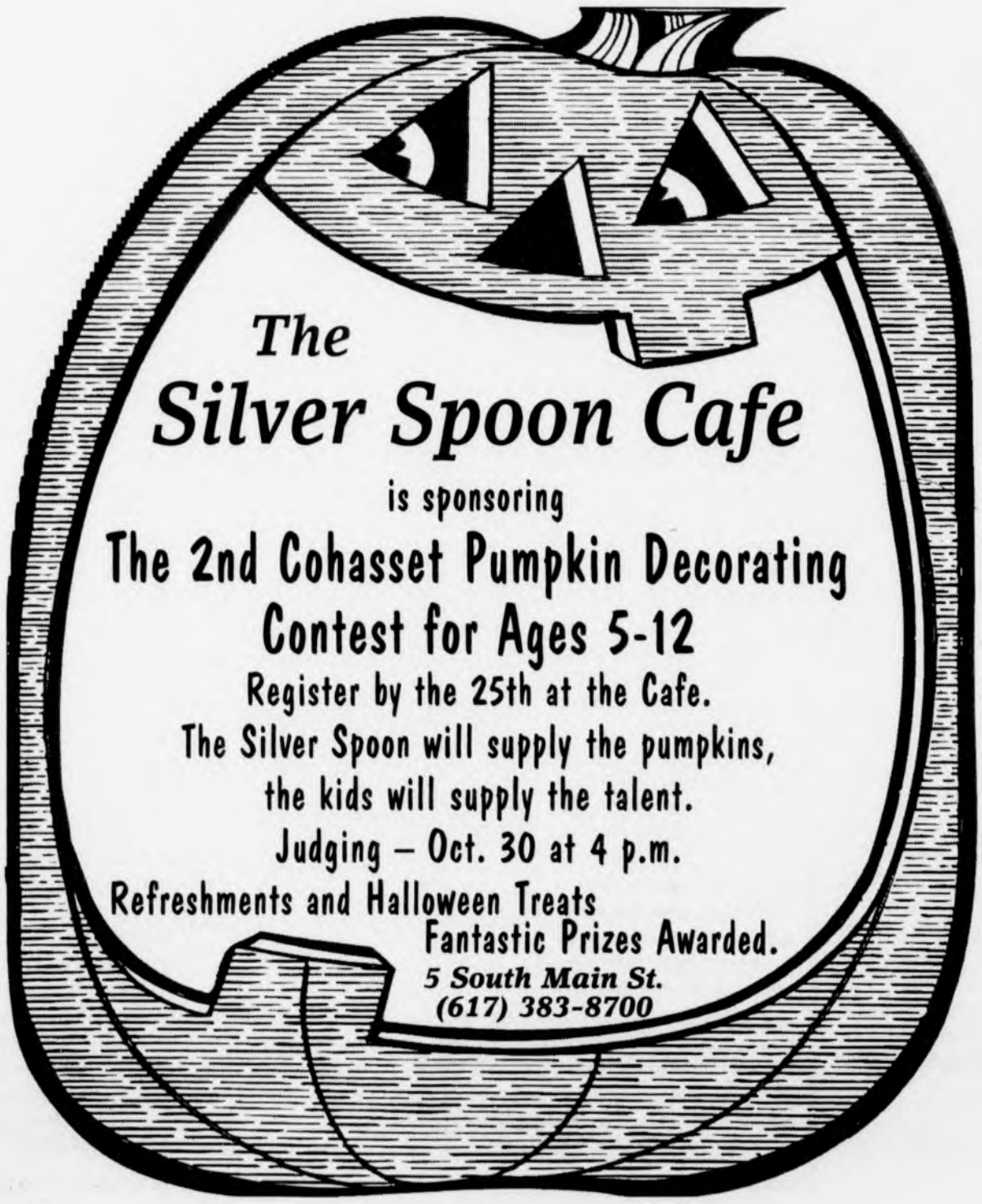
He stressed the importance of the hearing as a means for residents to convey their concerns to the transportation committee.

Prior to the hearing, at 5 p.m., members of the committee will be joined by local officials in a "walking tour" of some sections of the rail line.

Chairman Sullivan stated that it is "essential that the public fully understands the impacts proposed rail service will have on the communities along the Greenbush corridor."

Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, and state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, strongly urged Sullivan to conduct a hearing in the Greenbush corridor.

"It is essential that we continually monitor the progress of the project and keep the public and the legislature involved," said Hedlund.





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Homecoming hopes dashed by Carver

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Despite an outstanding first quarter and some fiery defense, the Cohasset Skippers fell to the Carver Crusaders by a score of 28-14 Friday night. The game, which marked Cohasset's Homecoming, was tied 14-14 at halftime, but the visiting Crusaders, led by back Jocko Rooney, pulled away in the second half.

Cohasset's defense excelled early. Linebacker Greg Parkinson made several backfield tackles and cornerback Justin Golden helped by coming up to stop the run. Defensive tackle John-Paul Laugelle played a strong game, especially defensively.

After a stop on the first Carver series, the Skipper offense couldn't get much and punted away to the Crusaders. Senior captain Pat Hurley intercepted a Carver pass and carried it back 30 yards for a touchdown, behind the aggressive blocking of Andy Hamilton.

Cohasset capitalized on this momentum on their next possession. Runs by Golden and tailback Raheem Shepard marched Cohasset down the field, and Shepard scored from three yards out. Hurley tossed a strike to Golden and Cohasset was up 14-0.

However, the home team's offense was done for the night. Rooney caught Cohasset with their guard down and, unable to run inside due to the presence of noseguard James Edgeston and defensive tackles Laugelle and Daryl Jones, sprinted around end and downfield for 84 yards and the six points.

The Crusaders picked up the two-point conversion and it was suddenly 14-8. Still reeling, the Skippers allowed another TD at the end of the first half. When the teams headed to the locker rooms, it was 14-14.

Unexplicably, the boys in blue, "smurfing it" in their blue jerseys, pants and socks, came out flat in the second half. When they should have been fired up at their best first half performance all year, they were instead fairly unemotional.

Carver took advantage of this right of the bat.

Cohasset fumbles were recovered by the visitors and Rooney rushed for two scores.

Conversely, the Skippers failed to capitalize on their offensive opportunities. Carver added the final insult when their swarming defense, rushing through the Cohasset line, brought down Hurley in the end zone for a safety, bringing the final tally to 28-14.

Cohasset's defense did show promise Friday night. In fact, when looking at the Carver scores, only the first long run by Rooney could be placed squarely on the shoulders of the defense.

The Skippers struggled offensively and had a fumble on special teams, both of which gave the Crusaders excellent field position, and pinning the home team against their own goalposts on defense.

Also important to note about the game was the re-injury of Luke Caldwell's knee.

Caldwell, a starting guard and linebacker, will probably be lost for the rest of the year, joining cornerback and running back Jamie DeMichele, who is still sidelined with a broken scapula (behind the collarbone.)

Hamilton was also banged up, re-injuring his ankle, but remained in the game.

Still seeking their first victory of the season, Cohasset will host the Charlestown Townies Friday night. The game will begin at 5 p.m.



Alia Afshar and Greg Bitton were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of the game. Afshar is a co-captain on the CHS field hockey team.



RB Joe Pergola tries to find a hole in the Crusaders defensive line.

The CHS varsity football cheerleading squad.



Justin Golden, #22, follows the lead block of Joe Pergola in an attempt for a big gain. Even a lively Homecoming crowd could not bring a victory to the winless Skippers, who fell to a 28-14 defeat at the hands of Carver.

Staff photos/Bill Wadsworth

'Sidewalk of Stars' brings personal touches to Alumni Field

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Twelve years ago, planners on the field study committee set into motion the initial conceptual groundwork for Alumni Field at Cohasset High School.

Thirteen months ago, CHS graduates and enthusiasts from near and far gathered to officially dedicate the stadium and enjoy what more than a decade of their hard work had brought.

On Tuesday, workers began cementing in the bricks near the stadium stands dedicated to those who helped make the stadium a reality.

Cohasset A.D. Clark Chatterton said that nearly 200 of the ceremonial bricks had been sold to this point and there were more orders still to be taken.

"The community has really come together for this whole project," said Chatterton. "They've been very responsive to the ceremonial brick project."

Volunteer workers gathered on Tuesday to begin cementing in the inscribed momentos on the walkway that leads people from the stands to the press box and the high school.

Throughout the project, Chatterton estimated that donated labor and expertise from around the community had shaved at least $100,000 off of the project.

This "Sidewalk of Stars" as it has been lovingly termed was established to help fund some of the finishing touches to the project, which among other things provided the school with a new track, and athletic field for the soccer, field hockey and football teams, new baseball diamonds, tennis courts, drainage improvements, an updating of Milliken Field, a 500-seat grandstand as well as a state of the art scoreboard and press box.

One year later, Chatterton and others around the CHS sports program don't know how they lived without their new accommodations.

"It's been all that I expected and so much more," said Chatterton. "We now have different organizations and teams wanting to come here and play. It's been a tremendous change from the way things used to be and has become the talk of the community.

"It's definitely a first rate facility."

In the past, things were not so great. Football games at Milliken Field were hampered due to the poor conditions of the stands and the fact that since the field was separated from the school, teams had no place but their bus to go and get warm at halftime.

As well, the field hockey team was playing on a field that was not regulation size and track teams could not have home meets because the accommodations failed to reach league standards.

Those problems have now been eliminated with the advent of the new stadium, which passed town meeting and a subsequent debt exclusion override in 1994.

Town meeting had defeated the original move for new fields in 1985.

"Things are much better than they were before, for both the players as well as the fans," said Chatterton. "We now have the school available for people to get warm and use the facilities during the games and the teams have a locker room readily available."

Chatterton emphasized that Alumni Field was not just for the high school athletes and their fans, but instead for the whole community.

"No exaggeration, their has to be 50 to 75 people out here everyday using the walking track," said Chatterton. "The track is open to all the community and people have been taking us up on our offer and making good use of it."

In addition, the lights were designed to keep the track well lit and safe during the nighttime hours.



Gary Smith taps bricks into place along the "Sidewalk of Stars" that's being put in place next to the grandstand at Alumni Field. Rocky Laugelle and Neven Bunstein are seen working in the background.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Chatterton said the lights have brought some added revenue to the school in the form of night football games, but added that attendance this year was not as high as was hoped.

"We saw a good bump last year, but I'm surprised and a little disappointed that attendance this year hasn't been what we were expecting," said Chatterton.

Fans and others around the CHS sports program also expressed their pleasure after the first year of Alumni Field.

"This year has been phenomenal, I just only wish we were able to practice on this field also," said said head field hockey coach Debby Bostwick, who puts her team through their paces "on a 2-by-2 field in front of the school. The field conditions on the practice field are a little rough, but it does sharpen their ball-handling skills.

"Alumni Field is one of the best fields you are going to find on the South Shore."

For more information on the "Sidewalk of Stars," contact the Track and Field Study Committee, c/o Recreation Dept., Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

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Sports Briefs

Jade Forest to host Tai Chi Master

Visiting guest teacher, Master Wei Lun Huang, will present a seminar series at Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi of Cohasset. On Friday, Oct. 24, Master Huang will teach Ba Cua Chi Kung, for opening and conditioning the body, from 6 to 8 p.m.

On Saturday and Sunday, Master Huang will teach the first installment of the rare internal system Liu He Ba Fa (6 Harmonies, 8 Methods), most appropriate for those with previous martial arts experience. The cost is $160.

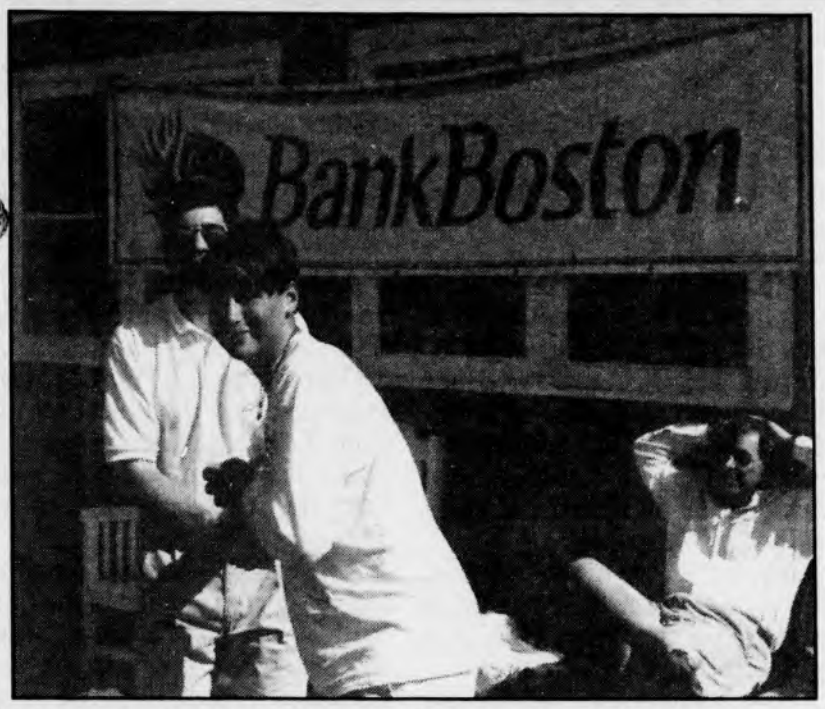
On Monday evening, Oct. 27, Master Huang will lead a session in Rainy Day Tai Chi, a practice which begins to explore the depths of Tai Chi 'movement essences,' from 6 to 8 p.m. This workshop will be ideal for those without any previous experience in Tai Chi.

The fee for either evening workshop will be $60 ($50 if pre-registered). For more information, call John Loupos at Jade Forest at (781) 383-6822.

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Wiley Wakeman (right) of the Cohasset yacht Club is all smiles as he accepts a first place trophy from Larry Harrington, the regional president of BankBoston. This summer Wakeman placed first in the Laser Radial class at the Mass Bay BankBoston Junior Sailing Championships.

Afternoon out with the girls

Come join Ruthann, Susie, Stephanie, Edvia, Kathy, Peter, and others for a fun-filled afternoon of gymnastics, obstacle course, "Make your own Pizza" bowling, "Make your own Craft," and much, much more.

This "Afternoon out with the girls" is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 11 from noon to 2:30 p.m. The day is open to kids ages 6 to 11.

Space is limited, so sign up today. You must be pre-registered to participate. No drop-ins!

Cost for this fun-filled afternoon is $15.

SSCC gymnast in motion program

There are still openings for gymnastic classes for both boys and girls.

Sports for kids ages 4-6: Mondays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays 9-10 a.m.

Tumble Bugs Boys and Girls age 3: Mondays 11:15-noon, Wednesdays 1:30-2:15 p.m., Thursdays 11 a.m. to noon, Fridays 12:15-1 p.m.

Pre-School Gymnastics for Boys and Girls age 4-6: Mondays 2-3 p.m., Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m., Wednesdays 2:15-3:15 p.m., Thursdays 10-11 am.

Beginner Girls age 5-8: Mondays 3:15-4:15 p.m., Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Beginner/Intermediate age 7-11: Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Jr. High and High School Gymnastics: Mondays 6-7 p.m. and Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The center also offers a team program for USA levels 4, 5, 6 and 8.

For more information, call the center at 383-0088.

Recreation basketball registrations

The Cohasset Recreation Department/Booster's Basketball registrations will be held for girl's and boy's in grades 1 thru 8, at Town Hall, on Saturday, November 15, from 9a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fee for the program is $30.00. Checks should be made payable to: Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, (CBBC), shirt charge is included in the fee.

Details on the Basketball Program will be available at registration. Games are played on Saturday's, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid conflicts.

The Recreational Basketball Program is made available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the recreation department, providing youngsters with a teaching and recreational opportunity.

Beginner indoor golf lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Scituate Recreation Department will accept registrations via phone for adults, Beginner Indoor Golf Lessons, scheduled to begin Thursday Evening, November 7,1997. Lessons are 5 weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly and cost $65.00 per person. Classes are limited to 8 individuals maximum, in size and registrations are accepted on a first enrolled basis. Should you require use of golf clubs for the classes please indicate this at the time of your registration and we will loan you clubs for the classes free of charge.

To register please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-6791. Mr. Dan Neary will be the golf pro teaching this session which will be held at the Cushing Elementary School, offRt. 3A, Scituate.

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CHS field hockey team is tourney bound



Senior leadership is one of the main reason why the CHS field hockey team is heading for the state tournament for the first time in three years. Pictured is this year's senior group. In fron are co-captains Alia Afshar and Katie Buckley. In the back row are Kristen Reynolds, Sue Gill, Lauren Dooley and Lindy Holway. Buckley and Dooley were named this week to the South Shore League all-star team.

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

When last we left the CHS field hockey team, the girls needed four points in their last four games to get an invitation to the state tournament.

Mission accomplished.

It took all four games to do it, but the Lady Skippers (7-6-3) earned their ticket to the dance Monday evening before an enthusiastic crowd at Alumni Field with a 1-1 tie against East Bridgewater in their final game of the regular season.

This is the first trip to post-season play for the team in three years. The first round pairings will be announced next week.

An ecstatic head coach Debby Bostwick had nothing but praise for her girls after the victory.

"I could not be prouder of this group," said Bostwick. "They accepted the challenge and made something happen and they played their guts out. A win would have given us a little better seeding, but I'll happily take the tie."

"It's taken us three years to get back here and the girls really worked their butt's off to make the tourney," she added. "They should be very proud."

On the way to the final game the girls dropped a 2-1 decision to SSL champion Hanover, but defeated Scituate 2-1 and tied Carver 1-1.

Lauren Dooley scored the lone goal in Hanover loss as well as in the East Bridgewater tie, which was assited by co-captain Alia Afshar and Meghan Connelly.

Dooley as well as defender Katie "K.B." Buckley were named this week to the South Shore League all-star team.

As well, the team was given the sportsmanship award from the SSL field hockey association.

Going into the final contest, Bostwick said the object was to keep the ball as much as possible on the left side of the field, away from the stronger players of the Vikings.

.Aside from a mistake on a defensive corner that led to the East Bridgewater goal, Bostwick said she was very happy with the way her team responded to the pressure of playing for the playoffs.

"We've been playing really well," said Bostwick. "We were in a position to tie Hanover and defeat Carver, but it wasn't meant to be. Things have come together for this team."

Bostwick singled out the play of sophomore keeper Melissa Rosano as well as Wendy Holloway, Alia Afshar, Meghan Connelly and Katie Devine for praise.

"Kristen Reynolds was just incredible" against E.B., she added. "She went up with the strength of the other team all game long and gave a great accounting of herself."



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Sports Briefs

Fall outdoor programs are going on

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept mail-in registrations for Fall Recreation Programs for children aged four and five, and grades K-3. Programs are scheduled through Oct. 31. (Monday group ends Nov. 3 due to Columbus Day).

Monday, Grades K-3, Soccer Skills and Games, Osgood Field, 2:50 to 5 p.m. No class on Monday, Oct. 13, but will meet for final class on Monday, Nov. 3.

Tuesday, Ages four and five, Soccer Skills and Games, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Grades K-3, Arts and Crafts, Osgood, 2:50 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Ages four and five, Games and Sports, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Friday, Grades 1-3, Flag Football, Osgood Field, 2:50 to 5 p.m.

Each program meets for two hours weekly for a six-week period. Some programs will have to be postponed should inclement weather dictate and you may call the recreation office at 383-6791, after 1 p.m., if you are in doubt of program status. Osgood children will be advised and sent home should the program not meet.

Children may bring snacks/drinks to programs and all children must be picked up either prior to, or promptly at the concluding program times. Children may stay after school to participate once parental permission is given on the registration form.

Please complete the registration form, calculate the appropriate fee and make the check payable to: Town of Cohasset. Checks and forms may be either dropped off at the recreation office or mailed to: Cohasset Recreation Department, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025, prior to Sept. 18. Most programs depend upon weather. We will make every reasonable effort to make up days lost to poor weather.

Fee Schedules: Child(ren) in one six-week program: One child, $25; second child, $22. Child(ren) in two six-week programs: One child, $40; second child, $20; third child, free.

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Your new beginning

Take care of the new baby and you

By Esther Csapo Rastegari
CORRESPONDENT

Unbuckling the carseat for the first time, it hits you - this precious baby is yours, yours to care for, yours to love. The pregnancy was long, labor and delivery seemed longer; only the hospital stay was short. Reality is starting to sink in. Bringing your newborn into your home is exciting, but scary as well. This new baby is such a big responsibility. Your hopes and dreams and fears swirl together.

As a pediatric nurse visiting newborns and their parents at home, I see parents who are tired and often overwhelmed. No one is ever really prepared for the 24-hour life, the round-the-clock care of a newborn. Wonderful and unique as this time is, it is exhausting. Here are some tips and information to get you through the next few weeks.

Grab rest when you can

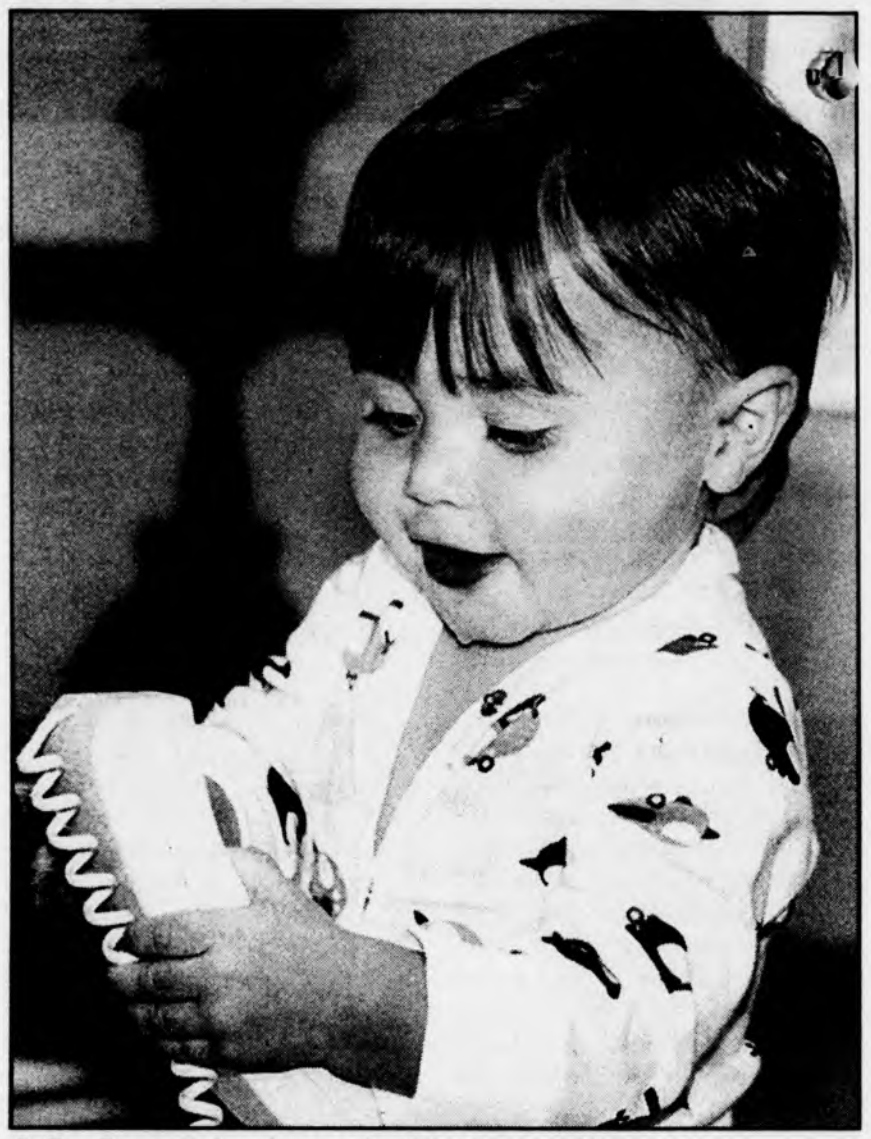
It sounds easy and obvious, but it isn't. Gone are six to eight hours of sleep a night. A newborn needs to be fed several times nightly, diapers need changing, and this little person needs loving and comforting. Lack of sufficient nighttime sleep means trying to catch up during the day. Take up friends and family on their offers of help. No one person needs to do everything, but if several people each do a little, your life can be a lot easier.

If you are more on your own, try to just focus on those things that need immediate attention. Rest whenever the baby is sleeping. Let the answering machine screen your calls, or just don't answer the phone when you are resting. Getting rest allows your body to heal. It helps you be more relaxed and patient, to feel more like yourself. Taking time for yourself is not being selfish: It is allowing you to be a better parent.

Feeding

The decision to breast-feed or bottle-feed is an important, personal one. Medical research indicates many advantages to breast-feeding, but no woman should feel pressured into making the choice. A mom who is anxious with one method, but relaxed with another, is better off choosing what makes her more comfortable. The baby will benefit from the calmer environment, and the bonding between parent and child will be more firmly established. Feeding should be a pleasurable time for both baby and parent.

Breast-fed babies tend to feed more frequently and erratically in the beginning than formula-fed infants because breast milk is more easily digested. To make sure the baby is well hydrated, and to assist in the establishment of breast-feeding, try to nurse at least every two hours



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during the day, and every three hours at night. Certainly, if she wants to be fed more often, go ahead. Formula-fed babies can go up to three hours between feedings. At this early age, their stomachs are small, so don't expect them to take much more than two to two-and-one-half ounces per feeding. If you are bottle feeding with either formula or pumped breast milk, aim for an ounce an hour. If the baby takes two ounces, he's fine for about two hours. If she only takes half an ounce, try feeding her again in an hour.



Tina Dwyer, of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, relaxes Colby with play during a home visit.

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Caring for mom

While both mom and dad are exhausted from the new schedule, mom has her own healing to do. Rest, as we discussed above, is an intrinsic part of healing. Are you feeding yourself as well as the baby? All new moms need plenty of fluids, but if you are breast-feeding be sure you have a glass of water or juice every time you nurse.

The vaginal flow after delivery is called lochia. In the beginning, it is quite bloody, and small (dime-sized) clots are not uncommon. Large clots (quarter-sized), going through more than one pad an hour, or dizziness should be reported to your physician. As the days pass, the flow should decrease. If you notice an increase in amount of flow, or of bright red blood, you are doing more than your body can handle right now. This is a signal for you to back off, do less, and ask for more help.

If you are walking a bit like John Wayne with bedroom slippers, here is a tip for your healing: Try a sitz bath. The warm water increases the circulation, thereby promoting healing, to the vaginal area (perineum). There is a flip side, however. Increased warmth can also increase the swelling, which may well be present. At least half an hour after doing the sitz bath, or the next time you use the toilet, place a row of witch hazel pads (Tucks, or the drugstore generic) on your sanitary napkin. Keep the Tucks in the refrigerator, or in the bathroom in a container with an ice pack. This allows you to alternate the warmth for increased circulation with the cold for decreased swelling. You'll be walking straight in no time!

Signs of dehydration

Dehydration in a newborn is dangerous. If not properly addressed, a baby's condition can worsen within a few hours, perhaps requiring a hospital admission. Therefore, prevention is always the safest path. What to look for: four or less not-very-wet diapers within 24 hours of dark yellow to brown urine. Orange spots on the diaper indicate the presence of uric acid crystals, another sign of dehydration. Further signs are a fontanel (soft spot at the top front of the head) which is sunken in, as well as a mouth that is dry. There may not have been a bowel movement for 24 to 48 hours. At the first signs of dehydration, increase the fluid intake and call the pediatrician.

Jaundice

Jaundice refers to the yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes, which is due to an elevated amount of bilirubin in the blood. Risk factors for jaundice include preterm birth (less than 37 weeks gestation), ABO blood type incompatibility, Asian descent, bruising or cephalhematoma, and a family history of neonatal jaundice. Signs of jaundice are similar to signs of dehydration. The baby will become less and less alert, with a decrease in muscle tone. This is cause for concern and you should contact the pediatrician right away. An elevated bilirubin is confirmed by testing the newborn's blood. The bilirubin level of a full-term baby usually peaks around the third to fifth day, while the level of a preterm infant will peak a day or two later.

Postpartum depression

While this time is often overwhelming, it is also wondrous and full of joy. If the joy and wonder is absent, and all you feel is incompetent, overwhelmed, sad and tearful, it is important to speak to a professional skilled in handling such issues. If focusing on your needs feels selfish, do it for your new baby. The better you feel, the more you are able to give emotionally to your child and the more you will be able to bond together. Help is available, and you deserve to receive it.

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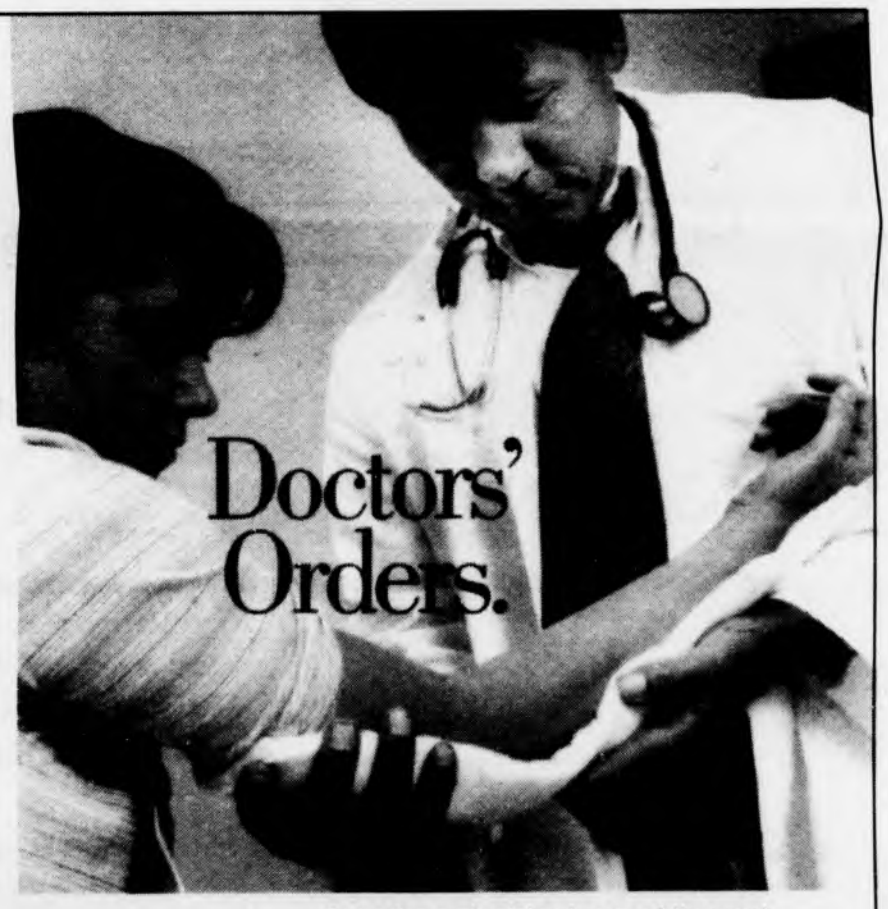
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Project Safeguard health program returns to Cohasset

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

For seventh-grade students and their parents, Wednesday, Oct. 15 was no ordinary day in Cohasset where the second annual Project S.A.F.E.G.U.A.R.D. (Student and Family Education Guards Us Against Reliance on Drugs) was held. Project Safeguard is one of the events that is part of the school's health education program in conjunction with the Cohasset Health Education Advisory Council.

Rather than attending classes at school, the students and their parents congregated at the common, which was termed "Cohasset's Campus on the Common," to listen to speakers and attend workshops that address issues ranging from the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, the role of parents, the development of healthy and constructive attitudes, family relations, life ambitions, gender respect and other subjects that confront today's youths and their parents. For the day, the town hall, the Second Congregational Church, and St. Stephen's Church were converted into makeshift classrooms where the groups met.

Kathy Grossman, the mother of Lindsay Grossman, one of the seventh-grade students, said that the stories that were told were done so in a graphic and honest way. Grossman said that when she was brought up she didn't have this type of education and that it is something that her children need to know about. She is a strong advocate in keeping the program in the school's curriculum.

At 7:40 a.m. Ed Gerety, the keynote speaker and author of "Teen Power, Too" kicked off the morning with a powerful and energetic speech given to the entire seventh-grade class as well as all the parents who were in attendance. Then the group as a whole was divided into smaller groups. Gerety spoke to more than 80,000 students last year and says that the importance of the project lies in the fact that it brings families together to talk about issues that have a direct impact on their lives, and helps the students reach their full potential. In his speech he spoke of the importance of a positive attitude, being patient and working for a purpose in order to reach the goals and dreams that we all set up for ourselves.

Dan Duval told a heartbreaking story of how his life as a star high school athlete and promising future were destroyed by his love affair with drugs and alcohol and how that changed his life so drastically. With his fine sense of humor Jack Agati spoke to the parents about parent-child relations touching on subjects such as how they could help their children become independent and self-sufficient, time management issues, and who's really in charge, the parent or the child?

Karen Burns, who three-and-a-half years ago was diagnosed with cancer of the larynx as a result of smoking, spoke to the seventh-graders through an artificial voice mechanism that she held against her throat. She said that every day 6,000 teens in the United States start smoking. One half of them will become addicted and of those a third will die from smoking related diseases. Because she breathes through the hole in her neck she can no longer swim or take showers, for if water were to get in she would drown. Holding up a jar filled with black, gooey tar, the amount that one would end up with in their lungs if they were to smoke a pack a day for a year, her chilling message of the hazards of smoking came across crystal clear. Pam Laffin also described the toll smoking has taken on her life.

Susan Etkind, the head of the Diversity Committee in Cohasset who was also in attendance, said that the people there that day spoke about things they had never talked about before and that she received some good pointers on how to approach these issues in the future.

Cohasset Police Sgt. Robert Jackson and Officer Lisa Matos teamed up with attorney Lisa Hewitt-Dick, who resides in Cohasset, and gave talks on the legal consequences of alcohol and drug use by minors. Tom Penichter, Tony Burns and Jeff O'Brien of MVP Strategies, addressed the issue of how subtle and blatant sexism in our society erodes interpersonal respect.

The students and parents attended five sessions throughout the course of the day where they had the option of doing so separately or together. They were encouraged to attend at least one session together.

Maureen Smith who attended a similar program in Weston, Mass. played a key role in bringing Project Safeguard to Cohasset.

She said that the project is important as it provides an opening for children and parents to enter discussions about the important issues that were presented throughout the day.

"On one of the comment forms from last year," she said, "one of the students wrote, 'I'll never forget this for as long as I live.'"

Smith and many others want to make sure the program remains a part of the school curriculum.

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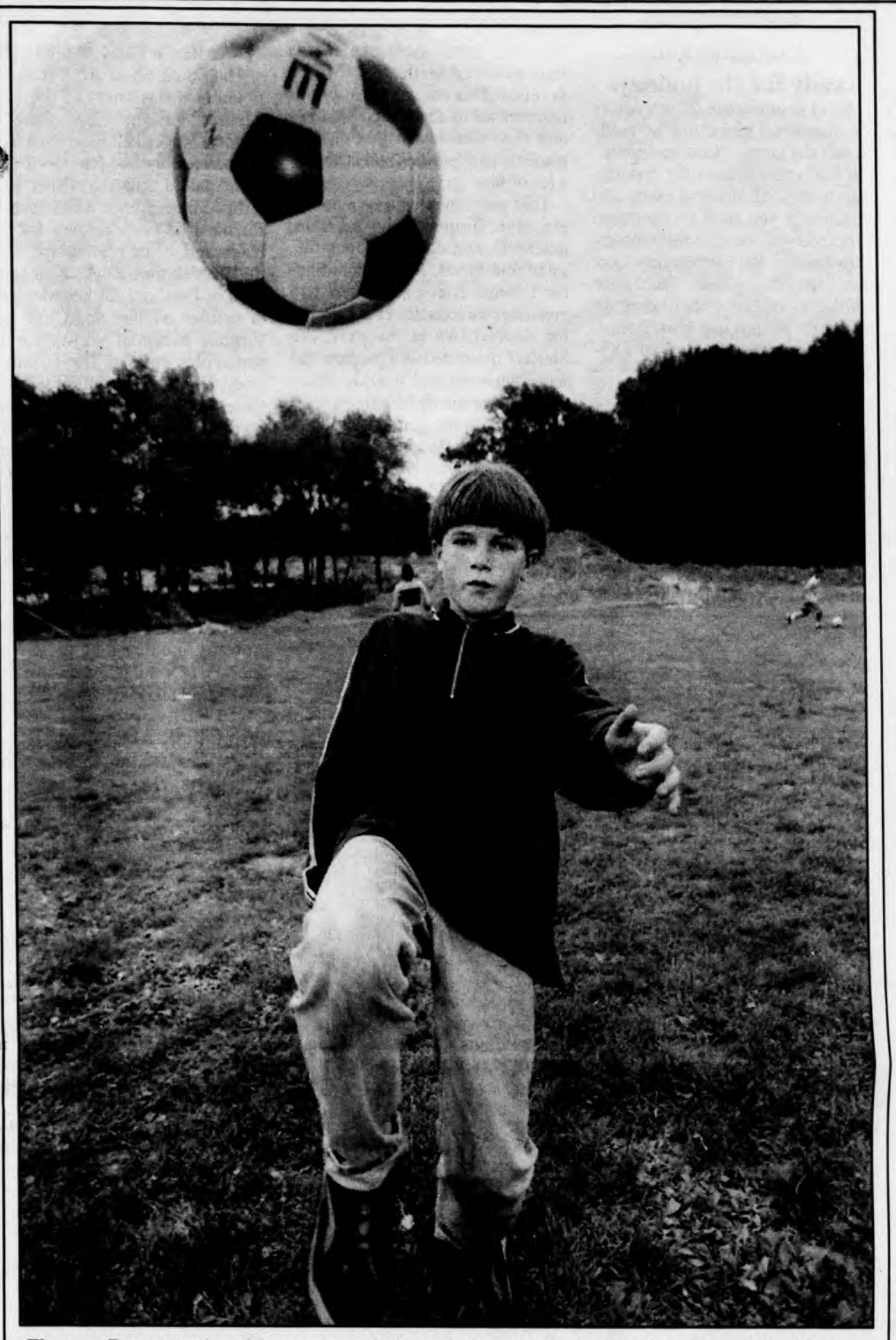
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK



Thomas Ross practices his soccer technique during physical education class at the Deer Hill School.

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Halloween fair bigger and better

There will be lots of new games and surprises for South Shore ghosts and goblins at this Sunday's annual South Shore Community Center Nursery School Halloween Fair. Encircling Cohasset Common this year will be a host of games of skill and chance for children of all ages. Adding to the fun for the first time this year will be an arts and craft activity and Halloween-themed water target game. Back again this year are annual favorites like the moon walk, Ghostball, Treasure Hunt and Donuts on a String, as well as lots of refreshments.

The fair gets underway Oct. 26 at 1:30 p.m. sharp with a costume parade led by a friendly witch. The spooktacular time continues until 3:30 p.m.

Tickets for all games and activities may be purchased at the fair. Tickets are three for $1. Most games and activities require two or three tickets to participate. Proceeds from the fair benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, including the school's scholarship and program funds.

For more information about the fair or the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, call Lynne Sheridan at 383-0036.

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Halloween costume parade at carousel

The costume parade is sure to be one of the highlights of the Halloween party at the Paragon carousel Friday, Oct. 24. The party will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. with the parade beginning at 4:30 p.m. All costumed participants will receive prizes for marching in the parade. Prizes will also be given out for various categories such as scariest costume, most creative costume, best homemade costume and more.

Other activities taking place at the party include face painting, pumpkin decorating and Halloween games. While there is no admission fee for the party, rides on the carousel are $1.50 per person. There will be an additional charge for some activities (face painting, pumpkin decorating).

Proceeds from the party will benefit Friends of the Paragon Carousel, Inc., the non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of this historic landmark. For more information about the Halloween party and the Paragon carousel, call (781) 925-0472.

"Cohassetopoly" ready for the holidays

Next month, the South Shore Community Center will be ready to sell the game, "Cohassetopoly." For $20 you will have the opportunity to own all the real estate and businesses you want in Cohasset. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. The Junior Gardeners of this club worked all summer preparing this game. Quantities are limited. Call 383-0088 for more information.

Annual Cohasset fall Metco dinner is Sunday

The annual fall dinner for Cohasset Metco students and their families will be held in the Cohasset High School cafeteria Sunday, Oct. 26, from 3 to 6 p.m. This event is an opportunity for Cohasset families to meet or become reacquainted with their Metco families. This annual event brings together all of the Metco students and their families with Cohasset students and families and is always a lot of fun.

This year's meal will be a Southern style dinner of baked ham, macaroni and cheese, vegetable, salad and bread. Metco coordinator Yvonne Jones has offered to make her famous sweet potato pie for dessert. As in the past, the Metco Committee will prepare and serve the meal and provide entertainment for the children.

As always, the general public is invited and welcome to join this fun event. If you have any questions or would like to help us get ready for this important event, call PSO Metco Reps. Connie Afshar at 383-6006 or Jean Hajjar at 383-9917.

An elegant evening to benefit CEF

The Cohasset Education Foundation invites the public to An Elegant Evening to celebrate education, Saturday, Oct. 25, a progressive dinner at area homes. Tickets are $45 per person and include cocktails, dinner and dessert. Call 383-2281 for information.

Gallery talk is tonight

The South Shore Art Center announces the winners of the Blue Ribbon Members' Show. Cohasset resident Roger Hill received a Blue Ribbon for his wooden vessel entitled Spalted Spittoon. Other Blue Ribbon recipients were Jeremy Barnard of Georgetown for his black and white photograph entitled Revelation Rock, Katherine Smit of Duxbury for her watercolor entitled Mother and Child and Virginia Wilson of Norwell for her watercolor entitled The Pumpkin Lady. Honorable mention winners were Wes Carlson of Hull, Rene Gaudet of Marshfield, Becky Haletky of Rockland, Kristin Hand of Scituate, Patricia Issac of Rockland, Michele Meister of Marshfield, Barbara Peavey of Kingston, Rosamond Robinson of Hingham, Eileen Rotty of Scituate, Ruthe Sholler of North Quincy and Mary Wilkas of Boston.

All of these works and many more by members of the South Shore Art Center may be viewed in the Blue Ribbon Members' Show which will run through Nov. 9, with a gallery talk by Allison Shutz Moskow Thursday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. The Art Center is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. The center is wheelchair accessible. For more information call (781) 383-2787.

Cohasset Teen Center October events

October 24-25 - Haunted House at the teen center from 5 to 7 p.m. $2 per child. The friendly haunted house will be for young children of all ages. Each child will be given a special Halloween treat.

October 31 - Halloween teen dance at the Deer Hill School from 7 to 10 p.m. All seventh- and eighth-graders from Cohasset welcome. There will be a D.J. and prizes for the teens.

Historic storms is topic

The Cohasset Historical Society presents "Historic Storms of New England," an illustrated presentation by Robert Thompson, Southern New England area manager, National Weather Service, Sunday, Oct. 26, at Kimball's by the Sea, 124 Elm St., Cohasset. Cash bar begins at 5 p.m., dinner at 6. Tickets are $17 members, $20 nonmembers. Reservations are required. Please make checks payable to The Cohasset Historical Society and mail to the society at 14 Summer St., Cohasset, MA 02025. Call (781) 383-1434 for more information.

The annual meeting of the Cohasset Historical Society will be held after the speaker. All current paid members are asked to stay for this brief meeting.

October flu clinics slated

The Social Service League of Cohasset and the Cohasset Board of Health will sponsor Flu Clinics in October for Cohasset residents.

Community flu clinics for all Cohasset residents: Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall; Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

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Investing: Self-defense against brokers' mismanagement

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What do you do if your relationship with your broker goes sour? For example, what if your broker buys and sells securities in your account without your permission, ignores your request to buy or sell, stops returning your calls, or fails to give you all the relevant information on a supposed hot security?

Investors are protected by the Securities Act of 1934 when a broker breaks the rules. However, even though there are several organizations that can help catch the infraction and enforce punishment — the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the National Association of Securities Dealers Inc. (NASD), your state's securities agency and exchanges, to name a few — the onus is on the individual investor to take action first.

The most important step in seeing that justice is served and, perhaps more importantly, to recouping losses is to notify your broker of your complaints immediately after you discover wrongdoing. A delayed response may be read as tacit consent by the arbitrators or jurors who later hear your case.

A prompt reaction on your part will also ensure that you will not miss the deadline for filing a complaint. In Massachusetts, the statute of limitations for filing suit is four years after the date of discovery.

"The biggest problem for most people," says Gerri Detweiler, a consultant on investor concerns, "is that they wait before they act."

The best way to initiate an investigation is to write a letter to your broker that outlines your complaints and requests an explanation and a solution, says John Markese, president of the American Association of Individual Investors in Chicago. Include your account information and any relevant documents. Specify a reasonable deadline — 10 days, for instance — by which time you need a response, so that your complaint does not get shelved.

Then, send a copy of the letter to your broker's manager as well as to the compliance officer of the firm — the person who is charged with the responsibility of making sure the brokerage firm's employees adhere to SEC rules. Send all of the letters by certified mail, and keep the receipts so you can prove later that they were received. Sometimes a strong letter is all that is needed to get your broker on track.

But what if you get the runaround? Then it's time to alert the market watchdogs. The SEC has a toll-free number (1-800-SEC-0330) with instructions on how to write to them with a complaint. And alert the Massachusetts Securities Division, which is housed in the secretary of state's office (617-727-3548).

You should alert the NASD as well. This organization has thousands of broker-members and if it turns out that the questionable transactions did not involve an NASD member, it can direct you to the correct exchange. You can file a complaint on the Internet site (http://www.nasdr.com), or contact the regulation division's regional office to send supporting documents or ask questions. The telephone number in Boston is (617) 261-0800.

At this point, the key to building a convincing case is documentation. To charge a broker with wrongdoing, you have to be able to provide evidence that he violated the rules. Regulatory organizations usually ask to see documents that support your accusation — signed affidavits, financial statements, copies of tax returns, even notes about your conversations if available — before they pursue your case.

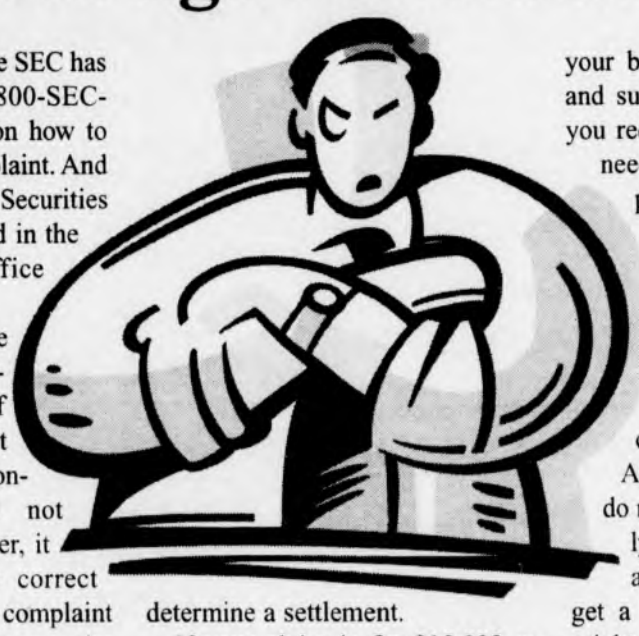
The NASD, for instance, states on its Web site that "your complaint by itself, without supporting evidence, is usually not sufficient to prove that there has been a violation."

Once you get the regulatory ball rolling, then it's time to think about how to recover the money you have lost. For if the NASD finds your broker to be guilty, it may fine, suspend or bar him from working in the securities industry; but it will not necessarily help you recover money. Its investigation is primarily concerned with bringing the broker or his firm into compliance with industry rules and regulations.

To resolve financial disputes you can usually choose between mediation, arbitration or a lawsuit — although many brokerage houses now require investors to agree to settle any disputes by arbitration in order to avoid costly and time-consuming court battles.

The least expensive and litigious method is to hire a mediator through the NASD to help your broker and you find a mutually acceptable solution. The NASD charges a fee for this, the amount of which is based on the complexity and time horizon of the case. Unlike the other two methods, mediation is voluntary and a settlement must be reached with agreement on both sides. The final decision is not binding under law.

If both sides cannot easily cooperate, arbitration would be the next best option. By filing a statement of claim with the NASD arbitration forum (again, for a fee), you can have a panel of impartial industry experts hear the case and determine a settlement.



If your claim is for $10,000 or less, the arbitrators will most likely decide your case based on your and your broker's written submissions and supporting documents, unless you request a hearing. You do not need a lawyer for the arbitration process, although you and your broker are allowed to have one. Most importantly, the arbitrators' decision is final and binding and usually cannot be appealed for review by a court.

And if these avenues of redress do not work for you — especially if the broker has committed a criminal offense — you can get a lawyer and go to court. It might be helpful to call your local bar association and request the names of attorneys who specialize in securities-fraud cases.

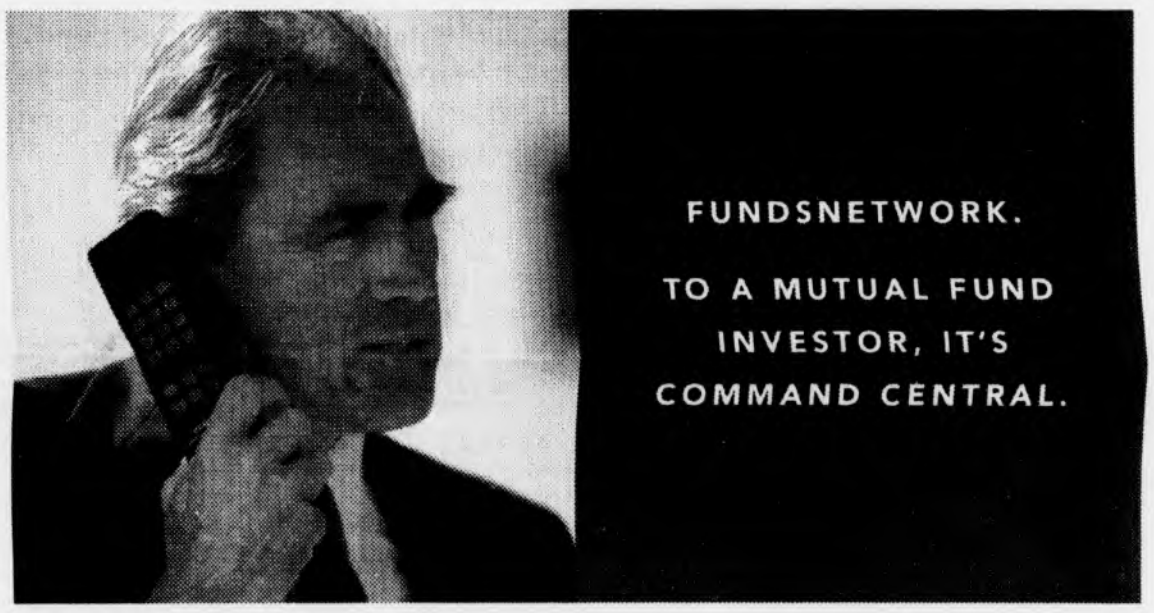
Of course, before you wage a battle against your broker, it is important to remember that just because you have lost money does not necessarily mean he has done something wrong — stocks can plunge without warning, after all.

But you should protect yourself by keeping a close eye on your account and documenting its progress. If you suspect wrongdoing, do not sit back and watch.

"Sometimes investors will go along with an inappropriate investment while it goes up and then fight it when it goes down," says Markese.

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12:49 a.m., disturbance gathering, Elm St.
1:16 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
2:12 a.m., larceny, King St.
8:43 a.m., annoying phone calls, S. Main St.
10:10 a.m., vandalism, Stockbridge St.
12:36 p.m., property (lost), Border St.
1:03 p.m., suspicious (other), Town Lot.
1:19 p.m., animal complaint, Hammond Ave.
1:36 p.m., general services, by 2 Sheldon Rd.
2:11 p.m., investigation, CJC Hwy.
4:17 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
4:46 p.m., general services, Beechwood St.
5:05 p.m., info, general, Hillside Dr.
5:29 p.m., annoying phone calls, Pond St.
6:01 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:12 p.m., MV stop, King St.
8:10 p.m., medical aid, Wheelwright Farm.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

7:27 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/Beechwood St.
10:13 a.m., MV stop, Hull St. by Lamberts Lane.
2:09 p.m., larceny, Jerusalem Rd.
4:42 p.m., medical aid, HQ.
5:53 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.
6:51p.m., suspicious person, N. Main St.
7:08 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
7:33 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
9:55 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

12:23 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.
12:35 a.m, suspicious auto, Joy Pl.
12:45 a.m., abandoned auto, CJC Hwy.
1:26 a.m., suspicious auto, Ripley Rd.
8:49 a.m., annoying phone calls, S. Main St.
9:12 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:32 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:41 a.m., animal complaint, Elm St.
10:00 a.m., MV violations, Jerusalem Rd.
12:30 p.m., investigation, Folly Beach Rd.
2:49 p.m., disturbance, Rt. 3A Cushing Plaza.
2:31 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
2:35 p.m., MV stop, Lamberts Ln.
2:41 p.m., disturbance, Meadow Ln.
5:30 p.m., serve restraining order, Mill Ln.
6:40 p.m., disturbance family, Norman Todd Rd.
7:55 p.m., disturbance, Beechwood St.
9:42 p.m., assist other police department, East St.
10:59 p.m., disturbance, Norman Todd Rd.
11:46 p.m., noise complaint, Norman Todd Rd.
34-year-old in protective custody.

Thursday, Oct. 16

2:03 a.m., general services, Jerusalem Rd.
6:19 a.m., general services, S. Main St.
8:54 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
10:42 a.m., disturbance gathering, Tedeschi Plaza.
12:34 p.m., suspicious auto, King St.
2:34 p.m., medical aid, Riverview Dr.
3:46 p.m., assist other agency, CJC Hwy.
3:58 p.m., suspicious person, Bancroft Way.
7:38 p.m., MV stop, King St.
7:50 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:05 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:10 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:22 p.m., MV stop , CJC Hwy.
8:26 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:55 p.m., MV stop, Border St.
11:03 p.m., open door/window, Highland Ave.

Friday, Oct. 17

1:03 a.m., vandalism, Cushing Rd.
6:12 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:17 a.m., general services, S. Main St.
6:20 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:28 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:29 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:43 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:53 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:00 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:10 a.m., MV stop, Schofield Rd.
7:20 a.m., MV stop, Schofield Rd.
11:52 a.m., Assist motorist, St. Anthony's Parking Lot.
12:22 p.m., general services, Crocker Ln.
12:46 p.m., general services, Depot Ct.
1:32 p.m., suspicious person, Square.
4:19 p.m., disturbance family, Oak St.
6:14 p.m., disturbance family, Forest Ave.
31-year-old Cohasset male in protective custody.
8:57 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
10:20 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.
10:59 p.m., disturbance gathering, Lighthouse Ln.
11:37 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.

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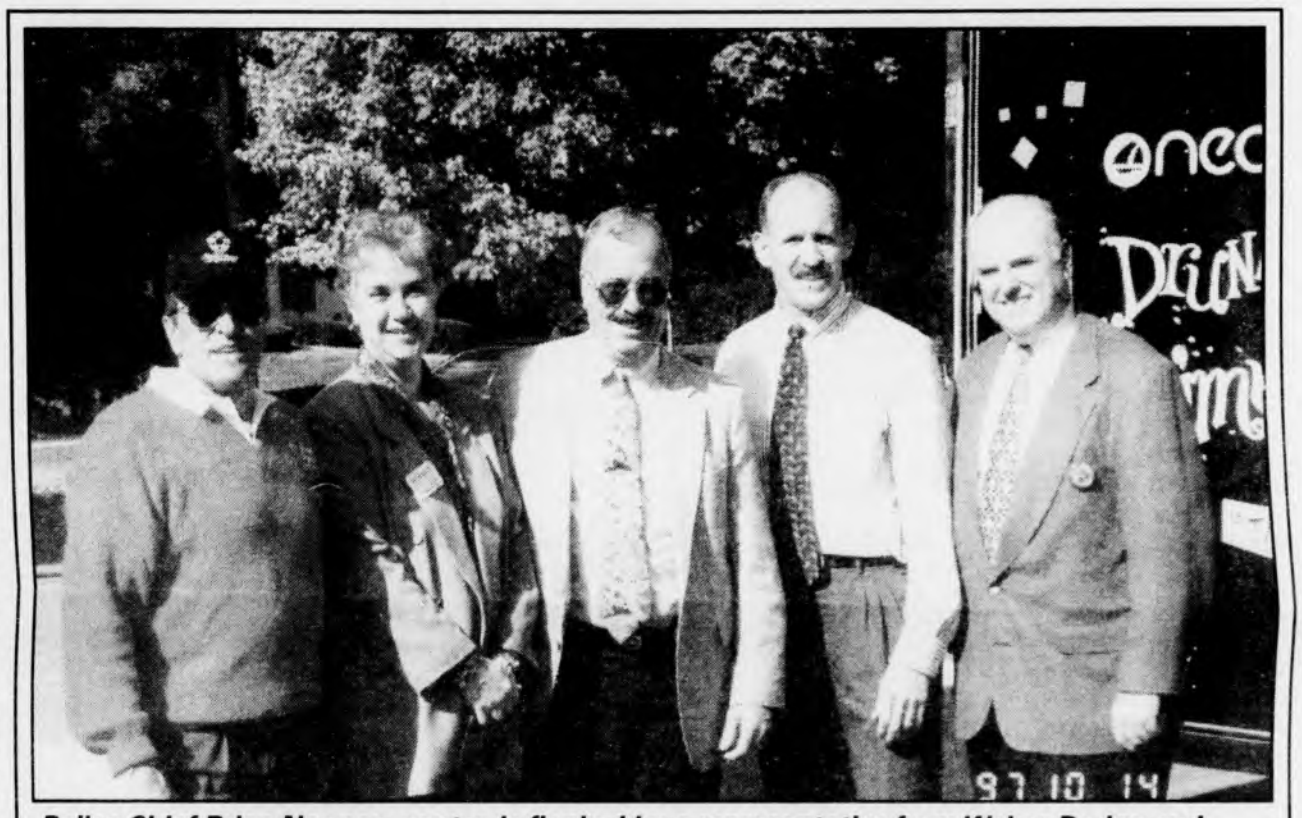
Be safe on Halloween

The police are encouraging safety first on Halloween next Friday. To that end, they are offering free candy bags and glow sticks to Cohasset children. The bags, which are silver and decorated with safety tips, are available at the police station.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said if parents find any suspect candy, they can call the police station which will call the candy hot line.

Community policing grant awarded

Police chief Brian Noonan said the department has been awarded an $11,000 policing grant which will be used to beef up bicycle patrols and add new marine patrols. The marine patrols will use the harbormaster's boat. A uniformed officer will patrol alone or with the harbormaster. Noonan said there have been a lot of complaints about drunk boaters.



Police Chief Brian Noonan, center, is flanked by a representative from Weber Dodge and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (left) and school health director Mike Gill and middle/high school Principal Curtis Collins at the special drunk driving simulator event last week. Students from the high school were able to experience how dangerous it is to operate a vehicle under the influence by driving a specially equipped car through an obstacle course.

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The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on Monday, November 10, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for Fiscal Year 1998. The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at this time.

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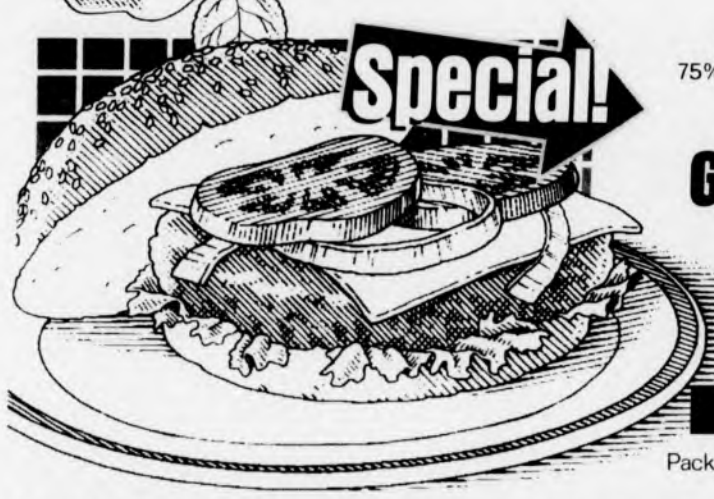
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Sex offenders

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fense after Aug. 1, 1981, was required to register with local police departments, which are working to develop formal community notification plans.

According to Grassie, the [illegible] set police will come up with [illegible] cial plan to notify community [illegible] nizations, including youth groups, of Level 3 offenders once the state completes the categorization of sex offenders in Cohasset.

Until then, the town is taking a "wait and see" approach.

"We are working on a policy on how to notify people. We plan on combing the guidelines from the Sex Offender Registry with what other towns' policies, practices and procedures are," Grassie said.

Level 1 sex offenders are those deemed to be at low risk of committing repeat offenses.

Level 2 sex offenders are regarded as having a moderate risk of repeating a sexual crime, and Level 3 individuals are considered high risks in the community.

Officials estimate there are some 6,000 convicted sex offenders who have not registered. Those may include some who have moved out of the state as well as others who are ignoring the law.

The state set aside $300,000 to operate the registry in fiscal year 1997 and an additional $500,000 for FY1998.

In April, the state executive office of public safety acknowledged the public notification process for Level 2 and 3 sex offenders at the local level would be a slow one.

In the meantime, the police department can't officially respond to inquiries about any sex offenders who might live or work within a one-mile radius of a specified address.

Since the registration program was first announced, Grassie said the police received three written inquiries.

Neighborhood associations, youth organizations and day-care centers can provide police with the name of a contact person so they can be given a list of Level 2 and 3 sex offenders when the classification has been completed.

Because Level 3 sex offenders pose the highest risk within the community, the presence and identity of a Level 3 sex offender can be posted in public places, including the police station, public library and other places frequented by the public.

The law also allows local newspapers to publish the identity of Level 3 sex offenders.

The town hasn't published the names of Level 3 sex offenders in town because they haven't yet been categorized, Grassie said.

Once that has been completed, Grassie said if the police knew an individual was classified as a predator, they would attempt to notify everyone within close proximity.

"If I think the person next door is a problem, I would go to the people in the area and give them a heads up," he said.

State law requires that the offenders provide the police with their home and work addresses.

Grassie said Cohasset police will follow specific guidelines set forth by the state in relation to sex offenders.

However, Grassie said while he thinks the law is a positive step, it will not protect all children.

"Parents should keep their eyes open and make kids aware of strangers," he said.

"In a town like Cohasset, kids walk and ride bikes and don't have an adult with them 24 hours a day. Parents should educate their children that things could happen."

Staff writer Mary Ford contributed to this report.

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Kevin Ulmer's Lobster Lab claws for survival

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The Lobster Lab ain't down yet.

The embattled proposal to turn the Hagerty House into a marine educational research facility dodged the latest torpedo and has survived to at least the next request for proposal (RFP) stage.

Pleas from a majority of selectmen to tear the former Cohasset Colonials showroom down to make way for more parking at the harbor-front site failed to win a majority at Monday's session of special town meeting.

By a slim 117-110 vote margin, local biologist and Ph.d., Kevin Ulmer walked away with the hope that this time, his concept to bring what he describes as the excitement of hands-on scientific research to all ages will at last become a reality.

"This is an opportunity to proved a resource unique in the region where students

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Annual Halloween fair scares up a crowd

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

Lions and tigers and bears, "Oh my!" They, along with other children decked out in a wide assortment of costumes including "little" Big Birds, Supermen, clowns, ballerinas, pumpkins, cowboys, Dalmatians, cats, witches, ghosts, fish, bunnies, devils, Pooh Bears and Elmos.

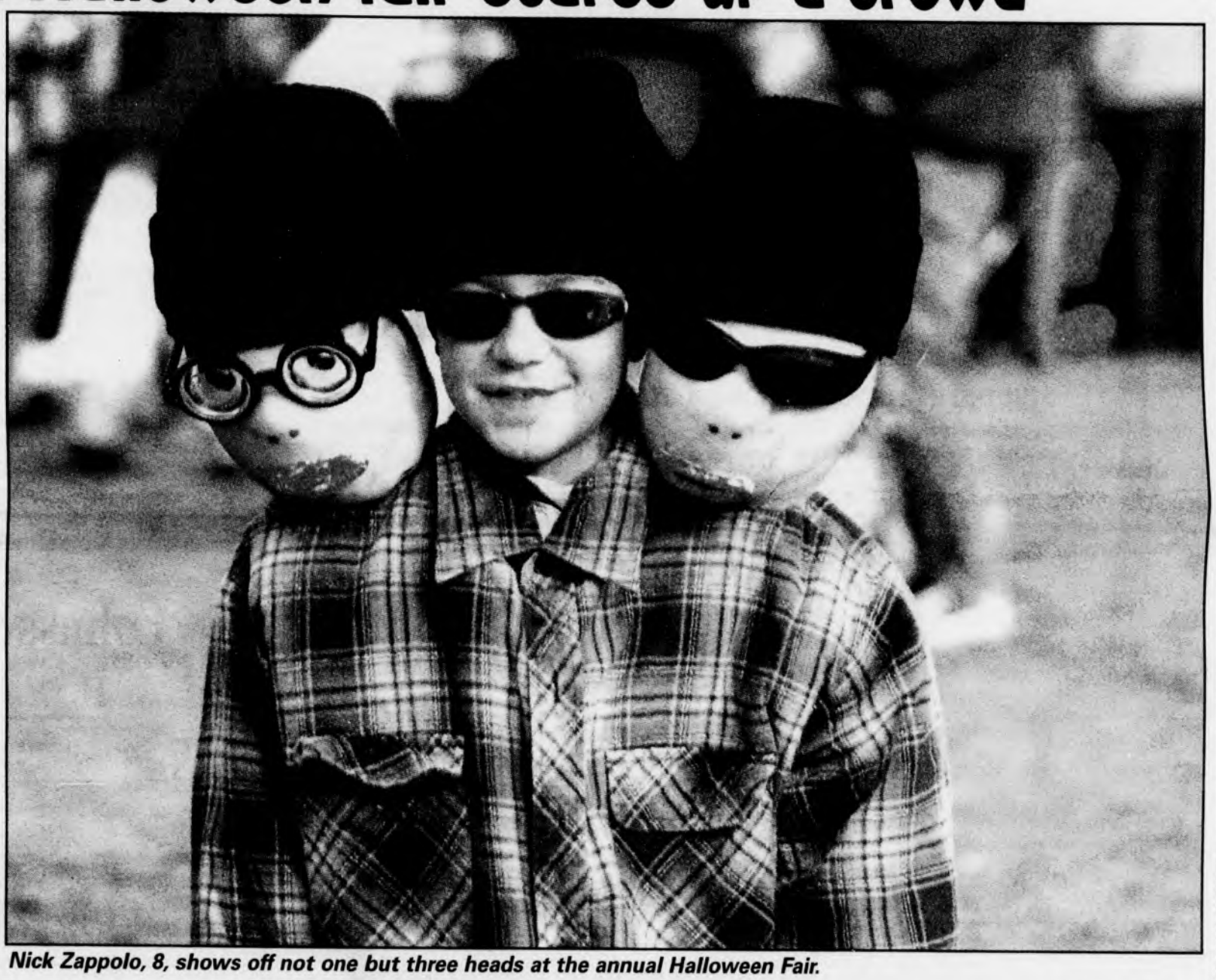
"The fair is to celebrate those young at heart."
—LYNNE SHERIDAN,
NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

And that's not all, there were insects galore such as lady bugs, butterflies, bumble bees and an elaborately created, bright-green praying mantis. They all congregated on Cohasset's Common Sunday for the Halloween fair.

The kids, most of whom brought their parents, all had a ball participating in the games and activities. The favorites seemed to be the Fun House, the Haunted House, the Moon Walk, Donuts on a String, Ghostball and the Treasure Hunt. At 1:30 p.m. sharp, the parade began, led by a man on horseback and a friendly witch.

The blustery cool day with the autumn leaves falling off the trees under the overcast sky was the perfect setting for the fair. With a larger turnout than last year, hundreds of children, oblivious to the cold, could not get enough of the fall fun.

Molly and Bill McGowan from Cohasset



Nick Zappolo, 8, shows off not one but three heads at the annual Halloween Fair.

Doug McFadd photo

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Cohasset man to pay tribute to Princess Diana

Land-mine survivor to speak at Kennedy Library

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A Cohasset man will be back in town this weekend to promote a cause that is very near to his heart.

Jerry White, co-founder of Washington-based Landmine Survivors Network, is one of several guest speakers Sunday at the John F. Kennedy Library's "New England Town Meeting to Ban Landmines."

Part of White's talk on helping landmine victims will be a tribute to Britain's Princess Diana who drew attention to the scourge of land mines on her trips to Angola and Bosnia earlier this year.

White, a Cohasset High School graduate whose mother Mimi White lives on Sheldon Road, knows about land mines first-hand. In 1984, White — then a college student at Brown University — stepped on a land mine while exploring Israel on a hiking trip. The encounter cost him part of his right leg.

White's remarks at the Kennedy Library will focus on victim assistance. As an American, he can contrast getting the best rehabilitation possible to those who suffer with little support in third-world countries.

"Victim assistance is more than prostheses," White said. "It is providing vocational and employment training so they don't become beggars."

White and his partner, Ken Rutherford, another amputee, met Princess Diana at the land-mine conference in June where she was the keynote speaker. The late princess subsequently chose LSN to host her three-day visit to Bosnia in August where she went house-to-house visiting land-mine survivors and their families.

White said he will show slides of the princess's trip to Bosnia as part of the tribute.

"People over-emphasize that she was part of the movement to ban land mines,"

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Season's Serenity

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Setting the record straight

In an unfortunate coincidence, last week's story about the sex offender registry detailed the history of a sex offender named Mark Goldman. This 36-year-old sex offender is in no way related to the Goldman family of Norwell who have a 27-year-old son, also named Mark, who resides in Norwell and North Cambridge.

Norwell's Mark Goldman, the son of Henry and Joanne Goldman of Prospect Street, graduated from Norwell High School in 1988. Since his graduation from Bridgewater State College he has been employed as an echocardiographer at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Henry Goldman is the retired principal of Norwell's junior high school, since named the Henry E. Goldman Junior High School in his honor.

Library to get air conditioning

Special town meeting voters approved spending an additional $17,500 to air condition the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The library went out to bid twice for the project. The first time, there were no takers and the second time, Apex Corporation was the sole bidder at $64,900.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said Apex's references checked out and he recommended the company be awarded the bid.

Fire radios are approved

The town will spend $5,500 to purchase six new two-way radios for the fire department. Chief Roger Lincoln explained that the radios are needed so that each fire-fighter has one. Lincoln said it is important there be one radio per fire-fighter to ensure the fire-fighters' safety should they get separated on fire gound.

Request for spending overview

Ray Kasperowicz of South Main Street suggested that at future town meetings, officials provide an overview possibly with view graphs of the spending patterns to enable citizens to follow more clearly.

Money for this week's Special Town Meeting articles came from a combination of free cash, borrowing, overlay surplus and taxation making it difficult to understand, he said.

Police equipment authorized

The police will purchase a mobile data terminal to enable an officer to track outstanding warrants and stolen motor vehicles while on patrol. The department will also purchase a new breathalyzer and two moving radar units for cruisers. Voters at Monday's special town meeting approved spending $15,800 for the capital items.

Public reading packet available

In an effort to promote communcation, the school department will provide a public reading packet and make if available to local citizens, the school board said last week.

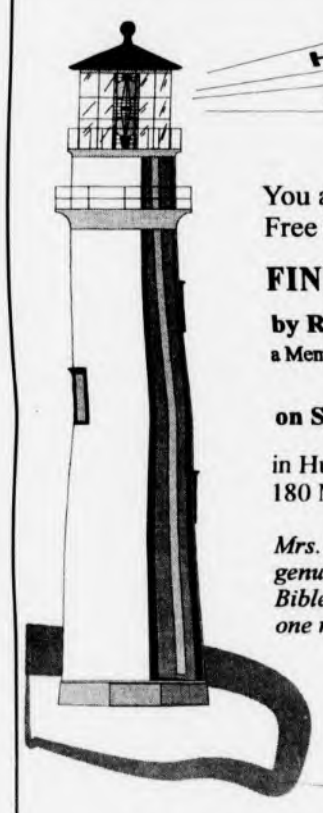
The packet, which will be available in the superintendent's office, will contain recent correspondence and other documents. There will also be an index of documents including items such as teacher contracts and school handbooks, so people will know how to access those.

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Fri. 31	10:55	10.3	4:43	11:22	9.7	5:09
Sat. 1	11:31	10.4	5:21	——	——	5:48
Sun. 2	12:00	9.6	6:00	12:08	10.5	6:29
Mon. 3	12:40	9.5	6:40	12:47	10.4	7:11
Tues. 4	1:22	9.4	7:23	1:29	10.4	7:55
Wed. 5	2:08	9.3	8:09	2:16	10.3	8:44
Thurs. 6	2:57	9.2	9:00	3:08	10.1	9:36

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John Bates no longer haunts Maritime Museum

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

It was seasonably chilly but only a little spooky inside Cohasset's only official haunted house this week, the week of Halloween.

Yes, the upstairs floorboards did shimmy a tad, just in spots where an old nail or two had popped loose. Indeed, there were not one but two counting house desks to be found inside, with brass fittings, of just the sort Scrooge and Marley might have employed.

But ultimately, even those slight, though promising, glimmers of a ghostly presence were snuffed out when all the rest of the interior, as perhaps befits a former chandlery, was declared to be in ship-shape order.

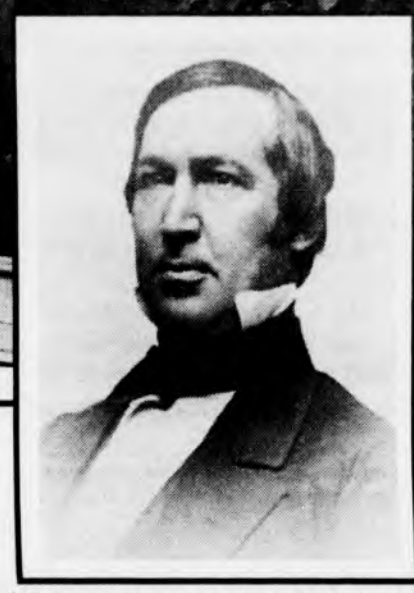
Absent were the trails of amusingly misplaced objects ghosts are said to enjoy leaving in their wakes.

Most disappointing, the tramp of John Bates ghostly footfall was not to be detected.

In fact, the ghost has been quiet for the last 15 years, according to David Wadsworth of the Cohasset Historical Commission. Though Wadsworth acknowledged he too has heard strange sounds which appeared to be coming from the house, a little detective work has usually rooted out the source.

"Most of the noises turned out to be coming from something outside," he said.





The authentic 18th century architecture of the Maritime Museum astounds visitors from all over the world. The ghost of John Bates, at right, is said to have formerly haunted the house.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Nonetheless, Wadsworth opened the office the ghost used to haunt for inspection Monday and rehashed the oft-told tale of the ghost.

"It's not valid history," he said, but according to the speculation advanced by a ghost hunter, the spirit of John Bates, the last of a line of merchant ship owners, became distressed when the chandlery was cut in half in 1959 and moved from its old digs across from Bates' Wharf to its present quarters next to the Capt. John Wilson Historical House. (The move was occasioned when then owner, Mrs. William Cox, gave the building to the Historical Society.)

Absent were the trails of amusingly misplaced objects ghosts are said to enjoy leaving in their wakes.

According to Wadsworth, turning the old place into a museum was a capital idea, despite the complications from supernatural forces. "It's good to have the buildings together," he said. "They are one of the centerpiece attractions of the village during the summer months and enhance Cohasset Center visually."

Moreover, Wadsworth said visitors from all over the world are astounded by the maritime museum, due to the authentic 18th-century architecture.

"This was the standard type of construction," he said. "Hand-made, hand-cut with hand tools, one chop at a time."

As a consequence, much of the downstairs looks something like a tree house, with posts hewn from trees and still showing the knots and knarls where the branches were lopped off,

While some of the old beams are as sturdy as iron, Wadsworth said a few have turned to powder inside, a situation that occasionally calls for re-inforcement work and worries him a lot more than ghosts.

Despite his practical skepticism, after a series of strange sounds, perhaps footsteps pacing in the John Bates' former office, interrupted a meeting of the Historical Society,"word got around the building had a ghost," Wadsworth recalled.

"I wasn't myself present at that meeting," Wadsworth said, but remembered two of the museum curators had detected strange noises before.

"Then the ghost hunter Hans Holzer visited here; and though he didn't actually hear the ghost, he made the determination, most likely, it was the ghost of John Bates and he was unhappy about the move."

John Bates was the last of the family to use the chandlery office which, unlike the rugged quarters in the downstairs chandlery, looks like a room used by a gentle-

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Home snapshot

Haunted House Names: The Maritime Museum or The Ship's Chandlery Museum

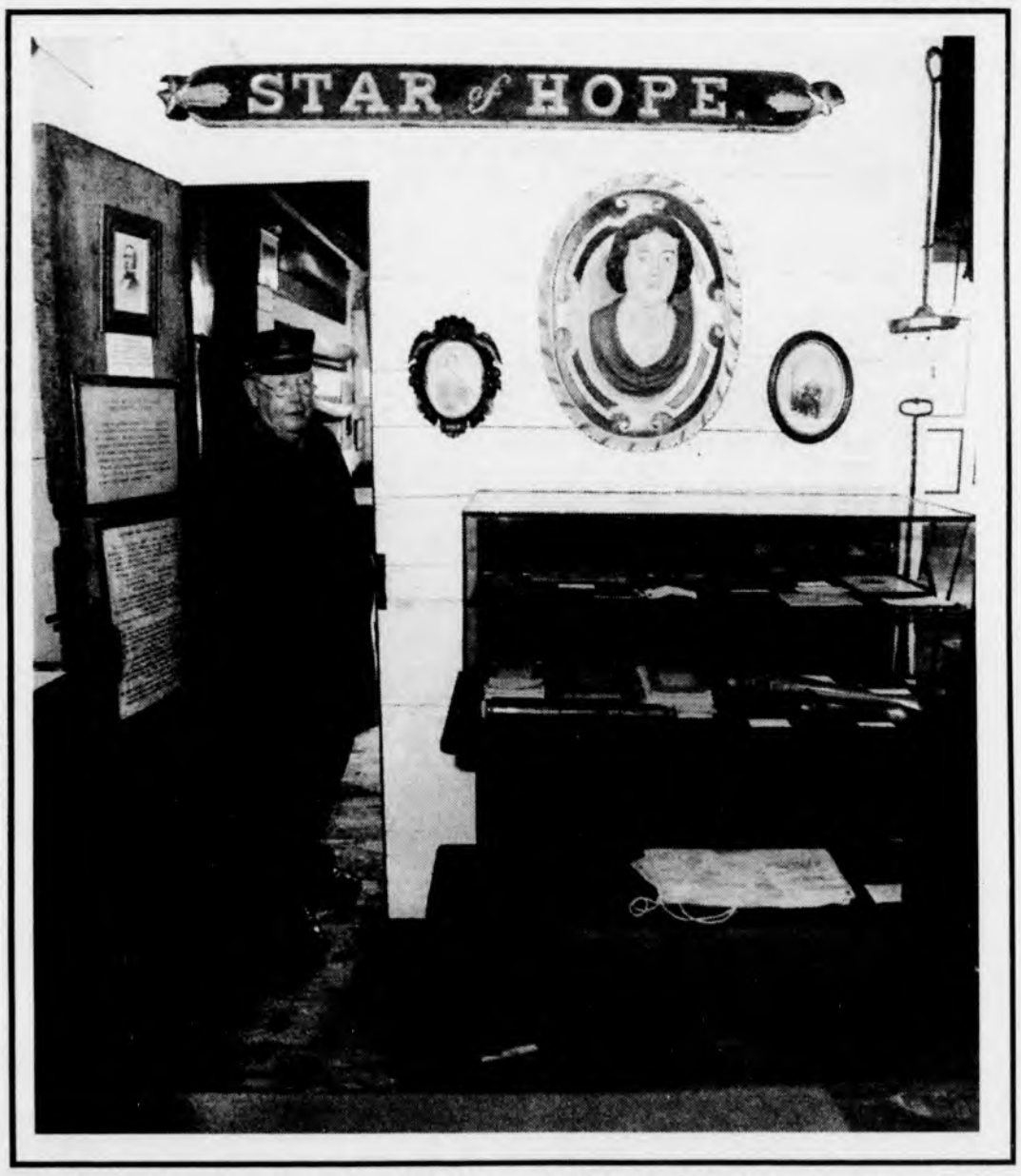
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David Wadsworth, curator for the Cohasset Historical Society, gives a tour of the Maritime Museum in Cohasset Village.

Kevin Ulmer's Lobster Lab claws for survival

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spend time pursuing their interest and curiosity about science," he said.

For Ulmer, now the real work begins. No longer backed by the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation, the non-profit group that renovated the Lightkeepers Residence on nearby Government Island, Ulmer will form a new entity headed by a board of scientific overseers. He must also set out to raise anywhere from $400,000 to $1 million to refurbish the house and get the lab up and running.

Already committed to serve on the board is an impressive list that includes Richard Roberts, 1993 Nobel Laureate, of the N.E. Bio Labs in Beverly; Eric Lander of the Whitehead Institute MIT Human Genome Center in Boston; and Jake Peirson, retired associate dean at the joint program in oceanography between Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and MIT, Ulmer said.

Special town meeting authorized selectmen to issue an RFP for a learning lab at the now dilapidated Victorian-era house. However, that is no guarantee that the process will be a smooth one.

Last spring's annual town meeting heartily endorsed the lobster lab but selectmen — who oppose the project — demanded so much detail in the months that followed that the Lightkeepers, which offered to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the project, gave up in frustration.

Selectman Diane Sullivan, the sole selectman to back issuing another RFP, told voters Monday they had nothing to lose.

> ***"One more shot can't hurt anyone or anything."***
> **– SELECTMAN DIANE SULLIVAN.**

"One more shot can't hurt anyone or anything," she said.

The previous RFP authorized selectmen to lease the building for 10 years at $1 a year. Those were the same terms offered to Cohasset Youth Resources which leases the Independence Building in the village for the teen center and Cohasset Maritime Institute which leases the boat house on the Hagerty Propery for a rowing center.

Joseph McElroy, 59 Windy Hill Rd., former president of CLC, told voters that parking concerns at the site is a "red herring." He said during his 100-plus weekend days on Government Island when the Lightkeepers Residence was being refurbished there was a total dearth of boat trailers in that area.

But Alex Koines, 380 Atlantic Ave., said too much of the harbor front is occupied by private entities and he was worried about giving property away at the town's only public boat ramp.

In trying to persuade voters to tear the building down, Selectman Nan Roth said the lobster lab would be better suited at the high school integrated with school programs.

"The town should not lose control of this property," Roth said. "There are other places for labs but no other place to provide access to this beautiful harbor."

The town purchased the 2.2-acre Hagerty property four years ago. The Hagerty Property Committee was appointed to develop a passive recreational area for the site. The committee which has dwindled from 15 to about eight members is still developing the plan, member Veneta Roebuck said. She said the group has held 125 meetings in the four years and envisions a pavilion and a park area with granite seats, landscaping and trees and shrubs there. She explained the group had had to deal with demolishing the factory buildings, finding a use for the old boat house and trying to grapple with what to do with the house, which at one time they considered leasing or moving across Parker Avenue to a private marina.

Before the town bought the site, the Hagerty property was home to Cohasset Colonials, a furniture kit manufacturing company, which is now located on Beal Street in Hingham.

Hagerty committee chairman Alfred Moore said it was important that the town purchase the property because it was zoned industrial and with the sort of buildings there would not have attracted "clean industry."

Now that the area is cleaned up, it's time to move forward with the site, he said.

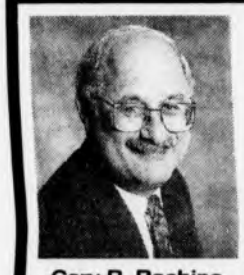
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Bates no longer haunts Museum

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man. In the plain and narrow room with its small brick hearth and tongue and groove walls, there are even ledger books and spectacles on the desk, to suggest the owner might have just stepped away.

But these are all displays provided by the Historical Society. In fact, none of the furnishings ever belonged to Bates, and as for the focus of the room, the counting desk that hugs the inside wall below a picture of a majestic mackerel schooner, it once belonged to the rival Tower Brothers company, Wadsworth said.

Personally, Wadsworth also said, he doubted there ever was a ghost in the museum, a view championed by Historical Commission Chairman Noel Ripley.

According to Ripley, the house is really unsuitable for a ghost.

"It's too small," he said. "You need a big place with a lot of towers and rooms and long passageways, so you can wonder which door the spook is behind."

Furthermore, with the price of real estate so high in Cohasset, the Chairman doubted there were really any haunted houses here.

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Special town meeting lays foundation for new sidewalk

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A brick sidewalk on South Main Street in front of St. Stephen's Church could be in the village's future.

Monday's session of special town meeting authorized spending $10,000 from surplus revenue to design and engineer plans for a new sidewalk from the corner of Robert E. Jason Lane to the intersection of South Main and Elm streets.

The sidewalk will be the first step in a plan to revitalize the beleaguered village area.

The plans will be based on design concepts from the village "charrette" held last December. The charrette was an open forum sponsored by the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and Cohasset Rotary to look at ways to enhance the village area. The architectural design firm Carr, Lynch and Sandell, Inc. were the planning consultants for the workshop which attracted about 40 people.

Detailed plans are needed to be eligible for a state transportation enhancement grant which would pay for 90 percent of the sidewalk, Chamber of Commerce vice president Dean Rizzo said.

If the town qualifies, the grant money would not be available until 1999.

Rizzo explained that the revitalization committee planned to return to town meeting in the spring with a more extensive plan for the entire village. He said proceeding with the sidewalk along South Main to Elm Street is one part that can be separated out and won't conflict with later improvements.

In a majority vote, the advisory committee did not recommend spending the $10,000 because the board had reservations about proceeding with the project at this time.

But selectmen endorsed the plan.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the narrow sidewalk in front of St. Stephen's has been a safety factor.

Herbert Towle cautioned that blasting the ledge by St. Stephen's to create an area wide enough for a proper sidewalk there could be disastrous. He said no one knows what the rock is like inside and he worried the church building could be undermined.

The existing sidewalk by the ledge outcropping is level with the road and is delineated by a white line. Cars often drive up on the area to get past oncoming traffic making it very dangerous for pedestrians.

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce hosted a meeting last week with state officials and about 40 interested citizens to provide an overview of the charrette process and design concept for the village.

Man pays tribute to Princess Diana

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he said. "She was a global humanitarian reaching out to the most vulnerable in society.

"It makes sense that she would want to help land-mine victims throughout the world."

The "New England Town Meeting to Ban Landmines" runs from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Kennedy Library at Columbia Point, Boston. It is free and open to the public For more information, call 617-929-4571.

LSN, founded in 1995, is dedicated to helping the thousands of land-mine victims alive today.

White said there is a big need for fund-raising to provide the necessary help.

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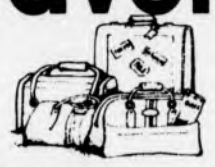
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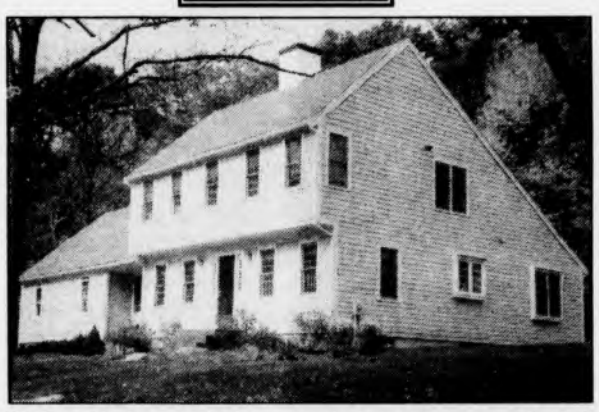
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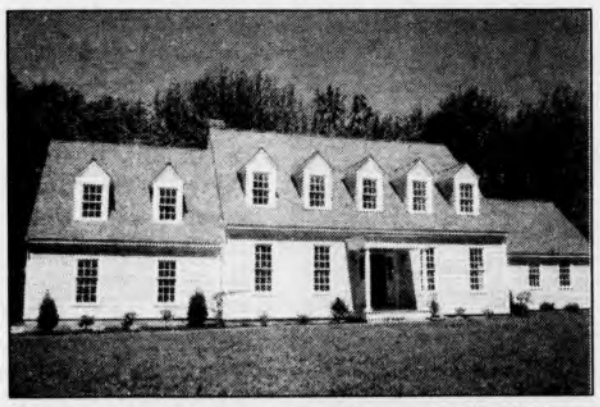
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Acceptance of private ways is a touchy subject for many

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The debate over accepting private ways has kicked into a higher gear. The private ways committee has been working for more than a year to develop a list of private ways that the town can accept as public ways. Currently, the private ways committee has developed a first and second-tier list of 20 streets that can be accepted in the near future.

Yet some residents who live on private ways, but haven't been included in the first or second tier, feel left out. A group of residents who live on private ways has submitted a citizens article to town meeting asking that five streets be accepted as public ways.

The article was expected to be the first order of business at the second session of town meeting, which was scheduled to reconvene Wednesday night after the Mariner went to press.

The private ways committee has selected 12 streets on the first tier to be accepted as public ways at next year's annual town meeting. The list includes Bates Lane, Forest Notch, Lantern Lane, Locust Road, Norfolk Road, Reservoir Road, Riverview Road, Rocky Lane, Short Street, Whitney Woods Lane, and Norman Todd Road.

The second tier is a preliminary list of streets for acceptance, including Fair Oaks Lane, Old Pasture Road, Fern Way, Hillside Drive, Ledge Way, Ledge Wood, Wood Way, and Brewster Road.

The citizen's article asked town meeting to accept five private ways as public ways. The citizen's article included two streets on the private ways committee's second tier list — Fair Oaks Lane and Old Pasture Road — as well as Cedar Acres Lane, Cedar Acres Drive, and Surry Drive.

> ***"This is not political or popular. We will do what is in the best interests of the whole town."***
>
> — HENRY RATTENBURY, PRIVATE WAYS COMMITTEE

Residents who live on private ways say they pay taxes and should be able to utilize the same town services as residents on public streets.

The citizen's article has not been supported by the advisory committee, the private ways committee or the board of selectmen. Town officials have indicated that some private ways would require too much costly alterations to qualify for acceptance as public ways.

Laura Doherty lives on Cedar Acres Lane, a private way that is not one of the eight streets up for acceptance next year.

Doherty helped sponsor the citizen's article because she felt the private ways committee was moving too slow.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said the wording of the citizen's article may not be adequate for legal approval.

Doherty planned to reword the article before Wednesday night's session of town meeting.

The town has known for some time it must do something about the high number of private ways in town.

Currently, there are 11 miles of private ways in Cohasset — about 80 streets— and 34 miles of accepted streets.

Voters at last year's annual town meeting allocated $50,000 to prepare some private ways for public acceptance.

For the town, accepting private ways translates into more chapter 90 highway funding from the state. Chapter 90 money is used for repaving, repairing and improving roads.

The roads must conform to state standards and the planning boards subdivision rules to qualify for acceptance and chapter 90 funds.

The state uses a simple formula to determine the amount of money a town receives in chapter 90 funding. Seventy-five percent of the calculation depends on how many miles of accepted roads there are in a town, 12.5 percent is based on population, and the remaining 12.5 percent is based on the number of residents who work in Cohasset.

For residents, living on public ways means public maintenance and repairs to sewer and water lines, and roads and sidewalks.

Some residents have complained about the private ways committee's slow pace, pointing out that the committee didn't meet for several months at one point.

Private ways committee Chairman Ross Rosano did not return telephone calls from the Mariner.

Private ways committee member Henry Rattenbury commented at length about the committee's activities and progress. Rattenbury said the committee was being criticized unfairly by residents angry that their streets aren't on the first two lists.

"People have complained that we didn't meet for several months," Rattenbury said. "But we didn't meet for two to three months because we needed legal counsel about where we are going. Some private ways are privately owned, and it's always very touchy when you take people's property."

Rattenbury said the committee decided not to meet until town counsel Paul DeRensis supplied information about the legal implications of taking private ways. The committee was also waiting for the Norfolk County Engineers to look up deeds and information showing who owns specific private ways.

The committee has not spent any of the $50,000 allocated for private ways, Rattenbury said.

The committee also is aware that some residents feel it is not being open about the way it selects streets for possible acceptance, Rattenbury said.

"This is not political or popular," Rattenbury said. "We will do what is in the best interests of the whole town."

Rattenbury pointed out that he lives on a private way, Briarwood Lane, which probably will not be recommended for acceptance to the town. Briarwood Lane is too narrow for legal acceptance and has no drainage.

"A gentleman from Cedar Acres Lane came to one of our meetings and became very upset that his street wasn't being recommended for acceptance," Rattenbury said. "But the people that are serving on these committees don't get paid, and they're just trying to do the best they can."

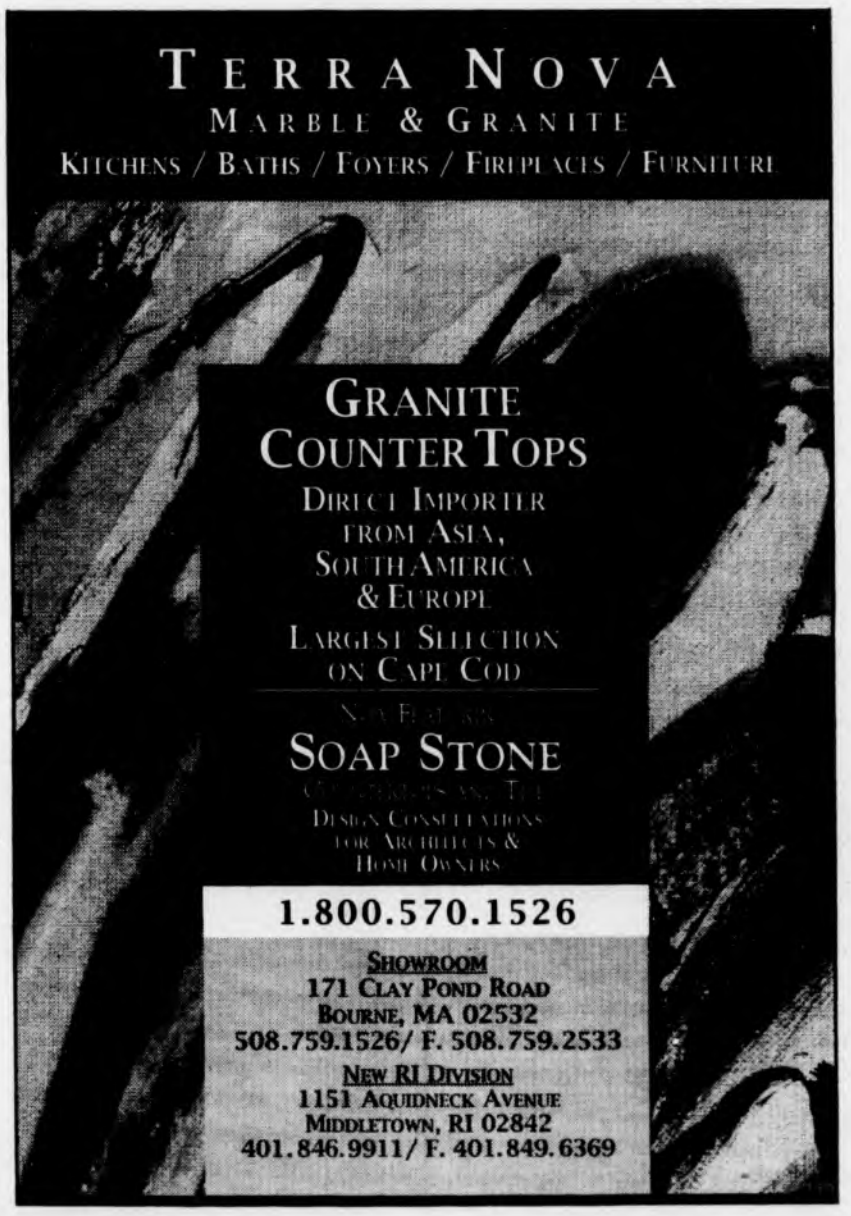
Rattenbury said the DPW Superintendent Harold Litchfield inspected Cedar Acres Lane, but felt that the pattern of cracking and erosion showed that the structural underpinnings of the road were inadequate. Major work would be needed to bring

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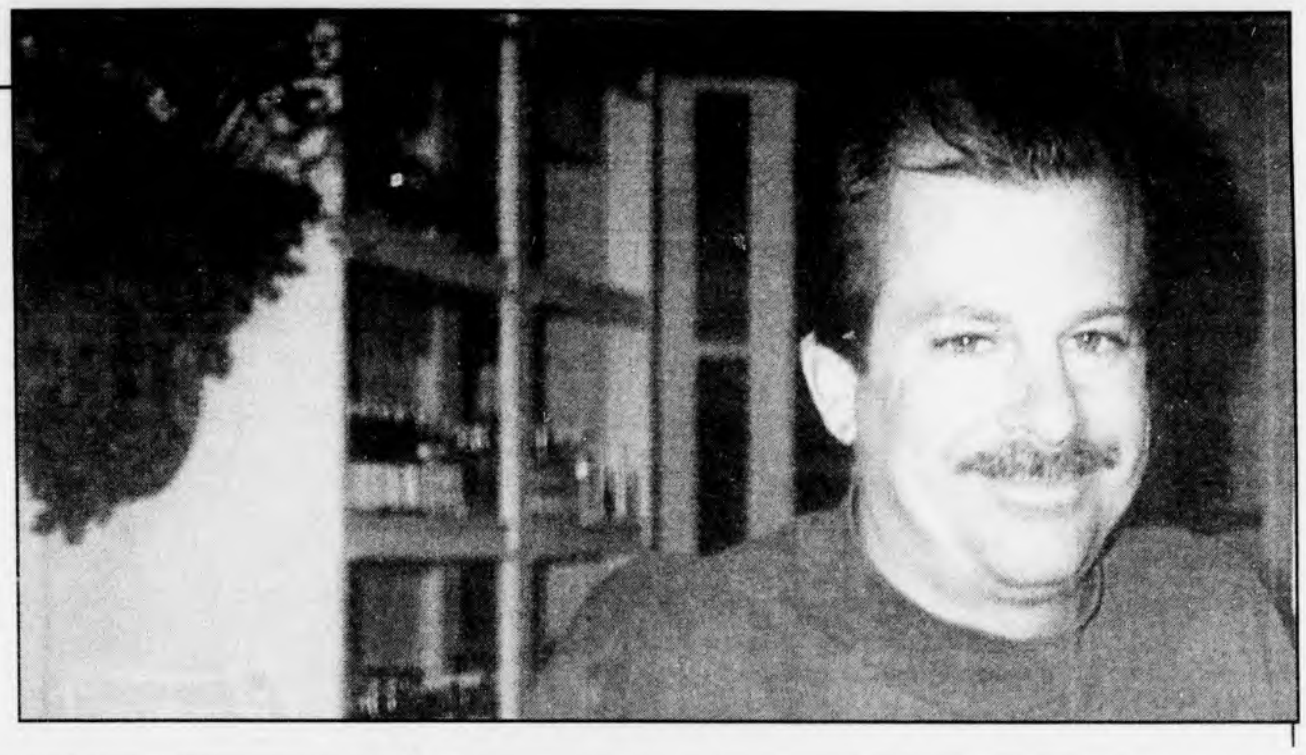


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Private ways

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Cedar Acres Lane up to the planning board's standards.

Other residents on private ways have informed the committee not to consider their streets for acceptance as public ways.

"Some residents like things just the way they are," Rattenbury said.

Rattenbury said that there is nothing easy about what the committee is trying to accomplish, and several key problems remain unresolved.

The water commission will not replace broken water lines under private ways. Rattenbury said. This was the case recently in the Newtonville area off Atlantic Ave.

Residents had a persistent water leak, but the water commission would not repair it because it was on a private way. Residents eventually had to band together and pay for the repair themselves.

Some private ways are used as public access roads, like Howe Road. The town will need to take some sewer easements on private ways when it puts in new sewer lines on Jerusalem Road.

Rattenbury cited Black Rock Road as one private way that will require a sewer easement, which essentially places the maintenance of the lines under town control.

In the meantime, Rattenbury and the rest of the private ways committee will continue working on identifying streets acceptable for use as public ways.

And Doherty and other residents of private ways will take their case to town meeting looking for public support.

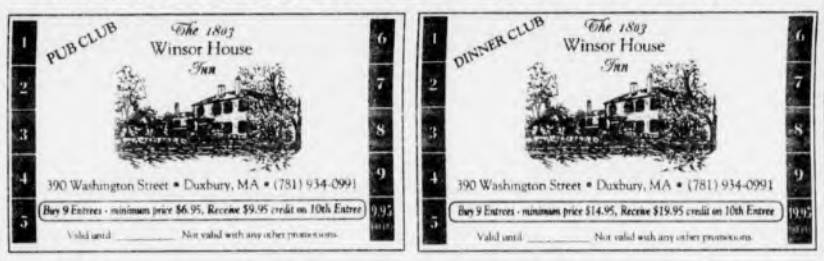
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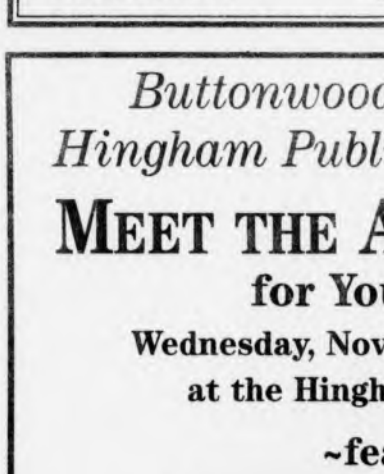
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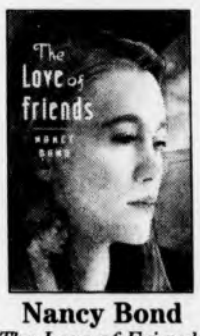
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We begin by congratulating a very fine person who has given 30 years of dedicated service to our town! Drum roll please - Kevin Soule! Kevin has been a custodian in the school system and a bus driver for both students and athletes, he has been a friend to many, and a loyal worker. Kevin has always been known as an outstanding son and a loving brother, here's hoping that he will continue his services to us for many years to come!

FRESHMAN AT FAIRFIELD

Jen Cellucci, the daughter of Dan and Judy Cellucci of 21 Bates Ln., has enrolled as a freshman in the class of the year 2001 at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. She is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Hingham where she was a member of the National Honor Society and the field hockey team. She was among approximately 5,500 applicants for 850 openings in the freshmen class at the university.

FIRST YEAR AT BABSON

Karen D. Niessink, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jan Niessink of 40 Forest Ave., and Mark E. Whitman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Whitman of 63 Ledgewood Dr., recently began studies as first-year students at Babson College in Wellesley. Babson is a recognized leader in entrepreneurial management education, something we know that both Karen and Mark will take advantage of and exceed in learning everything offered (and more). We are sure to hear more of them throughout their college careers!



Melina Mamey, board president, and Cathy Mueller-Bell, teen center director, get into the Halloween spirit at Saturday's haunted house at the teen center.

Fred Robertson photo

DELICIOUS RECIPES

I received a notice in the mail that I surely feel is worth mentioning. Saturday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Stop and Shop in Cohasset, Chef Gary Sarcione will show you how to prepare the delicious recipes from the latest issue of "Vegetarian Times" magazine. Tasting the sample dishes is part of the event, so be sure to bring your appetite! The magazine is a very good one, the chef has to be even better! Don't miss this!

THE END OF AN ERA

Most people know the town's wire inspector, Steve Wigmore. It is hard to picture the town without the big truck, with Steve at the helm, checking all of the wires. Along with all of the friendliness and helpfulness that he has given to us, he is one great guy! Come next June it will be the end of an era when Steve retires. Be sure to tell him how much you appreciate him long before then. It is nice to know that you aren't taken for gran

DOG FOR RENT?

Does anyone have a "dog for rent?" Preferably one that chases Canadian geese off fields? It is a recent dilemma at Alumni Field, there are geese (and their you-know-whats) everywhere! Give Clark a call if you can be of assistance, everyone will thank you, especially the players using the field!

ALL-STAR FIELD HOCKEY

Hats off to Lauren Dooley and Katie Buckley who were recently named to the South Shore League All-Star team for their great field hockey prowess! We also want to wish the whole team success in the tournament, may you win it all! In any case, you are all winners in our eyes, and we are proud of you!

ANOTHER ADVENTURE FOR KIDS

Good news for girls and boys ages 6 to 11, there will be another adventure at the South Shore Community Center Nov. 11! Ruthann, Stephanie, Susie, Edvia Kathy and a host of others are planning a fun-filled afternoon with gymnastics, obstacle course, pizza making, crafting and more! It will be from noon until 2:30 p.m. (a good day for Mom to start Christmas shopping!), and the space is limited

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Food for thought: "People who don't cherish their elderly, have forgotten whence they came and whither they go."

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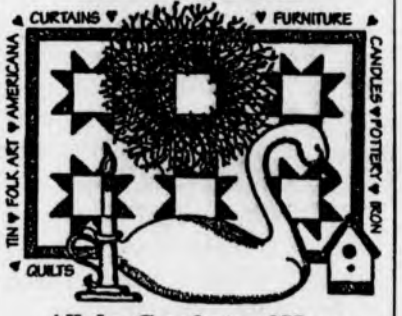
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Annual Halloween fair scares up a crowd

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who were there with their two children, Blair, almost three, and Shannon, 17 months, said that the "o Fish" game was their favorite because they had all won prizes. Bill said that he had a great time with his kids and also ran into friends whom he hadn't seen for a while and that was nice, too.

The fair, which has been an annual tradition in town for 20 years, was sponsored by the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, its largest annual fundraiser, which last year raised more than $3,000.

"The fair is to celebrate those young at heart," said Lynne Sheridan, the director of the nursery school. She said that all the proceeds go to the school and help feed the scholarship fund. Sheridan believes that the fair is a very positive, family-oriented event and notes that every child leaves each game or activity with a prize or something they made. QuickKava, The Silver Spoon and Kennealey Meats all donated goods for the fund-raiser.

Susan Jaffe, who is on the parents' board for the nursery school and has been helping out with the fair for the last three years, said that each year they add new activities.

"Kids who are not in middle or high school, but enjoyed the fair when they were youngsters, are acting as volunteers and it's fun for them, too," Jaffe said. With the ever-increasing success of the fair, plans are already in the works for next year's merrymaking.

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(you have to pre-register). Call the center at 383-0088 for more information.

WELCOME KERRY DUNN!

John and Maura Dunn of 23 Schofield Rd. have great news that they want to share with everyone; and here it is - Kerry Irene Dunn, who was born Oct. 6 at 3 p.m., weighing in at 8 pounds 12 ounces! Kerry's big sister, Katherine (who is six) is "so very excited to have a new baby sister to play with" that she can hardly stand it! And her grandparents, Katherine Hanley of Weymouth and Martin Hanley of Plymouth, and Irene and Terry Dunn of Dedham and Harwich are thrilled beyond words!

The next time you see any member of the Dunn family, be sure to ask for pictures and give a big Cohasset welcome to Kerry!

USE CAUTION ON HALLOWEEN

Finally, please be a cautious driver this Friday, the spooks and goblins will be out in full force - they often get too excited to pay attention to anything other than their bags of goodies, so it is up to you to watch for them! Oh, and give them great treats!

GIVE ME A BUZZ!

Don't forget to give me a buzz with your news!

- Sallyann
383-0560

MAY I PRESENT

Sallyann Chatterton

Daylight savings time is over, the darkness that creeps in by 4 p.m. is here! The good news is that now everyone is hungry, and cannot wait for a good, hearty meal - one that fills the house with pleasing aromas as well as being tasty and satisfying! The following meal is guaranteed to please one and all!

May I present chicken and pasta provincial:

4 cups canned tomatoes
2 cups chicken stock
1 5-pound chicken (I use a roaster chicken)
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 large onion, cut into quarters
1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons salt
good pinch each, basil and thyme
1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced and sautÈed
1 cup light cream
1/4 pound grated Cheddar cheese
1/2 pound spaghetti, cooked according to package directions
1/4 pound cheddar cheese (1/2 pound all together)

Simmer 4 cups canned tomatoes and 2 cups chicken stock until liquid is reduced by one half. Season with 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, 1 large onion, cut into quarters, 1 clove garlic, 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce, 2 tsps. salt, basil and thyme. Slice and sautÉ mushrooms (you can use canned if desired) in a little butter until golden. Drain. Add to sauce along with 4 cups cooked chicken meat cut into bite-sized pieces. Stir 2 tbsp. flour into mushroom drippings. Add 1 cup light cream and 1/4 pound grated cheddar cheese. Heat and stir until thickened. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add to the tomato-chicken mixture. You may cool and freeze at this point if you desire; when ready to serve, thaw. Cook spaghetti, toss with sauce. Turn into an 8-10 cup casserole. Sprinkle the top with another 1/4 pound Cheddar cheese. Heat in a 350∞ oven until bubbling, about 45 minutes. This makes 8 servings.

I usually serve this with a salad, crusty bread and Italian green beans.

- Sallyann

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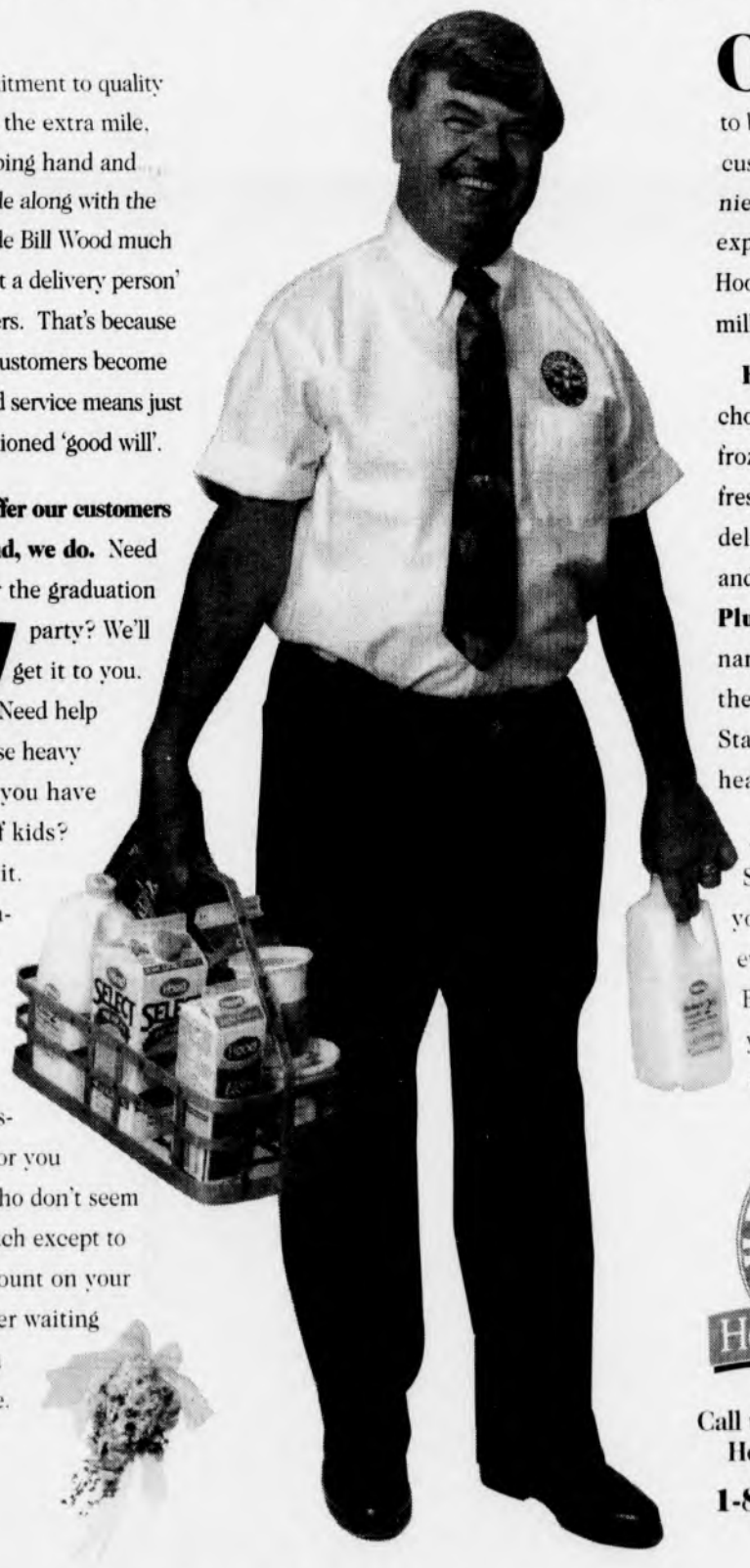
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Make it scary, but make it safe

Halloween is here and what a festive and fun holiday it is.

Pumpkins perch on porch steps, goblins, ghouls and ghosts swing from leafless tree limbs and jack-o'-lanterns aglow, grin and glare at us from neighbors' windows. Families come together to design or purchase the perfect Halloween disguise, and kids collect and consume enough tasty treats to keep their dentists rich beyond belief. What could be better?

I have so many fond memories of the week leading up to the big night, oftentimes even Mom and Dad would get into the act, not only designing but also donning costumes along with we children.

In our community, a separate night — October 30 — was unofficially designated for mischief, so nothing spoiled the sweet fun of trick-or-treating. "Mischief Night" featured shaving cream and toilet paper prominently.

Today's tricks seem more malevolent and because they coincide with the rest of the Halloween night reverie, parents and children must beware.

Several South Shore towns are stepping up police patrols to keep the peace, and communities like Cohasset — where bike patrol officers were egged by a roaming mob of youths last year — is seeking a voluntary community-wide curfew of 8:30 p.m. In Scituate Harbor, the merchants are offering store-to-store trick-or-treating Friday afternoon and Scituate Marketplace is hosting an in-store Halloween party for kids. In Cohasset, the Teen Center is hosting a Halloween dance. But if your kids plan to hit the roads Friday night, make sure you drill them on some important trick-or-treating safety tips;

* Visit only homes you know, accompanied by an adult or older person
* Carry flashlights and when possible wear light colored clothes so that you are visible to cars
* Avoid long, dragging costumes and high heel shoes that could cause you to fall
* Do not carry sharp objects. Cardboard swords and knives work just as well
* Stick to neighborhoods with sidewalks or walk against oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk
* Choose costumes that use make-up rather than masks that interfere with your vision
* Take off your mask when crossing the street if it inhibits your vision
* Never cross the street between parked cars
* Trick-or-treat in daylight hours
* Do not eat any candy until it has been checked by parents and eat only packaged items
* Don't go it alone. Trick-or-treating is always more fun in a group with friends

Residents should leave outside lights on so children can see where they are walking and remove obstacles from steps, sidewalk and lawn so that they do not trip on them. Greet trick-or-treaters at the door, do not encourage them to come inside.

— Alice Coyle

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate Mariner.



LETTERS

Good Halloween judgment needed

To the Editor:

Halloween is a magical, mystical holiday. Its appeal is universal.

Unfortunately, the specter of Halloween, 1996, has haunted everyone in Cohasset for the past 12 months. Now, we have an opportunity to bury the ghost of the unfortunate events of last year and recreate a Halloween that everyone can enjoy.

The PSO joins with the Drug and Alcohol Committee, the town's clergy, the police, and all of the residents of Cohasset in urging parents to abide by the 8:30 p.m. curfew voted by the selectmen. This gives the town's trick or treaters plenty of time to haunt their local neighborhoods. It provides an identifiable "end" to outdoor activities and enables residents to pursue their own activities for the remainder of the evening.

For older "goblins and witches," there is a varsity football game under the lights at Alumni Field. What a great opportunity for the entire high school student body to attend and cheer on the Blue and White! The game starts at 7 and ends around 9 p.m. When the lights are out at Alumni Field, it should be a signal that all CHS students are expected to be at home or attending a chaperoned party.

For middle school "werewolves," the Teen Center is sponsoring a dance at Deer Hill from 7 to 10 p.m.

The town has done its part to ensure there are activities for all ages. It's incumbent upon us, as parents, to know which of the activities our children are attending. We also need to reiterate to them that, just because Halloween is a fun holiday, we nevertheless expect good judgment and appropriate behavior to prevail.

Jane Pescatore, President
Cohasset Parent School Organization

Thanks for caring

To the Editor:

It was heartwarming to have received all the comforting, caring cards and letters during this very difficult time for us. We appreciate everyone's expression of sympathy upon the death of William (Bill) Protulis Sr. It is a great comfort to our family to know that Dad had so many good friends and neighbors. True, we have sustained a great shock and a great loss by his passing, but it is comforting to know that he was loved by so many.

The Protulis Family
Norfolk Road

Garden help is appreciated

To the Editor:

The South Shore Community Center would like to express their thanks to the Girl Scouts for their work last week in planting hundreds of pink and white tulip bulbs in the "Friendship Garden" bordering the Center. Their efforts will be rewarded next spring as the tulips come into bloom!

We would like to extend a special thank you to Andrea Martone, the many other leaders who volunteered, and Barbara Anglin ("The Secret Gardener") for their supervision and assistance.

We would also like to say to anyone currently wintering-over a garden and dividing bulbs who has any excess plants, the Center would be pleased to use them! Just bring them to us at 3 North Main St. in Cohasset, where they will be put to good use.

Thanks to all for your hard work.

Stephanie Church
Program Director

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Halloween Fair is a spook-tacular time for all!









CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT—Jesse and Janice Batts enjoy the annual Halloween Fair on Cohasset Common. The event attracted witches, ghosts and goblins of all ages. Two-year-old Jack Kuppens ignores the rules and uses his hands to enjoy the doughnut eating contest at the Halloween Fair on Sunday. Ducks in the foreground appear oblivious to all the excitement going on. The annual event is sponsored by the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. Costumes didn't get in the way of a little moon-walking at one of the most popular attractions at the fair which has been a tradition for 20 years.

Photos by Doug McFadd

Cohasset man charged with larceny and tax fraud



The Conroy house at 379 Atlantic Ave.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

A Cohasset man could face up to 19 years in prison and $1 million in fines if convicted on larceny and criminal tax charges.

John P. Conroy, 61, of 379 Atlantic Ave., was indicted Oct. 24 in Suffolk Superior Court on one count of embezzlement by a trustee and three counts of filing false tax returns. Conroy is accused of stealing nearly $900,000 from the American Cancer Society and Children's Hospital.

Reached at his Boston office, Conroy declined to comment referring the call to his attorney. Conroy's attorney, Joseph Brodigan, Sr. of Boston said Conroy denies the charges and intends "to vigorously defend himself against them."

He declined further comment.

The charges follow an investigation by the state Department of Revenue's Criminal Investigations Bureau which revealed that Conroy allegedly stole funds he was supposed to be distributing as a trustee for the estate of John Burke of West Roxbury who died in 1993. Conroy was named the executor for the $1.4 million estate, which was to be distributed to the American Cancer Society and Children's Hospital.

Burke, a retired government worker, lived in a modest home and saved his money in a variety of passbook accounts, certificates of deposit (CDs) and Blue Chip stocks, said Assistant Attorney General Andrew Zaikis, who is prosecuting the case.

In the course of his handling of the estate assets, Conroy, an attorney and a CPA who works out of a Boston office, is charged with stealing $888,000 of the estate assets for his personal use without informing either the probate court or the charities, Zaikis said.

Zaikis said Conroy filed $635,000 in executor fees on the estate which caught the eye of an auditor at the DOR. A subsequent investigation reportedly revealed that Conroy allegedly wrote off large amounts in bogus partnership losses on his tax returns.

The two charities only received $200,000 each from the estate, Zaikis said.

The attorney general's office was able to obtain a search warrant for Conroy's office where investigators found the financial records to come up with the numbers in the indictment, Zaikis said.

A former member of the Cohasset Council on Elder Affairs, Conroy, who lives in a $1.1 million house overlooking the ocean, allegedly invested and subsequently lost much of the money in the stock market. Conroy's house was sold at a foreclosure auction in 1996, but the assessors' office said the house is in his wife's name.

The tax charges stem from allegations that he failed to accurately report the $888,000 on his tax returns he filed with the state in 1993 and 1994. Conroy also allegedly took more than $1 million in partnership deductions on state income tax returns he filed in 1992-94, Zaikis said.

He said Conroy was a partner with the accounting firm Peat Marwick for 18 years before starting his own business in 1992.

When the charities became aware of the criminal investigation by the Department of Revenue and the Attorney General's Office, they sued Conroy in Suffolk Probate Court to have him removed as executor for the estate. Conroy has been removed as executor and ordered to provide an accounting of his handling of all assets and return all money taken from the estate. Zaikis said Conroy is making payments of $800 a month to the charities.

Conroy has supporters in town.

Years ago Conroy helped lift the Cohasset Community Center out of bankruptcy by helping the nonprofit organization get a small business association loan, according to the center's former director Judy Volungis of Forest Avenue.

"He's a very, very nice guy. I can't find any fault with him," Volungis said.

She also noted that Conroy's house was not worth $1 million plus when he purchased it about 15 years ago. Volungis said the house sold at the time for about $480,000.

If convicted, Conroy faces up to 10 years in state prison on the larceny count, and up to three years in state prison for each count of filing false tax returns. In addition, he faces fines ranging from $25,000 to $100,000 per count.

Zaikis explained that punishment under the trustee embezzlement law is more severe than a larceny charge. He said the law tries to protect the elderly from theft from their estates after they die.

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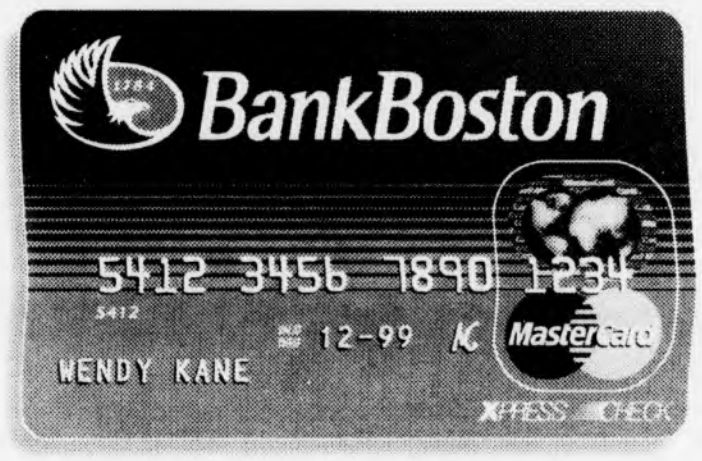
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Millard MacNeill celebrates 70 years with church choir

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset resident Millard MacNeill has spent 70 of his 87 years in song. Every Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church, he can be found contributing his musical talents to the same choir he has been singing in since he was 17 years old.

"I love to sing and I love the people," said MacNeill at his home on Jerusalem Road where he lives with his wife Kerstin.

Granted, many of the faces and voices in the choir are different. MacNeill has seen at least five choir directors and six ministers come and go. He has sung tenor to hundreds of hymns and psalms in two different choir lofts in the same church. A 1928 fire damaged the roof and sanctuary of the church, which was renovated later that year.

"He has a wonderful tenor voice," said the Reverend Gary Ritts, who has stood beside MacNeill in the choir. "He could sing the note almost as he looked at it. He's the one everyone follows."

Now a retired plumber, MacNeill spends his time working in his yard and tending to his health. In the past 10 years, he has had two heart attacks and developed emphysema and neuropathy — dead nerves.

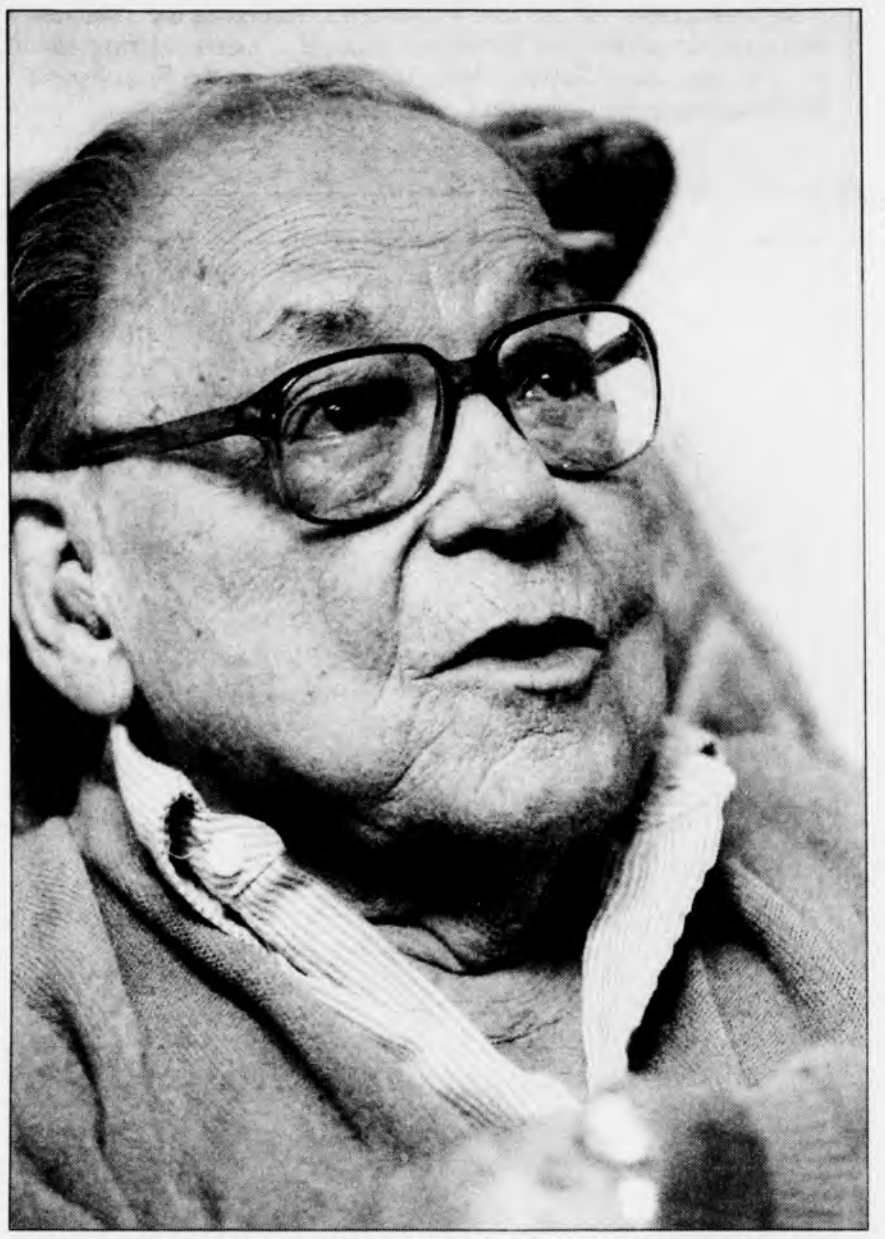
"Even though I lose my voice when I talk, I can still sing," he said. "I'll sing as long as I'm still breathing."

Just last week, a swarm of bees attacked him while he was outside clearing brush. MacNeill is allergic to bee stings.

"I've had just about everything you can have," MacNeill said, smiling. "The human body can put up with just about anything. I've come through very well. I have great faith."

"Even though I lose my voice when I talk, I can still sing. I'll sing as long as I'm still breathing."

— MILLARD MACNEILL



Millard MacNeill reminisces about getting the most out of life.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Born on Oct. 5, 1910 in North Scituate, MacNeill has spent his life in Scituate and Cohasset with his family.

The youngest of four children, MacNeill lived in a house that his father John built — for his arrival into the world — on Grove Street in Scituate, now Mann Lot Road. Because there were no buses or tarred roads in town during his childhood, he walked to Hatherly School on Country Way, which was later torn down.

In 1921, MacNeill moved with his family to Cohasset, where they rebuilt a home on Elm Street to house a hardware store, a plumbing business and a residence.

MacNeill graduated in 1927 from the Osgood School on Elm Street, which is no longer in existence. He received his high school diploma with about a dozen classmates.

At about that same time, MacNeill joined the Second Congregational Church choir. MacNeill comes from a family of singers, all of whom were involved in the choir. His sister Martha also sang solos on the radio.

After high school, MacNeill went on to study business administration at the now defunct Bryant and Stratton school in Boston. He worked as a bookkeeper and teller at the Cohasset National Bank, which later became the Rockland Trust Co.

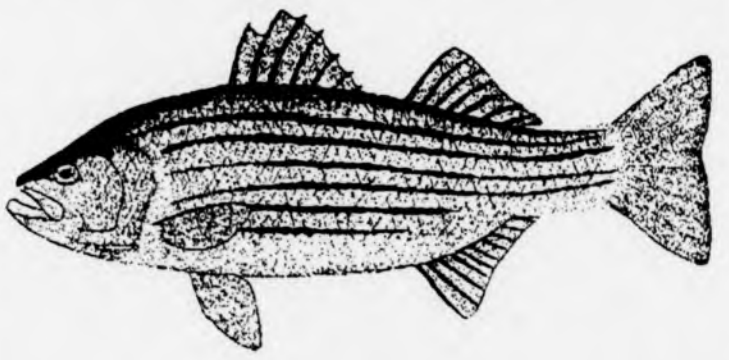
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follow in his father's footsteps and become a plumber.

He joined his father's plumbing business, John MacNeill and Son, which John started around 1915. MacNeill and his brother Fred incorporated the business as MacNeill Inc. In 1951, when his father died.

In 1987, with 35 employees MacNeill lost the business because many of his clients had gone bankrupt. For the next two years, he delivered newspapers to 110 customers on his Cohasset route. He has also been a Mason at the Conahasset Lodge for 59 years.

"I've had a lot of fun," MacNeill said of the ups and downs of his life. "Having a good time is part of being healthy."

"He has a wonderful tenor voice. He could sing the note almost as he looked at it. He's the one everyone follows."

— REV. GARY RITTS

MacNeill's positive attitude has always been a source of admiration for Rev. Ritts.

"I appreciate his attitude about life. It's always been positive even though he's had some rough times," he said. "He's an inspiring, wise man."

And MacNeill won't be quitting the choir any time soon. Churchgoers can still find him standing in the back row of the choir in the tenor's section.

He attributes his 70-year stint in the choir to the fact that he "stayed alive that long."

"I won't miss if I can help it. I still do all right. I still sing on pitch," he said.



In September 1925 at the age of 15, Millard MacNeill (at left) dug in to the ground breaking for the side extensions on the front of the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset. MacNeill, now 87, has been a member of the church choir for 70 years.

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Area residents pack train hearing in Hingham

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Some 250 residents of Hingham, Scituate, Cohasset and neighboring communities packed Hingham Town Hall last Thursday. They were attending the state transportation committee hearing to air their concerns and in some cases, support for, the MBTA's proposal to restore rail service to the South Shore. More than 100 of them signed up to speak, although there was not enough time for everyone to voice their views.

Concerns ranged from noise, air quality issues, safety and the amount of cars rail service would take off congested highways leading into Boston.

The anti-train sentiment of most of the meeting's participants was felt from the outset, with opponents gathered outside the town hall holding "No Train" signs.

Most of those in attendance were vehemently opposed to rail restoration, but a handful, including former Hingham resident William Grimes, now of Watertown, spoke in favor of the proposal. It was standing-room only by the time the meeting commenced at 6 p.m., with some seats becoming available as the meeting headed into its third hour.

Rep. Joe Sullivan, D-Braintree, chairman of the House transportation committee, said the hearing was called "to discover firsthand residents' concerns about Greenbush restoration." Sullivan is a staunch supporter of the proposal to rebuild Greenbush.

And although he said residents' concerns should not be taken lightly, Sullivan told the Hingham Journal that he views alternatives to rail service offered by Greenbush opponents as supplements to, not replacements for, rail restoration. Those include HOV (high-occupancy vehicle) express lanes on the Southeast Expressway and enhanced commuter boat service.

Also in attendance were three other members of the transportation committee - Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth; Rep. William Straus, D-Mattapoisett; and Rep. John Quinn, D-Dartmouth. Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, spoke as an "honorary" member of the committee.

Murray quipped to Sullivan, "If you had considered my proposal to put a monorail down Route 3, we wouldn't be her tonight!"

Hedlund emphasized the tremendous impact the train would have on all South Shore communities through which Greenbush would run.

Grimes spoke in place of "Back on Track" president Ross Hall of Hingham, who was out of town at the time of the meeting. The organization has been a supporter of rail restoration for a number of years.

"We can't sweep the concerns under the carpet because we like trains," he said. "There are many problems to be addressed, but many (who now oppose the train) will probably think, 'What was all the fuss about?' once the line is restored." Grimes was a 20-year resident of Hingham and a longtime member of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

A Norwell doctor who handles cardiac patients, Arthur Garceau, pointed out that many diseases are aggravated by stress, including the daily strain of commuting to Boston by car.

"A commuter rail would be the civil way to commute - with riders not frazzled but wearing a smile on their faces," he said. "Greenbush may not take too many cars off the road, but it will take many stressed people off of them."

Hingham resident Ellen Dresser called for the passage of legislation "so not another penny is spent on Greenbush ever."

Although Sullivan has no intention of changing his position on Greenbush, he told the Mariner that the transportation committee "holds the purse strings, so the MBTA will adhere to many of our requests," including not turning a deaf ear to citizens' concerns.

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Facts relating to Greenbush restoration

If Greenbush restoration is approved:

•the MBTA estimates a ridership of between 4,100 and 4,500 per day. However, rail opponents claim those ridership figures are flawed;

•About 1,300 cars would be taken off the Southeast Expressway;

•There would be 12 round-trips a day from Scituate to South Station;

•The number of grade crossings could be reduced from the current 43 to about 30 or 32, according to MBTA Manager of Environmental Affairs Andrew Brennan. He was referring to current plans showing the elimination or consolidation of several of them. With 43 grade crossings, the train would cross a roadway 1,032 times a day without stopping.

•ïThe estimated cost of Greenbush restoration would increase from $215 million to about $285 million, depending on a number of unknown factors. Those include mitigation costs, which amounted to $35-$40 million for the Plymouth and Middleboro lines, which recently began service.

Brennan admitted Greenbush restoration poses a larger challenge than those lines, in part because of the close proximity of many properties to the railroad tracks, the significant amount of environmentally sensitive areas and the number of historical properties located along the line.

•Travel time from Scituate to South Station, where the Greenbush line ends, would be approximately 60-62 minutes.

•The per-passenger ridership subsidy for commuters taking the Greenbush line into Boston is estimated at approximately $3 per rider per trip.

Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, chairman of the committee, is encouraging South Shore residents to continue offering their input about the restoration project so the committee "can make the best-informed decisions regarding rail restoration."

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Greenbush timeline is detailed

Plans for the restoration of Greenbush rail service and the related environmental review process have been ongoing for more than a decade but have geared into a higher level in the past two years.

•In 1995, the MBTA submitted an Environmental Impact Statement to the state and federal governments, which was approved by the secretary of environmental affairs. The Greenbush proposal called for an "at-grade commuter rail using state funds only."

•Dozens of community meetings were held concerning a number of issues, resulting in substantive changes brought together as part of the "final" Environmental Impact Report.

ïIn 1996, the MBTA filed for a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to fill 5.2 acres of wetlands.

•The Corps provided a series of questions to the MBTA following a public meeting this past August, which they were asked to address by Oct. 31.

•The MBTA informed the Corps earlier this month that they might not be able to meet that deadline.

•Next spring is the target date for completion by the MBTA of the full Environmental Impact Report.

•If approved, the project would then move into design continuation and the final design and construction of Greenbush rail restoration.

•Construction would begin in early or mid-1999 and would be expected to go on for about two years.

•By the middle or end of 2001, the first Greenbush trains would begin running.

Train hearing

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However, Sullivan feels the regional benefits outweigh the project's negative aspects, including the fact that the train would pass in close proximity to many homes and businesses.

"It's important that we move ahead to the completion of all three lines," he said.

"The impacts there were well beyond anything which was reviewed," she said.

Michael Dick of Cohasset was concerned about wetlands.

"Train restoration will have a severe impact on wetlands," he said. "Most people don't realize how wetlands function (and the purpose they serve)."

He also expressed concern about insufficient noise and vibration mitigation for homes located along the railroad right-of-way.

"The MBTA is doing the absolute minimum," he said. "If the project is going to be done, it should be done right. We're not getting enough in return for the kind of sacrifice we're making."

With the meeting drawing to a close, Sullivan said he would seriously consider the comments made at the hearing in making recommendations to the legislature.

"This meeting was not just window-dressing," said Sullivan, who didn't rule out the possibility of another hearing.

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Revenue sharing from lottery boosts town's coffers

New bill would help towns that sell most tickets

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

In Cohasset, as in many South Shore communities, the Massachusetts Lottery has proved to be the proverbial win-win situation. Thanks to the Lottery's $3 billion record sales year in 1997, the Department of Revenue has continued to write fresh checks to local general funds, with another unexpected dividend coming in December.

Moreover, the checks are all profits, with very little overhead associated with the sales of tickets

This September, for specifics, Cohasset, which already banked $318,275 in payouts this year, picked up an extra $11,898, and another windfall is expected to come in December, according to Michael Coffey, a spokesman for the Lottery. Coffey said the brisk sales of lottery tickets and controlled administrative costs allowed the Massachusetts Lottery to grow by an impressive 12.2 percent, and the extra checks reflect the better than expected performance.

As for the downside, there has been little reason to complain here. Though Cohasset gets substantially less state aid from the lottery than poorer communities, it also has little trouble from the sale of lottery tickets. The day of a typical big jackpot drawing by the Massachusetts Lottery in Cohasset looks about like every other day. Last year, the town produced about $2.5 million in lottery ticket sales, and according to police chief Brian Noonan, there's never been a problem with long traffic lines or accidents, due to people rushing to buy a last-minute ticket.

"We have so many spots in town that sell them," the chief said. "It kind of diffuses it."

Amid all the good news, it might be hard to see why some cities and towns in other areas have a question about the way the lottery's profits get divided.

Yet, the Lottery's growth has brought problems to communities near the state border. There, the high stakes prize will attract a procession of out-of-state license plates, clogged highways, and traffic accidents. Up to now, such communities have had no way to offset the local cost of doing the Lottery's business.

But that situation could be about to change.

On Wednesday, Rep. Philip Travis, D-Rehoboth, introduced new legislation on Beacon Hill to sweeten the pot for the communities that produce the bulk of the Lottery's ticket sales. Though the bill, which is co-sponsored by the Seekonk selectmen, will not alter the basic formula used to determine lottery distributions, it would, if passed, divide up 20 -25 percent of revenues due to growth only, to give an advantage to the communities that sell the most chances such as Seekonk where lottery sales last year topped $14 million,

However, if Lottery earnings go flat next year, those communities would not get any extra

But although Cohasset's state aid from the lottery now ranks among the lower third rung of cities and towns, officials here are not sure the new bill is an opportunity, and they are taking a wait and see attitude about the new proposal.

Town Administrator Mark Haddad said, "Any money we get from the Massachusetts Lottery is greatly appreciated."

Haddad also said he wasn't ready to comment on the new bill until he figures out whether it would help Cohasset.

Similarly, town accountant Michael Buckley said, "I think everyone's doing good as is." He was not sure there were enough lottery outlets in town to increase ticket sales.

Despite their satisfaction with the current situation, in discussing the bill's objective Travis said the current lottery distribution is not fair to communities like Raynham and Seekonk which sell more than their fair share of Massachusetts Lottery tickets but are not compensated for their expenses. The representative also said the new bill would not punish communities which failed to sell a lot of tickets. They would still share between 75 and 80 percent of the growth revenues.



Town attempts to stem flooding

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The town took a step toward preventing more flooding this week.

Special town meeting voters approved borrowing $165,000 which is the town's 25 percent share of the James Brook Flood Control Project and spending another $13,500 for an engineering consultant.

A federal grant is expected to pick up 75 percent of the cost of rebuilding the headworks at the cove near Kimballs which will allow more water from the James Brook basin to flow into the ocean during heavy rains and storms. The project includes widening the channel and adding a third 60" diameter culvert under Elm Street.

The engineering consultant will assist the town with the federal grant application and with its coordination with the MBTA relative to construction of the train which cuts through the flood plain.

Former selectman Peter Pratt, who has continued to lead the flood control effort since leaving office last spring, said it is necessary to exit at least 50 percent more water at peak flood stage into the ocean.

A year ago last week, the town had the worst incident of inland flooding since Hurricane Carol in 1955. Dozens of homes and businesses were inundated with water including the post office. Postal workers had to deliver mail in boats in part of the village area.

Later phases of the project, which will cost in excess of $2 million, include dredging and constructing new conduits throughout the center of town. The town hopes to pressure the MBTA to help fund the project as mitigation for reconstructing the railroad through wetlands.

The town will not borrow the funds for the James Brook project if the federal grant is not approved. Cohasset is eligible for the grant because it was part of a state of emergency declared by the federal government.

Selectman Diane Sullivan said flood control is one of the most important projects facing the town.

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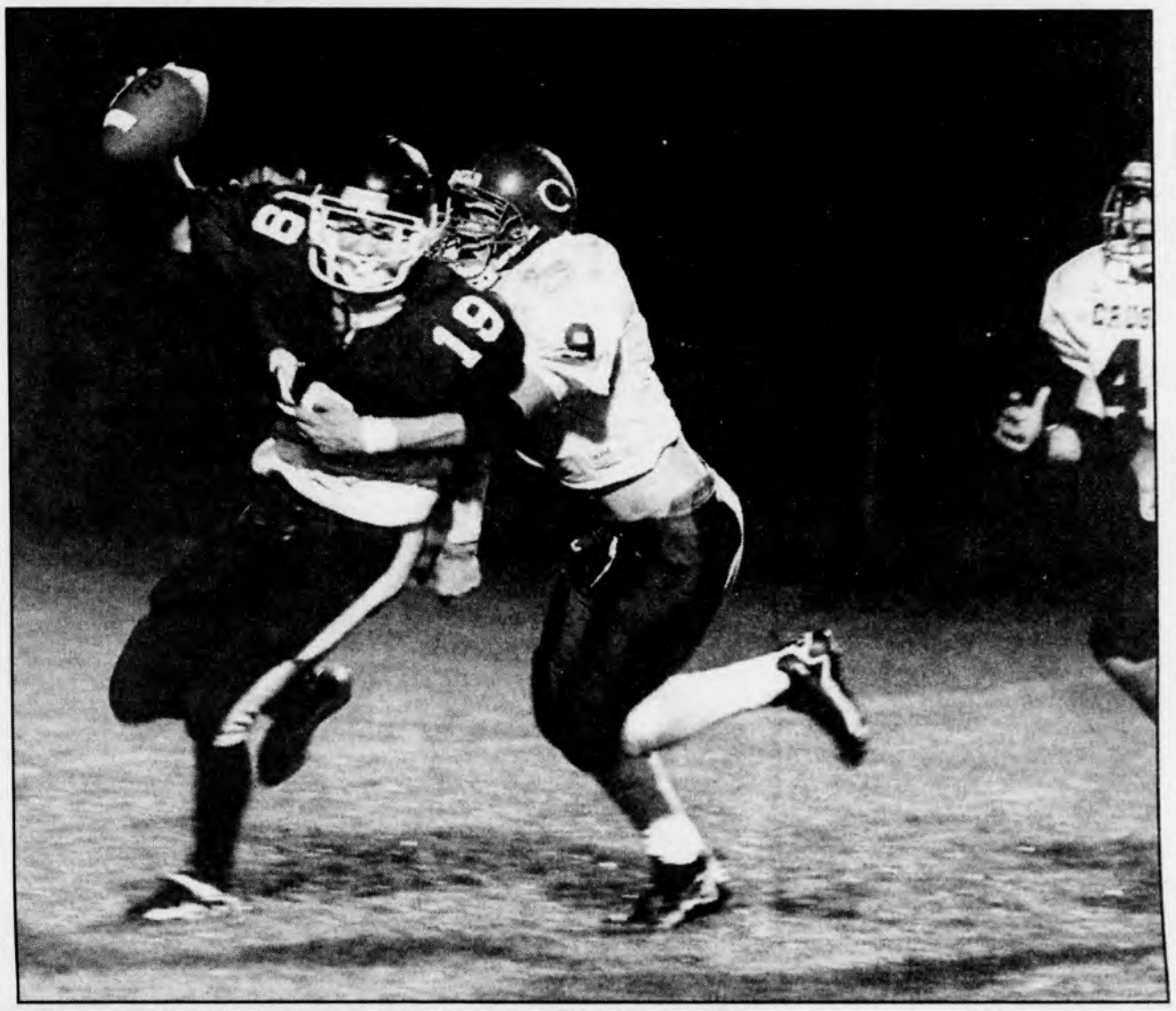
By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset Skippers dispatched the Charlestown Townies, winning by a score of 18-6 last Friday and earning their first win of the year. T

he Skippers, still winless in league play, played well in all aspects of the game and were able to chalk up the victory in front of their home crowd. The offensive line dominated the line of scrimmage, the Cohasset backfield was explosive, and the defense was stifling.

The game started poorly for the boys in blue, however. Charlestown jumped out to a quick 18-6 lead, when they scored from 53 yards out. Cohasset's momentary lapse in defense would not occur again, as the Townies failed time and again to gain a first down.

Despite their poor start, the Skippers came roaring back. Fullback Andy "Hammer" Hamilton cruised through the gaping hole created by the line and bulled his way for nine yards. Pat "Hollywood" Hurley fired a strike to Jamie "Snake" Buick for a 17-yard gain. Hollywood had maybe the best day of his career, throwing accurately nearly every time, particularly to Buick, his favorite target.



Skipper QB Pat Hurley is run down by a Carver defender during a recent game. Things went a whole lot better this week when Cohasset got the better of Charlestown for their first win of the season.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Skipper fans held their breath briefly, as Charlestown forced a fumble, but the pigskin was quickly recovered by a hustling John "Kase Closed" Kasameyer. Junior back Justin "Juggernaut" Golden capped the drive by hustling in from two yards out, tying the game at 6-6. The home team would not trail again.

The blue defense solidified on the Townies' second possession. John-Paul Laugelle muscled his way into the backfield and, along with the Snake, wrapped up Charlestown's quarterback for a sack.

Laugelle's play has improved nearly every week, particularly on defense, and he has become a force to be reckoned with on the line.

The defense, helped by excellent tackling by Greg "Stork" Parkinson, forced a punt and Ben "Yoda" Ketchum ran it back to the Charlestown 35 yard line, giving Cohasset excellent field position.

However, Cohasset couldn't capitalize and were once again forced to trade punts with the Townies. The Skippers were able to put together a solid drive at one point, but came up empty-handed. Hollywood salvaged a

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Visiting team makes a home at Alumni Field

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

When there's something strange on your football field, who you gonna call? Goosebusters!!

Such are the problems of the modern day high school Athletic Director. Not only does Clark Chatterton have to carry a full teaching course load, arrange sports schedules and deal with the pesky media, now he needs to find a way to get rid of a visiting team from the Great White North that doesn't seem to want to leave.

A flock of Canada geese have recently found an open space to call their own. Normally that's not a bad thing, but when the space in question happens to be fouling up a patch of prime real estate near the end zone, running track and scoreboard in your brand new athletic stadium, you've got to draw the line between enjoying nature and a nuisance.

"They just seemed to have appeared out of nowhere," said Chatterton, who now also answers to the title of chief pooper scooper. "About 20 of them have shown up every morning at about 7:30 for the last two weeks and just hang around for a while. They tend to go to open spaces and I think that they like it here."

Whether it be the lovely neighborhood, affordable rent or the close proximity to the ocean and the schools, this family of geese has landed and they don't seem to be in hurry to go anywhere else but in the south end zone.

While Chatterton does not begrudge this gaggle of fine feathered friends their right to pursue happiness and domesticity, the geese do pose another problem.

Namely, their droppings have become an eyesore as well as a hazard.

The problem is not only at Alumni Field, but also at Milliken Field, the home for the youth soccer program.

"Let me tell you, these geese can make quite the mess," said Chatterton, who has the unenviable task of cleaning up behind the honkers during their most recent stay. "What they leave behind is not a pretty site at all."

Thus, the situation leaves Chatterton on the horns of a dilemma. He in no way wants to harm the geese, but instead, just like any family member who sticks around for more than a couple of weeks, he wishes that they would be on the their way.

An air horn did the trick on one recent one morning, but the group was back for some more fun less than one hour later. As well, the presence of humans in their general area also does not seem to deter the geese from going about their business.

"We don't want to harm them, and we never will," said Chatterton. "We'd just like them to take their business someplace else."

Besides the air horn, Chatterton has also been advised to place a scarecrow, an owl or something orange in the landing area to deter the birds from coming back.

"Maybe we should look into borrowing Scituate's dog," he said with a laugh. Chatterton was referring to Lily, a border collie that patrols the Widow's Walk golf course in search of geese to ward off.

Braintree had a similar geese infestation problem at their public golf course, but handled it in a little more radical of a way last year. They thinned the herd by shooting 25 to 30 birds during the last goose hunting season.

Things looking brighter down on the farm

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

In the very near future, the Cohasset High football team will no longer be at a disadvantage.

Cohasset is one of the few towns that does not have a Pop Warner League. As a result, you might say the high school does not have a "farm system."

However, that's what you might say. Actually, the town started its own version of a farm system last year.

A football program for seventh and eighth graders in the middle school was initiated which should produce great results for the varsity team in a couple of years.

According to Torin Sweeney, coach of the middle school team, a total of 34 youngsters turned out this year, 22 eighth graders and 12 seventh graders.

The team plays a seven game schedule in the Cape Division and finished last year with a record of 2-3-2. The Cohasset team is 0-5-0 this season, and

FARM PAGE 21

Reaching for tourney dreams

The CHS girls field hockey team was battling Nantucket in the opening round of the MIAA state field hockey tourney as the paper went to press on Wednesday afternoon.

The Lady Skippers, 6-6-4 on the year, were ranked 18th in the Division II South tourney.

If they were to defeat Nantucket, Cohasset would move on to play at Seekonk Friday afternoon, starting at 2:30 p.m.

This is the first time in three years that the team made the tourney. Look for more information in next week's edition of the Cohasset Mariner.

David Wolcott

Skippers enjoy their first taste of victory

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broken play and took off up the sidelines for 11 yards and Hammer broke tackles for a 14 yard gain, but a Snake reception wasn't enough for the first down and Cohasset was forced to punt. Hollywood kicked a beauty this time, and special teams hero Sean Parkinson downed the ball at the four yard line.

The Townies fell victim to the Skippers swarming defense again. This time, tackle Darryl "Boss" Jones poked the ball loose and Adam "Sasquatch" Sasso pounced on it for the recovery. A series of runs by Hammer and Golden gave Cohasset the ball at the one yard line and Hurley followed his offensive line into the end zone for six. Once again, the conversion failed.

The Townies would get the ball one more time in the half. Sean Parkinson, playing what would turn out to be his best game of the season, dropped the Charlestown signal caller for another sack. The first half would end with the home team on top 12-6.

In the second half, Cohasset's offensive play-calling was again quite varied. Hammer and Golden each carried the ball, and Hollywood picked up five on another broken play. However, the drive would stall, even after an acrobatic catch by Buck.

The Townie offense found no where to run, though, in the face of Cohasset's defense. Laugelle and Sean Parkinson busted into the Charlestown backfield. Each of them turned the play towards the other, with Parkinson finally making the one-armed tackle. Ben "Hitman" Roine stepped in front of a Charlestown pass, then legged it down to the 22 yard line, behind a crushing block from Parkinson.

Once again the Skippers couldn't take advantage of the situation, although they did force poor field position on the visitors. Roine came up from his position at corner to make a stop and Charlestown was forced to punt.

Ketchum had another solid runback, putting Cohasset in a position for another score. Hollywood chucked to Buick at the ten yard line for a first. Golden shook off his defender to get open on third down and Hollywood found him in the flat.

However, Golden still had to go four yards to reach the end zone. The entire Skipper offensive line, showing the hustle that was evident throughout the game, was in position to make blocks, flattening Townie defenders, and paving the way for Golden to charge into the end zone.

This brought the final score to 18-6.

However, Cohasset couldn't help but putting the finishing touches on. Snake bolted in the Townie backfield like he was shot from a cannon, bringing down the hapless quarterback for the fourth time on the day.

Matt Santoro and Daniel Trowers each carried the ball in the closing minutes of the game and Greg "Roadrunner" Boyne sped through the line to pick up a first down.

One unit which deserves special mention is Cohasset's offensive line. John "Crunch" Considine, Kasameyer, Laugelle, Sasso and Alex "Big Daddy" Russell combined to play a superb game. The "Hogs" cleared the way for the Skippers' talented running backs and kept Hollywood free from harm for the whole game.

Their play has improved steadily under the tortuous tutelage of Coach Mark Hall and, with all but Kasameyer returning next year, they should dominate next season as well.

Unfortunately, Cohasset will have a hard time carrying their momentum from last week into the week. Halloween night will find them facing the mighty Hanover Indians.

But, with Cohasset's improved play, Hanover might find themselves a Halloween surprise.



A trio of CHS field hockey players were part of the Queen and her court at the recent Homecoming football game. Pictured front left to right are Kristen Reynolds, Homecoming Queen Alia Afshar, Ali Kinchla and Kelly Tufts.

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Things looking brighter down on the farm for CHS football

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closed out their season Wednesday Against Martha's Vineyard.

Said Sweeney, "This is definitely our answer to Pop Warner. Those kids play together for several years before finally making the high school varsity team. Our kids are already showing plenty of promise. They will not have to learn the basics when they reach the freshman team. They can get right into the swing of things.

"The kids will know one another and as a result, be a lot more comfortable as they move to different levels."

Sweeney would not name names, for fear last year's winter hats will not fit their heads this year, but there are seven or eight kids on the middle team that look like tremendous prospects. One in particular, who plays a key position, looks exceptionally good and will definitely be heard from in a couple of years.

According to Sweeney, the Cohasset football program has now grown by at least 15 to 20 percent.

Said Sweeney, "The whole program at Cohasset is getting better and better. The new middle school team will eventually put us on a level field with other teams. The lights at the field have also played a big part. The night games have brought more interest to the team. It all bodes well for the future of football in Cohasset."

While the middle school football program is showing promise for the varsity, the middle school boys soccer program is also showing promise for the varsity soccer team.

Rick Dockendorff, coach of the junior varsity team noted a total of 15 kids turned out for the team this year, 13 freshmen and two sophomores. The varsity topped the jayvees by three kids.

Rick Dockendorff's JV team finished up the season with an 8-5-2 record while the varsity finished one game under .500 and failed to make the playoffs.

Dockendorff sees things changing dramatically for the good in the years ahead for the varsity team, thanks to the new middle school system.

Said the coach, "There seems to be a lot more interest in the sport thanks to the middle school program. I know we have several players on the junior varsity that are going to help the varsity considerably next year, and two of them are freshmen.

The freshmen players being John Cotter, who was the leading goal scorer on the team and Ben Dixby, who played great defense.

Cotter actually started the season as a goalie/forward. However, it soon became evident that Cotter was a lot more valuable scoring, and the coach had to do something about that.

He soon freed up Cotter with Nick Pastone at goalie, who became the biggest surprise of the season, according to Dockendorff. "He just took over at the goalie position. He kept getting better and better and we were all pleasantly surprised."

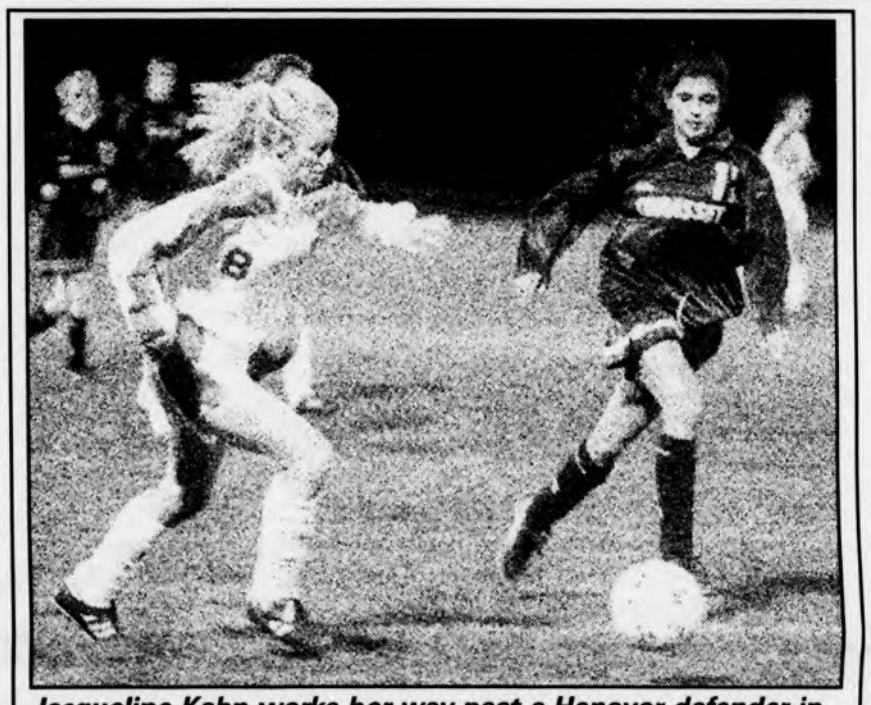
Two other players who showed great promise in making the varsity team are sophomores Ben Peterson and Travis Moore. Ben was the captain of the team and played stopper. Moore made his mark on defense.

As for the years ahead, Dockendorff noted, "Thanks to the kids coming up, I see the varsity making the playoffs within a couple of years. They have some top players coming back next season and we certainly have several players on the JV team that will lend a hand.

"With the middle school program going, the varsity should have a nice feeder system, and it should make them a power in the future and certainly a playoff contender."

Obviously the middle school programs is an added expense on the athletic budget, but fortunately, Cohasset is one of the towns that can afford the thriving program.

SPORTS BRIEFS



Jacqueline Kahn works her way past a Hanover defender in recent South Shore League action.

Staff photo/Fred Robertson

Recreation basketball registrations

The Cohasset Recreation Department/Booster's Basketball registrations will be held for girl's and boy's in grades 1 thru 8, at Town Hall, on Saturday, November 15, from 9a.m. to l la.m..

The fee for the program is $30.00. Checks should be made payable to: Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, (CBBC), shirt charge is included in the fee. Details on the Basketball Program will be available at registration. Games are Dlaved on Saturday's, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid conflicts.

The Recreational Basketball Program is made available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the recreation department, providing youngsters with a teaching and recreational opportunity.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Junior lacrosse program needs additional coaches

Thanks to phenomenal growth in popularity and interest, the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse Club is in need of additional coaches for the Spring 1998 season. No lacrosse experience is necessary.

The reason the team can take coaches without experience is the structure of its league, the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse Association, the largest youth league in the country. The league allows communities to have more than one entry, and then allows multiple teams to be scheduled so that they always play in the same place — either home or away together — on the same day.

"We have grown to the point where there is a good chance we will want to field two teams this year," said Chuck Jaffe, who runs the junior program in Cohasset. "If we get volunteers with no experience, I can act as head coach for both teams. If we get someone with lacrosse experience, we each can coach one team. We need a helping hand more than we need an experienced hand."

Jaffe explains that the biggest need is for a coach to assist during practices, when the only way to install an offense or defense is in small groups of players. "The rest of the kids should be doing drills or installing the same offense at the other end of the field, but that's not possible without a second or possibly a third coach," he says.

Last year, the Cohasset junior lacrosse team had 30 players, a high number within the Mass Bay youth teams. This year, thanks to a successful summer camp and increased awareness and interest, Jaffe expects closer to 40 children in grades 5 and 6 to sign up. Without at least one additional coach, Jaffe says he might have no choice but to limit the program to a single team of 30 players signed up on a first-come, first-served basis.

With sign-up set for December and the league needing notification of Cohasset's intention to field a second team by January, the program needs to hear from volunteers now. The Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League also holds a winter coaches clinic that volunteers may want to attend.

For this spring, Jaffe plans to practice the junior lacrosse program at or after 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Games are Sunday afternoons. Practice begins as weather permits in march, and the season ends Father's Day weekend in June.

For more information on the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program and becoming a volunteer coach, contact Jaffe at 383-9858 or Terry Kahn at 383-0332.

New Year's sports festival jamboree

The South Shore Sports Center will hold it's first New Year's Sports Festival Jamboree the week of Monday, Dec. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. on Rinks 2 and 3.

The Jamboree is a multi sport camp and tournament with skills competitions, games and clinics. Sports include baseball, basketball, flag football, hockey (street/roller), kickball, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball.

The program will be directed by Ted Carroll. Ted has been at the Sports Center since 1985 serving as both the director of basketball and hockey programs.

He has an extensive background in recreation, working with the Cohasset Recreation Department since 1982 and the Hingham Recreation Department since 1994.

Ted will be joined by 7 top sports center and recreation staff members. They will join him providing a unique experience for your child emphasizing teamwork, sportsmanship, fun and learning.

The jamboree is limited to the first 40 boys or girls aged 9 through 12 registered. The program fee is $95. Application and a $30 deposit is required by Monday, Dec. 15.

Once registered, an information sheet and more specific details will be mailed out to parents prior to the program. Individual equipment for some sports will be required.

Beginner indoor golf lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Scituate Recreation Department will accept registrations via phone for adults, Beginner Indoor Golf Lessons, scheduled to begin Thursday Evening, November 7,1997. Lessons are 5 weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly and cost $65.00 per person. Classes are limited to 8 individuals maximum, in size and registrations are accepted on a first enrolled basis. Should you require use of golf clubs for the classes please indicate this at the time of your registration and we will loan you clubs for the classes free of charge.

To register please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-6791. Mr. Dan Neary will be the golf pro teaching this session which will be held at the Cushing Elementary School, offRt. 3A, Scituate.

Afternoon out with the girls

Come join Ruthann, Susie, Stephanie, Edvia, Kathy, Peter, and others for a fun-filled afternoon of gymnastics, obstacle course, "Make your own Pizza" bowling, "Make your own Craft," and much, much more.

This "Afternoon out with the girls" is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 11 from noon to 2:30 p.m. The day is open to kids ages 6 to 11.

Space is limited, so sign up today. You must be pre-registered to participate. No drop-ins!

Cost for this fun-filled afternoon is $15.

SSCC Gymnast in Motion Program

There are still openings for gymnastic classes for both boys and girls.

Sports for kids ages 4-6: Mondays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays 9-10 a.m.

Tumble Bugs Boys and Girls age 3: Mondays 11:15-noon, Wednesdays 1:30-2:15 p.m., Thursdays 11 a.m. to noon, Fridays 12:15-1 p.m.

Pre-School Gymnastics for Boys and Girls age 4-6: Mondays 2-3 p.m., Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m., Wednesdays 2:15-3:15 p.m., Thursdays 10-11 am.

Beginner Girls age 5-8: Mondays 3:15-4:15 p.m., Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Beginner/Intermediate age 7-11: Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Jr. High and High School Gymnastics: Mondays 6-7 p.m. and Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

P.A.C. Meeting

The regularly scheduled P.A.C. meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4, in the Deer Hill School teachers' lounge. All parents/guardians of children receiving services under Chapter 766 are welcome.

For more information, call P.A.C. chairperson Kim Maynard at 383-2707.

Advanced placement awards for CHS

Ten students at Cohasset High School have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations. Approximately 10 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP Examinations. Only about 13 percent of the more than 581,000 students who took AP Exams in May 1997 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams). At Cohasset High School two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by receiving grades of three or higher on five or more AP Examinations, with an average exam grade of at least 3.5. These students are Ely Kahn and Ryan McWilliams.

Two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by receiving grades of three or higher on four or more AP Examinations, with an average exam grade of at least 3.25. These students are Leah Kisiel and Christopher Lesniewski-Laas.

Six students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by receiving grades of three or higher on three or more AP Examinations. The AP Scholars are Rachel Begley, Justin Buckley, Burke Davis, Kevin Duffy, Kathleen Fitzsimmons and Jacqueline Hurley.

Derby Academy hosts open house

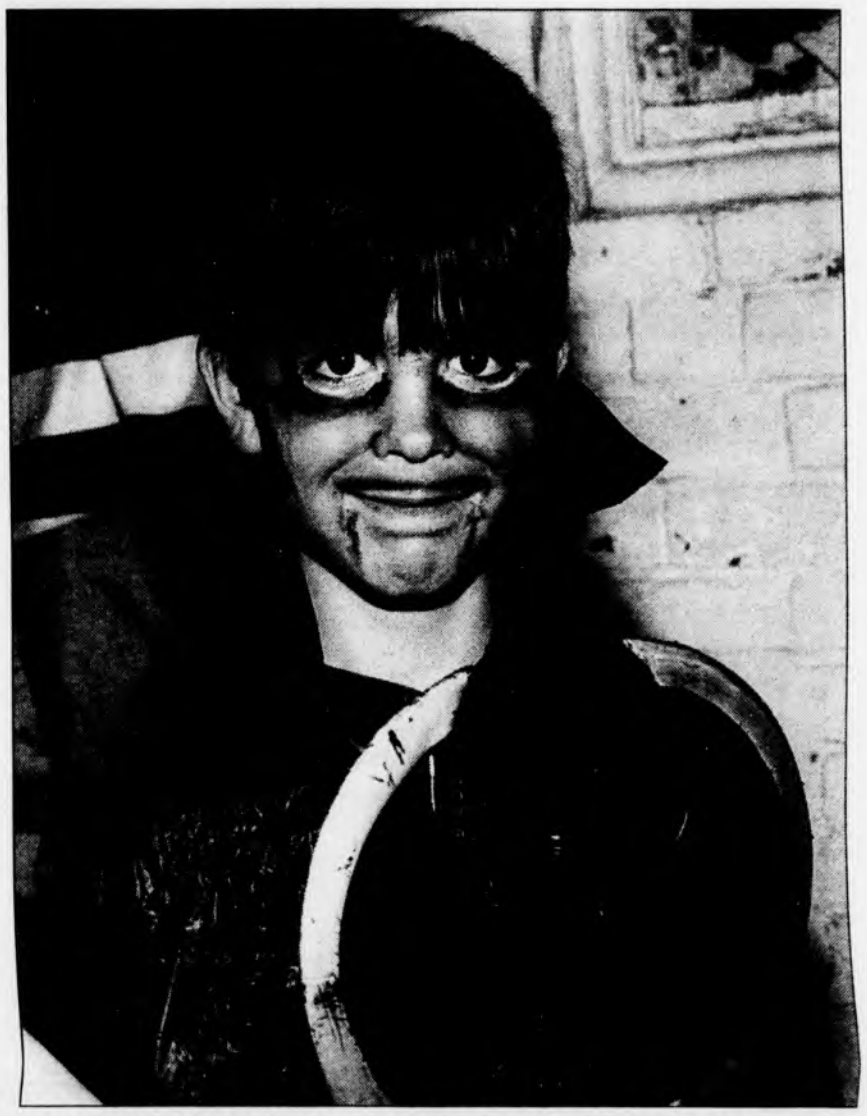
Derby Academy in Hingham will hold an Information Session and Campus Tour for parents on Sunday, Nov. 2 beginning at 2 p.m. in the school library. Jay Sadlon, Director of Admissions, and Peg Mead, Parents' Association Admissions Liaison, are planning the event as an informal introduction for parents interested in learning more about the PreK through Grade 9 independent school.

For more information call the school office at (781) 749-0746.

P.S.O. fall fund-raiser

On Friday, Nov. 14, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight the P.S.O will hold its annual fall fund-raiser at the Chart- House in Cohasset. The evening will feature the fabulous sounds of Mirage, the N.Y-based duo of Steve Avitabile and Rita Poh of Cohasset. Live as well as D.J. music will be provided for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Fabulous items will be auctioned off silently and live. This year classroom theme baskets will be sold in a Chinese auction. Tickets are $25 per person which include hot hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Call Patty Smith for information at 383-2773.



Zack Bell looks pretty scary at the haunted house sponsored by the Teen Center last Saturday.

Fred Robertson photo

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Investing: Remaining diversified

By Amy K. Barrett
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YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Most investors know that having different types of companies and asset classes represented in their portfolio enhances the safety and performance of their investment. Assessing the balance is an essential step in aligning the portfolio's objectives with larger investment goals.

But ensuring that your portfolio is diversified can be trickier than you would think. The difficulty lies in finding out whether the mutual funds you buy are what they appear to be. In other words, do they adhere to their investment style (e.g. small-cap growth, large-cap growth, small-cap value, etc.) when they pick stocks?

"Investors need to be wary of what funds do versus what they say [in their prospectuses]," says Jim Raker, a senior research analyst for Morningstar Inc., a Chicago-based company that provides data on mutual funds.

Take, for instance, the Lindner Growth Fund. It sounds like — you guessed it — a growth fund; one that buys shares in companies that should have strong future earnings growth and whose stock will appreciate in value. But in practice, says Raker, the fund leans more toward value by looking for companies that have strong businesses that have been overlooked by the market. So it may not count as a true stake in growth stocks.

You may ask: Is fussing over investment style important? One economist has found that getting the right balance of investment styles can be more important than finding money managers who are good stock-pickers.

In a watershed article published in the Journal of Portfolio Management in 1992, Nobel Prize-winning economist William Sharpe presented evidence that 85 percent to 90 percent of a fund portfolio's return is determined by investment style and only slightly — 15 to 10 percent — by specific stock selections. So it matters more that a fund focuses on large-cap value stocks than it does which large-cap value stocks it buys.

Of course, there are different methods for evaluating a fund to see if it is sticking to its stated investment objective. Because the Securities and Exchange Commission requires mutual fund companies to report their holdings only twice a year, simply monitoring a fund's holdings is not enough.

Analysts and economists approach the problem in several ways: By matching the fund's returns with the performances of indexes, by comparing a fund's returns with that of its peers, or by analyzing fundamental data on the companies in which the fund has invested. These approaches have one thing in common; they encourage investors to look beyond the descriptions that the funds give in their prospectuses to determine its true investment style.

Sharpe developed his own style-analysis software that identifies investment styles from fund returns. His technique is to look at the way a fund performs month-to-month and try to match its performance to that of two or more indexes. The mix of indexes that best matches a fund's performance defines its style.

A. Michael Lipper, president of Lipper Analytical Services, suggests that investors follow the lead of the analysts at his company. First, they label a fund according to the investment objectives laid out in its prospectus. Then they watch the fund to see if it performs differently than its supposed peers.

Say a small-cap value fund returns 25 percent for the year while other such funds return around 10 percent. It would be time, Lipper says, to determine whether the fund's investment approach is different than what it purports to be, and to decide whether its label should be changed accordingly.

In Lipper's book, one dalliance is not enough to get the fund yanked from its category. Sometimes a fund should remain in a category even though its current investment practices have temporarily strayed, since it may drift back to its proclaimed style. "To some degree a fund needs to be measured against what it could do as opposed to what it is doing," he says.

"There are bond funds that say they focus on long-term debt that may be largely invested in one-year paper. But you should still measure the returns against other long-term bond funds," says Lipper. However, "If they are going to continuously be in short-term paper then we would inquire why we shouldn't reclassify them," he adds.

Morningstar's approach, on the other hand, puts more emphasis on the fund's stock selections and does not pay much attention to its prospectus. In its Principia software program and in Morningstar Mutual Funds (updated bi-weekly), the company categorizes the investment style of equity funds by comparing their average market capitalization, price-to-earnings and price-to-book ratios with the Standard & Poor's 500 Index.

Morningstar makes current comparisons for some 1,500 funds in its "style box," a snapshot of how the funds are currently investing. By examining the style box, investors not only get a clearer picture of their funds' styles, they also have the most accurate context with which to compare the funds' returns. And the current labels can differ drastically from the funds' trailing three-year classifications.

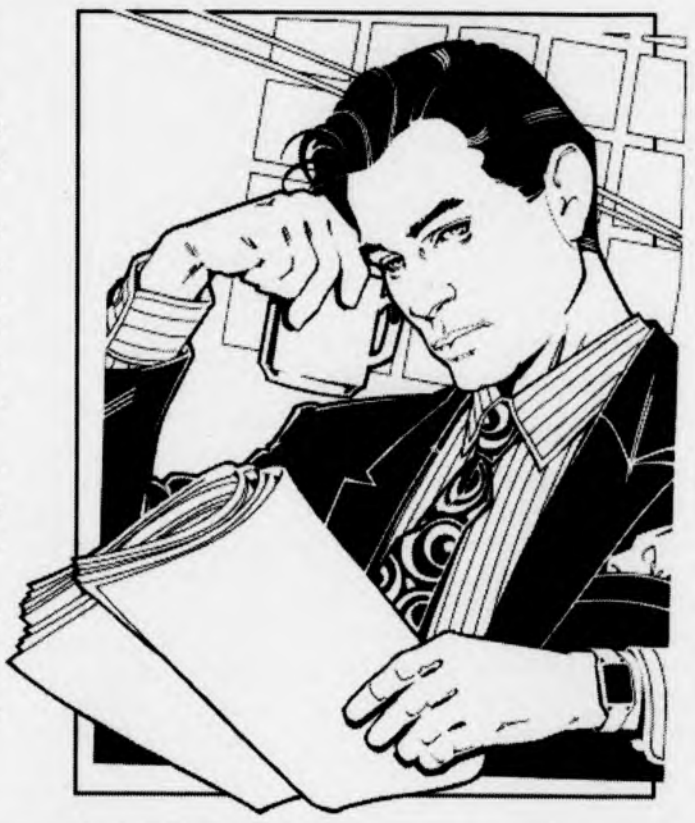
As these Morningstar products are pricey, however, it's good to know that the style boxes are also available on their internet site (http://www.morningstar.net).

Discrepancies between stated and actual investment styles do not mean mutual fund companies are breaking the law. The companies usually write fund objectives that are general enough to encompass many different types of investments. This gives them flexibility in keeping their fund returns high even when the market environment turns against them.

Mutual funds may also allow themselves to be incorrectly classified so that they can be grouped with funds that let them shine. "The easiest way to stand out from the group is to be mis-categorized," says Raker.

In any case, investors can make their own decisions about the style of their funds by looking at the funds' performances and by examining data on their holdings.

Just remember, Lipper says, "Determining a fund's investment style is an art form, not a science."



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IT'S HAPPENING

Children's designer clothes

The following activity is on the agenda at the South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main Street.

A one-day-only sale of unique designer children's clothing will be held at the center Monday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Terrific clothes for infants and children for fall, winter and spring will be on display for your selection at prices 50 to 70 percent off retail.

These clothes are designed by the well-known clothing manufacturer, EIEIO.

Used book sale slated

St. Stephen's Church will hold a book sale to benefit Habitat for Humanity Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations of books may be left in Walton Rodgers Hall or inside the parish hall door marked church offices Wednesdays and Thursday, from 8 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Please leave books in boxes or paper bags.

Needed are books in good condition including current text books, children's books, cooking, gardening and craft books, instrumental music. Magazines on nature, cooking, gardening and crafts are most welcome.

Please, no Readers' Digest books, out-of-date text books or encyclopedias. CD's, tapes and videos will be accepted.

For further information, call 383-6480.

Author/gardener to talk

Master gardener and author C.L. Fornari will talk about gardening and sign copies of her newest book, 'Your Garden Shouldn't Make You Crazy!' on Sunday, Nov. 2 from 2-4 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset.

Demonstrating how successful gardening is largely a matter of knowing certain tips and techniques mixed in with a little attitude adjustment, 'Your Garden Shouldn't Make You Crazy!' is a welcome guide to making your garden a place of refuge and relaxation rather than a source of guilt and pressure.

Fornari, an artist and self-described out-of-control plant person, works as a Mater Gardener for the Barnstable County Extension Service, and is also the author of 'The Cape Cod Garden.'

Although this event is free, registration is requested for seating and refreshments. Call 383-2665 to reserve your place.

Meet the authors for young adults

Buttonwood for Kids and the Hingham Public Library present its fall "Meet the Authors" night for young adults on Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. Local authors Katherine Hall Page (Christie & Co. mysteries), John Donahue (An Island Far From Home), and Newbery honoree Nancy Bond (The Love of Friends; A String in the Harp) will talk and sign their books. Reservations are requested for seating and refreshments. Call Buttonwood at 749-2665 for more information or to reserve your place.

Children's author/illustrator to sign

Award-winning author/illustrator Peter Sis will sign copies of his newest book, 'Sleep Safe, Little Whale' on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m.-noon at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset.

This new story is a sweet lullaby book, with beautiful images just right for that special baby. Sis' other books include the Caldecott Honor-winning 'Starry Messenger,' the story of Galileo, 'The Three Golden Keys' and 'Follow the Dream.' Sis has also illustrated for other notable authors, including Jack Prelutsky's 'Monday's Troll' and 'The Dragons Are Singing Tonight.'

Call 383-2665 to reserve your copies - or join us!

"Cohassetopoly" ready for the holidays

Next month, the South Shore Community Center will be ready to sell the game, "Cohassetopoly." For $20 you will have the opportunity to own all the real estate and businesses you want in Cohasset. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. The Junior Gardeners of this club worked all summer preparing this game. Quantities are limited. Call 383-0088 for more information.

Exhibition at Christopher Gallery

The Christopher Gallery, 130 King St., Route 3A, in the Jonathan Livingston Square, Cohasset, will host the First Eastern and Southern Regional Juried Exhibition of Oil Painters in America. The show will feature artists from 22 states and Canada. The show will run through Nov. 8.

Art Center to hold annual telethon

The South Shore Art Center will hold its Annual Telethon on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 5 and 6 from 5:30-8 p.m. Members of the board of directors and the board of advisors will be soliciting contributions for this year's Annual Appeal. Contributions to the Annual Appeal help to fund the educational curriculum, exhibitions, outreach and special programs.

Mexico old and new

Sharing traditions: Mexico Old and New - join the Art Center in a celebration of the Day of the Dead in the Mexican tradition. On Nov. 14, 4-6 p.m., the Art Center will host an 'El Dia de los Muertos Fiesta' with installation of altars to ancestors and a festive procession to the local graveyard.

Children are invited to partake in a Mexican Folk Art Workshop with Nancy Connolly on Nov. 8 and 15 and a Family Printmaking Workshop with Juan Alberto Mancilla on Nov. 15 at 10 a.m.

On Nov. 14 from 6-8 p.m. the Art Center will host a complimentary opening reception for the joint show of Diamantina Gonzalez Gomez's 'Earth, Myth and Soil' and Juan Albert Mancilla's 'Times in New York.' This exhibition of contemporary work will run from Nov. 14 through Dec. 21. On the evening of Nov. 13, Diamantina Gonzalez Gomez will give a talk entitled 'The Fifth Sun' at 7:30 p.m. The Art Center will also hold a Mexican Fiesta Gala Fund-Raiser on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

For further information please call (781) 383-ARTS (2787). Gallery hours, Tues.-Sat. 10-4 p.m., Sun. 12-4. Wheelchair accessible.

Carousel to raffle Caribbean Cruise

The Friends of the Paragon Carousel are raffling off a seven-day western Caribbean cruise for two aboard the Sun Princess. Air travel to and from Ft. Lauderdale on Midway Airlines is included. Raffle tickets are $10 and may be purchased at Charlotte's in North Scituate or Cards and Shards in Cohasset, as well as at the Carousel during weekend operating hours. The drawing will take place on Sunday, Nov. 2 at a fund-raising dinner to be held at Jake's restaurant in Hull. All proceeds will benefit the Carousel. Ticket holders need not be present to win. For more information call 925-0472.

LEGAL NOTICES

Cemetery Regulations

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The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cohasset, acting as Cemetery Commissioners, will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 10, 1997, at 8:15 p.m. to consider changes in cemetery regulations.

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Obituaries

Emily M. Merrill

Emily M. Merrill, 76, a 30-year resident of Norwell, died Oct. 15 at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth, after a long illness.

Born in Concord, N.H., Mrs. M[illegible]ll was daughter of the late Dr. Andrew L. MacMillan and the late Ray (Hancock) MacMillan.

She graduated from Colby College, Maine. Before moving to Norwell, she lived in Cohasset for 20 years.

Mrs. Merrill was a member of the Cohasset and Norwell Historical Societies, an active participant in St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset, and she cared for the terminally ill in Cohasset and Norwell.

Wife of the late Joseph B. Merrill, she leaves a daughter, Dana Cashin of Norwell and two granddaughters. She was also mother of the late Marjorie L. Merrill.

A Memorial Service was held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hanover. Interment was in Hanover Cemetery.

The arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Norwell and Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mrs. Merrill's memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association of Eastern Mass., 1 Kendall Sq., Cambridge, MA 02139.

Arthur J. Dixon Jr.

Arthur J. Dixon Jr., 69, of Cohasset, a retired shipbuilder and a Navy veteran of World War II, died Oct. 4 in Hingham from asphyxiation by drowning.

Mr. Dixon had been a shipbuilder at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy for 40 years. After retiring, he did some work for several construction companies in the Boston area.

A lifelong resident of Cohasset, he attended Cohasset High School.

He was a member of the West End Men's Club.

He leaves four nephews, Michael Prendergast of Hingham, Kevin Prendergast of Cohasset, Brian Prendergast of Westbook, Maine and Daniel Prendergast of Marshfield; and eight grandnieces and grandnephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony's Church. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St.

John E. Bartlett

John E. Bartlett, 71, of Cohasset, former president and owner of the John E. Bartlett Company and a Navy veteran of World War II, died Monday, Oct. 27, at home after a brief illness.

He worked for the family firm, the John E. Bartlett Company, manufacturing representatives for 35 years. He also was a salesman for the John H. Breck Company for 14 years.

He was a member of the Cohasset Golf Club and a former member of the Neighborhood Club, Quincy.

He was born in Springfield and graduated from Classical High School in 1944. He attended Springfield College and Harvard University.

He leaves his wife, Anna C. (O'Connor) Bartlett; four daughters, Linda Arnold of Plymouth, Debra Smith of Cohasset, Carol Harring of Woburn, Pamela Bartlett of Weymouth; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at St. Anthony's Church. Burial will be in Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Visiting hours are from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St.

Donations may be made to the Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02184.

Police Log

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MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:15 a.m., general services, Forest Ave.
12:39 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:41 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:41 a.m., MV stop, Howe Rd.
7:39 a.m., animal complaint, Border St.
10:34 a.m., general services, Wheelwright Farm.
10:52 a.m., MV stop, Border St.
11:40 a.m., medical aid, Bay St.
11:48 a.m., medical aid, Main St.
12:37 p.m., by-law violation, Bancroft Way.
12:54 p.m., general services, N. Main St.
1:29 p.m., property (lost), Stockbridge St.
3:06 p.m., disturbance gathering, Cohasset Plaza.
4:05 p.m., property (found), Little Harbor.
4:09 p.m., general services, HQ.
4:50 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
4:56 p.m., disturbance, Edgar Rd.
5:00 p.m., officer wanted, Harbor.
5:10 p.m., MV stop, Depot Ct.
Arrested: Mullen, Richard S., 1 Cordis St. #!, Charlestown, Ma., DOB:8/27/62. Charges: operating after revocation for drunk driving, improper turn.
5:50 p.m., general services, Pleasant St.
6:23 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
7:51 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
8:36 p.m., general services, N. Main St.
10:08 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.
10:52 p.m., vandalism, Jerusalem Rd.
11:11 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
11:1`8 p.m., vandalism, King St.
11:21 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

Sunday, Oct. 19

12:37 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:40 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:14 a.m., MV stop, Schofield Rd.
2:53 a.m., MV stop, Tedeschi's Plaza.
Arrested: Duggan, Mark Christopher, 700 Robbins Ave., Dracut. DOB: 2/11/66. Charges: op. MV revoked license (subse quent offense), speeding in violation of special regulations.
5:34 a.m., assist other PD, Nantasket Ave.
10:00 a.m., animal complaint, Hammond Ave.
11:47 a.m., MV stop, 3A by Pond St.
11:55 a.m., assist citizen, Linden Dr.
12:04 p.m., MV stop, Church St.
12:14 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Brewster Rd.
4:50 p.m., assist motorist, S. Main St.
4:52 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:08 p.m., property (lost), Unknown.
5:15 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
5:18 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:25 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
5:33 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:37 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
5:53 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:55 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
6:07 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:21 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:36 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:01 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
8:19 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
8:28 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:37 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:29 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
10:03 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:16 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:25 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:37 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:03 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:40 p.m., MV violations, HQ.

Monday, Oct. 20

12:49 a.m., officer wanted, Gammons Rd.
7:20 a.m., medical aid, Howe Rd.
2:59 p.m., suspicious person, North Main St.
3:07 p.m., medical aid, Pond St.
3:28 p.m., property (recovered), CJC Hwy.
4:33 p.m., disturbance gathering, Cohasset Plaza Liquors.
5:54 p.m., fire, investigation, Woodland Dr.
6:50 p.m., info, general, CJC Hwy.
10:12 p.m., medical aid, Ash St.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

7:03 a.m., MV stop, 3A by Pond St.
10:27 a.m., larceny, Elm Ct.
10:45 a.m., MV accident, Jerusalem by Little Harbor Rd.
11:48 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.
12:37 p.m., medical aid, Pleasant St.
3:15 p.m., medical aid, Pleasant St. at Cushing Rd.
6:11 p.m., animal complaint, Highland Ave.
10:56 p.m., noise complaint, Lamberts Lane.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

1:03 a.m., MV stop, Wadleigh Park.
6:55 a.m., medical aid, Hull St.
8:31 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
10:59 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:29 a.m., general services, Ash St.
12:08 p.m., property (lost), CJC Hwy.
1:23 p.m., general services, HQ.
1:53 p.m., larceny, unknown.
3:02 p.m., investigation, Ripley Rd.
4:10 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.
5:26 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:30 p.m., suspicious auto, Black Rock Rd.
11:07 p.m., medical aid, Pond St.

Thursday, Oct. 23

6:15 a.m., general services, Pleasant St.
6:43 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:52 a.m., MV stop, Scofield Rd.
6:58 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Rd.
7:32 a.m., summons service, Elm St.
7:39 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Rd.
8:19 a.m., animal complaint, Beechwood St.
8:26 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
9:06 a.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
10:28 a.m., general services, N. Main St.
10:51 a.m., animal complaint, Beechwood St.
11:09 a.m., MV stop, King St.
11:26 a.m., message delivery, Elm St.
11:57 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
2:03 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:13 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:19 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:23 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
2:24 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:30 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:44 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
3:20 p.m., disturbance family, S. Main St.
3:28 p.m., medical aid, Lamberts Ln.
7:23 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:37 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:42 p.m., info, general, HQ.
7:55 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:07 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:17 p.m., assist citizen, HQ.
9:36 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
9:43 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
Arrested: NcNeil, Paul M., 275 N. Main St., Cohasset. DOB: 8/9/44. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, second off., failure to stay within marked lanes, resisting arrest.

Friday, Oct. 24

12:35 a.m., suspicious auto, Ripley Rd.
12:43 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:27 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:37 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:39 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:58 p.m., general services, high school.
4:18 p.m., assist citizen, Surry Dr.
4:47 p.m., MV stop, 3A at Beechwood St.
6:37 p.m., MV stop, 3A NB by Mendel Rd.
7:10 p.m., transport, CJC Way Hing. to Scit. line.
8:23 p.m., info, general, South Shore Chevy.
8:58 p.m., medical aid, Pond St.
10:42 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.
11:09 p.m., disturbance gathering, Sailing Club.

Police respond to 9-1-1 call for intoxicated teenager

A 13-year-old girl was taken away from a middle school dance last Friday by ambulance, police said.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said the juvenile, whose name was withheld due to her age, was suffering from severe alcohol poisoning.

Police received a 9-1-1 call from a teacher who was chaperoning the dance at the school at 8:58 p.m. Police, the fire department and paramedics from South Shore Hospital responded.

Noonan said police believe the girl, who was in and out of consciousness, consumed the alcohol before coming to the dance.

"She had consumed enough alcohol to make her deathly ill," he said.

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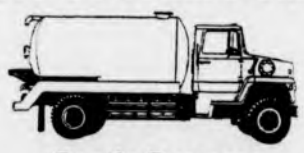
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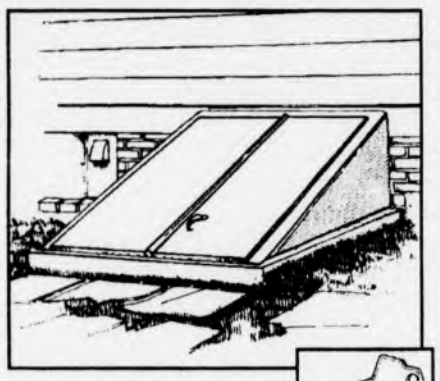
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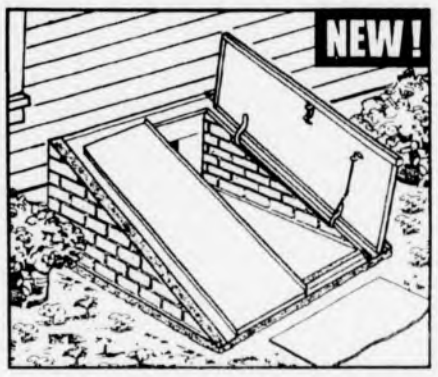
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Smoking ban is eyed for Cohasset restaurants

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

People who want to smoke in a restaurant might have to leave town to do it, if the health board succeeds in banning smoking in public places.

There is a move afoot to ban smoking in restaurants and lounges, officials confirmed this week, with little opposition so far from restaurant proprietors. In fact, if the board goes ahead with new no-smoking rules, it will likely have support from the majority of restaurant owners and managers.

Perhaps sealing the smoker's fate, in a random survey of 200 residents on smoking in restaurants here, the preliminary tabulations turned up a 43 percent response among people who would either go out to eat more often or the same number of times, if Cohasset restaurants went smoke free. According to Susan Cronin of the Tobacco Control Program, so far "roughly four people would attend less often if we went smoke free."

While Cronin acknowledged her random survey did not necessarily pick out the people who are the most frequent restaurant customers, the questions did ask for information about how often the family dined out.

Moreover, Cronin said the people who eat in restaurants are not the primary target of the anti-smoking measure because the people who suffer most from second-hand smoke are restaurant staff, such as waitresses.

> ***"Waitresses have the highest mortality of any female occupational group."***
> **– SUSAN CRONIN OF THE HEALTH COLLABORATIVE.**

"Waitresses have the highest mortality of any female occupational group," Cronin said, Though she was unable to define the statement's context, she did cite a 1992 University of California study which found waitresses died from lung cancer 3.5 to 4 times more often than other women and died from heart disease 2.5 times more often than other women.

The survey, which ends this week, is co-sponsored by the Cohasset health board which helped write the questions.

Most restaurants in Cohasset have already voluntarily gone 100 percent smoke-free, though one, Kimball's By the Sea, also provides a lounge for smokers where complete meals are [illegible] times served. The manager said she had no plans to change the arrangements.

At the Red Lion, where only the lounge is open this winter, the manager indicated he would like to go 100 percent smoke-free but would have to consult the owner.

Most of the small coffee shops and cafes in the village, such as Zinnia's and the Silver Spoon, already are smokeless, with one exception — the Common Place on Ripley Road, where three of the five customers at 2 p.m. Friday were smoking. The manager there said he would oppose a smoking ban.

According to health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik, the board is considering a total smoking ban with an eye to stamping out cigarettes in public places for good.

Though Cohasset restaurants have been 75 percent smoke free since the late 1980's, Godzik said some people are still being exposed involuntarily to second-hand smoke which, he said, has been rated a cancer-causing substance.

Moreover, as a Class A carcinogen, Godzik said environmental tobacco smoke ranked with the "most dangerous of all" cancer agents.

Godzik also said the overall objective was to improve health.

Cohasset Town Hall makes a pitch for the environment

By Jennifer Horan
STAFF WRITER

The town of Cohasset has been living up to its commitment "to improving the environment and preserving the country's natural resources" by purchasing recycled products instead of virgin products whenever possible.

"We're going the recycled route," Town Administrator Mark Haddad said of the new attitude at town hall.

The board of selectmen voted unanimously last month to adopt a policy for the town's departments to make every effort to buy supplies made of recyclable materials, including copier paper, stationary, binders, folders, toner cartridges, paper towels, tissues, plastic trash bags, paint, carpet with recycled fibers, floor tiles, insulation, re-refined automotive oil and anti-freeze and retread tires.

Haddad said town employees are making strides to abide by the new policy. All of the offices have already switched to recycled copier paper, he said. Crews completed a recent painting project at town hall using recycled paint, he said. And the special town meeting warrant was printed on recycled paper, he added.

"We think recycling is important and we have to do our best to try to preserve our natural resources," he said. "This is a way to do it."

Town employees have been pitching in on the other side of the recycling effort by disposing of all white paper in the designated recycling bins at town hall, he said.

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Offer of breathalyzer for school dances refused

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Underage drinking is a touchy subject in Cohasset these days.

Last month, the schools were on the defensive after unfounded rumors about drinking at school dances reached the ears of the Drug and Alcohol Committee. More recently, on the news a middle school student was a victim of alcohol poisoning at a dance here last week, school officials are concerned parents might over-react to a serious but isolated episode.

But as the schools, law enforcement and parents grapple with the short list of solutions, police and the school administration appear to be in separate camps philosophically on the question of underage drinking, as a spurned offer from the police chief might illustrate.

The spurned offer was of a breathalyzer which the chief was replacing. A similar machine is currently in use at Hingham school dances. According to the assistant principal there, Mike Donnell, the breathalyzer has successfully worked as a deterrent and is used only in cases where a student appears to be drunk or impaired.

But the Cohasset schools turned it down when Police Chief Brian Noonan offered the department's old breathalyzer free.

And the chairwoman of the Drug and Alcohol Committee, which discussed the breathalyzer option at one of its meetings, drew a blank when the subject was mentioned. Margo Aitken said in her view, if parents took the time to check on their children and know their whereabouts, that would be the best way to stop teens from drinking.

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The new flagpole is raised by a crane on the town common last Thursday. The pole was a gift to the town from the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank. For story see page 13.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Veterans reach accord over war memorial

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

When Old Glory is hoisted atop the Town Common flagpole Monday, during a Veteran's Day morning dedication ceremony, the men who salute the colors might seem a bit more united than they have been over the past few years.

Or perhaps just a bit less vocal about the issues that have divided them.

Thursday, an accord was reached between two camps of old soldiers who have disagreed, sometimes bitterly, about the list of names that belonged on the War Memorial which is planted on town property at Cohasset Harbor.

At issue was a gap in the dates between

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No shortage of enthusiasm at Turkey Hill opening

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

It worked. That's what an incredulous group of windswept town and state officials and private citizens said atop Turkey Hill on Saturday.

Not even gusts of 30 mph and a driving rain could dampen the spirits of the 60 people on hand for the official "opening" of the 50 acres of undeveloped land that straddles Hingham and Cohasset. On a clear day, there is a spectacular view of Boston and the North Shore from the hilltop which is now accessible from a parking area off Route 3A near the Hingham/Cohasset town line.

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Volunteers for private ways committee

Selectmen are seeking two more individuals to serve on the private ways committee. Interested citizens should contact Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-9900.

Selectmen plan to ask the committee for a report and will consider hiring a professional to help the committee deal with private ways issues which can be complicated.

'Pay per throw' trash system

Selectman Merle Brown said the recycling committee plans to hold more public hearings on the "pay per throw" trash system being proposed. His remarks were in response to a letter from the Chisholms, 605 Jerusalem Rd., which was critical of the concept which involves residents buying special bags instead of paying for dump stickers.

"We recycle in a reasonable way. Most people do," the Chisholms wrote. "Our recycling efforts have put us way up on the state's list of concerned residents. We don't have to be No. 1!"

The pay-per-bag program is supposed to encourage more recycling.

Stay tuned to the Cohasset Mariner for dates of hearings on the pay-per-bag program.

In a related matter, selectmen unanimously agreed to appoint Mary Earon, 29 Gammons Rd., to the recycling committee. Any other citizens interested in serving should contact Brown or Town Manager Mark Haddad at the selectmen's office, 383-9900.

Village sign needed

At the request of Selectman Merle Brown, the town will ask the state to replace the "village" sign at the Beechwood/3A intersection. Before the intersection was redesigned last summer, there was a sign directing traffic to Cohasset Village.

Old fire station to be razed

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Monday that the town will spend $8,500 to raze the old North Cohasset Fire Station on Hull Street.

Once the building is down, the area will be loamed and seeded, he said.

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Sun. 9	5:49	9.8	11:59	6:10	10.2	——
Mon. 10	6:48	10.3	12:30	7:12	10.4	1:01
Tues. 11	7:44	10.9	1:28	8:12	10.6	2:00
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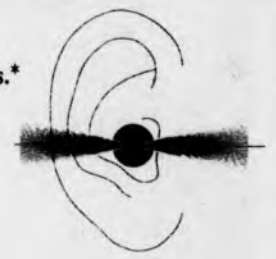
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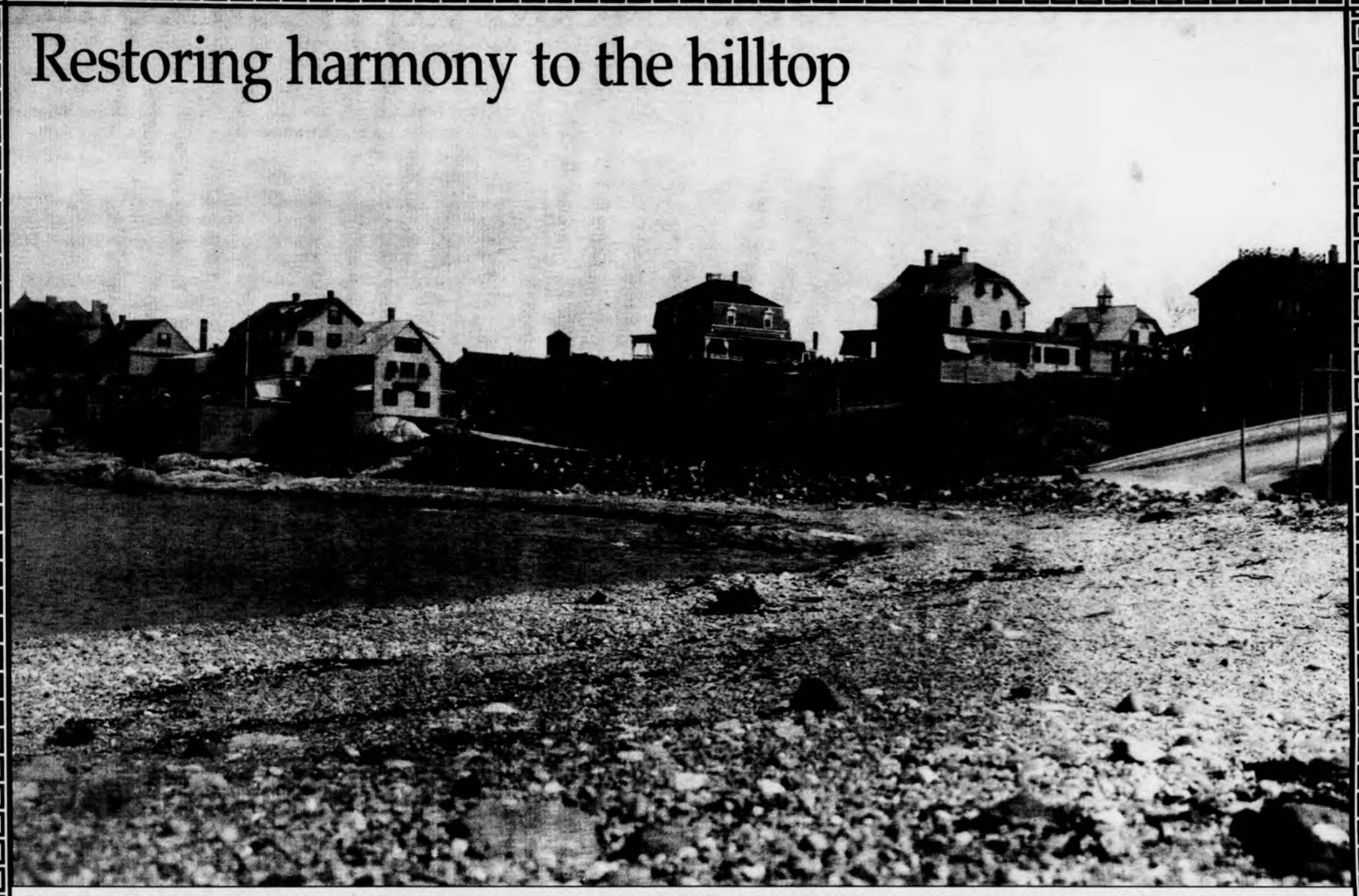
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Restoring harmony to the hilltop



What the hilltop looked like in the late 1800s. The Vanderweil house is second from right. At right is a cottage that was razed in the 1940s and replaced later with the ranch that was moved to Hull last week. At center is the house at 498 Jerusalem that was torn down in 1991. Far left is the Stoneleigh estate at 478 Jerusalem Rd. Next to that is the second Black Rock House Hotel.

Photo courtesy of the Cohasset Historical Society.

Victorian era revisited at ocean-front estate

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

When Mary Hartshorne saw what was happening at the corner of Jerusalem Road and Forest Avenue last week she grabbed the telephone.

"I couldn't wait to tell Anne (Vanderweil) that I was jubilant," the Border Street resident recalled.

Hartshorne whose great grandfather Edwin Pope bought the hilltop — where the Vanderweils now live — and built an estate there more than 125 years ago, was thrilled to see the post World War II ranch surrounded by 1870 Victorian homes go.

The Vanderweils, who live at 500 Jerusalem Road, spent $610,000 for the land and ranch house next door where a large Victorian summer cottage once stood. They had the house moved about a mile down the road to a vacant lot in Hull last Tuesday where it will be put back together and sold.

Reached at her home in Weymouth, Loretta Francis, who lived in the ranch for 27 years and sold it to the Vanderweils, declined to comment.

"Years ago, they moved them like billiard balls."
— DAVID WADSWORTH, HISTORICAL SOCIETY CURATOR

Gary Vanderweil, who owns a Boston engineering company, said the 50-year-old ranch didn't fit with the architecture in the neighborhood.

"We were about to embark on a major renovation to convert it to a two-story Victorian cottage," he said. "Then we noticed a piece of land in Hull and thought it would be a great site for the house. So we thought, why don't we just move it." The area at Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road where the house stood will be landscaped, Vanderweil said.

This wasn't the first time the Vanderweils made a significant change to the hilltop where their expansive gray Victorian house with widow's walk overlooks the Atlantic Ocean.

The 15-acre Pope estate also included a "twin" to the Vanderweil house at 498 Jerusalem Road. The Vanderweils bought that house six years ago for nearly $890,000 and had it torn down.

The house had been renovated by the prior owner, James Read, who bought it in 1989. Read quadrupled its size and did a construction job that was totally incompatible, destroying the balance and harmony of the hilltop, Vanderweil said.

"It almost looked like a hotel up there," he said.

Hartshorne, 69, grew up on the Pope estate which

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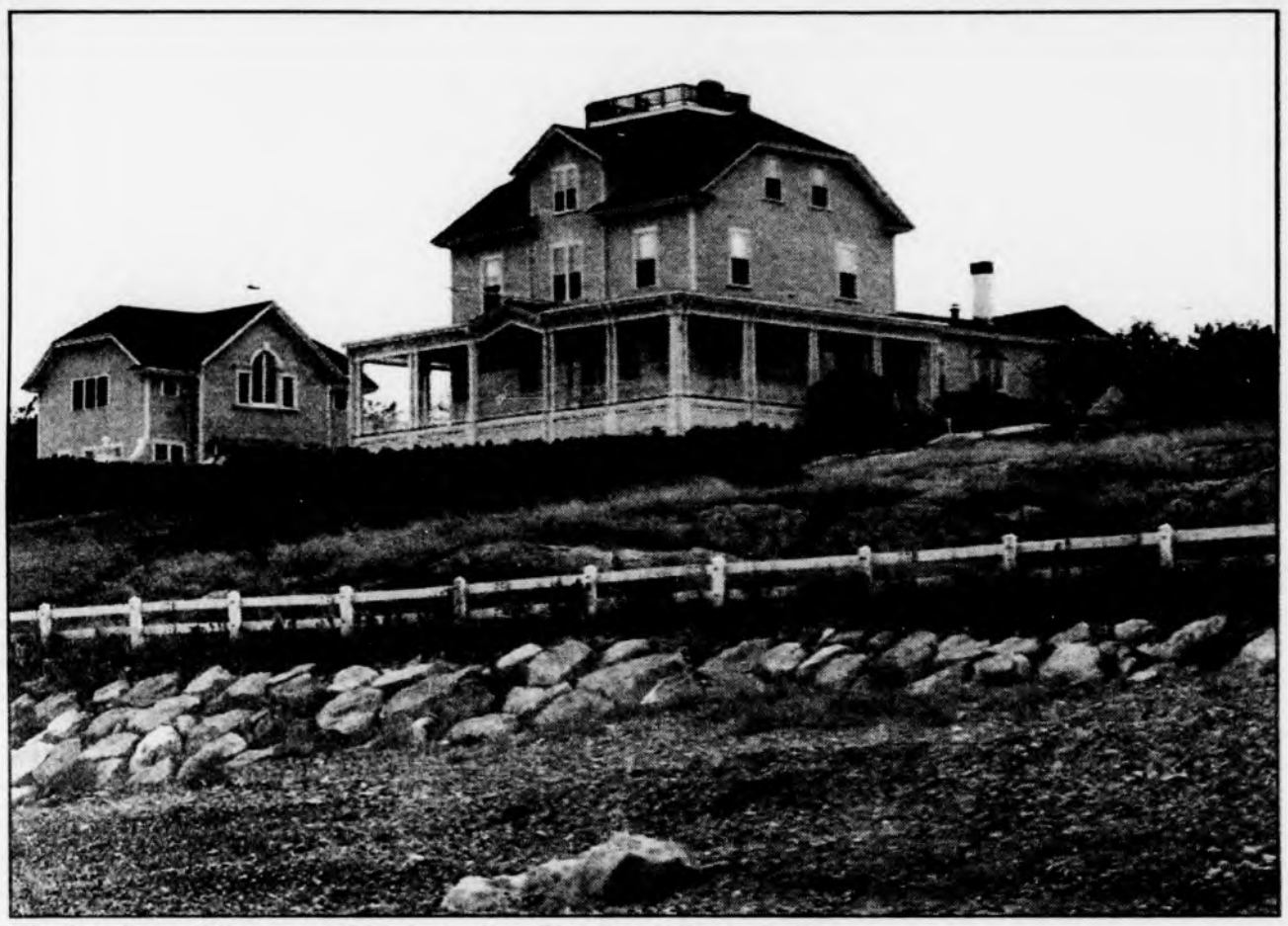
The Victorian cottage that stood on the site before the ranch house which was moved last week.

Photo courtesy of Mary Hartshorne.



The ranch house, formerly at 510 Jerusalem Rd., makes its way down Forest Avenue toward Hull.

Victorian era revisited at ocean-front estate



The Vanderweil house at 500 Jerusalem Road as it looks today.

Doug McFadd photo

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included tennis courts, stables, formal gardens, and a meadow where cows grazed.

"It was a nice life on that corner," she recalled. "Imagine me as a little child having that as a playground," she said.

But as times changed, Hartshorne's father, Prescott Thayer Cumner, found it necessary in the late 1940s to raze the Victorian summer house at 510 Jerusalem.

"It was a summer house and the taxes were high, so he had it torn down to be able to sell the property," Hartshorne said. The subsequent owner built the ranch on the foundation of the old house.

Hartshorne supports the Vanderweils' efforts to bring Victorian character back to the hilltop.

"My great grandfather bought the land in pieces and put it all together and fixed it up in the latest fashion for his daughters (Nellie Pope Cumner and Martha Pope Cutler). But times change and family fortunes change and it was sold off.

"Now to see the Vanderweils put it back and turn it into something wonderful. I'm thrilled," she said.

David Wadsworth, curator the Cohasset Historical Society, said moving houses is nothing new.

"Years ago, they moved them like billiard balls," he said.

Wadsworth said town hall records show selectmen giving permission to move houses over and over again especially from the old summer estates.

In fact, part of the second Black Rock House which once stood on Jerusalem Road across from the Vanderweils is now a house on Atlantic Avenue in Hull.

"Some of the room numbers are still on the doors," he said.

Anne Vanderweil said when they bought their house in 1981 they didn't anticipate buying the properties on either side.

"That was never our intent. But we were faced with two unique challenges which we treated differently.

"Had we known what was in store back in 1981, we might have house hunted elsewhere," she laughed.

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COHASSET'S WEEK

New manager at Red Lion

Selectmen approved a change of manager on the Red Lion Inn's liquor license this week.

Joseph Dooley, who managed the Inn from 1990-96, is excited about the future of the establishment.

He said when renovations are completed the Inn will be a full-fledged inn and restaurant and not the "bar" in town.

"It's going to be an old New England inn like it should be," Dooley said.

Lobster Lab RFP needs work

Selectmen told Town Manager Mark Haddad to rework the request for proposal for the Lobster Lab proposed for the Hagerty house on Parker Avenue.

Selectman Diane Sullivan urged the board to be reasonable and not ask for information in the RFP that the applicant would have no way of knowing at this time.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris agreed that it was time to shift the emphasis of the RFP away from programs and focus it on construction and a timetable to move the project along.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he would redraft the RFP taking the board's concerns into consideration and have a new draft ready for the Nov. 17 selectmen's meeting.

Voters at the special town meeting supported issuing a new RFP for the Lobster Lab rather than have the Hagerty house razed.

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Zoning board preparing decision on quonset huts

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The Quonset huts and buildings at 430 South Main St. believed by neighbors to be the ugliest structure in Cohasset, could be razed soon if the zoning board approves the owner's compromise development plan.

The owner of the property, Noel Collins, has proposed tearing down all the buildings and building five condominiums: two with two units and one single-unit.

If the zoning board approves the project, it could end a battle that dates back nearly 40 years.

The zoning board is expected to issue a written decision on the Quonset huts at its Nov. 13 meeting.

Collins is cautious about the outcome.

"The zoning board definitely did seem favorable to the plan at its last meeting," Collins said. "I eagerly await their decision."

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said five units could be a favorable compromise.

We told him shortly after we denied 10 that we would look at four," DeGiacomo said. "He came back with six, and we said we would look at four. He returned with five and we said, 'okay, we'll look at it'."

DeGiacomo added that five units would be far superior to 10, especially in terms of density on the site. Current zoning regulations allow for only one home on the site, but condominiums are a little different.

"We're restricted by zoning regulations, and we're really stretching to get this," DeGiacomo said. "But taking into consideration what is there now, if we can take a pre-existing, non-conforming property and return it to a residential use, then that's a good thing."

Collins bought the 54,000 sq. ft. lot in 1996 with the intention of converting it from a commercial site to residential condominiums.

The property is a non-conforming use, zoned for commercial use in a primarily residential neighborhood. Because the buildings pre-date zoning regulations, the property was "grandfathered" and allowed to remain a commercial use.

> ***"The zoning board definitely did seem favorable to the plan at its last meeting. I eagerly await their decision."***
> — NOEL COLLINS, OWNER.

A number of different commercial businesses have used the location for decades.

Currently, Collins maintains a law office at the site and rents space to six tenants.

Collins proposed tearing down the Quonset huts and building ten condominiums, but the zoning board rejected his request in Nov., 1996, citing density concerns.

Collins appealed the decision to Norfolk Superior Court, but tried to settle the matter out-of-court, asking for six units instead of 10.

The zoning board rejected Collins' request. Members would agree on only four units as a settlement.

But Collins said he couldn't afford to develop the property with only four units.

With five units, Collins hopes he has found the magic number that will settle the zoning dispute while still allowing him and partner Anthony D. Catlin to turn a profit.

The homes would be New England style colonials in the $350,000 to $400,000 range.

Collins said neighbors fully support his development plan, and at least one agrees.

Corinne Cahill lives two houses over from the structure, and has been lobbying the town to change the property's use since 1959. She said she is part of an unofficial neighborhood group of about 15 families that hopes the zoning board will approve five units.

"We are 100 percent behind Noel Collins," Cahill said. "This is a beautiful, residential neighborhood plagued by an ugly, industrial property, and I am primarily interested in having it converted to a residential use."

Over the years, Cahill has put up with 18-wheelers, loud machinery, early morning deliveries, 24-hour shifts, noise and air pollution.

Now, she has great hopes that the end is near for of all these problems.

Cahill said Collins is the first developer to come along with the intention of converting the property to a residential use.

"Noel Collins has had tremendous expenses involved with this project on this property with permits and engineering and other costs," Cahill said. "But he's the first developer to try and convert the property to residential use, and he has stayed committed to this."

Cahill said the last time she attended a zoning board meeting, members seemed agreeable to five units and the atmosphere was positive.

The planning board tried to rezone the site earlier this year so Collins could build 10 condominiums, but voters at the 1997 spring town meeting rejected the proposal.

Members of the conservation commission said the change in bylaws would have stripped them of their jurisdiction over the nearby flood plain.

The conservation commission has supported Collins' latest plan and has issued an order of conditions.

The planning board has supported any plan that converts the property to a residential use.

The planning board was scheduled to discuss the property last night after the Mariner went to press.

The board of health must approve the septic system planned for the units. Collins is scheduled to go before the health board on Nov. 12.

The land sits on the edge of the water and, according to Collins, is a "beautiful, stunning and exquisite" site for residential property.

"It will be a real beauty of a project to see what it looks like if it's approved," Collins said.

If Collins receives approval from the zoning board and all the necessary permits, he said he would like to begin construction in early December.

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Veterans reach accord over war memorial

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V-J Day fell Aug. 14, 1945 and Dec. 31, 1946 when Congress officially declared the end of the war. Although the U.S. Government has long recognized men who enlisted in the armed forces after V-J Day as World War II veterans, that was not the opinion held by Austin Ahearn, the Cohasset man who got the World War II Honor built..

Previously, Ahearn, the head of the privately-funded Cohasset Military Memorial, Inc., planned to exclude the names of those who served in the armed forces after V-J Day because the combat was over by the time they enlisted,

Then in 1993 the selectmen and others objected to the omissions after the monument was largely built. After two years of wrangling and review by a new board specifically formed to resolve the dispute, an agreement was finally reached in 1995 to add a new granite panel to the World War II Honor Roll with the names of the men who served after the combat was over.

But nothing happened when the sides could not compromise over the wording to describe the term of service after V-J Day or the space where the panel should be installed.

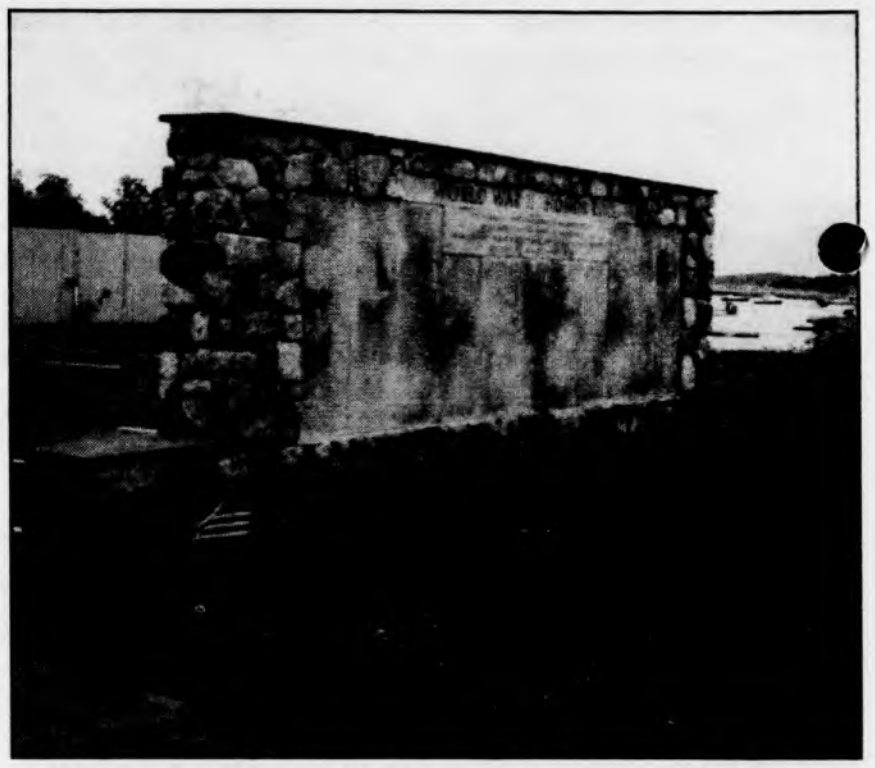
Now, according to Town Manager Mark Haddad, Ahearn has agreed to shepherd a new proposal to his board of directors, with an eye to going out to bid for a contractor. The new scheme will find room on the Honor Roll wall by removing some wording that "should not have been there," as Veterans of Foreign Wars head Ralph Peroncello put it, though he did not get specific and stopped far short of claiming victory.

In fact, Peroncello held out an olive branch of sorts when he offered the observation it would be almost impossible to undertake a task the scope of the Honor Roll without eventually making someone unhappy.

"It's pretty well settled now," Peroncello said, although he did not expect to see the plaque for the "extended honor roll" go up until spring.

As for Ahearn, while he confirmed the matter had been "resolved," he did not want to comment about the details.

"I'm in the process of getting the plaques," he said. "I'm not going to tell you anymore."



AT RIGHT—The Veterans Memorial at the harbor should have additional panels including the names of those who served in the occupational forces by springtime, local veterans say.

Mary Ford photo

Breathalyzer for school dances refused

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Aitken also said her board would not advocate the use of the breathalyzer, and the high school principal was even stronger in his dismissal of the law enforcement tool.

"I think people are in a state of mild hysteria," said Cohasset High principal Curtis Collins. Though Collins said he personally did not turn down the breathalyzer, he would prefer to stop the school dances rather than use one if drinking becomes a problem.

"I wouldn't be interested in a breathalyzer," Collins said. "If we have to do that, I'm not interested in holding the dances."

Collins said the school dances are generally well run, and some issues raised by the Drug and Alcohol Committee were resolved when the board members observed the situation for themselves.

"Sometimes erroneous information spreads," said Cohasset High health education director Mike Gill who confirmed the one case of alcohol poisoning but denied rumors that large numbers of students were arriving at school dances drunk.

"We have 12 or 15 adults here looking for signs of students who have been drinking," he said, ticking off the routine at the school dances.

Nonetheless, teenage drinking, he said, is a problem with a long history, and is not unknown in Cohasset, where reputedly the average youth first gets drunk at age 13 years 7 months, according to Gill's estimate.

Though Gill was more open to the idea of a breathalyzer than the principal, he said for now, the school planned to push education to get the anti-drug and liquor message out. On Nov. 17, the school is holding a Parent Forum where the topic of alcohol, drug abuse will be discussed, he said.

As for the police chief, he summed up the breathalyzer option in two words.

"Forget it," Noonan said.

While Noonan is no longer offering the schools the breathalyzer, he still believes the trends show more youngsters are drinking to get drunk at earlier ages. On Halloween, police confiscated two big jugs of Puerto Rican rum when they arrested a minor and two juveniles in the town parking lot on an otherwise quiet and uneventful night.

The Captain Morgan Rum is called "handles" in slang to describe the big 1.75 liter carrying handle. At a price just under $20, a big bottle of the affordable high-proof fuel has become the brew of choice with underage drinkers.

More important, they might also be but one more worrisome sign that parents, school and law officials have yet to get a handle on the problem of teenage drinking.

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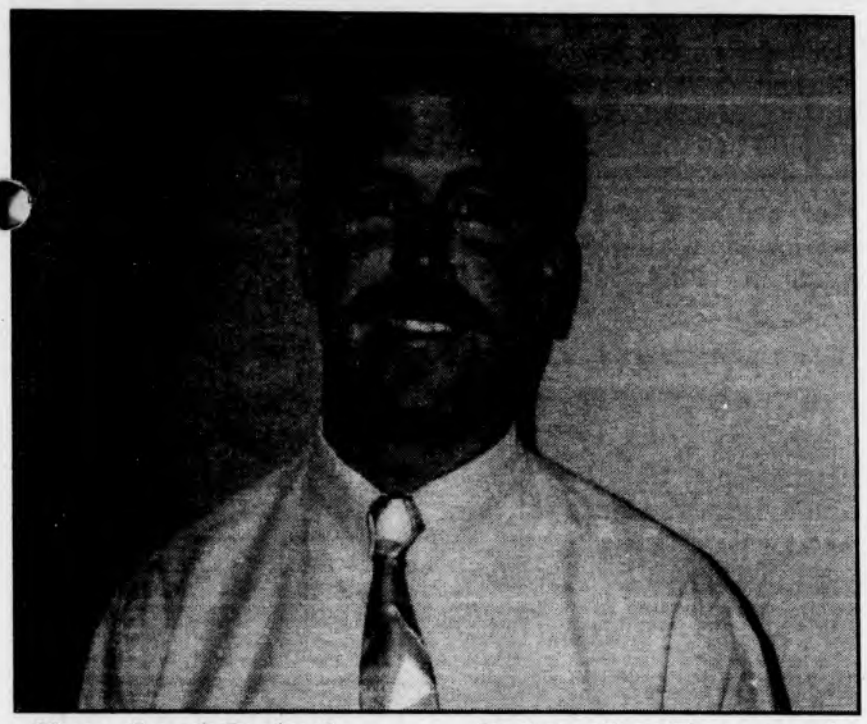
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Favorite book: The World Almanac.

Favorite junk food: Homemade chocolate chip cookies.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Not covering up my bald spot before sitting in front of the TV cameras at the selectmen's meeting.

Person you'd most like to meet: Joe Dooley III.

Pet peeve: Lazy people.

COHASSET'S WEEK

Newtonville estimate causes a stir

An estimate of $8,890 for Tutela Engineering to conduct an analysis of site conditions for wastewater treatment in the Newtonville neighborhood off Atlantic Avenue was dismissed by Town Manager Mark Haddad.

Haddad told selectmen he "vehemently" protested the estimate.

"I discussed this with Domenic Tutela and we are in agreement that this is not the price. They will come back with something more palatable," he said.

Selectman Diane Sullivan was concerned that the town was paying for the site inspections.

But the consensus among the other selectmen was that this is part of the sewer project.

"I see this as an extension of the town-wide sewer analysis," Selectman Nan Roth said.

The board of health declared a state of emergency in the Newtonville neighborhood last summer when unacceptable levels of fecal coliform from septic systems there was discovered. The residents and health board want the houses hooked up to the sewer system but the sewer commission has insisted on Title V inspections before that would be considered. The commission did agree, however, to allow Tutela to conduct an analysis of the problem. A report from Tutela should be available within a couple of weeks.



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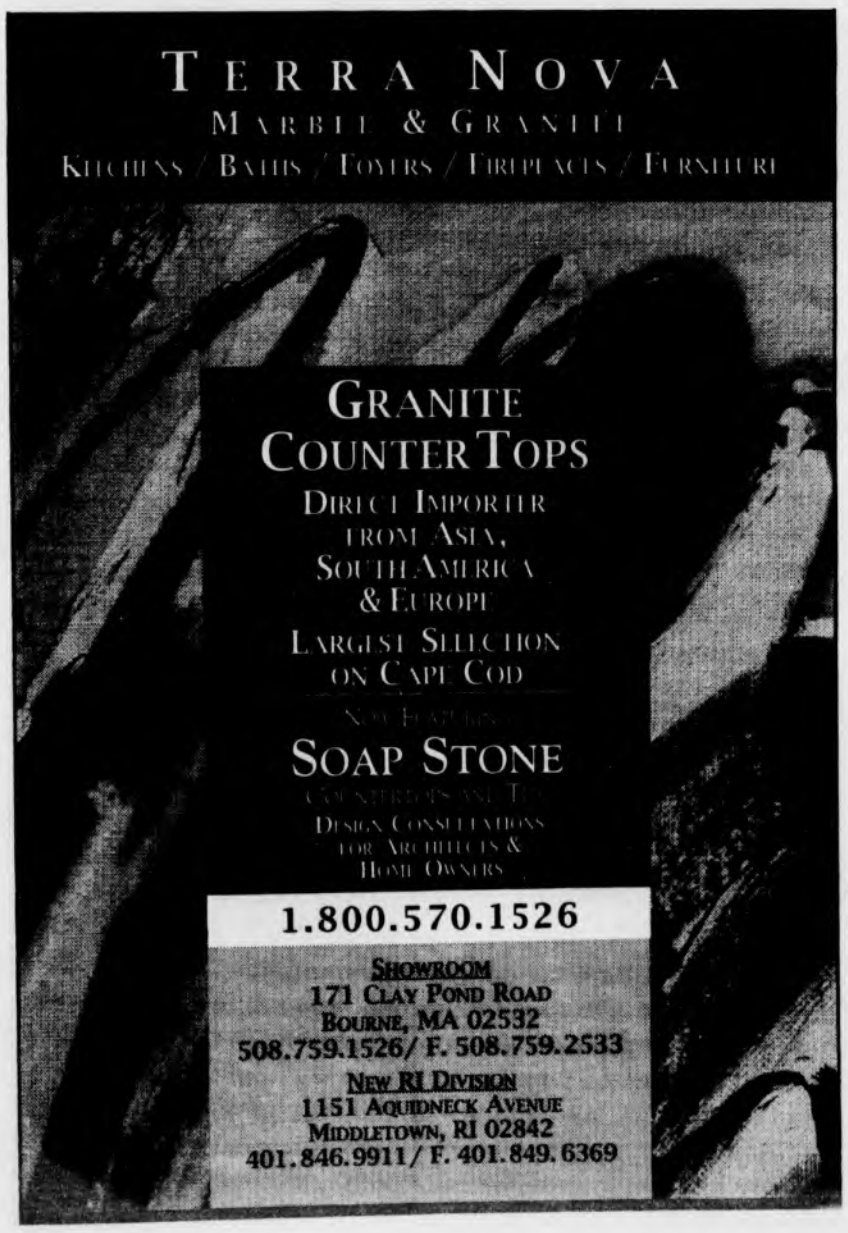
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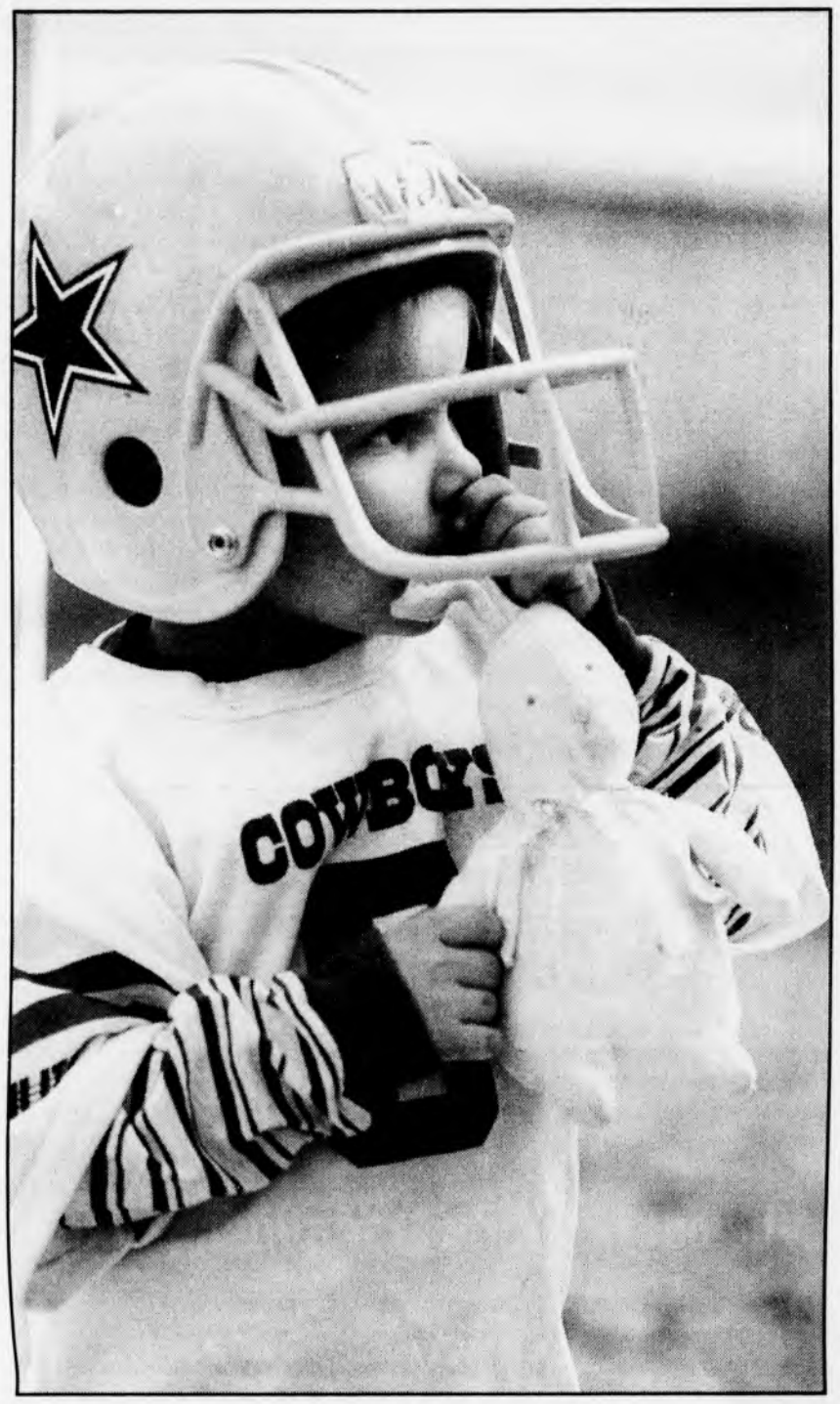
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Patrick Lewis shows the softer side of a football player at the Carriage House Nursery School Halloween party last week.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

FONE MEMORIAL SERVICE

We heard from Ken and Sue Fone this week, and all of the plans have been finalized for his Dad's ("pop" Fone's) memorial service. It will be held in the Chapel of the Second Congregational Church Saturday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m. Pop was a Cohasset resident from 1968 to 1995, some of his close friends are still around, and everyone is invited to attend the service. The Rev. Gary Ritts will be performing the service, and Ken and Sue will, of course, be there; Pop's remains have been buried with Ken's mother and brother in the Mt. Wollaston Cemetery.

AN ELEGANT EVENING

The Cohasset Education Foundation held an elegant evening to celebrate education last weekend, and what an evening it was! It was an idea that was an old-fashioned-type concept, a progressive dinner! Cocktails and hors' douevres were served at the beautiful home of Roger and Andrea Wade; dinner was at the grand home of Michael and Victoria Hurley, and dessert was hosted by Peter and Midge Stone. There was a silent auction to assist in the fund-raising - a spectacular night indeed, with all of the proceeds benefiting our children's education! The CEF, the homeowners and the committee are to be commended for their time and efforts in helping our schools to help our students!

END OF AN ERA

It was the end of an era for Cohasset this week, Ken Coleman's house was sold! For so many years Ken has been a Cohassetite, and we have loved hearing his voice on the radio on one day, only to see him "around town" the next to tell him what we thought about the game that he had announced. According to what we have heard on the radio, Ken makes his home in Plymouth now, and we want to wish him and his family the best (and hope to see him often). He is a legend!

WELCOME HOME BOB!

Speaking of legends, we understand that Bob Healy came home from the hospital this week, and we surely hope that he makes continued good progress. He is one special man who always had a kind word and lots of patience with so many - especially when he worked at the Cohasset Hardware store and had to help people distinguish between a nut and a bolt!

CHITTICK ART EXHIBIT

Good news for all of you JoAnne Chittick art fans! Joanne is part of a special exhibit at the Scituate Arts Association Gallery - her opening reception was Nov. 2, and her art will be displayed from then until Nov. 30. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. It is closed Mondays. The Scituate Art Association Gallery is located at 131 Front St. in Scituate. Don't miss this, all of Joanne's best will be there, and she is one spectacular artist!

DESIGNER CLOTHING SALE

We received a note from Stephanie Church, the program director at the South Shore Community Center, and they have a fund-raiser coming up that all of you young moms won't want to miss - they are going to hold a designer children's clothing sale Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Community Center. E-I-E-I-O is the terrific clothes maker, the clothes are sold at the most prestigious department stores, catalogs and specialty stores in America. The sale will be for one day only. Wait until you see the wonderful designs, and how well the clothing is made! Be sure to bring grandparents, they will fall in love with the unique styles, and their whole Christmas list can be completed in one stop! Mark the calendar now, everyone benefits from this fund-raiser! All proceeds from the sale will go toward the purchases of mats for the center.

CONGO CAPERS IS COMING

JoJo Fichtner asks that all members of the Second Congregational Church be reminded of the auditions for "Congo Capers," taking place Nov. 11. She promises that it will be lots of work and lots of fun, and she wants all to be there - JoJo has a way of bringing out talent in everyone, even if you don't think that you possess any! Auditions will be at the Cohasset High School auditorium, from 6 to 9 p.m. (sign up in Bates Hall).

WELCOME TO MADISON PRATT!

Of course you know that JoJo has just added another dancer to her troupe, her brand new granddaughter! Madison Harley Pratt is her name, and she was born Oct. 30. Mom and Dad are doing just fine (Lisa and Jeffrey), and big sister Logan cannot wait for them to come home so she can help Mom! Grandparents Ruth and Carleton Pratt are thrilled, and JoJo has probably created a skit with a baby part in it as you read this! We certainly congratulate you all!

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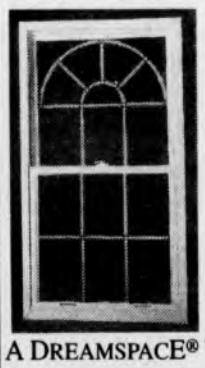
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Obituaries

Inglis Winsor

Inglis (MacLennan) Winsor, of Cohasset, died Saturday Nov. 1 at her home in hospice care.

Mrs. Winsor was daughter of the late Dr. Alexander Kenneth MacLennan of Boston. She was a graduate of Queens College in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. She lived in Winston-Salem, N.C., before moving to Cohasset two years ago.

She was a member of the PEO Sisterhood, which sponsors five education projects for women. While living in Winston-Salem, she was an active supporter of the arts at Reynolda House.

She leaves husband, Robert Livingston Winsor; a son, Robert Livingston Winsor Jr. of Lenox; a daughter, Sandra Winsor Emler of Hingham; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cohasset, the Rev. William Eddy officiating. Burial is private.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to Reynolda House, P.O. Box 11765, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27116; or to PEO Chapter AD, c/o Pat Scott, 400 Country Way, Scituate, MA 02066.

Marjorie E. Litchfield

Marjorie E. Litchfield, 65, of Cohasset, died of cancer Nov. 2 at South Shore Hospital, South Weymouth.

Miss Litchfield was born in Weymouth and was a lifelong Cohasset resident.

She was the daughter of the late Harold W. Litchfield Sr. and Margaret (Gildea) Litchfield.

Funeral services were private.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to South Shore Hospital, 55 Fogg Road, Weymouth 02190 or to Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Baystate Drive, Braintree 02184.

Patrick E. O'Hearn

Patrick E. O'Hearn, 69, of Cohasset, retired president of the Massachusetts Cooperative Bank and an Army veteran of the Korean War, died Saturday, Nov. 1, at home after a long illness.

Mr. O'Hearn became the president of the Massachusetts Cooperative Bank in Dorchester at 1973. He kept the post as chief executive officer until his retirement in 1990.

He also was president of the O'Hearn Moving and Storage Company.

He was a governor-appointed trustee of the Boston Metropolitan District of the MBTA in 1979 and held the post until 1983.

He was a member of the Clover Club of Boston, a trustee of Cedar Grove Cemetery, past director of Allied Van Lines, past president of the Massachusetts Movers Association, past president of the Fields Corner Business Men's Association, a corporator of the Hyde Park Savings Bank, and a trustee of the Dan Marr Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester.

He served with the Army's 3rd Infantry Division during the Korean War and received a Good Conduct Medal.

He leaves his wife, Justine E. (Guerriero) O'Hearn; two sons, Patrick O'Hearn of Quincy; Edward F. O'Hearn of Cohasset; a daughter, Lynne MacDonald of Braintree; a sister, Margaret O'Hearn of Messer, Conn; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Agatha's Church, Milton. Burial was in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester.

Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Ave., Milton, handled arrangements.

Donations may be made to the ALS Research, c/o Dr. Robert H. Brown, Massachusetts General Hospital, 15 Parkman St., Boston 02114.

Insight on spirituality and healing

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m., the Second Congregational Church's Spirituality and Healing Committee will present Annabelle Quigg Wallace, D.Ayr., LISCSW, who will lecture on an Ayurvedic (Indian) medicine approach to wellness and the mind/body constitution (dosha). This insight creates a foundation for the development of a healthy lifestyle which includes proper nutrition, exercise and the use of herbs. Additionally, Wallace believes in the practice of yoga, meditation, and the study of Ayurvedic medicine to help break the cycle of stress-related symptoms, in turn, treating the whole person.

Well-established in traditional psychotherapy, Wallace received her Masters Degree in Clinical Social Work from Boston College. She is a certified Ayurvedic Lifestyle Counselor from the New England Institute of Ayurvedic Medicine.

The Rev. Gary Ritts and the Spirituality and Healing Committee welcome the public Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. for an interesting and enlightening discussion on "Tools For Balancing the Mind, Body and Spirit."

For more information, call Susie Coley at 383-6160 or The Rev. Ritts at 383-0345.

Minister to be installed

The installation of the Rev. Elizabeth I. Tarbox as the 16th settled minister of the First Parish in Cohasset, Unitarian Universalist, will take place Sunday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m. in the First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Turkey Hill celebration

Never has being all wet been so much fun.

In fact, there was an abundance of smiles under a tent atop Turkey Hill in the middle of a nor'easter on Saturday.

The event went ahead despite the weather and an advertised rain date because those involved apparently couldn't contain their enthusiasm.

And who can blame them?

It's not every day that three private land trusts, the state, two towns, and a landowner work together to bring about something wonderful. See related story page one.

Thanks to the dedication and "can do" attitude of this large group, which also included 300 private donors, Turkey Hill is preserved for posterity.

If you haven't been up to Turkey Hill, make it a point to go. The view is breathtaking and you might even spot a wild turkey or two. Turkeys returned to the area in the past year or so.

A new parking lot is now conveniently located off Route 3A near the Hingham and Cohasset town line. As Katherine Morrison of the Hingham Land Conservation Trust said, the walk from 3A is a little steep but worth it.

"You earn the view," she said.

For those who prefer less of a climb, there's another way up off Turkey Hill lane (which is off Leavitt Street) in Hingham

We marvel at the cooperation and heartily congratulate all involved with this very worthwhile project.

As Martha Gjesteby of Cohasset said, "It would be a better world if we'd cooperate on everything else."

— Mary Ford
Editor



Valerie Talmage of Hingham and Tom Foster, regional director of the Trustees of Reservations, lead the grand opening celebration at Turkey Hill on Saturday.

Mary Ford photo

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LETTERS

Boy Scouts are thanked

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Boy Scout Troop 28 for the six picnic tables they built for the courtyard of the Deer Hill School as a project that was part of the Make a Difference Day. This day was originally scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25, but, because of the rain, the date was postponed to Saturday, Nov. 1. The scouts worked Oct. 25 inside in the cafeteria to put the tables together and then moved them into the courtyard.

The teachers will be able to use the eight-foot tables as an outdoor classroom during good weather. The tables also may become an extension of our cafeteria and be used as a place to have lunch. Two of the tables have been designed to accommodate a person who may be in a wheelchair.

The Scout leaders for this project were: Phil Lehr, Bob Dennis and Wayne Schmidt. The scouts working on the tables were: Conor Avery, Andy Dennis, Rob Lehr, Justin Maitland, Scott McArthur, Will McArthur, Alex Schmidt and Mike Snowdale.

Any boys, ages 11 to 18, who may be interested in Scout projects to help the community or any other information about scouting, may call Mr. Lehr at 383-1975.

Again, thank you to the young men who helped make the Deer Hill School a better place for the students and staff.

Paul Callahan
Deer Hill Principal

'Anti-rail factions took over Greenbush hearing'

To the Editor:

Carol Britton Meyer's article on the Greenbush train hearing would have been more accurate had it started off: Some 245 residents of Hingham and five from neighboring towns packed Hingham Town Hall.

Hingham does not need the train and the hearing seemed to be orchestrated by the Hingham anti-train forces to allow them to dominate the discussion to the exclusion of those further south who do not have the convenient access to the train or MBTA bus service enjoyed in Hingham. The process started before the hearing with Hingham officials having an uninterrupted hour to show the committee members around town and make their case as to how the train would destroy Hingham Square.

Then, in the hearing, probably many of the same people again stepped to the head of the line along with representatives of various anti-train groups to make their case.

To expand in detail I have enclosed a copy of something I faxed to the Ledger writer after the frustration of seeing those supporting the train had virtually no opportunity for being heard.

Train opponents have legitimate concerns, but I think these concerns need to be examined in the light of the other successful trains surrounding Boston. What is different here and is that difference great enough to deprive the Greenbush people of the same level of service provided commuters as far away as Rockport, Fitchburg and Lakeville?

Is there another alternative which will work? I have not heard of anything that can come anywhere near what the train will be able to do. Most of eastern Massachusetts has far superior public transportation service to Boston than those in the Greenbush corridor. Greenbush Commuter Rail Service seems to be the only practical way to end that unfair discrimination.

Kenneth R. Depperman
103 Clapp Road

POLICAL NOTES

Josh Cutler launches campaign

Democratic activist Josh Cutler will launch his campaign for State Representative in the Third Plymouth District with a kick-off event featuring Philip Johnston, former New England Director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The event will take place Friday, Nov. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m., at the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham.

Cutler is challenging incumbent Rep. Mary Jeannette Murray, a Cohasset Republican, who has been in office for 22 years. The district is comprised of Hull, Hingham and Cohasset.



Josh Cutler

Political consultant to speak to GOP

National political consultant, Michael Vallante of Rhode Island, will discuss "Recruiting and Winning for 1998 and 2000" at the Division Five meeting of GOP leaders from Norfolk, Plymouth, Barnstable and Bristol on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the John Carver Inn in Plymouth, Division 5 Chairman Bernard Nugent of Yarmouth announced. Social hour will be at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and meeting at 8 p.m.

In addition, GOP leaders will hear from the GOP Blue Ribbon Committee including Chairman Jean Inman, Senator Brian Lees of East Longmeadow, Senator Bruce Tarr of Gloucester, Senator Richard Tisei of Wakefield, Rep. Jo Ann Sprague of Walpole, County Commissioner Mary J. Leclair of Mashpee, Josephine Holly of Mattapan, Marilyn Head of Williamstown, William Hofmann of Belmont, and Bill Sawyer of Acton.

The meeting is open to the public, but reservations are required. To RSVP call Polly Logan of Cohasset (383-0031), Tom Barry of Duxbury (834-6763), or Shawnie Littlehale of Norwell (659-4191).

Hedlund holds town hall office hours

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) and/or members of his staff will be at the Cohasset Town Hall on Highland Avenue for office hours the third Thursday of each month. On Nov. 20, from 10 to 11 a.m. the state senator and/or his staff will be available to meet and/or assist residents.

In addition, Sen. Hedlund's district office, located at 66 Sea St. in Weymouth, will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number is (781) 340-9866.

"The whole purpose of my district office is to meet with and serve my constituents in a more accessible and convenient setting," Hedlund said. "It means a lot to me to be able to talk with constituents face to face. Together we can get a lot done."

LETTERS

Time to act with courage

To the Editor:

This is an Open Letter to Mary Jeanette Murray:

Children, it seems, are faced with moral dilemmas on an almost daily basis. The trials and tribulations of growing up force children to regularly confront temptation, disobedience and a variety of other challenges. If dealt with properly, these challenges hopefully mold our children into good, decent people with a firm understanding of right and wrong. Adults, on the other hand, although far from finished products, are faced with such challenges far less frequently. Faced with a new set of challenges of paying bills, meeting deadlines and beating rush hour, it seems that we hardly have the time to explore moral dilemmas, challenge our assumptions or work to improve ourselves as people.

It is with this backdrop that you, as our representative, must deal with the issue of the death penalty vote. It is exceedingly rare that the vote of a governmental representative deals in absolutes. It is even more rare that such a vote is, at its core, purely a moral choice. But with your vote on the death penalty, it is your views of morality — nothing more and nothing less — that is at issue. Whether fortunate or unfortunate, you must now confront that issue.

The question, of course, is whether there is a clear moral position on this issue. If it could be shown that the taking of a murderer's life actually saved the lives of innocent people, such an argument provides powerful support for the death penalty. You, as my representative, act as God everyday in the disposition of your duties. Making that decision is merely another, albeit starker, example of that power. Were such an argument realistically available, you would have my full support for your vote in favor of capital punishment.

Based upon my understanding, however, there is no evidence to indicate that capital punishment acts as a deterrent for future crime. Life imprisonment without parole certainly protects society from the particular offender. As such, and as articulated recently by many people, the sole motivation for instituting the death penalty is to act upon our impulse for revenge. The desire for revenge is certainly understandable. We all feel it, even when our own young ones are not involved. If I lost my child, I have no doubt that revenge would be one of many extremely intense feelings with which I would have to deal.

But that reason, standing by itself, cannot justify the taking of human life. Each of us was taught, as children, that it is wrong to act out of revenge. That to do so is, at its core, an immoral act. None of us being perfect, we certainly have acted out of revenge in the past. I know that I have. When I did so, it was out of the passion of the moment. I lost control. I lost sight of right and wrong. But I was embarrassed by my behavior, I apologized for it, and I sought to correct it in the future. Being imperfect, I cannot promise that it will never happen again.

This situation, however, is different. In this case, you are making a cold, calculating decision. You are not in the throes of passion. You have all your senses. You presumably are well informed. You have been given the opportunity to make a clear, reasoned decision. I understand that it is extremely difficult as an elected official to ignore the feelings of the apparent majority of your district. But, in the end, you were elected as a leader. And, in the end, a leader must do what is morally correct. Now, more than ever, is the time to act with courage.

I know you have voted consistently in favor of the death penalty in the past. By all accounts, you will have an opportunity to vote again. Before you do so, however, I ask that you search in your heart for the correct decision. Take the action that we can explain to our children. When the time comes to act again, please do the right thing.

Joshua C. Krumholz
16 Windsor Drive.

ASK THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Grants add up to good news

The Cohasset School Department has been quite successful over the years in winning grants from Federal and state agencies, private foundations and corporations. For the current fiscal year, we already have been awarded ten grants in the total amount of $295,000. Funds from some of these grants directly offset the need for increased tax revenues, while funds from some other grants enhance the educational opportunities we can provide to the school children of Cohasset at no cost to the taxpayer. For example, one $10,000 competitive grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education is providing professional development funding for teachers preparing to implement the new K-12 curriculum frameworks. A second competitive grant in the amount of $5,335 is supporting special education curriculum development.

One recent grant will illustrate how major, system-wide school committee goals are turned into action plans by members of the administrative and teaching staffs seeking grants to support achievement of our goals. In this case, the goal is to begin a pilot program to explore the possibility of providing Personal Progress Plans for all children in the school system. Personal Progress Plans would be modeled on the legally-mandated Individual Education Plan ("IEP"), which is provided for each child in a special education program. Personal Progress Plans, like IEPs, would be constructed by a team of teachers, experts and parents (and even the student when he or she is old enough to participate) and would prescribe in some detail the teaching and learning approaches to be used with a particular child, as well as set measurable goals and objectives for that child. The goal of such a program would be to maximize achievement for all students on an individual basis. The $7,500 competitive grant, awarded to the Osgood School by the Department of Education, will fund a program in curriculum development aimed at exploring our ability to provide this type of plan, first for a small group of children who are not enrolled in a special education program, and ultimately for every child in the school system.

Another recent grant supported the on-going efforts of the school department to provide comprehensive health education for all children of Cohasset. This grant also illustrates excellent collaboration among the Cohasset Schools, the Cohasset Police, the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee, the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative, the churches, the Health Education Advisory Committee and a large group of volunteers. Project Safeguard, a full-day program of lectures, demonstrations and discussions on a variety of substance abuse topics, was funded with grants designed to confront all seventh grade students and their parents with the realities of drug and alcohol use and abuse in our society.

The Cohasset School Committee is deeply committed to seeking alternative sources of funding for the operation of the school department and the achievement of our goals. We are proud of the success our administrators and teachers have had in winning grants and grateful for the many hours they spend in the grant seeking process.

This is one in a monthly series of columns by the Cohasset School Committee.

Support for Learning Lab

To the Editor:

At the Oct. 27 town meeting, as well as on many previous occasions, I have been puzzled by the selectmen's reticence to implement a Learning Laboratory at the Hagerty site. Selectman Nan Roth suggested that there is simply no "proven need" for it.

I wonder, what constitutes proof, and why is "proof" needed? Let's look around town. While there wasn't a proven need for the Sailing Club, it has been enjoyed by hundreds, (maybe thousands) in the years since public-spirited citizens established it. There wasn't a "proven" need to improve Milliken Field, but our children and town are well-served by its enhancement. There wasn't a "proven" need for an Arts Center, but clearly it benefits many people.

What definitely is not proven is the need for more parking spaces on the Hagerty property, or the need to sacrifice the potential service of the building to our students to gain a few spaces. Many observers have noted that the lot is not fully utilized even on busy summer weekends. It's hard to believe that this is because "some boat owners don't know that there is a ramp there."

Students (of any age) benefit greatly when book knowledge translates into real-life experiences. What an opportunity we have to provide a hands-on learning facility that will make a valuable difference to our town, enriching and broadening our educational resources.

For a coastal community in particular, I believe the Learning Lab is a "needed" and natural fit.

Susan Cunningham
Norfolk Road

No shortage of enthusiasm at Turkey Hill opening

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the wild turkeys that once roamed there is now preserved forever for passive public recreation.

"I think everyone's smiling anyway," said Hingham's Valerie Talmage, one of the prime movers behind the acquisition project, about the fall nor'easter whipping at the sides of the marquee set up for the celebration.

It all began about two years ago when the Trustees of Reservations, a private group, started discussions with Joseph Sapanaro, whose family had owned the property for 50 years.

"The trustees and I spoke about a plan to make the land available to the public," said Sapanaro, a Winchester resident. "I thought about it for a long time. Then I decided it's a good thing to do because I'm part of the public, too."

What followed were negotiations that involved Sapanaro, the Trustees, the towns of Hingham and Cohasset, the state Department of Environmental Affairs, and the Hingham and Cohasset land conservation trusts. Upwards of 300 individuals also contributed money to help make the purchase possible. Once the land was purchased, the former Nike missile installation at the site had to cleaned up. The missiles were part of a secure military reservation used during the cold-war era.

State environmental affairs Secretary Trudy Coxe said in light of rapid development in the state, preserving land as open space is more important than ever.

"We need to make sure the children of the next generation have a place to play," she said.

Talmage and Tom Foster, regional director for the Trustees, with microphone in tow, made their way around the inside perimeter of the tent thanking everyone and asking representatives from each of the participating towns and land trusts to speak. Talmage bestowed the "order of the Turkey" (a cardboard turkey at the end of green ribbon) to the various assembled group leaders.

It was light-hearted fun on a very spirited afternoon when those committed to the project vacillated between laughter and tears.

Cohasset's Jack Hubbard, who died last spring, was warmly remembered. Hubbard, a conservationist, provided the lift needed when the task at hand seemed insurmountable.

"This was really Jack's project," said John Hartshorne of the Cohasset Land Conservation Trust. "We all participated but Jack led. It didn't just happen, it was very iffy at times.

"Jack made the difference by giving us the gentle but firm push at an important moment," he said.

An inscribed granite bench dedicated to Hubbard now sits at the crest of the hill.

The $810,000 Turkey Hill price tag was estimated to be $100,000 less than the property's assessed valuation.

Hingham town meeting agreed to spend $164,500 for the 30 acres of Turkey Hill on the Hingham side and Cohasset voters appropriated $125,000 for the 20 acres on their side of the town line. The state kicked in $450,000 with the remainder coming from the private land trusts and individual donations.

Turkey Hill will expand the existing greenbelt that now consists of the 800-acre Thayer and Whitney Woods and 2,900-acre Wompatuck State Park and will eventually include Weir River Farm's 82 acres, which will be bequeathed to the Trustees.

Hingham conservationist Phil Swanson explained that Turkey Hill was actually a gift from a glacier which deposited masses of clay which has impeded modern development.

"Drumlins don't perc very well," he said.

Cohasset's Martha Gjesteby said the effort to preserve Turkey Hill is a testament to cooperation among neighbors.

"It would be a better world, if we'd cooperate in everything else," she said.

Turkeys return to Turkey Hill

Wild turkeys are back on Turkey Hill, local observers say.

Al Yazenezian, superintendent with the Trustees of Reservations, lives in the former Saponaro house on the 50-acre property.

Yazenezian says there could be as many as 35 "in the neighborhood."

According to James Cardoza, wildlife biologist with the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, the wild turkey, which was common in Colonial times completely disappeared from New England in the 1800s.

After two unsuccessful attempts, the wild turkey was successfully reintroduced to Massachusetts in the Berkshires in the early 1970s and in Plymouth County two years ago. Their population in the state today is upwards of 12,000.

"It has been a very successful wildlife management program," he said.

Cardoza said wild turkeys like to live hard wood forests interspersed with fields where they can find berries and seeds. They love acorns and roost in trees, he said.

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Flag raising on new pole is Monday at 11 a.m. on town common

A special flag raising is planned for 11 a.m. Monday on the town common.

Commemorating Veterans' Day, members of the George H. Mealy American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will be on hand for the raising of the flag for the first time on the new town flagpole. The 80-foot fiber glass pole with internal works is a gift from the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank and it represents the fourth flagpole on the common, the third at this location. The first was installed by W. B. Johnson in 1861 further south in front of town hall. The original pole at the present site was 100 feet tall and was installed in 1915 in memory of George C. Crocker and was a gift from the Crocker family.

In about 1940, the pole was replaced with an 80-foot one, which was taken down last summer after a painter discovered an area of dry rot near its base.

Pilgrim Cooperative's gifts to the town in recent years include the flagpole, restoration of the clock face at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, the MacIver Reddie murals in the library rotunda depiciting the history of Cohasset and the electronic scoreboard for the athletic field at Cohasset High School.

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Should smoking be banned in Cohasset restaurants and lounges, as the Health Board could soon propose?

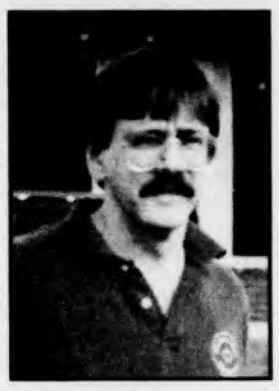
"I'd be all for it. I hate smoke."

— Joe Dooley, manager of the Red Lion Inn, 71 S. Main St.



"It really doesn't matter because our clientele doesn't require smoking. We don't have ashtrays. I've been here two months, and no one's ever asked to smoke."

- Edward Brunoli, manager of Atlantic Bagel and Coffee, 166 King St.



"It's too small" (for a smoking area).

- Anne Gabanelle, owner of French Memories, 64 S. Main St.



"I've always been smoke free since the day I opened. I was a smoker, but now I'm aware how much it bothers people. I'm one of those who make a big scene now, too."

- Lynn McVay, owner of Zinnia's Cafe, 35 S. Main St.

"We have been 100 percent smoke free voluntarily since we opened. The shop is too small to segregate, and I guess I personally don't enjoy a smoking environment."

— Denise Bismore, Owner of the Silver Spoon Cafe, 5 S. Main St.

"Some of my customers smoke."

- Rich Piasecki, manager of The Common Room, 107 Ripley Rd.

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— Jane McCombs, manager of Kimball's By the Sea, 124 Elm St.

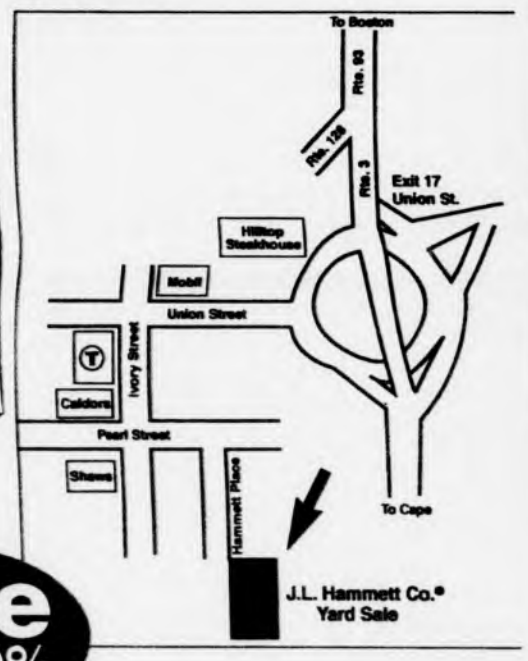
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Lack of quorum sidelines water tank site decision

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The special town meeting was dissolved last Thursday due to lack of a quorum, leaving the water articles in limbo.

It takes 100 registered voters to get town meeting underway.

The water articles — which were items of business before town meeting — dealt with where the town's second water tank should be located.

Having ruled out the King Street site next to the water treatment plant because it is too expensive, water commissioners hoped to get direction from the voters. On the table were two possible sites: Bear Hill next to the existing water tank and Scituate Hill.

Bear Hill, which is near the high school and at $1.4 million is slightly less expensive than Scituate Hill, is not popular with abutters who say one large green tank is enough for any neighborhood. Scituate Hill would require the town either buying about two acres of the privately-owned land or taking the land by eminent domain. The area being considered is part of a 62-acre parcel off Route 3A that is currently for sale.

Town Moderator George Marlette said the special town meeting was dissolved rather than adjourned to another night to allow the matters already decided during the previous two sessions to go forward.

It is not clear if selectmen will call another special town meeting which would require the printing and mailing of another warrant or if the water articles can wait until the spring annual town meeting.

Selectmen hope to get some direction from water commissioners who met last night to discuss the issue after the Mariner went to press.

A total of 96 voters were in attendance after a quorum count at 8:30 p.m., Thursday. A motion to dissolve the meeting was seconded and subsequently passed unanimously.

Following the meeting, Marlette explained that trying to recruit four more citizens to reach a quorum might have proved fruitless later on if anyone called for a quorum count. Under town meeting rules, if that had occurred and numbers had dipped under 100, all the discussion to that point would be for naught and the meeting would have to have been adjourned.

Officials upbeat about town meeting government

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

If the voters blew off a little steam at Special Town Meeting last week, don't worry.

Town officials here can handle criticism.

In fact, they kind of relish it.

Moreover, the tone was nothing but upbeat in follow up interviews this week with three familiar faces, selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, Town Manager Mark Haddad and Moderator George Marlette.

All expressed disappointment the meeting had to be dissolved Thursday when the prospect of a third night of critical business failed to turn out a quorum.

And though the next town meeting will probably see some some changes due to this session's sometimes edgy undertone, nonetheless, the three officials expressed skepticism the voters meant to send an overall negative message about the job their local government is doing.

In fact, after two nights of hearing the voters' opinions Monday and Wednesday, all three drew a similar conclusion. Though Sullivan did acknowledge numerous residents had expressed frustration with slow progress made by several town boards, he and the two others doubted this STM could fairly be reviewed as something of a referendum on the local government,

"I guess I thought overall it went well," Sullivan said, although he allowed there were some frustrating moments. "Not being able to complete it was a little frustrating," the Chairman said.

He also criticized the citizen campaign that put the private ways issue in front of voters for a decision because the question is too complicated for the town meeting forum.

"It was not an appropriate time to discuss something of that magnitude," Sullivan said but added he thought it a "little unkind" the citizen petitioner Laura Doherty led people to believe no repair work had been done on her street.

"A lot of work had been done on her road recently," Sullivan said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad also cited a controversial article that he believed did not belong on the warrant, namely the battle of the tree which citizen petitioner William Ross at 16 Church St. wanted chopped down. Haddad said it should have been handled in his office.

"I agree it shouldn't have been on the warrant," Haddad said. "I'm hoping in the future we resolve those at the management level."

Haddad further said he thought the town meeting should be deciding on budgets and bylaws, "not worrying about which streets get plowed."

As for the somewhat disappointing conclusion Thursday, the lack of a quorum pointed out but one more sign of changing times in Cohasset, according to the Town Moderator George Marlette.

"The face of Cohasset has changed," Marlette noted. "There are a lot of young professional people who cannot afford the luxury of time spent on Town Meeting."

But the Moderator also viewed the two nights of debate as a sign the town meeting as an institution is effective. Before the session fizzled out Thursday when fewer than 100 voters turned out to grapple with the water issues, the voters dispatched 23 of the 28 items on the agenda.

Wednesday night, when the meeting re-adjourned, the voters were split on two citizen's petitions. They narrowly turned back an amended question presented by some homeowners who wanted the private way where they reside accepted as a city street. That vote was 79-58 to defeat the question. But the town meeting overwhelmingly approved putting aside money to chop down the tree at 16 Church St.

Of five school spending articles, all but one passed, as the voters defeated a bid to repair windows at the Deer Hill School, pending the outcome of a town-school facilities study. In a surprise, however, the voters approved an additional sum to install air conditioning at the new Osgood School, going for a *$250,000 appropriation, rather* than the $100,000 for work to make the premises "air conditioning ready" as stated in the original request. With a 60 percent state reimbursement on school construction expenses, the expenditure, which the building committee deemed a "luxury," appeared to be affordable.

Finally, the town meeting took the last article out of order and passed the financial housekeeping questions. In a few cases, the voters dumped unfinished business back in the selectmen's laps, yet Sullivan said things went about the way the board expected, and he was confident matters would be resolved satisfactorily.

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New minister takes the pulpit at First Parish church

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

The new minister at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist church has traveled from another country and into a second career to accompany her parishioners along their spiritual journey through life.

The Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox, who emigrated from St. Albans, England, in 1968, moved to Cohasset in September to fill the void left in the Unitarian Universalist congregation by her predecessor, the Rev. Edward T. Atkinson. Atkinson led the parish for 26 years until he died suddenly of a heart attack in 1995.

"It was a terrible blow to the community," said Tarbox, 53. "He was very well-loved."

But when she arrived in May for a week of trial ministry at the oldest church in town, she did not find a congregation torn apart by grief. Instead, she discovered an assembly held firmly together by faith.

"The people in the parish took charge of the life of the congregation and the work of the church," she said. "I'm full of admiration for the way the people held their congregation together."

Five years before his death, Atkinson spoke at Tarbox's ordination ceremony from Harvard Divinity School.

"I feel a special privilege to fill his pulpit," she said. "I can't ever walk in his shoes; no one ever could. But at least I can try to follow in his footsteps."

The first woman minister ever to be called to the Unitarian Universalist church and only the 16th minister since the church was founded in 1713, Tarbox has already begun her own path into the lives of the members of the congregation. She views her role in the 200-member parish as a guide and companion as well as a leader.

"I believe we can be and are a congregation of ministers, a ministry among people as well as from a minister to the people," she said. "The ministry to me is about companioning people on their spiritual journey, and if I can do that I think I've really answered that call."

Tarbox will be officially installed as the new minister Nov. 16, although she has served in that capacity since Sept. 1. For the past seven years, she has been the minister at the Unitarian Universalist church in Middleboro.

"The strength of the human spirit is an inspiration to me."
— THE REV. ELIZABETH TARBOX

"I absolutely love my work," Tarbox said. "The strength of the human spirit is an inspiration to me. People continue to rise above the difficulties and struggles life throws at us pretty indiscriminately. But I also get to celebrate the births and the marriages with the crises."

Raised in the Anglican church, Tarbox realized as a mother that she had moved theologically away from the traditional beliefs she was taught as a child.

"There were parts of the faith I couldn't support anymore," she said of her experience upon resuming her religious involvement when she moved to Duxbury .

She began to search for a home in a religion that allowed her the freedom to ponder the "ultimate" questions in life.

"Unitarian Universalism is a faith that insists that its members uncover for themselves their religious beliefs, rather than accepting a doctrine or creed," she explained. "The truth is always being uncovered, just as the scientific truth can also be uncovered."



The Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox will be officially installed as the new minister at the First Parish of the Unitarian Universalist church Nov. 16.

Staff photo/ Jennifer R. Horan

One day, Tarbox went to Bridgewater State College and told an advisor there that she had three years to graduate summa cum laude and be accepted at the Harvard Divinity School, which she managed to accomplish.

Tarbox said Unitarian Universalism attracted her because it doesn't emphasize sin and guilt as some religions do.

"The underlying principle is that God's love is available to anyone no matter what and that human beings are born good and able to trust their own conscience," she said. "Part of my ministry here has to do with asking the people here what we can do together."

Unlike some religions in which parishioners recite a creed that begins "We believe," Unitarian Universalists follow a set of principles that reflect a congregation united in its journey into faith.

"We agree to walk together, to talk together, to struggle together, but we don't have to agree," she said.

During her ministry, Tarbox hopes to be looked to as an attentive listener to not only her parishioners but also to members of the community.

"People come to church to get in touch with the deepest part of themselves," she said. "The life issues that confront us are often the ones that could be helped if we have a good listener to tell our stories to."

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Deja Vu all over again for Lady Skippers

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset High field hockey team found Nantucket to be a great place to visit, but not too friendly when it comes to playing a game there.

Three years ago, the Cohasset ladies made the high school field hockey playoffs, only to be eliminated by Nantucket in the opening round, 2-0.

The Lady Skippers made the playoffs again this year, and wouldn't you know it, they had to play Nantucket in the opening round and once again were eliminated by Nantucket.

This time Nantucket won 5-2.

The Cohasset ladies dominated the first five minutes of play, getting off eight shots.

In all, Cohasset got off a very respectable 17 shots, with two of them, one by Katie Buckley and the other by Meagan Connelly going in.

"The team worked hard all season long. They proved that over and over. Most of all, the kids showed a lot of class. It was a class team all the way."
HEAD COACH DEBBIE BOSTWICK

The two goals came after Nantucket moved out in front, 3-0.

For Cohasset coach Debbie Bostwick, it was the fourth time in her nine years at the helm that Cohasset has made the playoffs. Besides '94 and '97, a Cohasset team also made it in '90 and '92.

This year Debbie's team finished 6-6-4 and tied for third place in the South Shore League. Hull High finished second, while Hanover High led the league.

Cohasset lost two games to Hanover, two to Hull and two to Marshfield, the number three seed in the tourney. Obviously, when the Cohasset ladies lost, they lost to the best.

In the 17 games played this season, Cohasset scored a total of 23 goals, an extremely good scoring figure.

And speaking of great numbers, Cohasset goalie Melissa Rosano, a sophomore, had a tremendous season with a 1.53 average and six shutouts to her credit. Said Bostwick, "She just did a remarkable job for us. She's one of the youngest players on the team and just performed like a veteran. She certainly came through for us."

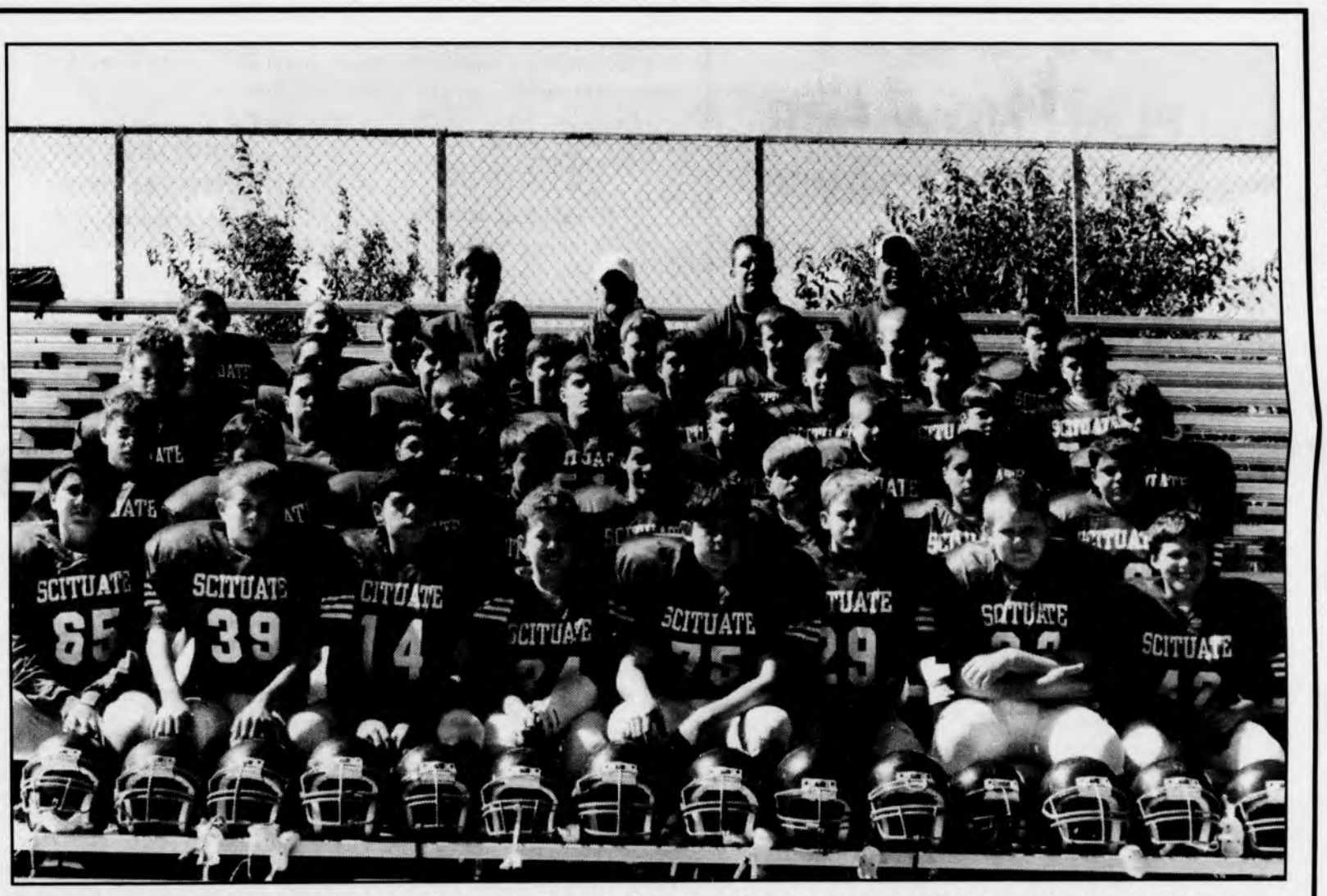
Scoring the goals for Cohasset were Lauren Dooley with nine, Andi Shaughnessy with six, Connelly with five and Kristen Reynolds with three.

The tourney team that made the trip to Nantucket consisted of Seniors: Captain Alia Afshar, Buckley, Dooley, Sue Gill, Lindy Holloway and Kristen Reynolds; Juniors: Connelly, Katie Donovan and Jill Magner. Sophomores: Rosano, Caitlyn Donovan, Jenn Meehan; Freshmen: Kelly Lordan, Maggie O'Connor, Shaughnessy, Kelly Devine and Melissa Pyform. Also making the trip were backup goalie Kristyn Considine and Kelly Devine.

Two assistant coaches Kate Ridge and Danelle Shaughnessy, along with manager Amanda Gontarz also made the trip.

The team also picked up a number of awards over the course of the year with

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The Scituate/Cohasset midget football team will battle for Super Bowl supremacy this Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. on the campus of Silver Lake in Kingston.

Midget squad is Super Bowl bound

The Scituate-Cohasset Sharks Midget youth football team is headed for the Super Bowl.

The game will be played Sunday, Nov. 9 against Bridgewater at the Silver Lake High School athletic field in Kingston. Kickoff will be at approximately 2 p.m.

The Sharks made it to the Super Bowl by defeating Barnstable 38-12 in muddy and rainy conditions at the Hingham High School field last Sunday.

The Midget Sharks had an overall regular season record of 4-3-1 in the Old Colony Youth Football League.

Head coach Danny O'Brien said it was an "up and down season" but that the players never lost confidence even when they lost a couple of close games.

"This is a team with a lot of heart. They just never quit," O'Brien said.

O'Brien credited the offensive line for last Sunday's win against Barnstable. "They are the unsung heroes in that game making great blocks in the muddy trenches," O'Brien said.

Joseph Hughes, president of the Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football League, said he was impressed by all the team members.

"Not every player can start in these games, but you know what? Every player came to practice all year. Every player cheered his teammates on during the win against Barnstable. They are a bunch of real team oriented kids."

The Scituate-Cohasset Pee Wees also made it to the playoffs this year, but suffered a 6-0 defeat against Marshfield last Sunday in a game played at Bridgewater's Legion Field.

Hughes and other members of the Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football League board of directors said they hope that many townspeople will support the Midgets next Sunday in Silver Lake.

"The team is leaving by bus at about noontime from the Scituate High School field, and players' parents and others are welcome to follow the bus into Kingston for support," Hughes said.

Following are the names of the Midget players in order of their uniform numbers: Jim Talbot, Sean Conton, Steve Sullivan, John Chisolm, Michael Garland, David Butterworth, Brian O'Connor, Michael Curran, Zachary Costello, Fred Hayes, Ricky Mahoney, Robert Kuhn, Daniel Hughes, Steven Brigham, Stephen Trombly, Matt Cushman, Michael Shea, Tom McCarthy, Chris Connelly, Andrew Sousa, Tim Clinton, Steven McDevitt, David Smith, Austin O'Brien, Chris Komejko, Eric Damaso, David Schlag, Keith Pollard, Peter Webb, Ryan Hutton, Jarrett Dawson, Josiahs Porter, John Sylvester, Heath Walden, Jeffery Prouty, Brian Signorelli, Ryan Walsh, Michael Barry, Peter Garland, Danny Delongchamp, Geoffery Kramer, Craig Blackburn, Matt Davis, Peter Fresco, John Kreitz, and Daniel Kelleher.

Assistant coaches are Chris Conroy, Mike Cronin, Domenic Laudani and Michael McDonald.

Skippers fail to build on winning streak

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Coming off an encouraging 18-6 win over the Charlestown Townies, the Cohasset Skippers were overwhelmed by the Hanover Indians last Friday.

The Indians, who now carry a 5-1-1 record, ran roughshod over the home team, triumphing by a score of 37-0. Cohasset's offense failed to move the chains and were kept far from the endzone.

The Skipper defense stopped Hanover on their first series and the offense gained a first down, but that would be it for Cohasset, as the team played uninspired football the rest of the night.

Hanover was led by running back Mike Kenny, who scored three touchdowns and totaled 123 yards on the ground, and also fired a 42-yard strike on a halfback pass to a diving Chris Magoun.

Kicker Darren King also excelled, splitting the uprights with four extra points and handing the Skippers lousy field position with his booming kickoffs.

There weren't too many bright spots for Cohasset. Backs Justin Golden and Andy Hamilton played well, as did defensive end Jamie Buick.

However, the Skippers will have to raise their level of play in their search for a second win.

The Skippers will travel to South Boston this weekend for a 10 a.m. game Saturday.

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Recreation Dept. offers ski lessons at Blue Hills

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct Blue Hills Ski Lesson Registration on Thursday, Nov. 20 at the recreation office, Cohasset Town Hall, between the hours of 2:30-3:30 p.m. and again in the evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Registration forms must be signed by a parent or guardian for participation in this 5-week program. Beginner through advanced level instruction is available for children and youth, ages 7 and older.

Lessons are scheduled to begin on Thursday, Jan. 8, 1998 and meet for 5 consecutive weeks, through Thursday, Feb. 5. The bus will leave each week from Town Hall parking lot at 3 p.m. and return from Blue Hills at about 6:45 p.m.

The fee for the ski lessons and transportation for 5 weeks is $110 and checks should be made payable to: Town of Cohasset. Those participants who require equipment rentals may rent at Blue Hills and the cost for the 5-week rental package is $155 per person. The rental fee can be included in the check for the program fee. This is the 21st year that ski lessons at Blue Hills have been offered through the Cohasset Recreation Department and over the years hundreds of youngsters have had the opportunity to learn how to ski, or improve their technique.

Celebrating youth football in Cohasset

Contrary to popular belief Youth Football is alive and well in Cohasset. For the second consecutive year the Scituate/Cohasset Sharks have clinched two berths in the post season playoffs of the Old Colony Youth Football League.

Sunday, Nov. 1, found the sharks competing in play-off games in Hingham and Bridgewater, on the road to the Large Division Super Bowl at Silver Lake High School on Nov. 8.

This year's turnout from Cohasset was the largest yet. Twenty players ranging in age from 8 to 12 gained valuable experience on their way to entering Cohasset's Middle School program.

This year's gridiron warriors were:

Mites — Justin Alexander, David McKenna, Michael Pecca, Justin Hollis.

Pee Wees — D.J. Silvia, Will McCarthy, Jake Previte, Chris McKenna, Steve Davis, Matt Baroudi, Tony Truglia, Crandon Leahy, Matt Casey, Erick Belz, Casey Coleman, Teddy Straughn, Robbie Carpenter, Mark Lewis.

The coaches were Don Silvia and Don Davis.

Pre-season hockey training camp

Hockey skills development workshops will hold pre-season training camp for high school players over Thanksgiving weekend.

Directed by experienced college and high school coaches, this high speed playing skills and goalie clinic will be held at the Pilgrim Arena in Hingham. These sessions will focus on preparing players for their high school try-outs.

Class sizes are limited. For further details, please call (781) 769-7783.

Basketball program needs your help

The Winter Recreational Basketball Program is in desperate need of a Division Coordinator for the grades 4-6 Basketball program held Saturdays at Cohasset High School.

Roy Davis has directed and coordinated this program during the past 5 years, but no longer has the available time. Roy has indicated that he will work with the new coordinator(s) this year.

Bill Grimm will continue to coordinate the grades 1-3 program at Deer Hill School as he has volunteered to do during the past 4 years.

Interested parents should call Jack Worley at Cohasset Recreation Department, 383-6791, right away.

Basketball registration for boys and girls grades 1-8, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Town Hall.

The Recreation Commission and Basketball Boosters Club are indebted to Roy Davis for the tremendous job he has done during the past 5 years with the Basketball Programs.

Recreation basketball registrations

The Cohasset Recreation Department/Boosters Basketball registrations will be held for children in grades 1 thru 8 at Town Hall, on Saturday, November 15, from 9a.m. to 11 a.m.

The fee for the program is $30.00. Checks should be made payable to: Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, (CBBC), and the shirt charge is included in the fee.

Details on the Basketball Program will be available at registration. Games are played on Saturday's, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid conflicts.

The Recreational Basketball Program is made available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the recreation department, providing youngsters with a teaching and recreational opportunity.

Junior lacrosse program needs additional coaches

Thanks to phenomenal growth in popularity and interest, the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse Club is in need of additional coaches for the Spring 1998 season. No lacrosse experience is necessary.

The reason the team can take coaches without experience is the structure of its league, the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse Association, the largest youth league in the country. The league allows communities to have more than one entry, and then allows multiple teams to be scheduled so that they always play in the same place — either home or away together — on the same day.

"We have grown to the point where there is a good chance we will want to field two teams this year," said Chuck Jaffe, who runs the junior program in Cohasset. "If we get volunteers with no experience, I can act as head coach for both teams. If we get someone with lacrosse experience, we each can coach one team. We need a helping hand more than we need an experienced hand."

Jaffe explains that the biggest need is for a coach to assist during practices, when the only way to install an offense or defense is in small groups of players. "The rest of the kids should be doing drills or installing the same offense at the other end of the field, but that's not possible without a second or possibly a third coach," he says.

Last year, the Cohasset junior lacrosse team had 30 players, a high number within the Mass Bay youth teams. This year, thanks to a successful summer camp and increased awareness and interest, Jaffe expects closer to 40 children in grades 5 and 6 to sign up. Without at least one additional coach, Jaffe says he might have no choice but to limit the program to a single team of 30 players signed up on a first-come, first-served basis.

With sign-up set for December and the league needing notification of Cohasset's intention to field a second team by January, the program needs to hear from volunteers now. The Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League also holds a win-



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"Dr. Fung is a brilliant physician and an exceptionally caring doctor. She will be an enormous asset to cancer patients and their families on the South Shore," said Dr. Tania Lingos, Medical Director of SSOC.

A graduate of Yale University and Harvard Medical School, Dr. Fung was trained in radiation oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital. She is certified by the American Board of Radiology and by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine. She joins SSOC from Massachusetts General Hospital where she remains on staff as a Radiation Oncologist.

In addition to her skills as a physician, Dr. Fung is also a medical instructor and a cancer researcher. She teaches radiation oncology at Harvard Medical School and Boston University School of Medicine.

As a clinical researcher, Dr. Fung has published widely on innovative radiation treatment strategies and has been a frequent participant in national and international medical conferences. In 1993, she was named Chief of Lymphoma Service, Radiation Oncology Unit, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Fung is a member of the American Medical Association and the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology. She is excited about reaching out to cancer patients on the South Shore and working at SSOC.

"As a physician, my priority is to give my patients world-class care. At SSOC, I can do that because the Center offers cancer patients a top-quality, state-of-the-art option for radiation treatment. I am eager to be a part of such a dynamic medical team," Dr. Fung said.

Dr. Fung can be reached at South Suburban Oncology Center, located at 700 Congress Street, Crown Colony Office Park, Quincy at the intersections of Routes 3, 128, and 93. Her internet address is cfung@ssocpo.shields.com and her telephone number is (617) 471-3700.

South Suburban Oncology Center is a joint venture of Quincy Hospital, South Shore Hospital and Shields Oncology Services. The tertiary affiliate of SSOC is Massachusetts General Hospital.

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r coaches clinic that volunteers ay want to attend.

For this spring, Jaffe plans to practice the junior lacrosse program at or after 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Games are Sunday afternoons. Practice begins as weather permits in march, and the season ends Father's Day weekend in June.

For more information on the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program and becoming a volunteer coach, contact Jaffe at 383-9858 or Terry Kahn at 383-0332.

Beginner indoor golf lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Scituate Recreation Department will accept registrations via phone for adults, Beginner Indoor Golf Lessons, scheduled to begin Thursday Evening, November 7,1997. Lessons are 5 weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly and cost $65.00 per person. Classes are limited to 8 individuals maximum, in size and registrations are accepted on a first enrolled basis. Should you require use of golf clubs for the classes please indicate this at the time of your registration and we will loan you clubs for the classes free of charge.

To register please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-6791. Mr. Dan Neary will be the golf pro teaching this session which will be held at the Cushing Elementary School, offRt. 3A, Scituate.

Deja Vu for Lady Skippers

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SSL All-Star honors going to Buckley and Dooley. For Dooley, it was her second time.

Honorable mention awards were handed out to Afshar and Reynolds, while the team was awarded with the SSL Sportsmanship Award.

Obviously, coach Bostwick was quite pleased with her team and what they accomplished this season, stating, "It was just a wonderful team. The kids are smart, quick and strong and showed great discipline throughout the season."

"The team worked hard all season long. They proved that over and over. Most of all, the kids showed a lot of class. It was a class team all the way."

Bostwick added, "Next year will be a building year, since I am losing six of my starters to graduation. However, a number of youngsters have shown plenty of promise and hopefully we can rebuild quickly.

"All in all it has been a great season."

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CHS soccer in review

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER



Hannah Bregan, in the middle, was one of the standout players this year on the CHS varsity soccer team.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Lady Skippers finish year without a win

The CHS varsity girls soccer team finished the year without a win, but it wasn't for the lack of an effort.

Early season injuries to a number of key players and not being able to finish off their scoring chances for most of the year lead to the demise of the team, which was under the direction of Maureen O'Day Clark.

To their credit, the squad did not lie down and play dead at the end of the year. In fact, one of their better games this season was played against Rockland, who barely escaped Alumni Field with the 2-1 victory they needed to help secure a spot in the MIAA state tourney.

Junior keeper Alex D'Urso was a standout in the game, turning aside a number of glittering Rockland scoring opportunities and helping to keep her team in the game until the very end.

"I'm very proud of this team," said O'Day-Clark. "They worked hard and kept their spirits up all through the season but it seemed we were never able to get any breaks when we needed them. We are a young team and we can't help but learn and grow from this experience."

Almost all of the team will be back for another round next season. Co-captain defenders Ali Kinchla and Hannah Bregin are the only senior members on the team, which this year was dominated by members of the freshman and sophomore class who were given a golden opportunity to learn about how the game is played on the varsity level.

Players seeing action on the varsity level this year included Alex DeRosa, Maura Duffy, Ali Kinchla, Caitlin O'Neil, Katie Brister, Jessie Zerendow, Jenny Chastain, Alyssa McNamara, Hannah Bregan, Zoe Davis, Jacqueline Kahn, Eileen Ridge, Sarah Kidder, Alyssa Conely, Sarah Motley, Alex D'Urso, Caitlin Stansell, Susan Thompson and Clara Sceery.

Boys finish just out of tourney contention

Another goal here or a save there could have made a world of difference to the CHS boys soccer team this year. After their win Monday against Medfield, the 6-9-1 team finished only a few points away from qualifying for the state soccer tournament.

Under MIAA rules, to qualify for the state tournament a team needs to have half as many points as it would have had if the team had won each of their games.

The Skippers needed 16 points, but they only got to 13.

Regardless, first-year head coach Jeff Martell said it was an "exciting year" for him, adding that he expected another year of experience for his team could only help them for next year.

"We are only losing six players off the roster to graduation, so that means 12 others are coming back with significant varsity level playing experince," said Martell. "That should leave us with a very strong team."

Two of those leaving the program were named to the South Shore League all-star team last week, co-captains Leigh Atherton and Nate Cotter.

On the varsity roster this year were co-captains Leigh Atherton and Nate Cotter, Derek Bugley, Josh Flannigan, Pat Leahy, Eric Moore, Andrew Ross, Mike Baird, Devin Buick, Mark Equi, Andrew Laney, Ben Littauer, Justin Maitland, Jake Motley, Hunter Pile, Dennis Rooney, Steve Sceery, Kevin DeVito and Eric Shea.

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By Kathryn Ruth Bloom
CNC Correspondent

The Plaza Catalunya — "Placa Catalunya" in Catalan, the language of Barcelona — is an ideal place to begin a walking tour of this unique Mediterranean city, which combines the civility of the North with the brio of the South. Leave your rental car back at the hotel; this is one of the world's great walking cities.

Start at the large underground tourist-information center across the plaza from the subway station. Its multilingual staff has maps, directions and good advice about where to go, what to see and where to eat. You can buy guidebooks with varied and interesting tour routes at the adjoining gift shop, and return later to purchase ceramics, scarves and stunning photographic books as souvenirs.

Leave the tourist center, cross the street, and join the promenade along La Rambla, a strip of five connecting boulevards linking the Plaza Catalunya with the harbor. Originally a gully running next to the city's medieval wall, La Rambla began to take on its modern form in the late 18th century. Strolling its broad pedestrian median is an inexpensive and comfortable way to get the feel of the city.

You can stop to buy flowers or a songbird in a cage from a street vendor, watch a mime or musician, or pick up some bread and cheese for lunch at the Boqueria (Butchers) market. This large covered market has been operating since 1840 on the site of a medieval Carmelite convent. Back on La Rambla, be sure to look for the mid-1970s sidewalk mosaic by Joan Miro at the Plaza de Boqueria.

Turn into the Plaza Real, which is on your right as you walk toward the harbor. This arcaded square has a Parisian air and the feel of a funkier Place des Vosges. You leave the square and enter the Barri Gothica (Gothic Quarter), in whose narrow streets and alleys the city began. Here, you are surrounded by architecture dating from the Roman, Romanesque, Renaissance and Gothic periods. But this is a living quarter, not an architectural museum, and you can spend the afternoon shopping happily in its many modern shops and boutiques.

Among the most famous buildings in this area are Gaudi's Guell Palace and Domenech I Montaner's Palau de la Musica Catalana. These architects are among the most famous practitioners of the Moderniste style that extended from the late 1800s into the early years of this century. Each of these palaces served a different kind of nobility — one was the home of the scion of a wealthy mercantile family. The other served as a palace of culture.

The Palau Guell was built between 1886 and 1889 as a town residence for Gaudi's principal patron, Eusebi Guell. Although the building is elaborate in design and luxurious in decoration, it comes across today as somewhat somber and austere. Perhaps this has something to do with its rather cramped "downtown" location, or the fact that Guell lived in it only briefly and it stood empty and lifeless for many years. Today, the Palau Guell is the home of Barcelona's Museum of Performing Arts.

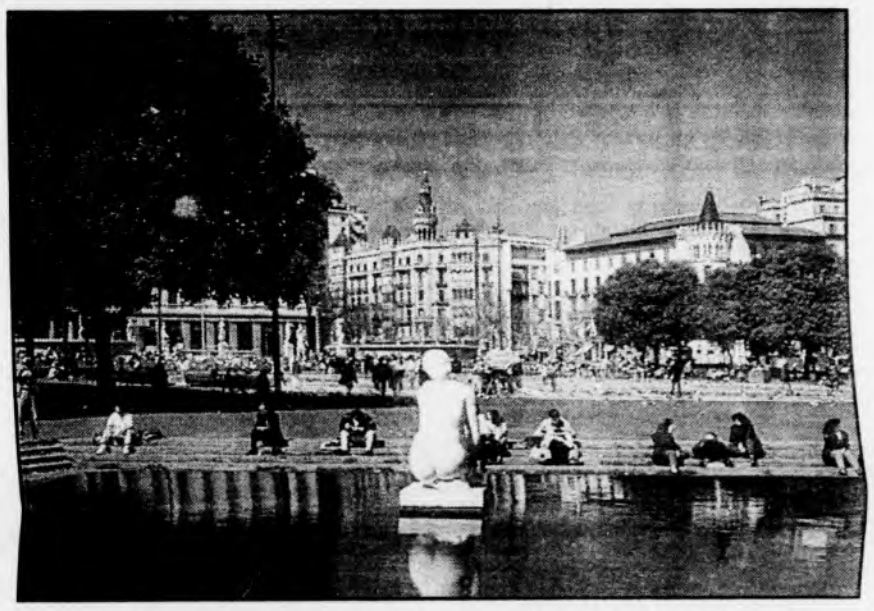
Of particular note is the long circular ramp leading to a basement where Guell's horses were stabled. A few years later, Gaudi would incorporate a similar ramp into a building in Barcelona's modern "Eixample" district. That ramp, however, was conceived for use by automobiles — an indication of how quickly the world was changing.

The other palace, the Palau de la Musical Catalana, pays homage to the nobility of music. Built between 1905 and 1908 for the Orfeo Catala (the Catalan Musical Society), it is an exuberant, somewhat over-the-top building that stresses Gothic elements, the interplay of color and lights, and sculptural detail that celebrates both the revered classical composers and the tradition of Catalan popular song.

Once considered the epitome of Modernisme, the Palau quickly went out of style, and there was talk of demolishing it during the 1920s. Fortunately, this remarkable building was saved and eventually restored. Today, it is an active concert hall and an eccentric jewel in Barcelona's bustling downtown district.

Back on La Rambla, continue to the foot of the boulevard, which fronts on the Mediterranean. Natives will cheerfully admit that the famous statue of Christopher Columbus here in the Portal do la Pau faces vaguely toward North Africa rather than the New World. More important, however is that his backside points firmly toward Madrid, Spain's administrative capital and the aristocratic big city with which bourgeoisie Barcelona has had a testy relationship for centuries. From here, you can stroll along the waterfront to the Olympic Village, built for the 1992 games, or sit for hours in a cafe, sipping coffee and watching the sea.

The days move more slowly in Barcelona than in Boston; 6 p.m. is already evening to us, bordering on night, but still late afternoon in Spain. The restaurants in Barcelona start jumping at 10 p.m. and a siesta back at your hotel, followed by a fruit or pastry from the Boqueria, will give you the energy to hold out until a late dinner.



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Tripping the holiday lights fantastic

From P-town to Bolton, Christmas celebrations are in the works

By Lisa Matte
CNC Correspondent

'Tis the season for fun and fa-la-la and there's plenty of both to be found throughout the Greater Boston area and beyond. From Pilgrim marches to Santa Claus parades and tree lighting to carol strolls, communities across the region are set to celebrate this holiday season with a bounty of festive Yuletide activities.

Visitors to Plymouth – America's hometown – take a step back in time to celebrate Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims when they join in a re-enactment of Pilgrim's Progress. On Thanksgiving Day, marchers dressed in period clothing form a processional from Plymouth Rock on the waterfront to the First Parish Church in the town square to celebrate a service commemorating the early settlers' first march to worship.

Thanksgiving takes on new meaning for families who sit down to a holiday feast at Plimoth Plantation following a stroll through the re-created 17th century Pilgrim village. Interpreters bring the 1627 village to life as they go about their daily chores in the New World.

Just a bit west of the Boston area, Thanksgiving visitors to Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge experience the holiday as it was celebrated more than 150 years ago when they stroll through period homes and attend the re-creation of an 18th century meetinghouse service. Thanksgiving dinner is served at the village's Bullard Tavern.

Yuletide revelers get a jump-start on the Christmas season in November when a number of communities kick off holiday celebration. Way out in western Massachusetts, the Berkshire Museum hosts a Festival of Trees. From Nov. 15 to Dec. 7, adults and children alike will delight in a festive array of more than 200 holiday trees decorated by area children.

And at the far eastern tip of the state, visitors to Provincetown are in for an illuminating experience on Nov. 26 when town officials flip on the 5,000 holiday lights adorning the 255-foot Pilgrim Monument. Holiday entertainment adds to the festive atmosphere. Back out in Lenox, Santa Claus will be on hand for that town's Nov. 28 tree lighting and carol sing before the jolly old elf hightails it for Cambridge where he is set to be the guest of honor at the Charles Square Tree Lighting featuring the illumination of 10,000 lights draped around a 50-foot Christmas tree.

The state's largest religious display of outdoor Christmas lights illuminates the LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro from Nov. 28 to Dec. 31. The Festival of Lights features daily concerts and displays of more than 160,000 lights.

While the Dec. 6 Christmas Stroll is the highlight of this year's 25th annual Nantucket Christmas celebration, the "faraway island" off the coast of Cape Cod is in high gear for the holiday season from Nov. 28 to Dec. 31 during Nantucket Noel when island residents and visitors alike usher in the season of Noel with a tree lighting ceremony and carol sing. During Stroll weekend, holiday revelers will cast votes in favor of their favorite decorated trees, wreaths and shop windows, peak into homes decorated for the Yuletide season during the annual house tour, enjoy live entertainment on the cobblestone streets of Nantucket town, and join in a community carol sing.

Santa Claus makes his holiday debut in Newburyport on Nov. 30 when he arrives by Coast Guard boat at the waterfront and joins in a horse and buggy parade to the town's Christmas tree in Market Square. Gloucester, Rockport, Essex and Manchester celebrate Christmas on Cape Ann from Nov. 30 to Dec. 25 with all sorts of Yuletide festivities including ice sculptures, open houses, strolling carolers, tree lighting ceremonies and inn tours. And in Concord, the focus is on A Family Christmas at the Concord Museum where a calendar of programs for families and children runs from Nov. 30 to Dec. 31.

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Abbey Markert and Isabel D'Andrea move into top speed in youth soccer action over the weekend.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

New Year's sports festival jamboree

The South Shore Sports Center will hold it's first New Year's Sports Festival Jamboree the week of Monday, Dec. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. on Rinks 2 and 3.

The Jamboree is a multi sport camp and tournament with skills competitions, games and clinics. Sports include baseball, basketball, flag football, hockey (street/roller), kickball, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball.

The program will be directed by Ted Carroll. Ted has been at the Sports Center since 1985 serving as both the director of basketball and hockey programs.

He has an extensive background in recreation, working with the Cohasset Recreation Department since 1982 and the Hingham Recreation Department since 1994.

Ted will be joined by 7 top sports center and recreation staff members. They will join him providing a unique experience for your child emphasizing teamwork, sportsmanship, fun and learning.

The jamboree is limited to the first 40 boys or girls aged 9 through 12 registered. The program fee is $95. Application and a $30 deposit is required by Monday, Dec. 15.

Once registered, an information sheet and more specific details will be mailed out to parents prior to the program. Individual equipment for some sports will be required.

Joint Cohasset/ Scituate adult recreation programs

Adult Beginner Golf - Dan Neary - $65 for 5, 1-hour classes, Cushing School, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Starts Nov. 6, Thursday. Payable to Town of Cohasset.

Men's Under 35 Basketball - Gates Jr. High School, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-9 p.m. Sept. 15 through May 27, 1998. $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

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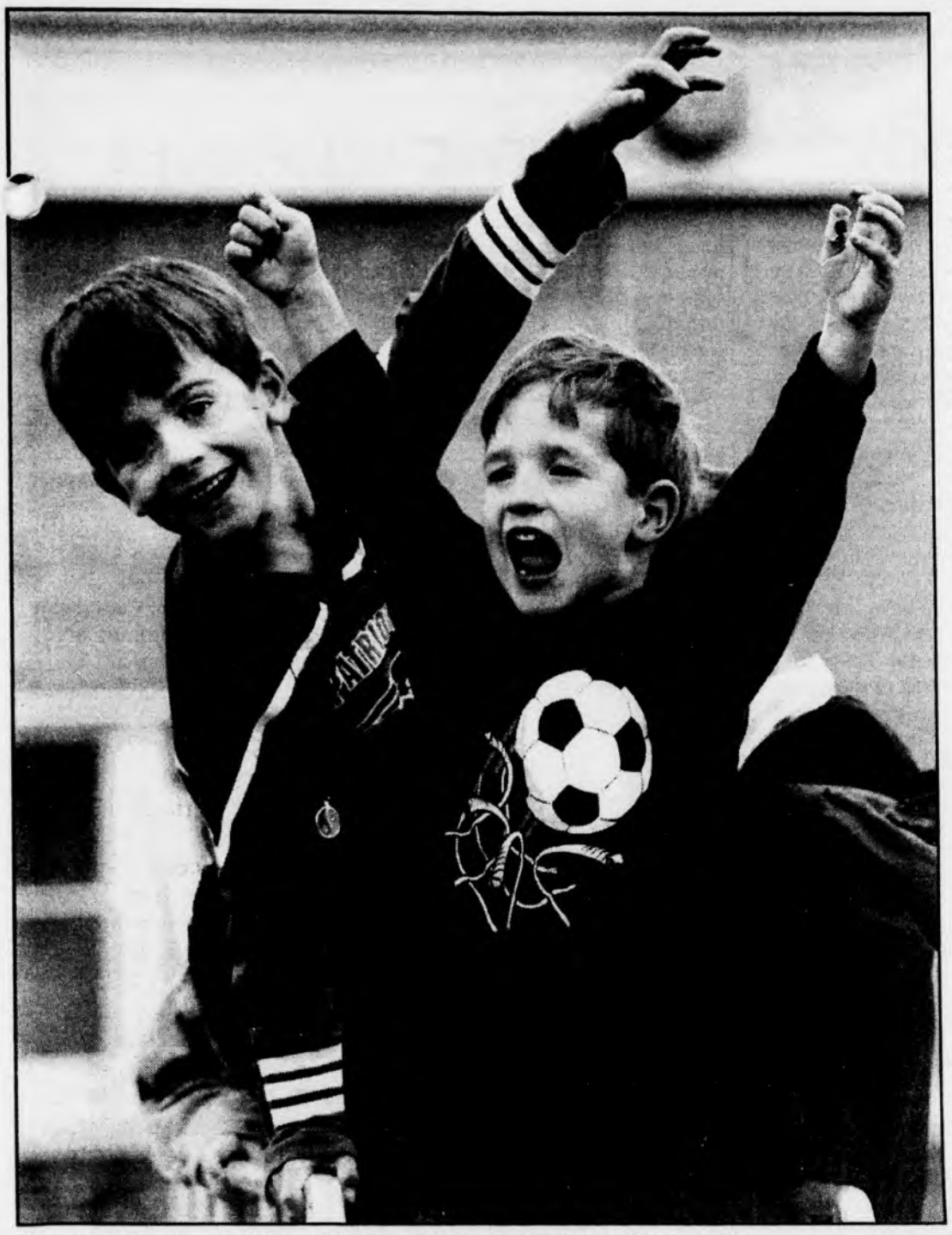
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK



Sean McCarthy and John Maher celebrate reaching the top of the jungle gym during kindergarten playtime at the Deer Hill School. Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Noble and Greenough School Fair

Noble and Greenough School, 507 Bridge St., Dedham, will hold its annual Nobles Fair, featuring more than 40 specialty boutiques, Friday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Nobles Fair, held in the school's Richardson Gymnasium, is free to the public and will offer a wide variety of specialty items.

All proceeds will benefit the Noble and Greenough School Scholarship Fund. Free parking will be available on the school grounds and visitors are asked to use the 10 Campus Dr. entrance to the school (located off Pine Street). The Nobles Fair is not wheelchair accessible.

For information, call (781) 326-3700.

P.S.O. fall fund-raiser

On Friday, Nov. 14, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight the P.S.O will hold its annual fall fund-raiser at the Chart- House in Cohasset. The evening will feature the fabulous sounds of Mirage, the N.Y-based duo of Steve Avitabile and Rita Poh of Cohasset. Live as well as D.J. music will be provided for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Fabulous items will be auctioned off silently and live. This year classroom theme baskets will be sold in a Chinese auction. Tickets are $25 per person which include hot hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Call Patty Smith for information at 383-2773.

Children's holiday art series

The Children's Creativity Workshop is offering several holiday art experiences for boys and girls who enjoy creating special keepsakes for the holidays. Each series meets three times from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in November and December. "All Kinds of Angels," ages eight to 12 years old; "Wooden Folk Tree," ages five to 12 years old; and "Miniature Menorahs," ages nine to 12 years old.

The vacation art series will be held December 29, 30 and 31. This popular session, "Miniature Worlds," is especially designed for young artists who enjoy creating with great detail. Children ages five to 12 years will learn the techniques of sculpting with colored clays and complete a finished sculptural piece.

For information on the days of the workshops and to register, call Lynn at 749-2453.

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Investing: one-hit wonder funds

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

In the universe of equity mutual funds, new funds can sometimes burn very bright and then fade away. It's called the new-fund effect.

There are a host of reasons why the new funds start off so exuberantly: Money managers coddle new funds excessively in the first year and then their attention slacks off to a normal

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level; the relatively small assets of a new fund can translate successful returns into vast percentage gains; fund managers tend to capitalize on their young portfolios' sensitivity, perhaps by acquiring initial public stock offerings that are widely expected to skyrocket in value.

Many times a new fund with a stellar run cannot sustain its performance. Returns may falter because assets have grown to the point that the effect of any single holding on overall performance is diminished. Some funds lack a deeper rationale behind their creation than just a desire to hop aboard a short-lived trend.

In any case, a new fund's fall from spectacular to average, even below average, can surprise those investors who expect the fireworks to continue.

"If you buy a new fund that's gone up 50 percent, be prepared for maximum risk," which means great losses as well as great gains, says Russel Kinnel, a senior analyst at Morningstar Inc., a mutual fund research firm in Chicago.

So how do you figure out if a neophyte fund is a one-hit wonder or a keeper?

A patient person may suggest waiting and watching a fund's performance for a few years before investing, in order to get a feel for the fund's potential and limitations. But the fact that the market can rise 88 percent in three years and fall 12 percent in three days makes that suggestion unrealistic for investors who want to be part of the action.

Mutual fund consultants suggest that investors focus on new funds created by established fund companies or money managers with proven skill at a particular investment style.



Unlike the so-called "mom and pop" funds, started by individuals often working out of their homes, these outgrowths have a support structure and a research staff behind them.

"I would look to new funds coming out of large established family groups that have demonstrated portfolio management skills," says Burton Greenwald of B.J. Greenwald Associates, a Philadelphia-based mutual fund consulting firm.

Kinnel concurs. "If you are buying a new fund, you are gambling on the unknown. But if you have a fund company that you trust or a manager you know, it removes a lot of the uncertainty," he says.

For example, when Oakmark introduced its Oakmark Select Fund last November, Kinnel said his colleagues at Morningstar sat up and took notice because the company's equity funds have reaped impressive returns in the past. Their hunch about the new fund was not wrong: It returned 43 percent in the first nine months of this year.

Conversely, it might have been wise to avoid the Dreyfus Aggressive Growth Fund, started in the fall of 1995, since Kinnel says "Dreyfus' domestic (equity) funds have not been great in the past." Although the fund returned a whopping 99 percent between November 1995 and April 1996, it then proceeded to fall, finishing 1996 with a return of 21 percent for the year. The fund is down 4 percent so far this year.

To be fair, funds that invest in small-cap and even smaller micro-cap stocks, like the Dreyfus Aggressive Growth Fund, tend to be the most volatile.

Kinnel says that he favors fund families such as T. Rowe Price, Fidelity, Vanguard, Select American, as well as funds run by Michael Price at Franklin, because of their research and management skills.

Michael Price is one of the money managers who have earned a devoted following among investors. He has been managing mutual funds for more than 20 years and his funds have consistently landed in the top 20 percent of their peer groups.

Price's investing style does not vary much from fund to fund. He searches out companies he believes are undervalued and then works to catalyze transactions that will realize jumps in value.

It makes sense, therefore, that the two funds he created in the last four years have done well. The Franklin Mutual Discovery Fund, created in 1993, has delivered three-year returns that have earned it a ranking among the top five of its category (the fund invests in small, undervalued companies around the world). And Franklin Mutual European, which made its debut in July 1996, has returned 34 percent in its first year.

Just because you recognize a company's or manager's name, however, does not mean their new fund will be a sure thing. Beware of funds that deviate from the proven strengths of the money manager or parent company. Such would be the case if Price, a value investor, decided to start a growth fund.

Smith Barney, for instance, known for its conservative investment style, has made a few attempts at creating portfolios with aggressive investing styles—much to investors', as well as its own, chagrin.

Investors seem to have insatiable appetites for new funds, evidenced by the fact that mutual funds are launched at an average of more than one a day, according to the Investment Company Institute in Washington, D.C. The important thing is to make sure you don't become an investor

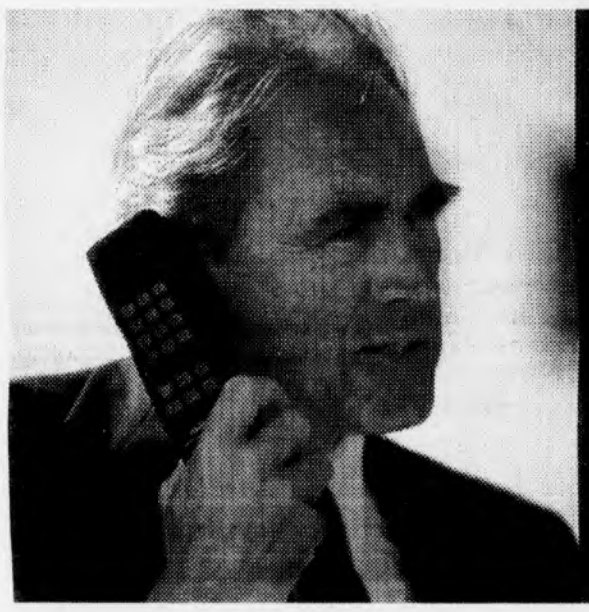
The scoop on scoops

Investors often want to buy or sell a stock because of the latest headlines. Take the recent brouhaha over Microsoft. The Justice Department released its hounds last week, alleging that Microsoft violated a 1995 agreement. Reno & Co. argue that the software giant has coerced PC manufacturers into taking the Internet Explorer browser as a condition of getting the Windows operating system. This news was viewed as positive for competitor Netscape, whose stock jumped appreciably.

Why were investors buying Netscape based on this news? The actual impact of these legal wranglings is uncertain. The Justice Department is focusing on copies of Internet Explorer that come pre-installed on PCs. This is not Microsoft's only distribution channel. More than a million people downloaded Internet Explorer 4.0 on the first day it was available. Changing Microsoft's agreements with the PC makers will not erase its market share. Even if Microsoft fails to comply with the Justice Department's requirements, the worst that happens is a $1 million per day fine. As of today, Microsoft could last 26 years before running out of cash. Although news like this sounds important, its long-term impact is often questionable. Buying and selling Microsoft or Netscape based on this news alone is not.

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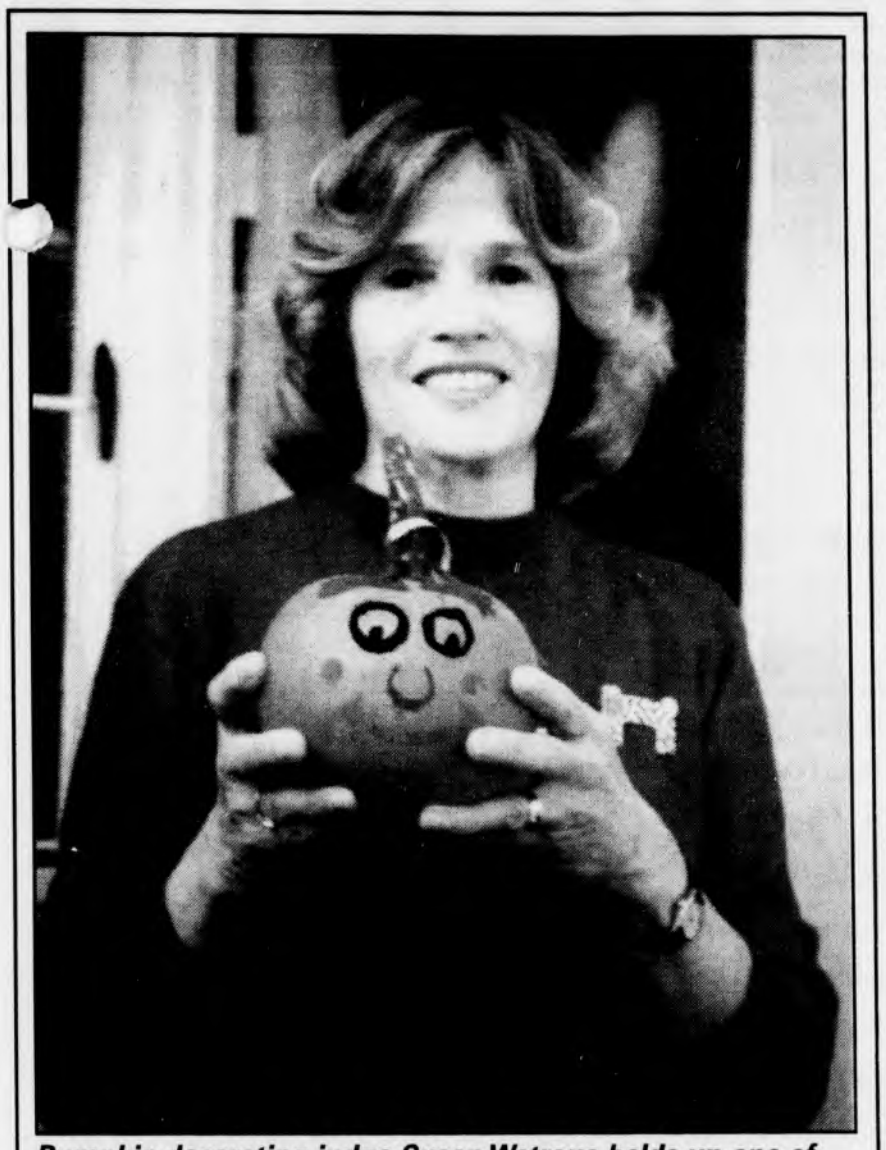
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IT'S HAPPENING



Pumpkin decorating judge Susan Watrous holds up one of this year's runners' up which was painted by Heather Harmon, 12.

Mary Ford photo

Pumpkin judging at the Silver Spoon

Susan Watrous, adult services librarian at the Paul Pratt Library, judged the annual pumpkin decorating contest for ages 4 to 12 last week at the Silver Spoon Cafe in the village. Winners were Whitney Jaffe, Melissa Campedelli, Thomson Jaffee, Stephen Horman, Page Stercker, Kelsey Bell, Ashley Greene and Amyra O'Connell. Sponsors included the Silver Spoon, Russo's Produce, Venture Distributors, Wise Potato Chips, Roseu Dairy, Perkins Paper, New England Coffee, the South Shore Community Center, Jade Forest Kung Fu-Tai Chi and McTomney Distributors.

"Cohassetopoly" ready for the holidays

Next month, the South Shore Community Center will be ready to sell the game, "Cohassetopoly." For $20 you will have the opportunity to own all the real estate and businesses you want in Cohasset. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. The Junior Gardeners of this club worked all summer preparing this game. Quantities are limited. Call 383-0088 for more information.

Watercolors by JoAnne Chittick

An exhibit of watercolors by Cohasset's JoAnne Chittick will be on display at the Scituate Arts Association Gallery through the month of November.

The artist is known for her colorful watercolor renditions of landscapes as well as seascapes, but more often her lively brush has captured local scenes that feature the flavor of New Englands landmarks and homes. JoAnne is an exhibiting member of several South Shore art associations and the Cape Cod and Cambridge associations as well. She has won many awards at these locations and, in addition, the New England Juried Show.

Located at 131 Front St., Scituate Harbor, Mass., the gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.; and closed Monday. Information can be obtained by calling the gallery at (781) 545-6150.

Mark calendar for Village Fair

A 55 year tradition comes to Cohasset Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Cohasset Village Fair.

Spiritual program offered

Enrollment has opened for an evening series of programs at First Parish. The three sessions to be conducted by new Minister, the Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox, assisted by director of religious education, Jacqueline Clark, will be held on Tuesday evenings, Nov. 11, 18 and 25 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Parish House at 23 N. Main St.

The program is open to participants from the parish and from the wider community. To register and order a copy of the book ($10) please call the parish office at 383-1100 during office hours, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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For Thanksgiving, they're once again selling pies (pecan, apple and pumpkin) and breads (cranberry and pumpkin). Watch the mail for a town-wide mailing which will include order forms.

METCO holiday wreath sale

The Cohasset METCO committee is selling balsam holiday wreaths as a fund-raiser this year. The wreaths are double-faced and are standard door size (22"). The wreaths will be supplied by growers who furnish fashionable nurseries, yet will cost only $10 each.

The holiday wreaths will be pre-ordered. The order deadline is Monday, Nov. 24. All order forms and checks should be returned to the secretaries of Osgood and Deer Hill Schools or the METCO coordinator Yvonne Jones at Cohasset High School. The wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Cohasset High School gym on Saturday, Dec. 6, (the first day of recreation basketball) from noon to 4 p.m. Decorative handmade bows will be available for the customer's convenience on that day as well.

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POLICE LOG

Saturday, Oct. 25

4:28 a.m., disturbance gathering, Lily Pond Ln.
5:29 a.m., MV accident, area of Black Rock Beach.
6:27 a.m., MV accident, 3A by Brown's auto.
10:42 a.m., tree down, Bound Brook Ln.
:29 p.m., fire, investigation, CJC Hwy.
:24 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
6:45 p.m., info, general, Country Way.
6:53 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Brown's auto.
9:27 p.m., fire, investigation, Forest Ave.
10:18 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.
11:42 p.m., MV stop, N. Main/pit area.

Sunday, Oct. 26

7:25 a.m, suspicious other, Atlantic Ave.
9:58 a.m., medical aid, Forest Ave.
10:25 a.m., info, general, 3A & Beech wood St.
12:11 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
1:56 p.m., larceny, Atlantic Ave.
4:10 p.m., property (lost), CJC Hwy.
4:38 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
6:37 p.m., notification, Old Coach Rd.
8:06 p.m., medical aid, Over Rock Rd.
9:11 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

Monday, Oct. 27

10:13 a.m., MV accident, Main St.
10:32 a.m., assist motorist, Walgreen's parking lot.
10:41 a.m., medical aid, Nantasket Ave.
9:12 p.m., annoying phone calls, Jerusalem Rd.
11:23 p.m., medical aid, Forest Ave.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

12:36 a.m., MV accident, South Shore Hospital.
7:49 a.m., summons service, Pine Ridge Rd.
8:22 a.m., officer wanted, Border St.
9:25 a.m., officer wanted, Ripley Rd.
10:07 a.m., tree down, Jerusalem Rd.
11:06 a.m., medical aid, Bayberry Ln.
12:15 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
12:26 p.m., animal complaint, Sohier St.
12:44 p.m., animal complaint, N. Main St.
12:46 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
2:00 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
4:26 p.m., parking violation, Border St.
9:00 p.m., MV stop, King St.
9:25 p.m., assist citizen, Ripley Rd.
10:39 p.m., disturbance family, Windy Hill Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

5:42 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
11:12 a.m., general services, Jerusalem Rd.
11:47 a.m., threats bodily harm, Cushing Rd.
1:18 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
1:34 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
4:06 p.m., assist citizen, King St.
5:53 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:56 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:05 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:13 p.m., assist citizen, Ripley Rd.
7:49 p.m., general services, Jerusalem Rd.
8:21 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
8:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:46 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:56 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
10:38 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

Thursday, Oct. 30

3:31 a.m., fire investigation, CJC Hwy.
6:40 a.m., investigation, Spring St.
7:05 a.m., animal complaint, Cushing Rd.
10:25 a.m., fire, structure, S. Main St.
11:10 a.m., medical aid, N. Main St.
12:36 p.m., assist motorist, Summer St.
1:22 p.m., MV theft, CJC Hwy.
1:28 p.m., animal complaint, near Cat Dam.
6:01 p.m., suspicious auto, Parker Ave.
6:23 p.m., warrant arrest, CJC Hwy.
Arrested: Brown, Richard H., 9 Church St., Coihasset. DOB: 6/14/59. WMS war rant.
7:00 p.m., general services, Black Rock Rd.
7:27 p.m., MV stop, Surry Dr.
7:31 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:38 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:11 p.m., MV stop, King St.
9:32 p.m., MV stop, Square.
9:37 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:31 p.m., suspicious person, Jerusalem Ln.

Friday, Oct. 31

1:35 a.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.
8:29 a.m.,, larceny, Pine Ridge Rd.
4:58 p.m., MV violations, parking lot of Little League Field.
5:13 p.m., disabled auto, King St.
6:34 p.m., MV stop, King St.
6:54 p.m., fire, outside, Red Gate Ln.
7:32 p.m., property (lost), Beach St.
8:07 p.m., disturbance gathering, Bound Brook Ln.
8:28 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
8:38 p.m., suspicious (other), Jerusalem Rd.
8:49 p.m., disturbance general, Town Lot.
Arrested: Herzog, Timothy J., 37 Church St. Cohasset. DOB: 2/4/80. Charges: Minor transporting/carrying alcoholic bev erage.
Arrested: 16-year-old female juvenile. Charges: transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.
Arrested: Hubbell, Richard B., 4 Pine Ridge Rd., Cohasset. DOB: 10/15/80. Charges: Minor transporting/carrying al coholic beverage.
9:11 p.m., disturbance, Highland Ave.
9:38 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.
10:01 p.m., disturbance gathering, Pleas ant St.
10:18 p.m., disturbance gathering, Short St.
10:51 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
11:02 p.m., disturbance gathering, N. Main St.

Saturday, Nov. 1

general services, Elm St.
7:17 a.m., medical aid, Edgar Rd.
8:35 a.m., officer wanted, Atlantic Ave.
10:56 a.m., open door/window, Beech wood St.
11:39 a.m., assist motorist, Tedeschi Plaza.
12:17 p.m., general services, Sohier St.
6:14 p.m., assist motorist, Cohasset Plaza.
9:17 p.m., disturbance general, King St.
9:43 p.m., general services, Sohier St.
10:49 p.m., transport, Chart House to Doane St.
11:35 p.m., info, general, 3A and Beech wood St.
11:39 p.m., tree down, Bancroft Rd. by Pond St.

Sunday, Nov. 2

12:22 a.m., disturbance general, King St.
12:34 a.m., medical aid, Wheelwright Farm.
12:39 a.m., MV accident, Forest Ave./Jerusalem Rd.
6:14 a.m., general services, Hull St.
6:41 a.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
7:15 a.m., parking violation, Summer St.
7:25 a.m., tree down, Elm St.
8:03 a.m., parking violation, S. Main St.
8:10 a.m., info, general, King St.
9:41 a.m., assist citizen, CJC Way by #819.
11:39 a.m., medical aid, Lawson Terr.
12:06 p.m., vandalism, Woodland Dr.
1:40 p.m., disabled auto, N. Main St. by Jerusalem Rd.
2:40 p.m., info, general, Hull St. by Jerusalem Rd.
5:04 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:14 p.m., general services, Hull St.
7:53 p.m., notification, Mill Ln.
8:31 p.m., property damage, S. Main St.
8:40 p.m., transport, S. Main St.
10:24 p.m., disturbance, King St.

Teens' hard liquor is a concern

Although Halloween was without major incident, police did charge three teenagers with minors transporting alcohol. The arrest was routine, Police Chief Brian Noonan said, except that it is disturbing to find an increasing number of youths with hard liquor.

Police confiscated two 1.75 liter bottles of Capt. Morgan rum and a two-liter bottle of Coca-cola, Noonan said.

"The amount of alcohol found is alarming," he said. "It seems like kids are drinking just to get drunk."

The rum is 70 proof as opposed to beer which is 4-6 percent alcohol and wine which is 13-16 percent alcohol.

Arrested were minors Timothy Herzog, 17, of 37 Church St. and Richard B. Hubbell, 17, of 4 Pine Ridge Road. Police would not release the name of the girl because she is under 17.

Halloween night was peaceful

Both police and selectmen commented this week that Halloween night was without any major incidents.

"There was the least amount of eggs, shaving cream and general mischief (in quite some time)," Selectman Nan Roth said.

"All in all, it was a success. Halloween was safe and quiet," Police Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

He said the schools help to get the word out to the kids and the dance at Deer Hill sponsored by the Teen Center helped.

Police put extra patrols on last Friday night as a precaution, Jackson said.

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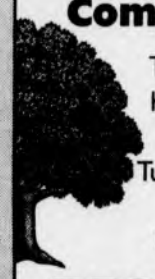
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Norfolk County proposes landbank for towns, like Cohasset

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Money for open space acquisition is usually in short supply when town meeting convenes each year. First the school department gets its cut, followed by municipal services, public safety and public health. What is usually leftover is a small amount of money and a lot of worthy projects competing for the same dollars.

Norfolk County believes it has found a way to raise money for open space acquisition without imposing new taxes. A joint taxation committee of the state legislature is examining the proposal. And the board of selectmen and other town officials support it.

Many towns in the state are struggling with ways to preserve open space. Residents in communities throughout the state are alarmed at the rate of development and the loss of forests, fields and pristine land.

But land acquisition is expensive. Eminent domain takings and purchases of large pieces of virgin land can cost millions of dollars.

The county proposal is asking the state legislature to permanently reallocate the state's deeds excise fee annually to communities for open space purchases.

In a letter to the Norfolk County Advisory Board, selectmen unanimously supported the plan.

"The proposal to use existing county receipts generated from the transfer of land is innovative and appropriate, and the proposed distribution of 90 percent of the state's share of these funds to the cities and towns that generate the land tax revenue is in the board's review, extremely appropriate and fair," the wrote.

Conservation commission member Susan Cope also liked the proposal.

"I support open space and landbanks, and this sounds like a good, appropriate plan," Cope said. "However we can fund open space is important because the longer we wait the higher the price gets."

Cope said Cohasset is fortunate because it has so many wide-open areas like Wompatuck State Park and Whitney and Thayer woods. Approximately one-third of Cohasset is open space.

New commercial and residential development produces new tax revenue, but that is frequently offset by the accompanying strain on schools, public works and other services.

Many communities have proposed funding landbanks through the imposition of a new one or two percent tax on all real estate transactions.

But Realtors and developers have opposed those efforts. Acting Governor Paul Cellucci has sided with landbank opponents, vowing to veto a Barnstable County landbank plan that has already been approved by the legislature.

The state does offer a pro[illegible] of matching funds for oper[illegible] purchases, but towns must [illegible] up with the money first and [illegible] for a state reimbursement.

There also is a limit on how much each town can receive in matching funds.

Norfolk County Advisory Board Coordinator John Dacey said the proposal would divert existing tax money from the state to towns.

Currently, the state imposes a 2.28 percent per $1,000 deeds excise tax on all real estate transactions. The excise is paid to the Registry of Deeds and transferred to the state general fund.

The state collected more than $45 million in deeds excise fees in the last fiscal year, $5.5 million from Norfolk County.

Norfolk County also imposes an additional 2.28 percent per $1,000 deeds excise on real estate transfers. The county excise pays for the county prison system and a few other programs.

The county proposal is asking the state legislature to permanently reallocate the state's deeds excise fee annually to communities for open space purchases.

Each community would receive back 90 percent of the money collected annually as deeds excise taxes on real estate sales within its borders. The remaining 10 percent would support first-time home buyers programs.

If the law had been enacted in the current fiscal year, Cohasset would have received as much as $200,000, which is the amount the state projects it will collect in deeds excise fees from real estate transactions in town.

Dacey said the plan would give towns back an amount at least equal to their annual county taxes. Cohasset paid $67,500 in county taxes in the last fiscal year.

"On the plus-side, our proposal would apply to all communities across the state without creating a new tax," Dacey said. "The minus-side is that we have to convince the state legislature to give up this source of funding permanently."

Dacey said the timing is good because lawmakers estimate the state will close out the current fiscal year with a $700 million to $800 million surplus.

The county's proposal is in line behind two other pieces of open space legislation. The first bill would create a new one percent tax on all real estate transactions in Barnstable County. Although Cellucci said he will veto the plan, Dacey said there are enough votes in the legislature to override a veto.

The second bill is the Community Preservation Act, which would impose a new one to two percent tax on all real estate transactions in the state.

"The only hope our proposal has is if the Community Preservation Act fails," Dacey said. "Our proposal would amount to only about one-quarter percent. It isn't big bucks, but it could cover annual interest payments on debt service."



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Cable-TV hearings are on hold while MediaOne upgrades

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

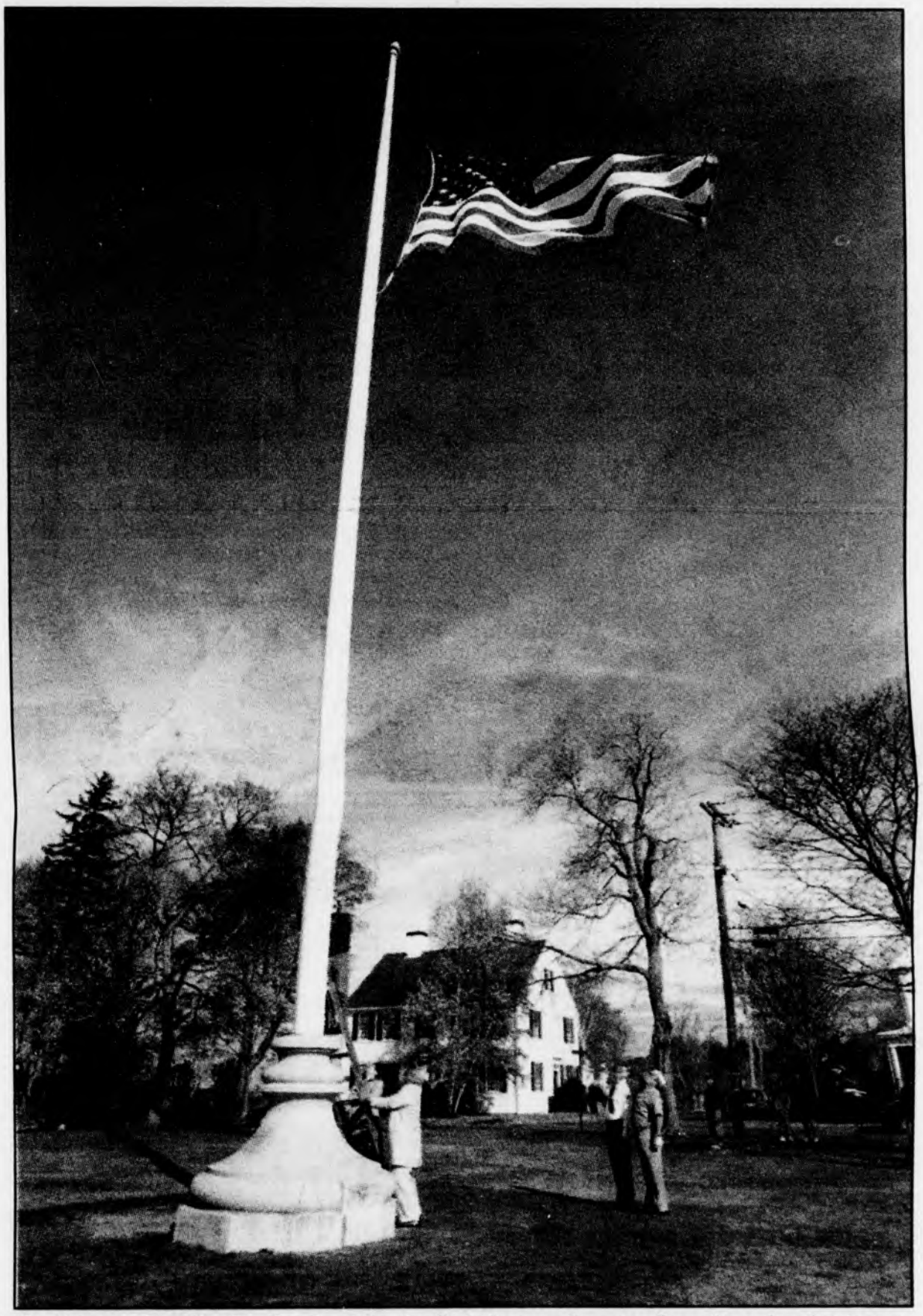
MediaOne's 15-year license to provide cable service to Cohasset expires in Feb., 1999. The renewal actually begins three years prior to the expiration of the license, so Cohasset is already in the beginning of the process.

But the cable TV committee is taking a wait-and-see approach as MediaOne upgrades its equipment and services as part of its "Social Contract" with the federal government.

Robert Hillman, chairman of the cable TV committee, said it would be imprudent to begin formal negotiations when MediaOne is in the middle of a major upgrade that is supposed to deliver better service at no additional cost.

While the upgrade will provide better service and infrastructure at no cost to cable subscribers, additional channels and Internet service may cost subscribers more money.

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On Veterans Day, the flag is raised for the first time on the new flagpole as local veterans salute.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Accord reached over street opening fees

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

When Boston Gas beat the City of Newton out of four assorted street inspection charges this summer, towns like Cohasset effectively became unnamed losers in the lawsuit.

Boston Gas had been paying Cohasset $50 in the summer and $100 in the winter every time the company made a cut in the street to lay a utility line or make repairs.

No more.

Under a settlement with Cohasset, Town Manager Mark Haddad said, Boston Gas will pay nothing for street permits for the next four years.

Moreover, when charges resume, they will be dropped to $25, the top price the high court would allow for a clerk's services preparing the permit and the paperwork.

Nonetheless, Haddad said the town would still be protected if Boston Gas crews left the street in an unsatisfactory condition because the company would still be required to post a bond to cover the cost of street damage.

"They are two separate issues," Haddad said about the bond and the fees.

Meantime, since Boston Gas already paid Cohasset about $12,000 "under protest" over the past five years, specifically for the street opening and work inspection charges which the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial

ACCORD PAGE 4

SAFE accuses private landfill of dumping violations

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Representatives of Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), an anti-landfill group determined to prevent the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill from expanding, has accused the company of illegally dumping refuse in an unpermitted area.

Members of SAFE say CHL has been dumping waste into an unpermitted area since 1989. The anti-landfill group contends that the alleged illegal land-filling violates town bylaws and state solid waste laws.

"The evidence shows that CHL has blatantly flaunted the law by dumping wastes into Area IV-B of their property, which is outside of the area covered by their special permit from the zoning board of appeals and their site assignment from the board of health," said John K. McNabb Jr., of SAFE.

CHL owner Paul Barry and his attorney, Anton Moehrke, could not be reached for comment.

McNabb said SAFE has filed complaints with the board of health, the state Department of Environmental Protection, the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and building inspector Robert Egan.

McNabb said he discovered the illegal land-filling after consulting maps from 1987 and 1997 detailing the landfill's boundaries. McNabb said the maps showed that refuse was being placed well beyond the legal limits of the landfill.

The 1987 map showed the exact boundaries of Area IV. In 1987, CHL applied to the zoning board for a special permit to accept household refuse and to allow land-filling in a previously unpermitted area, referred to as Area IV-B.

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Sunday liquor openings on agenda

Selectmen will discuss allowing local liquor stores to remain open on Sundays during the holiday season at 7:50 p.m., Monday, Nov. 17. For more information, please call Town Manager Mark Haddad, 383-9900.

Regional recycling cooperative launched

Monday selectmen endorsed having the town become part of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, a group of 14 towns seeking mutually beneficial ways to deal with solid waste.

John McNabb who sits on the South Shore Refuse Disposal Planning Board — the group that came up with the plan for the new recycling cooperative — said by joining the group the town does not relinquish its rights to say "no thanks." The refuse planning board was created to study forming a solid waste district which would have been an independent authority. The group ruled that out in favor of the cooperative, McNabb said.

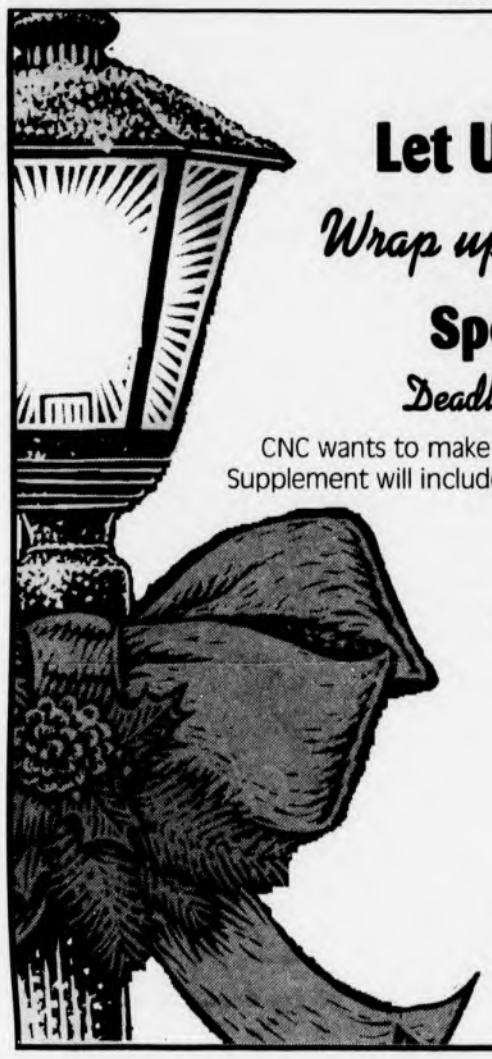
"The cooperative will have the authority to seek joint efforts on behalf of the towns but it will be up to the towns to accept or reject it," McNabb explained.

The matter will now go before the spring annual town meeting for final approval, he said.

The new cooperative is an outgrowth of the South Shore Coalition of which Cohasset is a member.

Committee appointments made

Town Moderator George I Marlette has reappointed Paul M. Donovan, 11 Bancroft Rd., to the government structure committee and Gordon Hislop, 374 Atlantic Ave., to the design review board.



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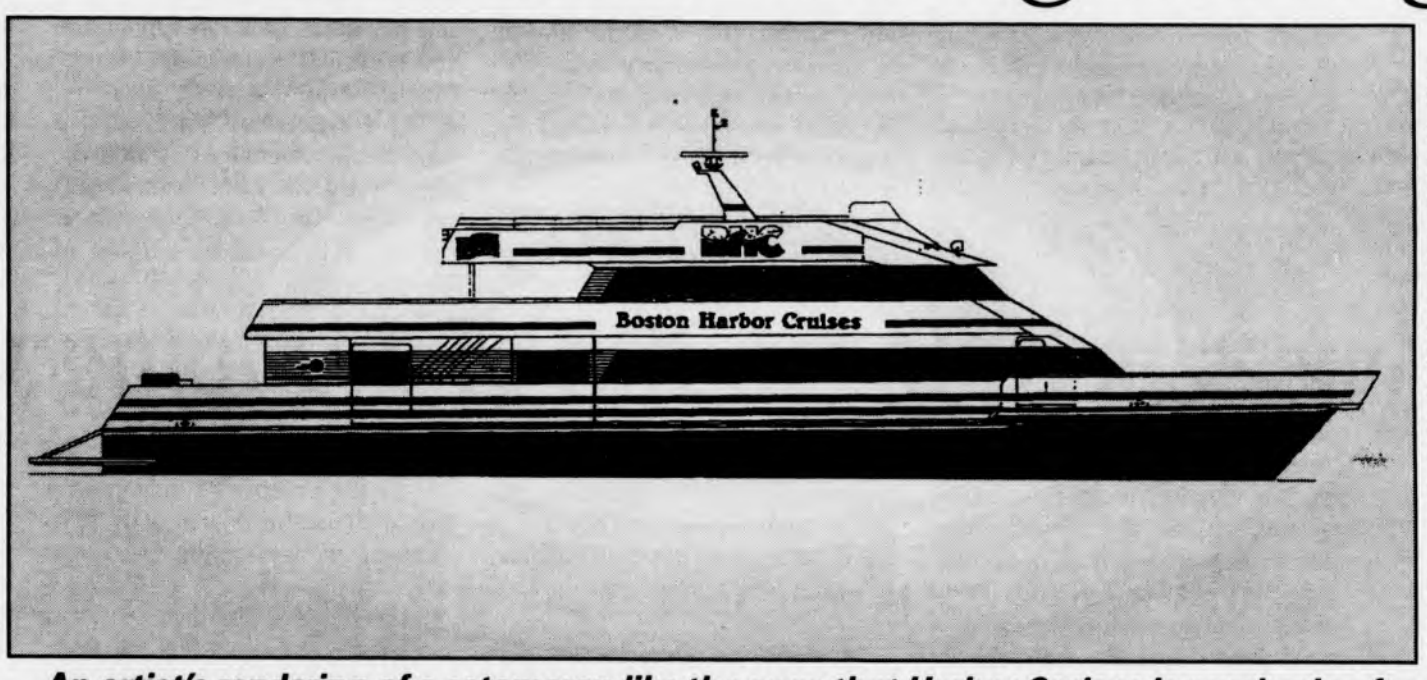
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On the waterfront

High-speed catamarans coming to Hingham

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER



An artist's rendering of a catamaran like the ones that Harbor Cruises is purchasing for its Hingham commuter boat service.

How about a commuter boat trip from Hingham to Boston in nearly half the time?

That will be possible at Hewitt's Cove next summer when Harbor Cruises adds catamarans to its fleet as planned.

An official with Harbor Cruises confirmed Wednesday that the company has purchased two catamarans to use for its Hingham service.

The high speed vessels can make the one-way trip in 20 minutes as compared with 35-to-40 minutes a trip on one of the regular boats.

They will also contribute less to erosion because the vessels with two parallel hulls displace less water, Jane Daly, a partner with Harbor Cruises said. (See related story).

Harbor Cruises plans to add to its fleet two, 121-foot, aluminum water-jet catamarans, which have a passenger capacity of 350. These boats can reach a speed of 33 knots fully loaded and will be equipped with interior heating, air conditioning, airline-style seats, tables and lounge areas, and cocktail and food service bars on both decks.

Gladding-Hearn Shipbuilders of Somerset is building the boats, which produce only a minimal wake and will begin carrying commuters next summer, Daly said.

"I think the addition of the catamarans really illustrates the commitment we've made to provide South Shore commuters with the most up to date, comfortable and efficient way to get into town.

"We're excited and hopeful this will lead to an increase in overall ridership from the South Shore," she said.

Plans are for the catamarans to replace some of the ships that Harbor Cruises currently uses for its Hingham service, although expanding the service is not out of the question, Daly said.

The new boats will be the latest addition to Harbor Cruises fleet that includes the John J. Doherty, a $1.5 million, 144-foot long commuter boat with a passenger capacity of 350, the company added in September. The figure for the Doherty includes the purchase price and several hundred thousand dollars invested in air conditioning, top-of-the-line seating, carpeting, wood paneling and polished brass columns.

The new boats, plus the upgrades to existing vessels represent an investment of more than $10 million for the company.

At the time, James O'Leary, a partner with Harbor Cruises, said the purchase of the Doherty was "just the first step in the company's long-range plan to serve passengers on its Hingham-Boston commuter boat service." Harbor Cruises came on board in Hingham in July after the MBTA awarded it a five-year contract to operate the subsidized service. The high bidder, Boston Harbor Commuter Service, which had the previous contract, subsequently joined forces with Massachusetts Bay Lines, a private carrier.

The competition has resulted in the companies attracting customers through amenities and a speedy ride.

Shoreline suffers in wake of commuter boat traffic

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Monica Reiley of Beach Road Hingham has nothing against commuter boats.

She thinks they are about the best way to get to Boston.

But what she doesn't like is what the surge of boats is doing to the shoreline along her property and others in her neighborhood.

"I love commuter boats," Reiley said. "But I'd like see a little neighborly action going on here."

Reiley says erosion is nothing new but the increased competition in commuter boat service over the past six months has exacerbated the situation. She says the boats are literally "drag racing" out of Hingham to get to Boston.

She says big clumps of firmly rooted sea grass at the shoreline are being torn out by the sheer force of the water. Fences have been knocked down, moorings have been ripped out and waves have come crashing over sea walls.

And she worries with the proposed development of the shipyard, the damage will only get worse.

She has seen as many as three commuter boats at a time in the channel that runs between her side of the shore and Webb Park in Weymouth.

"There's a lot of water being displaced," she said. "This is not just little waves happening. We've never gotten this kind of erosion even in big storms."

Owners of the two competing commuter boat companies - Harbor Cruises and the Hingham Commuterboat - are both aware of the problem and say they've instructed their boat captains not to speed.

William Spence, owner of the Hingham Commuterboat, says the problem is nothing new.

"The Coast Guard got involved several years ago," he said. Spence explained that speeding is directly related to erosion because it causes more wake, which are the rolls of water left by a moving ship.

> ***"This is not just little waves happening. We've never gotten this kind of erosion even in big storms."***
> — MONICA REILEY, BEACH ROAD IN HINGHAM.

"The faster they go, the bigger the wake," he said. "I hope none of my people are causing it. I'm conscious of it and will try to keep a handle on it."

Jane Daly, a partner in Harbor Cruises, said their crews have strict instructions to "err on the side of caution."

Daly said the company's catamarans due to come on line next summer should help alleviate the problem (see related story).

"The will create a minimal wake which underscores our commitment to be a good neighbor," she said.

Reiley has launched a letter-writing campaign to state and local agencies and has copied her correspondence to local newspapers to bring attention to the matter.

She claims time schedules have taken precedence over the environment.

"There are too many commuter boats," she wrote to the state Environmental Police. "The waterway is not large enough to accommodate such water displacement without adverse affects. Due to the lack of dock space and increase of boats you can have one boat waiting off Grape Island as another boat travels to Boston and another comes into Hingham."

But there are no signs that commuter boat traffic will abate.

With traffic snarls on the expressway and more boats to chose from, many are finding the commuter boat attractive.

The numbers taking commuter boats in and out of Hingham have never been better, according to Spence.

"Numbers are up across the board," he said.

Officials at Harbor Cruises, which won the MBTA contract to provide subsidized service in June, say their numbers are steadily increasing.

The company is averaging about 1,800 riders a day, up from about 1,400 in June.

"There's been a steady increase as people become more accustomed to the service and our crews and captains," said James O'Leary, a partner in Harbor Cruises.

O'Leary said he agrees with Spence that some of the increase is due to brand-new riders.

"With the traffic in and out of the city, people are recognizing this is a great way to commute."

However, O'Leary said he shares Reiley's worries about the number of boats operating out of a congested area. He said Harbor Cruises is concerned that the addition of boats by Hingham Commuterboat overburdens the facility in both Hingham and Boston and creates an inequity with its contract with the MBTA.

(Boston Harbor Commuter Service, which lost the MBTA contract, joined forces with Massachusetts bay Lines, a private service, last summer and launched the Hingham Commuterboat, which competes directly with the T subsidized service).

In the meantime, Reiley plans to continue her campaign to make the powers that be force the boats to adhere to the rules of the waterways and slow down.

She said the Coast Guard recommended making a video depicting the movement and force of the water.

"I'm going to keep pursuing this," she said. "I'm going to pay attention while we still have land to pay attention to."

COHASSET'S WEEK

New quotes to raze old fire station

The town will ask for new quotes to raze the old North Cohasset Fire Station. The first company to bid for the job — Rosano & Davis — informally protested this week because the amount of its first quote $8,500 was made public at a recent selectmen's meeting before other quotes had been submitted. Subsequent quotes came in at $8,400 and $8,200, Town Manager Mark Haddad said. By law the town has to award the job to the lowest qualified bidder.

Peter Davis of Rosano & Davis said it was unfair that two more bids were submitted after the $8,500 figure was announced during the televised selectmen's meeting.

Haddad explained that under the Uniform Procurement Act, for projects from $1,000 to $10,000, the town needs only to solicit quotes not sealed bids.

After discovering what happened, Rosano & Davis tried to submit another quote at $7,500 but that was too late because it was after the requisite number of three quotes had been turned in.

Haddad told Davis that although it's unfair, there is not formal way to protest except by appealing to selectmen.

That strategy worked. Because after some discussion, selectmen decided to ask Haddad to throw out all the quotes and solicit new ones.

That seemed to satisfy Davis who said the town would no doubt get a lower price for the job as a result.

Accord reached over street opening fees

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Court this August deemed illegal, Haddad said a settlement was a prudent move.

"We would lose, based on that other case," Haddad said, if the utility tried to recover the $12,000 which it has opted not to do now.

According to counsel for Boston Gas James J. Tobin, the company was "paying under protest" and ultimately decided to go after the communities, due to "the acceleration of costs" associated with street openings.

After an appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts Aug. 14 went in the company's favor, Boston Gas started making the rounds to numerous cities and towns to ask for settlements.

But now, a lobby for state municipal governments may try to get legislative help for the communities because according to Gayle A. Smalley, the associate city solicitor in Newton, "as a matter of judicial review, there is no place further to take it." Also, though calls placed to the lobby group, the Massachusetts Municipal Association, and their point man David Baier were not returned this week, according to Smalley, preliminary discusions have gotten underway to "change the state statute that governs the presence of utilities in the public way."

Newton started charging the utility company for street openings after an ordinance was adopted in 1991, but

the court's decision "ruled the City of Newton's fees for street opening permits were invalid with one exception of a $25 application fee which the court let stand," Smalley said.

The Newton city solicitor also said the other charges, which the court judged to be inconsistent with state statutes, were two street opening fees based on the size of the excavation, with $150 set for holes of 100 square feet or less and $50 added for every additional 100 square feet. Finally, the city also charged $50 extra to cut small inspection holes, such as corings and shutoff holes.

Smalley said she hoped to settle the city's costs for less than the $274,000 in the dispute with Boston Gas. Smalley said although the city won the case in Superior Court, the high court overturned the decision on an appeal.

SAFE accuses private landfill of dumping violations

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The zoning board denied the request because of potential health hazards and possible damage to the water resources district.

The 1997 map, which CHL submitted as part of its request for a vertical expansion, showed the company was placing fill into Area IV-B, according to McNabb.

McNabb claims CHL even submitted a map at one point that showed area IV of the landfill encompassing Area IV-B.

"Another map they submitted in their request to expand Area V showed Area IV of the landfill extending 50 feet into Area IV-B," McNabb said. "They just changed the lines on their own maps. Paul Barry may think they're allowed to do that, but they're not."

In some case, the alleged illegal fill extends as much as 70-feet beyond the boundary of Area IV of the landfill, according to McNabb.

McNabb said the distance between the allegedly illegal refuse and the Massachusetts Highway Department property confirms that the violation exists. McNabb said he visually inspected the illegally filled area himself to confirm what he saw on the maps.

According to McNabb, the distance between the edge of the landfill and the Mass. Highway property should have been 200 feet plus 20 feet for the road. But a spot check showed a distance of only 173-feet, McNabb said.

"This is clearly a deliberate and flagrant violation of zoning bylaws," McNabb said. "They had to have put that fill there on purpose. It looks like they completely ignored the line."

McNabb said the next step is to get regulatory agencies involved and to survey the area to confirm the violation.

The latest accusation against CHL comes on the heels of a Norfolk Superior Court hearing Nov. 11 on the company's appeal of a board of health decision in 1996 denying its application to expand the landfill.

In a previous hearing, the court denied CHL's claims that the town had violated its civil rights. The court also prevented CHL from calling new witnesses for testimony after the case had concluded.

CHL and the town will return to court on Nov. 21 to deliver 1/2-hour depositions for and against the health board's decision to deny the expansion.

CHL also has a case pending in the state land court challenging the town's water resources protection district. Lawyers for CHL say the district's lines were arbitrarily drawn to prevent the landfill from expanding

The Rev. Tarbox installed Sunday

The Rev. Elizabeth Irene Tarbox, the first woman to be called as settled Minister of the First Parish in Cohasset, Unitarian Universalist, will be formally installed Sunday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m. in the First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common. She will be the 16th settled minister since the founding of the Parish in 1713 .

English-born but now an American citizen, Tarbox is a Harvard Divinity School graduate who was previously Minister of the Middleboro First Unitarian Society. She is an occasional guest columnist for the Quincy Patriot Ledger and author of " Life Tides" a meditation manual published in 1983 and now out of print, and "Evening Tide" a new book of meditations to be published by Skinner House (an imprint of Beacon Press) in January 1988.

Congregational polity, a practice with roots in the religion of the pilgrims of the Plymouth colony, means that each Unitarian Universalist congregation is responsible for choosing its own minister. First Parish began the search process two years ago and chose Rev. Tarbox unanimously last May. During the installation ceremony, the newly-called minister and the congregation covenant to work and worship together.

Ministerial colleagues participating on Sunday will include Charles Gaines and Jean (Jenny) Rankin, each of whom served a one-year term as interim minister at First Parish after the sudden death of the late Rev. Edward T. Atkinson in 1995 . Several Unitarian Universalist ministers from the region will also contribute, and the Rev. Gary Ritts of the Second Congregational Church will offer greetings on behalf of Cohasset clergy.

Parishioners participating will include Mrs. Edward T. (Sally) Atkinson; Jane Goedecke, chair of the Search Committee which recommended Tarbox for the congregation's approval; Barbara Bush, Parish committee chair; and Jacqueline Beauregard Clark, director of religious education.

The service will include two anthems by the senior choir, directed by Carolyn Curtis: Parry's " I Was Glad They Said Unto Me" and Handl's "Hallelujah. We Sing With Joy".

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Scituate woman involved in Cohasset crash dies

Intersection improvements are slated

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

The driver of the car that killed a Scituate woman in a Sept. 27 collision in Cohasset died Tuesday at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Meade, 79, a Scituate resident for more than 40 years, suffered chest injuries following the accident and had to be transported to South Shore Hospital, said her niece Nancy Berberick of Hull. After initial treatment, Mead was transferred to a nursing home for rehabilitation but was readmitted to South Shore Hospital after complaining of abdominal pains, she said.

The cause of death was not available.

"It could have been related to the accident," Berberick said. "She had her ups and downs. There were days when she was doing well. The last time I saw her, she was doing very poorly."

Mead, the widow of Walter Mead, worked as a waitress and a home health aide for many years.

On the morning of the accident, Cohasset Police Officer Richard Yocum, who was on patrol at the intersection of Beechwood Street and Route 3A in Cohasset, observed Mead's 1988 Dodge Shadow run a red light.

As a result, Mead's car struck the 1997 Saab driven by Scituate resident Helen Butler, killing her daughter, Johanna, 20.

"She was convinced it was not her fault," Berberick said of her late aunt. "She never ran a red light in her life. She drove like a snail. She was an extremely cautious person; I can't imagine her being careless."

Cohasset Police charged Mead with motor vehicle homicide and failure to stop for a red light, said chief Brian Noonan.

A trial to hear the case had been set for Nov. 20 in Quincy District Court. Police were scheduled to appear in court today, Nov. 13, to vacate the charges, Noonan said.

"She was very sorry that there was a death involved, but she didn't feel directly responsible," Berberick said.

Intersection improvements

Noonan said yesterday the Massachusetts Highway Department responded to a letter he wrote asking for improvements to the intersection, which has been the site of nine accidents since it was redesigned in August.

The state may begin making improvements to the intersection - which was redesigned during construction of the new Shaw's supermarket - as early as next week, he said. The green light on Beechwood Street would be extended from six seconds to eight seconds. "Drop lane" signs would be added along Route 3A to warn drivers to merge from two lanes to one lane. Signs alerting the driver to upcoming traffic signals would also be installed on Route 3A. And lanes designating an optional right turn will help steer cars safely in their intended directions, officials hope.

"I think a lot of it is just education for drivers. People have to learn how to drive safely through the intersection," Noonan said. "I think they need to be more polite about it, instead of racing to try to cut other people off."

Ambulance billing update

The fire department billed for 34 ambulance transports last month for a total of $12,304.02. During the same time period, $10,459.30 was collected.

So far this year, the fire department has collected $36,234.23 out of a possible $44,976.17 in outstanding ambulance bills.

Tax rate stays the same for FY'98

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

There were no surprises at the tax classification hearing this week.

As predicted, the town will stick with a single tax rate for fiscal year 1998 because it doesn't have enough commercial/industrial/personal property valuations to justify a split tax rate. Towns with split tax rates charge businesses a higher rate than homeowners.

"A split tax rate should be not considered if the combined valuation of commercial, industrial and personal property does not equal at least 25 percent of the total taxable valuation of the town," assistant assessor appraiser Cheryl Pooler said.

Cohasset's tax base is 92.5 percent residential

The tax rate will remain the same at $15.05 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. That means the owner of a $300,000 home will pay $4,515 in property taxes.

Town Manager Mark Haddad pointed out that although the tax rate remained the same, there were mid-term revaluations which adjusted values.

He explained that homeowners will not pay the same amount in taxes if their values changed.

The town's total valuation is $880,023,961 of that $814,074,690 is residential. Commercial contributes $50,706,300 to the total; industrial is $5,036,400 and personal property is $10,206,571.

Volunteers for village task force

Selectmen are seeking two citizens at large to serve on the newly formed village task force which will be charged with coming up with a master plan for village improvements.

Other members will include representatives from the board of selectmen, planning board, historical commission, zoning board, design review, village renaissance and village revitalization committees. Interested citizens should contact Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-9900 or stop by the selectmen's office on the second floor at town hall.

Selectmen also gave the go ahead for Dean Rizzo of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce to work on a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to do the necessary design and engineering work for the proposed brick sidewalk in the village along North Main Street from Jason Road to Elm Street. Town meeting appropriated $10,000 for the consultant.



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Cable-TV hearings are on hold while MediaOne upgrades

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Typically, negotiations begin with an "ascertainment" hearing by the town, at which time residents and community stake-holders state the services they would like to see in the renewed contract.

But members of the cable TV committee don't yet know what kind of services and upgrades are included in the ongoing upgrade.

"MediaOne is upgrading service to include fiber-optics at the neighborhood level, upgraded service, cable modems for Internet access, and more channels," Hillman said. "I think some of the things people are going to ask for at the ascertainment phase are things they will be getting in the upgrade."

Hillman used the new History Channel as an example of what he was describing. Hillman said about 90 percent of current subscribers probably want The History Channel on cable.

But it's possible that MediaOne may offer The History Channel as part of its upgraded service.

And that is exactly what is going to happen.

Mary McLaughlin, director of government affairs for MediaOne, said The History Channel will be offered after the upgrade is complete. The History Channel is projected to cost 95 cents a month as part of a basic subscriber's package.

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> ROBERT HILLMAN, CABLE-TV COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

Fiber-optics cable

McLaughlin said MediaOne is planning to complete the new upgrades by the beginning of 1998. The new fiber-optics cable will increase the capacity of the system from 550 megahertz (MHz) to about 750 MHz, which will increase the capacity of the system by about 20 channels.

MediaOne is in renewal negotiations with six South Shore towns that are part of the same group: Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell, Hanover, Hull and Scituate.

McLaughlin said the service upgrade is being performed in all towns in the local group. She said additional channel capacity is usually an integral part of contract renewals.

But the upgrade will add additional channels. McLaughlin said Scituate will not be seeking additional channels in its contract renewal because of the additional channels coming in January.

Sometime in the first quarter of 1998, subscribers will also be able to get Internet access through their cable.

McLaughlin said the Internet service costs $39.95 a month for unlimited service without tying up a telephone line or paying for telephone time units. She added that high-speed cable modems out-perform the fastest computer modems currently in use.

"There is an astounding difference in the speed of a cable modem," Hillman agreed. "You can hook your computer through your cable provider for better and more reliable service."

Hillman said with all these new services coming to Cohasset, it really makes little sense to begin ascertainment hearings.

Once the ascertainment phase begins, the cable TV committee will seek input from residents, schools, town government, cultural centers the library and other stake-holders.

"The ascertainment phase is where the community assesses its future needs," Hillman said. "We also have to assess any additional services we request because there can be pass-through charges on anything we ask for."

McLaughlin said MediaOne will conduct its own ascertainment process once upgrades are complete. She said MediaOne would probably send a survey to subscribers asking them to rate the company's performance and state what they need from cable in the future.

The company tries to tailor services to the needs of each community. Some communities place a high emphasis on Public Education and Government (PEG) programming (sometimes known as local access or local origination), while others emphasize school programming or institutional networks to connect town government via computer.

"We try to look to individual communities and tailor a package to their needs," McLaughlin said.

Towns have little leverage

Once negotiations get underway, towns have very little leverage in renewal hearings. Government regulations practically force towns to renew the license of the original cable company.

Unlike other contracts, towns cannot just invite in competing bids and accept the lowest bid.

Cable companies received this bargaining leverage from the government in exchange for spending hundreds of millions of dollars wiring communities cable service more than a decade ago.

Towns cannot set rates or demand specific channels.

Towns may deny a license and invite in a new company only by finding the current provider in violation of four narrow criteria:

- finding that the cable provider has not complied with all the terms of the current contract or applicable laws;
- finding that the quality of service, response to subscribers' complaints and billing practices have been unreasonable in light of community needs, but this cannot be based on the mix and quality of cable services;
- finding that the cable company does not have the requisite financial, legal and technical ability to fulfill its license;
- finding that the cable company's proposal is not reasonable to meet the future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs.

Hillman said the only condition that towns can normally use for a basis of denial is the last option, which refers to the provider not meeting the community's needs.

The only other leverage a town has is to limit the length of a contract. Federal regulations allow towns to renew a license for up to 10 years. But if the renewal is unsatisfactory, a town can limit it to one or two years.

But at the end of any contract, towns are still forced to negotiate with their current provider.

Hillman expects to begin ascertainment hearings as soon as MediaOne finished upgrading the system.

County Engineers work in town

The Norfolk County Engineering Dept. recently completed an extension of its work on King Street in Cohasset. The work was requested by the Cohasset Selectmen.

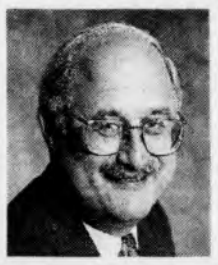
The work consisted of an on-the-ground field survey and the preparation of plans to show the existing conditions of King Street from Pond Street to Beechwood Street. The Engineering Dept. had previously completed the section from Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) to Pond Street. The length of these two sections of roadway together total about 4,400 feet.

The County Engineering Dept. has also recently surveyed and prepared plans for work to be done at the intersection of Ripley Road and North Main Street for placement of a new sidewalk.

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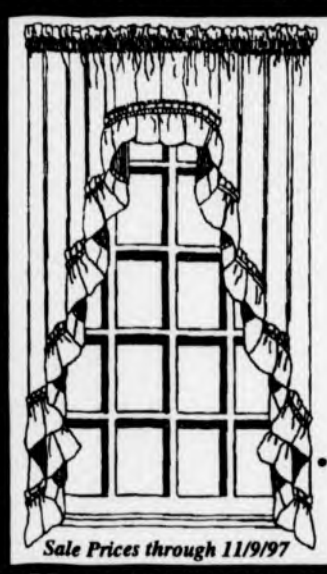
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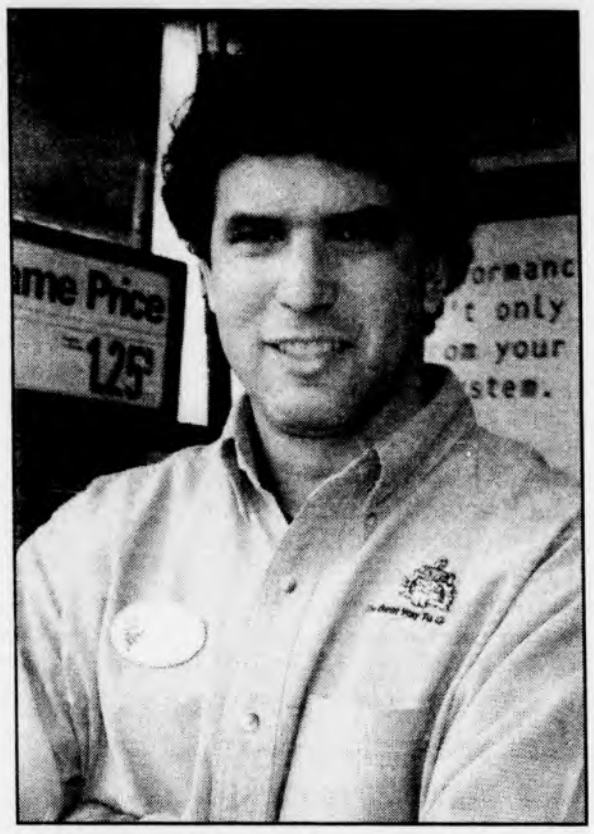


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Bob Fiori



Name: Bob Fiori

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Goal: To make my new store a success!

Best vacation: Disney World.

Best day of your life: The day I was married and the day my daughter was born.

Biggest worry: The success of my business.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite TV show: 'The Drew Carey Show.'

Favorite movie: 'The Ten Commandments.'

Favorite book: ' Iacocca, an Autobiography,' by Lee Iacocca.

Favorite junk food: Microwave popcorn.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Mistaking a highway rest area for an off ramp.

Person you'd most like to meet: Ray Bourke.

Pet peeve: People who do things half-way.

More lottery money for Cohasset

A new windfall in state aid from the Massachusetts Lottery is slated for a December payoff. Though the share Cohasset can expect to bank is still undecided, the Massachusetts Municipal Association has published a preliminary estimate of $15,035. If so, the new installment would push Cohasset's total receipts for the lottery state aid up to $345,208. However, the MMA estimate is unofficial, according to fiscal policy analyst John Robertson, and is subject to review by the State Comptroller. Furthermore, the Executive Office of Administration and Finance is likely to make a decision about the formula used to distribute the pot among the cities and towns. Overall, about $25 million in new surplus lottery funds is at stake. The extra earnings are due to a boost in interest income combined with a drop in the Lottery Commission's operating expenses and "other positive year-end reconciliations," Robertson said.

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South Shore Art Center's Dia de los Muertos

The musical group Sirius Coyote will perform Mexican songs and stories at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset Friday, Nov. 14, as part of a re-creation of the Mexican holiday of All Saint's Day, commonly known as the Day of the Dead.

Public school students from Scituate and Hingham as well as Cohasset will gather at the Art Center beginning at 3 :30 p.m. to display offrenda, or offerings to their family ancestors. At 4 p.m. Sirius Coyote will lead a procession to nearby Central Cemetery with flowers, candles, and ceremonial bread to continue the celebration. Back at the Art Center by 5 p.m., Sirius Coyote will offer a lively concert of Mexican traditions. The public is welcome to attend the festivities and is urged to dress warmly. In case of bad weather, the entire program will occur at the South Shore Art Center.

Sirius Coyote will stay on into the evening to provide music for a reception for two Mexican artists with a joint exhibition. Diamantina Gonzalez Gomez's contemporary paintings entitled Earth, Myth, and Soil and Juan Alberto Mancilla's mixed-media series Times in New York will occupy the Art Center's Bancroft Gallery through Dec. 21. The opening reception, which is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m., is free and open to the public.

On Saturday morning, Nov. 15, Juan Alberto Mancilla will provide a Printmaking Workshop for families. This creative session is a unique opportunity for parents and children to meet an internationally renowned artist and make collages utilizing anything from fallen leaves to aluminum foil! The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. Cost will be $10 per family for members or $15 for non-members.

On Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Nancy Connolly will lead a workshop in Mexican Folk Art Traditions. Children in grades 1 to 6 will learn to craft clay sun faces, paper flowers, and pinata ornaments. Participants will also decorate a Tree of Life mural and paint greeting cards to take home. The cost of $15 per family for members or $20 for non-members includes all materials and supplies. Call 383-2787 to register.

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Emily Dormitzer (Little Red Riding Hood) searches through her basket at the recent Halloween party at the Carriage House Nursery School.

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Hip, hip, horray!! Leo's Exxon is open for business. And, wait until you see it, what a great little store it is! And, the Dunkin Donut drive thru is such an added bonus for "that neck of the woods"; it must be really great, we spotted Bob Fiori munching a breakfast goodie the other day! He sure will have to watch it, they are irresistible. Anyway, Bob and Leo are so happy to be back. And, they are very happy to show you how to pump your own gas (something this writer vowed never to do, yet it is very easy). Stop in, say hi, and welcome them back!

ELDER SERVICES MONEY TALK

Had a very informative note from John Coe. He wanted everyone to know that the South Shore Elder Services in partnership with HESSCO Elder Services in Sharon, will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Cohasset Senior Center. Does this sound like you? Good with numbers and finances, especially maintaining a household budget? Have you worked with elders, either as a volunteer or in your own personal life? Do you respect the rights and concerns of elders? Enjoy problem solving, especially when it comes to issues concerning money? Do you have compassion for elders and others struggling for financial existence on meager incomes? Are you looking to give back to the community? If so, then money management may be the volunteer opportunity you've been seeking. Adults of all ages are invited to go Nov. 18 to learn more on how to help in your own town. For more information about money management call 383-9112 (Kathy Bryanton) or Linda Fitzgibbon at 848-3910.

HOUSE TOUR INFO COMING

Coming soon, all the information on the Garden Club's House Tour, we look forward to hearing all of the details.

ATKINSONS ARE PROUD OF SON

You had better believe that Marian and Tom Atkinson are one proud set of parents these days - their son, Special Agent Thomas E. Atkinson Jr. was recently named Investigator of the Year by the New York Federal Law Enforcement Foundation. Tom is a former Hull police officer and is now a Secret Service agent who headed a fraud inquiry that resulted in the seizure of $8 million. Special Agent Atkinson received the award at a ceremony that was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. Tom is a CHS, class of 1982 grad, and to say that we are all very proud of him is an understatement!

FIFTH CHS REUNION SLATED

This little blurb is directed to all of the members of the class of 1992 (Cohasset High School grads, that is). Your fifth reunion will be held Nov. 28 at the American Legion. Packets have been sent to all of the members that could be located, but some are missing. So, if you know a grad, and aren't sure that he/she has been contacted, please inform them! Oh, the time of the reunion will be from 8 p.m. until midnight.

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Hopefully all of you have responded to the Friends of the Cohasset Library's request for contributions - they do so much to beautify our library, and to help educate our little ones! In addition, you can borrow passes to the New England Aquarium, The Museum of Fine Arts, The Museum of Science, The Children's Museum, the Computer Museum and The Kennedy Library. Plus there are lots of programs for the children, always an important feature to the Friends. Send your tax-deductible contribution today.

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OBITUARIES

Eleanor Maletz

Eleanor R. (Reardon) Maletz, 86, of Cohasset died at home Thursday, Nov. 6, after a long illness.

Mrs. Maletz was the head of comparison shopping at Filene's Basement in Boston for many years. Family members said she was greatly respected by co-workers for her acumen, style and grace.

She lived many years in Cohasset, where she was a communicant of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Wife of the late Samuel Maletz, she leaves a sister, Marie Licchi of Dennisport; and a niece, Jane Lane of Wayland.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m., at St. Anthony's Church, 129 S. Main St., Cohasset. Interment was private. Visiting hours have been omitted.

Arrangements have been made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St.

Donations in Mrs. Maletz' memory may be made to St. Anthony's Church, 129 S. Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

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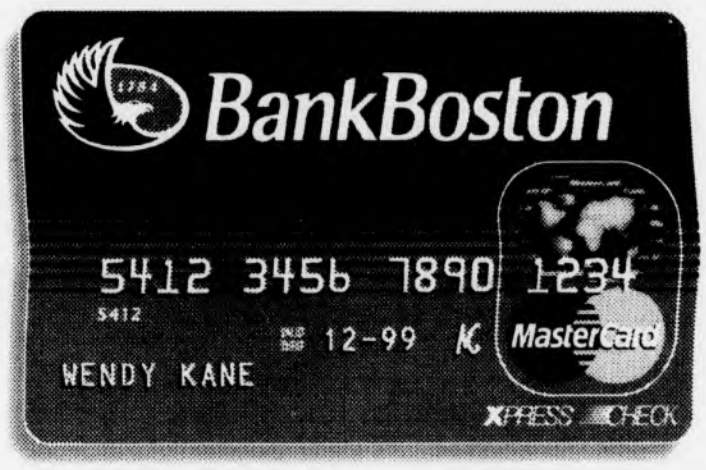
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

A time to give

On my way out of the Star Market in Norwell this week, I checked out Cheryl Coates' food fundraising bin, and I'm glad to report it was full to overflowing with both canine and feline cuisine.

The same is true, I hear of the containers Coates placed in the Cohasset Shaw's and Stop and Shop markets — and its a good thing. Because, while the Eleanor Haughey Animal Shelter (serving Scituate, Norwell, Cohasset and Hingham) is short on food and supplies this fall, its chock full of dogs and cats. Coates' creative fundraising idea is literally getting the shelter through its food crisis, said shelter director Joan McCafferty.

A busy sales executive, Coates didn't have time to pitch in walking dogs like other shelter volunteers, but determined to help, she devised another way to give her support. In addition to the grocery store bins which are emptied daily and updated weekly letting shoppers know the shelter's immediate needs, Coates has sold, raffled and will auction off a collection of hand-painted furniture she's designed. Depicting our beautiful local scenery, Coates sold a ladder-back chair for $150 this spring, and helped the shelter rake in $2,500 in raffle ticket sales for a hand-painted coffee table during Scituate's Heritage days and Octoberfest.

With the holidays around the corner, Coates is accepting bids on a hand-painted trunk and a corner cupboard that will be auctioned off in December. Both pieces are on display at Flowers and Festivities in Scituate Harbor.

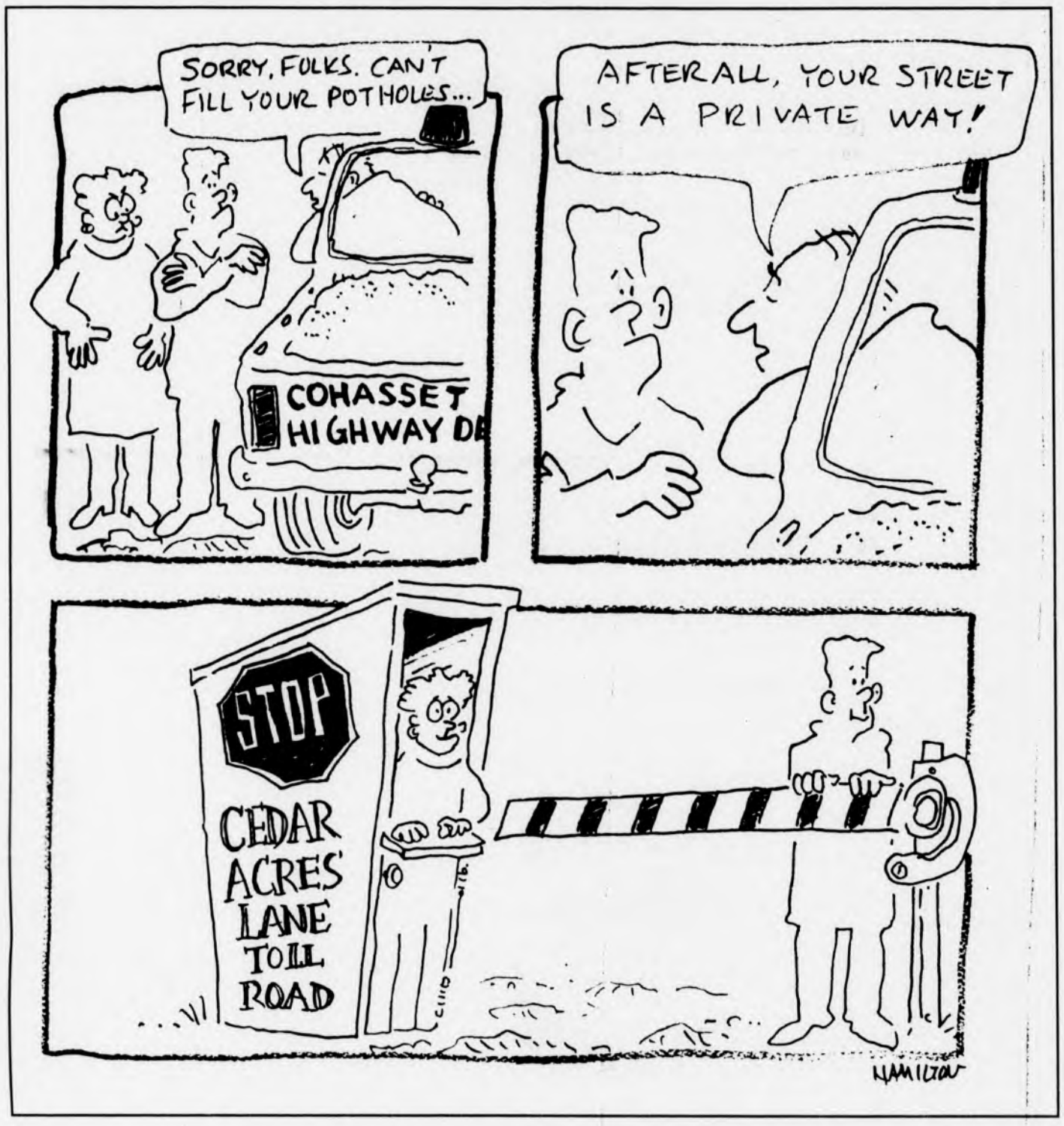
Eager to help, but humble, Coates says her contribution is small compared to the hard work and long hours that devoted volunteers put in to keep the shelter running. But we think it's great that Coates cared enough to come up with what has turned out to be a very lucrative way to benefit the unwanted, abandoned and stray animals throughout our communities.

And animals are not the only ones in need. Winter is fast approaching — a time when area food pantries need to stock up to feed hungry families. The Salvation Army's familiar red bucket will soon take up residence outside busy stores, and programs like "Toys for Tots" are gearing up to make less fortunate children's holiday wishes come true. There are so many ways to give of ourselves if we take the time.

Hopefully, Coates' efforts will be an inspiration for others to lend a hand, make a donation, or reach out to someone in need during this season of giving.

Alice Coyle

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate Mariner, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.



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Were there at dawn,
Thinking and guessing
What might have gone wrong.

"The knife was ready,
plunged into the stern."
"His line was trapped,
That's what I've heard."

Knowing the same fate
Could visit them,
Stained the faces
Of these weathered men.

Each waterman's features
Betrayed his rent heart,
Not wanting a comrade
Like this to depart.

Earnest words of slim hope
Were passed around.
Yet their eyes betrayed
What they knew might be found.

Would not their mate
Arise from the grip
Of Neptune's dark chasm
In search of his ship?

All to a man knows,
His thoughts do nag,
That when ill luck
Causes a line to snag,

In such a way that
All experience honed,
Is meaningless to help
When God calls one home.

They knew George would say,
"Don't worry 'bout me friends.
Take care of my family -
Their needs and their ends."

Standing in thought
Of others gone west,
These seamen understood,
Their fragility's test.

Looking to the gray sea
Their gaze was forlorn,
Holding onto this memory
These men will go on.

As an outsider I write
Like Ismael of the whale,
To record what I witnessed
Of this emotional gale.

It's to these men of the sea
I dedicate this poem,
And hope, in the future,
All safely come home.

— Christopher Wood
603 Hatherly Rd. Minot

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

Hedlund earns praise from Malone, Anderson

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund has the kind of numbers that many candidates only dream about.

A year ago, the 36-year-old Weymouth Republican was reelected in a landslide when many of his party were defeated. His stunning victory in the district which stretches from Weymouth to Duxbury included taking Hull and all but one precinct in Weymouth —both Democratic Party strongholds.

"Bob marches to his own drumbeat and doesn't worry about flack in the newspapers."
— STATE TREASURER AND GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE, JOE MALONE.

So it's no surprise that Hedlund's first fund-raiser of the 1998 campaign — a $100 a plate breakfast last Friday at Tosca in Hingham — was a sell-out.

"This is the biggest ever for Hedlund," said Carl Harris of the Hingham Republican Town Committee.

The state senator known for his blue collar roots — who lost the seat in 1992 and clawed his way back in 1994 — has earned top billing among his fellow Republicans.

And state Treasurer Joe Malone — who seeks to unseat acting Gov. Paul Cellucci for the Republican party nomination for governor — is no exception.

Looking rested after spending the night in Hingham, Malone said the dearth of Republicans in the state senate is a sad story. Hedlund is one of only 7 out of 40 senators in the legislature.

"We've got to protect those good ones," he said.

Malone, who said he has watched Hedlund since he was first elected in 1990, praised Hedlund for voting his conscience and exhibiting "backbone" on Beacon Hill.

"Bob marches to his own drumbeat and doesn't worry about flack in the newspapers," Malone said.

"He's a good listener — someone who goes off and does the right thing."

Special guest Barbara Anderson, director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, said Hedlund is one of the few legislators she feels like talking to on Beacon Hill.

CLT is promoting a citizens petition asking for a roll-back of the 5.95 percent state income tax rate over three years to 5 percent. When the tax increase to 5.95 percent passed in 1989, it was billed as "temporary," Anderson said.

Hedlund backs the tax roll-back and filed a bill — which was ignored, according to Anderson — which would have made the citizens petition unnecessary.

Hedlund said the legislature is working overtime to spend the state's $1 billion surplus.

"We are kind of regressing to the situation in the last 1980s which motivated me to run," Hedlund said. "Can we afford it (tax roll back)? The answer is, yes we can afford it," he said.

Other guests at Friday's breakfast included Plymouth County Sheriff Peter Forman, Plymouth County District Attorney Michael Sullivan, state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray and former state Sen. William Weeks.



State Sen. Robert Hedlund is flanked by Plymouth County Sheriff Peter Forman, left, and Plymouth County District Attorney Michael Sullivan at Hedlund's breakfast fund-raiser at Tosca in Hingham last week.

Fred Robertson photo

Hedlund holds town hall office hours

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) and/or members of his staff will be at the Cohasset Town Hall on Highland Avenue for office hours the third Thursday of each month. On Nov. 20, from 10 to 11 a.m. the state senator and/or his staff will be available to meet and/or assist residents.

In addition, Sen. Hedlund's district office, located at 66 Sea St. in Weymouth, will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number is (781) 340-9866.

"The whole purpose of my district office is to meet with and serve my constituents in a more accessible and convenient setting," Hedlund said. "It means a lot to me to be able to talk with constituents face to face. Together we can get a lot done."

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From the Free University of Berlin it's Diana 101

When the National Enquirer comes can academia be far behind?

The Free University of Berlin has started a lecture series on the late Princess of Wales.

It's called "Myths & Politics: Diana — from the Princess of Wales to the Queen of Hearts."

Shall we call it just "Diana 101?"

The basic object of the course is to find out why Western Civilization as we know it stood still and mailmen and the men from FTD got hernias from carrying condolence cards and flowers from complete strangers when the Princess died.

Who knows, says assistant professor Sabine Berghahn, one of the organizers of the lecture series, if things go well with Di, maybe they'll study Che Guevara and Marilyn Monroe next semester.

The lecture series got off and running last Thursday with an examination of the topic: "Torn World and Hidden Meaning — On the Function of Mythical Figures for the Modern Age."

Then, "Love, Publicity and a State Funeral — About Feelings as a Resource for Political Rule" and, finally, "The People's Princess — The Cult of Mary and the Adoration of Lady Di."

Might I suggest that they're going a bit too far with this Diana thing?

Just the other day, I think it was in a promo for a TV show, I distinctly heard the announcer call Diana "the most important woman of the 20th Century."

Gosh, I thought Eleanor Roosevelt or Golda Meir or Mother Teresa might have gotten a little consideration but I guess I just haven't been able to keep up with what's important.

In a month or so, the Associated Press will start polling editors to select the 10 most important news stories of 1997.

Whaddya bet that the death of Princess Di in that Paris auto accident doesn't head the list, even when it includes things like the discovery of "life" on Mars in the Antarctic rocks and the cloning of sheep.

Of course, her nearest competition for news story of the year probably will involve someone like Paula Corbin Jones or Wilfredo Cordero or Marv Albert or even the au pair Louise Woodward.

Or Michael Kennedy.

Princess Di was hardly buried before the African country known as the Togolaise Republic was hustling a limited edition of nine stamps featuring "the most beloved lady of our time" clad in various high-fashion gowns.

The stamps can't be used for postage outside the 21,000 square miles of Togo (about the size of West Virginia) but already, says John Van Emden of the International Collectors Society, "our phones have been ringing off the hook."

"Experts are already predicting that this Princess Diana issue will be the most sought after collectible stamp of all time," says the quarter page ads promoting the set.

And you thought the Elvis Presley stamp was popular.

The car wreck in which Diana was killed happened Aug. 31 and two and a half months later, she is still a popular subject for the TV newsmagazines.

The Video Information Show Report, which keeps an eye on such things, reported that in the month following her death there were 360 segments involving Diana. And in the month of October she was still topping the list as the subject of 96 segments.

The whole Kennedy family had only 34.

Army Corps wants a look at rail alternatives

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

As part of their response, the Corps expects the MBTA to develop an additional alternative, which includes combinations of previous ones. These include: all phases of the HOV (high occupancy vehicle) lane; on the Expressway; bus service with service level comparable to the train; an Accord terminal; and boat service from Scituate with 57-knot boats and feeder bus service and boat service from Hingham.

The Army Corps of Engineers has extended the MBTA's Oct. 31 deadline until Nov. 14 to provide additional information about the transit authority's Greenbush rail restoration proposal.

The possibility of a tunnel under Hingham Square has not been ruled out, nor has a proposal to build an Accord terminal in the area of the Rt. 228 Hingham exit near the Home Depot..

Following a public hearing held in August, the Corps requested the transit authority reply to comments made at the hearing and through letters, as well as provide additional information involving, in part, alternatives to rail restoration.

While MBTA spokesman Brian Pedro stated last month that the transit authority has ruled out an Accord stop, Ted Lento of the Corps sees the issue differently.

"The MBTA has ruled out both a tunnel and an Accord terminal, but to satisfy our requirements for a permit (to build the Greenbush line) they need to provide us with more information," he said.

According to Lento, the tunnel option has always been controversial because of its cost.

"But it hasn't been (put aside). There will be more discussion about it in the future," he said.

The process has taken longer than some people have expected, he said.

"The public hearing was just the first phase. It's going to be a slow process over a period of several months," he said. "It's such a big project that the MBTA hasn't been able to answer all the questions yet." Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan said the "news" is that the Corps is "standing by their guns and saying they're not yet convinced that some of the alternatives to rail restoration can be ruled out. The most environmentally damaging alternative (Greenbush restoration) is the one they're proposing to do."

Pedro could not be reached for comment. As part of their response, the Corps expects the MBTA to develop an additional alternative, which includes combinations of previous ones. These include: all phases of the HOV (high occupancy vehicle) lane; on the Expressway; bus service with service level comparable to the train; an Accord terminal; and boat service from Scituate with 57-knot boats and feeder bus service and boat service from Hingham.

"The Corps has emphasized that the burden is on the MBTA, and they haven't yet met that burden," Macmillan said.

In a letter to the MBTA, Karen Kirk Adams of the Corps said, "As you (MBTA) indicated previously, submittal of the requested information will be made as (it) is available over the course of the next several months.

Adams indicated, however, that a partial response must be made by Nov. 14, along with providing a schedule indicating when the remainder of the information will be submitted. According to notes taken by Corps staff members from an Oct. 17 meeting between the Corps and the MBTA regarding the Greenbush project, the following alternatives have been dismissed from further consideration based on information already available or obtained at the October meeting: diesel-powered commuter rail service to Greenbush with a bypass around the Hingham Square area; electrified commuter rail service; monorail along Route 3; light rail, trackless trolley or busway on Greenbush right-of-way to the Braintree Red Line terminal; and transportation systems management measures applied to Route 3A.

Also discussed at the meeting was the possibility that the guided busway and tunnel option be considered by the Corps as mitigation efforts. Following the meeting, however, Christine Godfrey of the Army Corps of Engineers acknowledged the tunnel is appropriate as a minimization effort, but the busway is a different mode of transportation and should be given full consideration as a separate alternative.

Other combinations of alternatives using the busway may be required by the Corps but will be discussed at a later date.

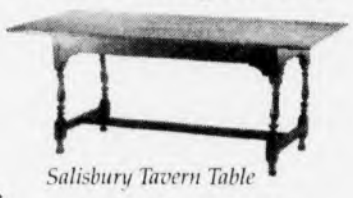
"The process will take us into the spring at least," Macmillan predicted.

The MBTA schedule for providing additional information to the Corps is contingent on some specific items, including a summary of mitigation costs and an explanation of why alternatives along Route 3 do not serve the Greenbush corridor.

Lento said the final phase of the process will involve Section 106 negotiations (under the National Historic Preservation Act).

"In order to issue a permit to the MBTA, we have to prove the project complies with those requirements," Lento said.

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Increase in burial fees okay'ed

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

It will cost more to be buried in Cohasset.

This week selectmen adopted the town's new cemetery regulations which include increases in the price of graves and burials.

The price of a grave rises from $500 to $725 for residents and from $700 to $1,000 for former residents.

Opening a grave for burials remains at $200 from April 1 through Oct. 31 but rises to $300 from Nov. 1 through March 31.

The new regulations provide for burial of one person in a vault and one person who has been cremated in a gravesite or for the burial of four persons who have been cremated.

The new regulations not only prohibit vandalism but do not allow snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles, roller-blades, skateboard, horses or horseback riding in the town's cemeteries.

The burial of pets is also prohibited.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the price increase is needed to cover perpetual care at the cemeteries. The regulations also address creating space for cremated remains, she said.

Rate relief possible for Mass-American water users

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

In what Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, calls the biggest hurdle yet to be cleared in the "battle" for water-rate relief, the house ways and means committee has included language in a bill which could benefit Massachusetts-American Water Company (MAWC) customers.

The legislature's natural resources committee approved a bill this summer which could provide significant financial assistance to water company customers in Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, who pay an average yearly water bill of $713. That rate is the highest in the state.

But in order to benefit MAWC customers, "grand fathering" language, which would allow some of the funds to be spent in part on water treatment plants operated by private companies such as MAWC, needed to be included. Hedlund sponsored an amendment which incorporated the language into the bill setting up the rate-relief proposal.

Grand-fathered projects are considered to be ones under which water supply facilities were built in order to comply with federal safe drinking water regulations. Grandfathered projects were completed before the revolving fund program was implemented.

While the language was accepted as part of the initial bill, it also needed to be included in the appropriation portion of the bill, which funds the project, in order for it to benefit MAWC customers.

"Short of getting the bill enacted, getting the language in place is key," Hedlund said, "because if the wording appears in both versions, it stays in the bill."

"I'm thrilled, and I hope this will provide some rate relief."
– STATE REP. MARY JEANETTE MURRAY.

The house adopted the language on Monday. The Senate ways and means committee will also need to accept the wording when it considers the bill.

That shouldn't be difficult, since the senator has already received Chairman Stanley Rosenberg's word that the language in the Senate version will be adjusted to match that in the house version, according to Hedlund.

The bill, filed by former Gov. William Weld, would create a drinking water state revolving fund (SRF) which would provide $450 million in financial assistance during the next five years to water suppliers, who would then be expected to use the state assistance to reduce water rates.

Eighty percent of the funds are provided by the federal government.

The Senate has already placed $8 million in a fund earmarked to benefit customers of grandfathered projects in the state, which would include MAWC. That amount is $2 million more than was originally slated to be set aside.

About $1.5 million of that is expected to benefit MAWC customers, according to Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset.

"I'm thrilled, and I hope this will provide some rate relief," she said.

According to Joseph Callanan, Hedlund's legislative director, that means $8 million in state assistance will be allocated each year for the next 10 years for grandfathered companies.

Hedlund said Hingham, Hull and Cohasset officials who testified at a rate-relief hearing in July were instrumental in helping the bill move forward. Hingham selectmen Katharine Reardon and Michael Holden were among the testifiers speaking in favor of including private companies in the bill.

According to Hedlund, MAWC would need to make an application for the money. He emphasized that any benefit derived from the SRF is meant for customers, not for the water companies.

Phone system is on agenda

Town Manager Mark Haddad will discuss improving the town hall's telephone system with selectmen Monday night.

He suggests adding 14 more lines so each department can be dialed directly.

"I believe direct dial will provide better servcie to our residents and free up staff to be utilized more effectively," Haddad wrote in his weekly report to selectmen.

The improvements would have a one-time cost of $1226 and additional fiscal year 1998 service costs of about $2500.

Fire overtime to be scrutinized

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Monday that the fire department has already used $70,000 out of its $120,000 overtime budget.

He said if the fire department went through the year at this pace, it would spend $280,000 on overtime.

Selectmen were alarmed by the overtime costs and asked Haddad to track it on a weekly basis.

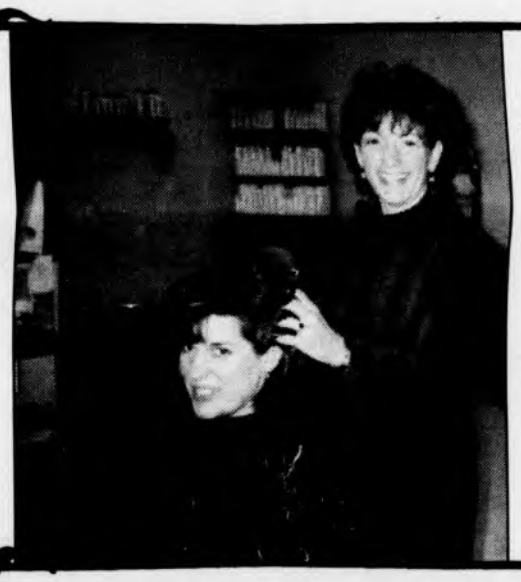
Twenty thousand of the $70,000 used has been for sick time, Haddad said.

He said he and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln would work closely on getting the overtime under control.

Hull museum holds annual meeting

The Hull Lifesaving Museum welcomes Patrick Otton, Chief Engineering Historian for the U.S.S. Constitution to speak at its Annual Meeting. Otton performed essential research into the ship, at the Navy Yard and around the world, for the historic restoration which made possible Constitution's sailing last summer. He will present a slide show and lecture about the fascinating detective work that helped restore America's first commissioned Naval ship to her rightful place of glory. Otton also has been the guiding force behind the stabilization of the historic Boston harbor tugboat Luna, which just has been named a National Landmark.

The HLMI annual meeting will be held Sunday, Nov. 9, 4-6 p.m. at the Station Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Members: free; non-members $1.



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Animal lover gathers trunk-loads of shelter support

By Alice C. Coyle
STAFF WRITER

Scituate resident Cheryl Coates wanted to lend a hand at the Eleanor Haughey Animal Shelter, but her busy work schedule didn't afford her the time to get on the other end of a leash.

Determined to do what she could for the shelter, Coates came up with a creative way to show her support, and has helped bring in more than $2,500 for this worthwhile cause since last spring.

Coates' is a hands-on fundraiser in which she paints furniture with local scenery and in turn sells, raffles or auctions off the pieces to support the shelter and all of its furry inhabitants.



This trunk at Stop & Shop is chock full of goodies for animals at the Scituate Animal Shelter.

Coates' furniture fundraiser began last spring, when she designed and sold for $150 each, two ladderback chairs. One chair depicted Hingham landmarks including Derby Academy and the Old Ship Church and sold within 24 hours at Bowl & Board on North Street in Hingham. The other chair featured Scituate scenes, including sail boats, the Old Oaken Bucket, and both the Scituate and Minot's Ledge Lighthouses. It too, sold quickly at Flowers and Festivities on Front Street.

For heritage days, Coates painted a Scituate coffee table which the shelter raffled during the weekend long celebration and again during the North Scituate Octoberfest festivities. According to Shelter Director Joan McCafferty, more than $2,500, $1 dollar raffle tickets were sold.

Serving several south shore towns including Hingham, Cohasset and Norwell, the busy, "no-kill" shelter located on the driftway in Scituate has placed 810 animals - both cats and dogs - since opening in May 1993. In the last six months alone, the shelter has "adopted out" 130 dogs and cats - two of them to Coates. But despite its success rate in finding homes for its inhabitants, the shelter faces an on-going struggle to finance the high costs of feeding and providing medical care to the stray, and abandoned animals it harbors. This summer alone more than $10,000 has been spent in medical bills, and by last month, the shelter had expended its entire food budget - a budget that will not be renewed until June.



Shelter cats Janet and Chrissy pose with one of their biggest supporters, Cheryl Coates. Coates' furniture fund-raising efforts have raised more than $2,500 for the Eleanor Haughey Animal Shelter in Scituate.

It was this most recent news that pushed Coates into action again. Two newer pieces of furniture, a small corner cupboard and a rope-handle trunk painted during the summer with Scituate scenes is now available by silent auction at Flowers and Festivities. The trunk features a sailing ship and the cupboard's door shows Scituate Light on the outside, Minot's Ledge Light on the inside. A single black whale tops the cupboard off. Bidding for both pieces starts at $100 and bids will be accepted until Dec. 15. Along with the furniture on display, Coates has placed a donation box for the shelter at Flowers and Festivities.

But that's not all. When she heard that the shelter had spent its food money for the year, she painted three small trunks (about 14 inches by 30 inches) and has placed them at supermarkets in Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell to collect donations of food and other supplies. Coates hope was that shoppers heading out of the stores would reach into their hearts and their shopping carts and pitch in some dog or cat food. Coates said she was overwhelmed by the response.

By the end of the first day, bins at the Stop and Shop and Shaws on Route 3A and the Star Market in Norwell, were filled to the rim. The same has been true of a smaller barrel on display inside the Scituate Marketplace store on Front Street. Coates ran into trouble with the big chain stores initially, but was able to convince store executives that the donation bins meant more sales for their stores, which in many cases are competing with the ware-

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Business Notes

Local merchants go to jail for Wellspring

What do the morning crew at Dwyers Cleaning Spot in Cohasset; Mike Feroli, the Village Butcher; and the spirited folks at Village Wine and Spirits all have in common? They've all gone to "jail" on behalf of Wellspring.

These jailbirds are good-natured folks who are also cheerfully accused of 'fine' crimes, and symbolically imprisoned. With the generous help of their customers, they raise bail which is donated to support the many services of Wellspring Multi-Service Center, the South Shore Community Service agency located at 814 Nantasket Ave. in Hull. The Thrift Shop and Food Pantry are only two of the programs at Wellspring. An exemplary adult education program, a responsive domestic violence prevention and counseling program and the holiday food basket program are some others.

Nancy, Debbie, Stephanie, Jamie and Cathy up at Dwyers on Route 3A have been indicted for the second time in as many years for "excellent laundering." Mike's in the clink again, same as this time last year, for his "skillful butchering." We're hoping he makes bail and doesn't have to be "on the lamb." Cliff and the folks at Village Wine and Spirits have only been open a few weeks and they're in the docket for "fine wine-ing." Luckily their cases were continued until Friday, Nov. 7, when they had to pay up or be locked up for good.

Cohasset office awards computer

Hingham Institution for Savings recently announced that Agnes MacDonald of Cohasset was the winner of the computer raffle in the Cohasset Office.

The raffle was held to celebrate Hingham Institution for Savings' very successful first year of operation in Cohasset. It was a means of thanking the Cohasset community for its strong support. Hingham Institution became the leading mortgage lender in Cohasset in early 1997, making more loans in town than any other bank or mortgage company.

Hingham Institution for Savings is a Massachusetts-chartered savings bank located in Hingham. Incorporated in 1834, it is one of the oldest financial institutions headquartered in Massachusetts. The bank's main offices are located on Main Street, Hingham, 02043, (617) 749-2200. The bank also maintains branch offices in South Hingham and the neighboring towns of Hull, Cohasset and Scituate.



Agnes MacDonald, at left, is being congratulated on winning a computer, by Joanne Reynolds, assistant band manager at Hingham Institution for Savings.

Trunk-loads of shelter support

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house pet supply stores for business.

"Also, people feel better about shopping in a store that supports a worthwhile cause," Coates said.

Since placing the bins a month ago, Coates estimates that more than $300 worth of food has been donated each week. "It's keeping the shelter going," she said.

Coates empties the grocery store containers daily -they fill her entire trunk — and said she is amazed at the number and kinds of contributions being made. By updating the display and changing requested donations from week to week, Coates has been able to meet the shelter's immediate needs. For instance, with an average of three cats for every one dog, more canned and dried cat food has been requested and received. "I have tried to make the bins a communication center for people shopping at the store. I have been astounded at how responsive everyone is. They're taking those pamphlets, reading them and responding," she said.

But food isn't the only contribution's Coates' bins are collecting. When she requested bleach and detergent to wash the shelter's food bowls and towels, gallons of Clorox and Tide were left in the bins or dropped off at the shelter.. McCafferty said two weeks ago a woman drove directly from the Star Market in Norwell to the shelter and handed over a check for $100. Another woman called Sunday to say she had donated $100 worth of top quality food she purchased at the Cohasset Stop and Shop.

"The response has been incredible," McCafferty said, and Coates has become the shelter's favorite philanthropist.

"She's really risen to the occasion," said Animal Control Officer Kim Gilsdorf. "She's done so much for the shelter."

For her part, Coates still says she's humbled by the tireless volunteers that do the really tough work at the shelter, and she's glad she can do her small part.

"I do very little compared to the people who show up and volunteer there every day. This is still just a hobby for me."

A district sales manager for a consumer products company, Coates time is even more limited these days as she has headed back to school to get her MBA. During her four week holday break, Coates hopes to work on a few more pieces to auction or raffle off for the shelter, including a jelly cabinet, and she hopes to feature scenes from Norwell, Cohasset and Hingham. As for the supermarket bins, Coates said she'd like to see them stationed at the stores permenantly.

"My greatest wish is that they stay full, and active 365 days a year," she said. Coates' reminds local residents that all bids on the furniture and all donations made to the shelter are tax deductible.

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Surge in antenna towers in town is likely

Easton legal case sets precedent

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Requests from wireless communications companies to put towers and antennas in Cohasset have not yet dominated business at the zoning board. But that could change at anytime. Nearby communities like Norwell have been inundated with requests from companies to erect new wireless communications towers and antennas

Town officials say residents should be prepared to accept the inevitability of more towers.

"To some extent, we will have to get used to the presence of more poles," said zoning board Chairman Mark DiGiacomo. "There are three poles in Cohasset now, and it's very likely there will be more."

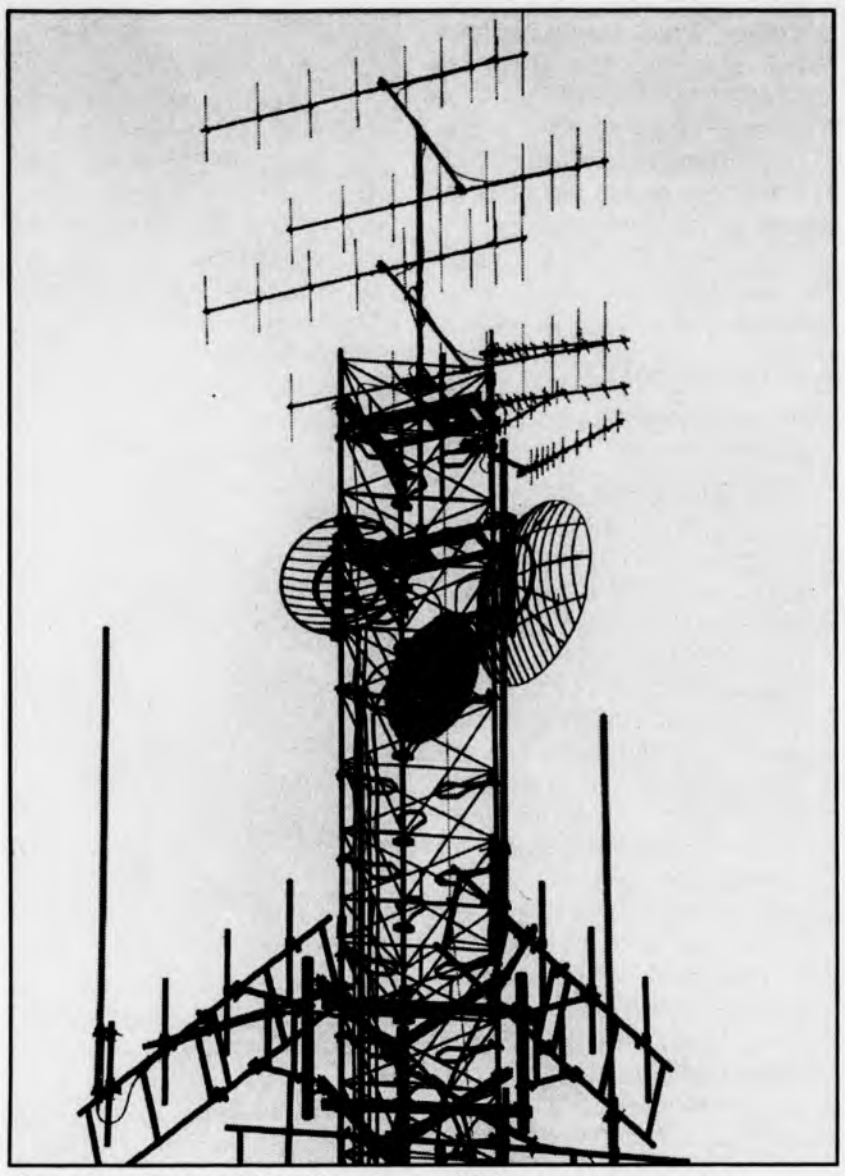
Some local officials have been alarmed by the large number of requests from communications companies to build towers and antennas in neighboring communities.

"Currently, we don't have any requests before the zoning board for new towers or antennas," DiGiacomo said. "But we keep reading about other towns taking action and I am concerned that Cohasset isn't doing anything to deal with this issue."

Concerns over wireless communications towers and antennas have come to the forefront after a recent decision by a federal judge against the town of Easton for trying to block a new tower.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis forwarded a copy of the decision to town officials with a warning to be careful when considering requests by telecommunications companies to build new towers.

Chief United States District Judge of the U.S. District Court, Joseph Tauro, recently found against the town of Easton for denying an antenna request by Sprint Spectrum L.P.



Antenna towers like this one could become a common occurrence in Cohasset.

Tauro not only found that Easton had violated Sprint's rights under the Telecommunications Act, but he forced the town to reimburse the company for thousands of dollars in legal fees.

Wireless communications is a big business. Telecommunications companies must purchase licenses to provide wireless service from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The FCC awards licenses at auctions, and each license is specific to a limited geographical market. The markets were limited to two providers per region, but that changed in 1996 when President Clinton signed into law the Telecommunications Act.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 authorized the FCC to allow up to eight companies per market. Telecommunications companies, eager to expand their market share, purchased licenses for as much as $500 million to service a single region.

The federal government has received more than $20 billion in revenue from companies purchasing licenses.

Telecommunications companies say they are responding to the demands of the marketplace. The federal government estimates that the number of Americans using wireless communications will grow from its current level of 40 million users to 100 million by the year 2000.

The introduction of lightweight, hand-held telephones is the main factor driving consumer demand. Americans like being able to carry a calculator-sized telephones to make calls anywhere at anytime.

The Telecommunications Act also places some restrictions on local zoning authority. Zoning boards may still act to preserve the health and safety of residents, to preserve aesthetics, to restrict unsightly construction, and to manage growth.

However, towns cannot prohibit the construction of wireless towers, nor banish towers to undesirable sections of town. Towns must also be careful not to discriminate against some companies over others.

The Act also requires towns to act on requests for towers in a reasonable time-frame. All denials must be issued in writing with a thorough explanation of the reasons the request was rejected.

DeGiacomo said there has been little public opposition in Cohasset to towers because there are so few of the structures and none are in residential zones. But once there are a few more, people could start complaining.

"Generally, after the fifth or sixth pole, people get sick of them, but by then it's too late," DeGiacomo said. "We end up setting a precedent, and one of the key aspects of the federal statute is that we can't discriminate between competing companies."

DeGiacomo said the town needs to prepare for the time when wireless providers turn their eyes toward Cohasset. He said the town should impose a short moratorium, and create special zoning districts or create a tower bylaw.

DeGiacomo added that he would like to see the planning

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School board considers new health equipment

By Jason Bouffard
CORRESPONDENT

You may soon start noticing Cohasset High School students looking stronger, faster and heartier.

That spring in their step may be attributed to a greater variety of equipment at the school's wellness-fitness center. The Cohasset School Committee is confident that money can be raised for additional exercise equipment for the new facility.

Committee member Joe McElroy told the school committee at a recent meeting that he may have found a source that can provide refurbished equipment at an affordable price. The West Coast-based supplier would be ready to ship fitness goods soon after receiving a purchase order from the town.

Although discussions with the supplier have involved the purchase of $10,000 worth of equipment, a price tag which may be reduced by simply ordering less. According to McElroy, the focus of any new equipment acquisitions should be on cardiovascular equipment. While fitness center patrons already have access to a good amount of weight lifting equipment, only a limited supply of cardiovascular machines are currently on hand at the facility.

The committee agreed that any purchases of equipment from this supplier would be funded by donations.

"I would be surprised if a donor or two couldn't be found," committee secretary Ralph Kidder said.

In other business:

The school committee elected Kidder to lead a search team for candidates to replace retiring Supt. of Schools Stephen Hart.

Kidder's team, which may include representatives of the teachers, school administrators and parents, will likely grapple with issues such as candidate criteria, where to look for candidates, and whether or not a consultant will be needed to assist in the hiring process.

Kidder will return to the committee Nov. 13 with a report on the progress of his team.

With the September 1998 opening of the new Osgood School now less than a year away, the school committee may start asking town residents what to call the new building.

Committee member Kathy Ofsthun is willing to develop the survey, which would ask town residents if they think the school's name should be changed, and if so, to what.

The committee also discussed including an impartial explanation of the origin of the school's current name in the survey.

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board take some kind of planning step as soon as possible.

Planning board Chairman Alfred Moore said the board is not currently considering recommending a moratorium or a change in bylaws.

"There is nothing before us at this time," Moore said. "We have in place a 35-foot height restriction, and anything above that must go before the ZBA. If zoning is crafted well, it might serve to address something that wasn't in existence when the regulations were written, like wireless communication."

Moore also pointed out that wireless communications towers aren't as big as most people imagine. He said many people think of the enormous 500-600 foot towers soaring above the ground in Needham and Newton off Route 128, rather than the 150-foot poles used by telecommunications companies.

Moore said he believed the 35-foot height restriction and the zoning board's discretionary powers would be adequate to regulate towers.

His opinion is supported somewhat by the most recent tower, approved by the zoning board last September.

Sprint Spectrum received permission from the zoning board of appeals on Sept. 10 to erect a flagpole-style antenna behind an auto repair business on Route 3A.

Members of the zoning board granted approval for Ken Eaves, the owner of Foreign Auto Repair, to lease land at 149 King St. to Sprint so the company could erect a 123-foot monopole and equipment pad.

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The zoning board had closed the Sprint hearing last June, but reopened it on June 25 because Sprint changed the proposed antenna design from a lattice-style to a flagpole design.

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said Sprint changed the design because of fears that the zoning board was prepared to reject the lattice design.

Zoning board members felt the monopole was just such a significant change in design that it could not be consider without public comment.

DeGiacomo said the zoning board was convinced that Sprint did everything it could to mitigate the adverse effects of the tower.

The zoning board placed several restrictions on the license.

If the tower is not used for 12 consecutive months, Sprint must remove it immediately. No other antennas or attachments may be affixed to the tower. All unregistered cars at Ken's Foreign Auto must be removed as a condition of the permit.

Moore said he is reluctant to start fiddling around with the town's bylaws.

"I get very nervous when things change and we react by running out and changing our bylaws," Moore said. "We could lock ourselves in, because when you have local zoning there are some things you may not be able to override

Moore added that he just doesn't see wireless communications towers as an overwhelming issue for Cohasset.

"Wireless towers in and of themselves are not bad things," Moore said. "The service is getting better all the time and people like that."

But DeGiacomo is more cautious. He is worried that the town will eventually get stuck with an undesirable tower because of the limitations placed on local zoning by the Telecommunications Act.

"Some kind of action is needed," DeGiacomo said. "The best way to do that is by careful planning. Without planning, eventually we could see lower property values."

Moore said he believed residents would step up and get involved when a specific project served to rally public opposition.

"Only when you get a specific incident, as was the case with the water tower, will you get a lot of public input," Moore said. "Then, it may just be a matter of finding the right location and not denying altogether."

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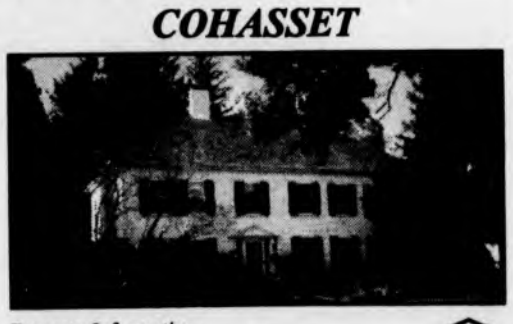
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Progress report on Cohasset's new middle school



Art teacher John Packard shows Spanish teacher Melissa Barry some student ceramic art created in the Middle School interdisciplinary program.

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By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

This September, Cohasset educators embarked on an experiment called a middle school. Now, with student report cards due soon, several of the enrichment team teachers at the "new" school decided to check in with their own progress report.

The day of the Middle School's Halloween celebration, French teacher George Fortin took a leaf out of the Peanut characters cartoon strip.

Fortin came to school dressed as the Great Pumpkin. It proved to be a giant step forward for the veteran teacher who said the great reaction he got from the students mystified him.

"I never before had that kind of contact with kids. Never in 32 years of teaching." Fortin said. "It was like a re-birth."

In a sign of the times, Cohasset's junior high school has also undergone something of a re-birth as a middle school. Starting this September, seventh- and eighth-graders here no longer go to classes at "Junior" High or share teachers like Fortin with the high school kids. Now the high school and middle school faculties are completely separate, as are the sports teams and the activities. Indeed, the Middle School boys and girls play sports on their own teams and in their own league now. Moreover, they can tout their own band, chorus, yearbook, and art club..

Welcome to Middle School.

The "little big kids" who used to look up to the seniors at Cohasset High, health instructor Maureen Duffy said, now see the older people less and can choose role models from their own ranks.

As Duffy, Fortin and the team of enrichment teachers took a look back this week at the young school year so far, they offered some views about their progress as middle school educators. Though all said they are pleased so far with the healthy changes the middle school concept has apparently spawned, they indicated they are still exploring the opportunities to be tapped.

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> **– JOHN PACKARD, ART TEACHER**

For art teacher John Packard, the new school has meant more teaching time, since the youngsters, under the mandates of Education Reform, are expected to be in classes at all times. This year, Packard said, everyone takes a full year of art, and the art teacher has revamped the course to delve into drama, and TV production, as well as the "standard visuals."

Despite the negative of larger class sizes, Packard believes it's a good development overall. More instructional time has also meant more opportunity to link up with other teachers on the team. Putting ideas across to students in an integrated package helps the youngsters make valid connections among the different fields of learning, the teachers agreed.

For instance, Packard said, his class this fall on mass communications took a critical look at the images of women used to sell products in advertisements. Duffy teamed up with Packard to take advantage of his visual know-how to explore the way advertisers try to sell alcohol, and physical education teacher Ronald Ford also weighed in with an anti-smoking project. Ultimately, they hope to start the students producing their own "commercials" by stealing the admen's methods to sell an anti-drug campaign.

"There's more of an emphasis on the whole student," Packard concluded.

Packard and the other enrichment teachers also want parents and the community to know they are welcome to come to school and volunteer.

"A lot of community members stand ready to come into the schools," he said.

The art teacher is looking for people who will commit to one visit a semester or even one a year, whether they have any special art skills or just an interest in the children. People who would like to see the school for themselves and be part of the middle school experiment should call the principal's office at 383-6100.

"It's a lot more creativity, a lot more group work, and a lot more time exploring the team concept," Packard said, summing up the change for the educators. For the students, on the other hand, there's more time spent in class and more emphasis on subjects like art and music which used to be electives. The youngsters are also encouraged to participate in performances and sports.

In the most dramatic change, for the first time this year, the athletics program has instituted a "no-cut" policy, and 105 of the 190 students won a berth on a team.

"Every kid who comes out for a team makes a team," Ford said. "At this level, it's important to have team structures. Kids learn the basic values of being on a team, such as discipline and responsibility."

Finally, the teachers, Fortin said, are learning the benefits of being on a team of educators.

"One of the big things is our built-in extra help," the French teacher said.

Fortin also said the additional homeroom time before lunch has been a positive. "It's a 25-minute period before lunch when the teacher's at his station, and kids can go in for extra help or a consultation.

"The pressure comes off a little bit," Fortin said. "It's the heart of the day."

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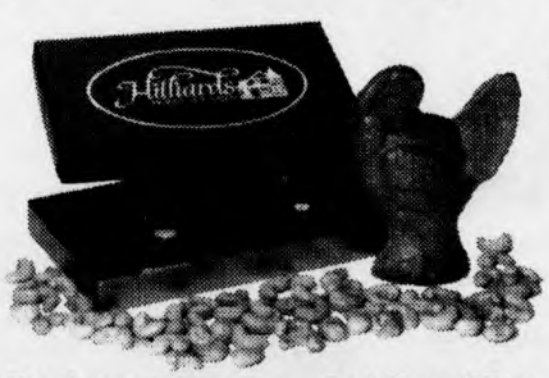
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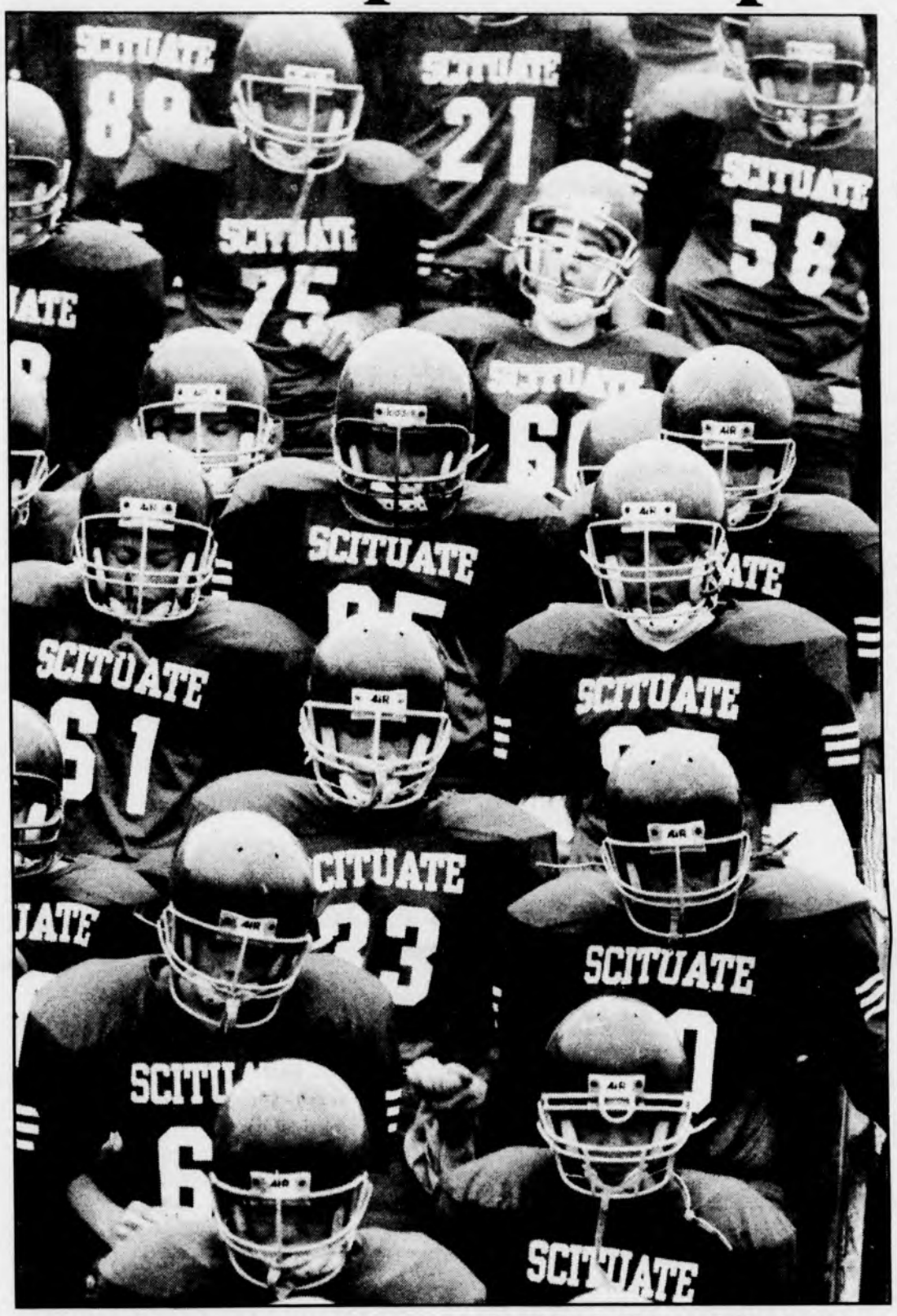
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Sharks put a 'Super' bite on Bridgewater



A wave of blue comes down the stairs as the Scituate/Cohasset Sharks make their way down to the field during the Old Colony Youth Football Super Bowl game played in Kinsgton on Sunday. The Sharks overcame Bridgewater and Mother Nature on their way to a 18-0 victory.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Midget program wins Super Bowl crown 16-0.

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

Sharks are killing machines in water.

So when Scituate-Cohasset Sharks coach Dan O'Brien saw rain falling on Sunday morning, he knew his team would do well in the Midget Super Bowl against the Bridgewater Badgers.

"We're a great team in bad weather and our players were really pumped up to play the game in the rain," O'Brien said. "We beat Barnstable 34-12 the week before in the rain to reach the Super Bowl so we had a lot of confidence heading into the game."

O'Brien proved to be a prophet as the Sharks rolled to the Midget Super Bowl championship by blanking Bridgewater 16-0 at Silver Lake in Kingston.

For the Sharks (Scituate and Cohasset players age 12-13), it was their first-ever Super Bowl since joining the Old Colony League. It was also the first Super Bowl title won by a Scituate or Cohasset football team since '80.

The Sharks scored both of their touchdowns in the first half and kept the Badgers off the board the rest of the way to complete the shutout.

The first score came on a 25-yard screen pass from Sean Conton to David Butterworth on a third down play. The Sharks had stuffed the Badgers first drive and marched 75 yards to score.

Butterworth then hit Steve McDevitt on the half-back option and the Sharks had an 8-0 lead.

Then after a Badger fumble in the second period, the Sharks punched in their second TD as Butterworth scampered 15 yards. He also ran in the two-point conversion and the Sharks were ahead 16-0.

With a safe 16-point lead, the Sharks turned up the defensive heat on the Badgers. Bridgewater could not get untracked and ended up with the shutout.

"David made some really big plays for us," O'Brien said. "And we showed that we could move the ball on them. But the key for us was the play of our offensive line. They opened the holes and gave us enough time to do what we wanted."

O'Brien said the Sharks domination at the line of scrimmage kept the Badgers from getting untracked, especially in the second half as the rain continued to fall.

"We controlled the ball for about 80 percent of the game and Bridgewater just couldn't stay with us," he said. "

We peaked at the right time and everything came together for us."

On defense, nose guard Chris Komejko led the way with ten unassisted tackles and one fumble recovery.

"He had a huge game for us," O'Brien said. "But our entire defense deserves credit for the shutout."

Linebacker Danny Hughes, linebacker Chris Connelly and tackle Mike Barry all played solid games for the Sharks.

Bridgewater only managed two first downs in the entire game.

The Sharks ended the season with a record of 6-3-1.

Coach O'Brien said the team hit stride midway through the season thanks to a bend-but-never-break defense and a ball control offense.

"We had some early losses and it took a while for us to finally put it all together," he said. "But we went 3-1-1 in our last five games and managed to get into the playoffs. The players really deserve a lot of praise for their play."

From there the Sharks played their two best games as they beat Barnstable and Bridgewater.

The Sharks were the third place team in the Old Colony League.

"We rose to the occasion in the post-season," O'Brien said. "It was a great run for us and shows that this area is quite strong in football talent," O'Brien said. "Most of these guys came up through the Mites and PeeWees and they know what it takes to be successful."

O'Brien is the Sharks head coach with Mike Cronin, Chris Conroy, Mike McDonald and Domenic Laudani.

Skippers fall in second straight shutout

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Despite playing a hard-fought game on a muddy field, drenched by the rains of the weekend, the Cohasset Skippers came up short in their bid to beat the Knights of South Boston.

The visiting Skippers put forth a stellar effort, but were hampered by the absence of several key players and their failure to capitalize on opportunities, and fell by a score of 13-0.

Cohasset dominated most of the first half, as their defense was punishing and their offense, overwhelming. Defensive end Jamie Buick shut down the outside corner to South Boston's runners, and linebacker Adam Sasso played a monster game, along with corner back Andy Hamilton, who did an outstanding job reading and stopping the run.

Throughout the game, the visitors played a gutsy defensive game.

In the second half, despite big plays from John Considine and Sean Parkinson, the Knights managed to squeeze in two scores, although only one was needed.

Their key plays came on passes lofted to receivers running sideline routes, as Cohassset had efficiently stopped the running game for most of the afternoon.

On offense, Cohasset did everything but put the ball in the end zone.

Early on, the Skippers' offensive line dominated the line of scrimmage, and halfback Justin Golden tore through the Southie defenders for eight-yard gains. Most of the first half was played on South Boston's side of the field.

Cohasset marched down inside the red zone and presented itself with scoring opportunities three times, and three times they failed to capitalize.

A fumble on the three-yard line cost them an early chance, and the sloppy conditions prevented quarterback Pat Hurley from finding Buick, his favorite receiver, who would be knocked out of the game late in the second quarter due to a separated shoulder, suffered while diving for a pass in the end zone.

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Soccer for moms takes off in big way

Indoor facilities thrive with programs for all ages

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

The crossing pass was right on the money.

In one swift motion, the wide-open forward trapped the ball on the kelly green artificial turf and booted it past the helpless goalie into the lower corner of the net for a goal.

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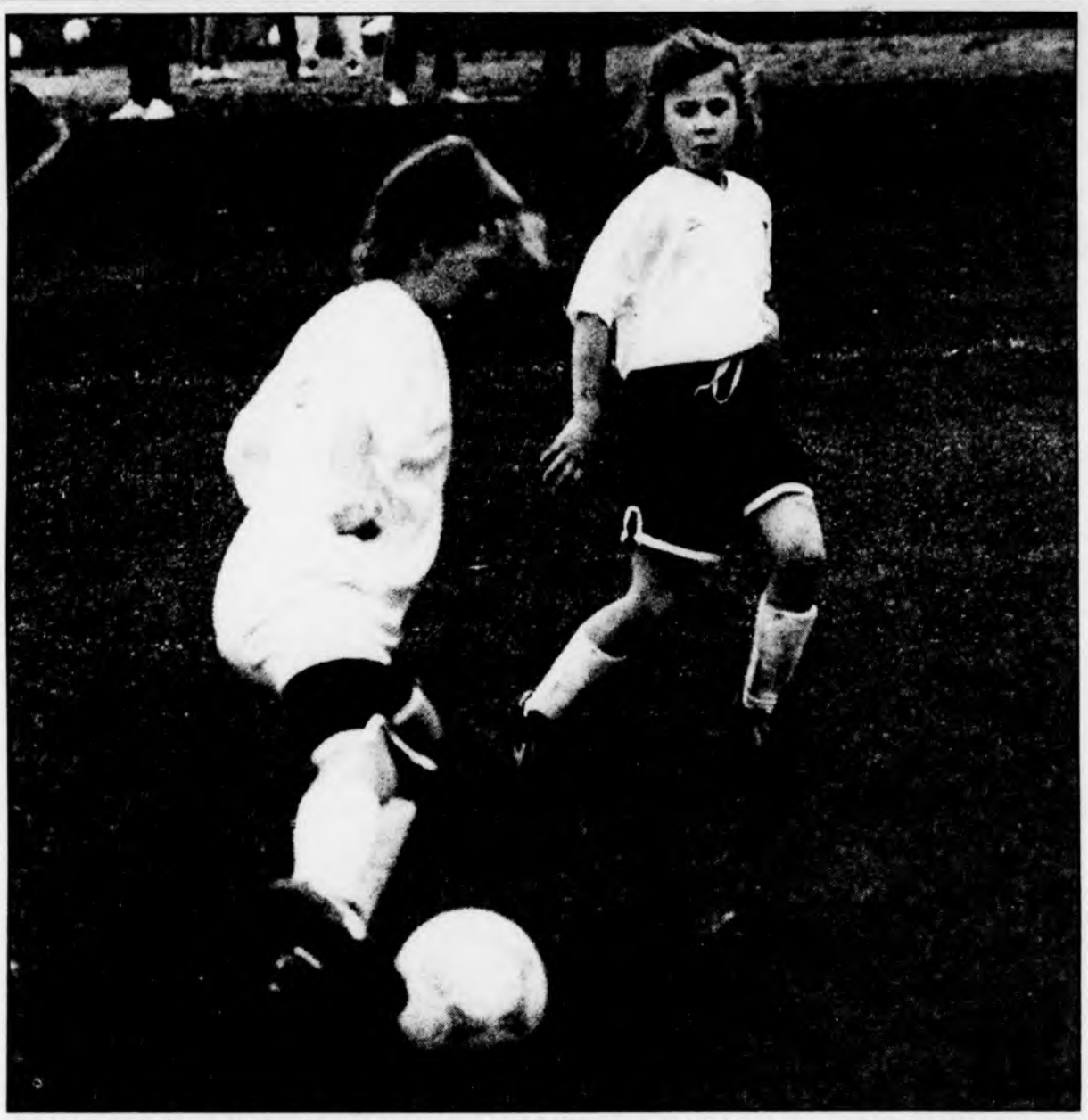
No, we're not talking about an indoor soccer battle between two U-16 teams, but a game between South Shore mothers who participate in the Soccer For Moms program at the South Shore Sports Center in Hingham.

Three mornings a week for the last five years, that hot demographic group known as Soccer Moms, have came down from the sidelines and onto the indoor field in Hingham to take part in the game of soccer. The program, which meets at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, is a way for moms, most of whom have never played organized soccer, to learn about the game in an active and fun atmosphere.

And while there are more than a few stand-out athletes in the bunch, the majority of the players have come away with a better appreciation for the game and more respect for the effort of their children.

"I won't be screaming from the sidelines anymore, that's for sure," said Quincy's Lisa Sullivan during a time-out at a recent game. "Soccer is a lot tougher when you're out on the field doing it for yourself. Now I know what all those kids are dealing with when they play. But I re-

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Samantha Lehr and Grace Steele work the ball up the field in recent Cohasset youth soccer action.

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The fee for the seminar is $125 ($105 ppd).

For further information on this special event, or on other classics in Tai Chi or Kung Fu for children or adults, please call Jade Forest at 383-6822. Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi/Internal Arts is located on Route 3A in Cohasset.

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Jade Forest opens Rockland location

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The Jade Forest academy offers classes in traditional Kung Fu for peewees, kids, juniors, and adults, as well as adult classes in the ancient Chinese art of Tai Chi.

The Jade Forest will be open Monday through Saturday; morning, evening and weekend classes are now in session.

For more information, call Sifu Scott Jeffery at 871-9062, or stop by the Jade Forest Academy.

Skippers fall in second straight shutout

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Nonetheless, Hurley showed poise, standing in the pocket until the last minute to throw the ball. Cohasset's offensive line also did a good job, particularly run blocking on the muddy field at White Stadium.

The fact remains, though, that the Skippers lost the game and lost Buick with a separated shoulder. This Friday, they host undefeated Norwell at Alumni Field, Friday night.

The underdog Skippers, now 1-7, will try to play spoiler to Norwell's Super Bowl bid.



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Sports Briefs

High school hockey training clinic

The Rockland Rink will hold the ninth annual clinic beginning November 17. The purpose is to offer high school hockey players the opportunity to get in shape for the high school season.

The guest instructors will include Bob Sylvia, Quincy High School; Jim Sylvia, Hanover High School; Barry Parker, Rockland High School; Jack Crowley, Marshfield High School; and other area coaches.

The clinic is open to all area high school players (ages 14 to 18). The cost is $100 per player. Applications may be obtained at the Rockland rink. Applications will not be accepted by phone.

For additional information, call Fred Isleib at (781) 871-0547.

Learn to ski with Cohasset Recreation

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct Blue Hills Ski Lesson Registration on Thursday, Nov. 20 at the recreation office, Cohasset Town Hall, between the hours of 2:30-3:30 p.m. and again in the evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Registration forms must be signed by a parent or guardian for participation in this 5-week program. Beginner through advanced level instruction is available for children and youth, ages 7 and older.

Lessons are scheduled to begin on Thursday, Jan. 8, 1998 and meet for 5 consecutive weeks, through Thursday, Feb. 5. The bus will leave each week from Town Hall parking lot at 3 p.m. and return from Blue Hills at about 6:45 p.m.

The fee for the ski lessons and transportation for 5 weeks is $110 and checks should be made payable to: Town of Cohasset. Those participants who require equipment rentals may rent at Blue Hills and the cost for the 5-week rental package is $155 per person.

The rental fee can be included in the check for the program fee.

This is the 21st year that ski lessons at Blue Hills have been offered through the Cohasset Recreation Department and over the years hundreds of youngsters have had the opportunity to learn how to ski, or improve their technique.

Recreation basketball registrations

The Cohasset Recreation Department/Boosters Basketball registrations will be held for children in grades 1 thru 8 at Town Hall, on Saturday, November 15, from 9a.m. to 11 a.m.

The fee for the program is $30.00. Checks should be made payable to: Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, (CBBC), and the shirt charge is included in the fee.

Details on the Basketball Program will be available at registration. Games are played on Saturday's, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid conflicts.

The Recreational Basketball Program is made available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the recreation department, providing youngsters with a teaching and recreational opportunity.

Junior lacrosse program looking for a few good coaches

Thanks to phenomenal growth in popularity and interest, the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse Club is in need of additional coaches for the Spring 1998 season. No lacrosse experience is necessary.

The reason the team can take coaches without experience is the structure of its league, the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse Association, the largest youth league in the country. The league allows communities to have more than one entry, and then allows multiple teams to be scheduled so that they always play in the same place — either home or away together — on the same day.

"We have grown to the point where there is a good chance we will want to field two teams this year," said Chuck Jaffe, who runs the junior program in Cohasset. "If we get volunteers with no experience, I can act as head coach for both teams. If we get someone with lacrosse experience, we each can coach one team. We need a helping hand more than we need an experienced hand."

Jaffe explains that the biggest need is for a coach to assist during practices, when the only way to install an offense or defense is in small groups of players. "The rest of the kids should be doing drills or installing the same offense at the other end of the field, but that's not possible without a second or possibly a third coach," he says.

Last year, the Cohasset junior lacrosse team had 30 players, a high number within the Mass Bay youth teams. This year, thanks to a successful summer camp and increased awareness and interest, Jaffe expects closer to 40 children in grades 5 and 6 to sign up. Without at least one additional coach, Jaffe says he might have no choice but to limit the program to a single team of 30 players signed up on a first-come, first-served basis.

With sign-up set for December and the league needing notification of Cohasset's intention to field a second team by January, the program needs to hear from volunteers now. The Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League also holds a winter coaches clinic that volunteers may want to attend.

For this spring, Jaffe plans to practice the junior lacrosse program at or after 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Games are Sunday afternoons. Practice begins as weather permits in march, and the season ends Father's Day weekend in June.

For more information on the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program and becoming a volunteer coach, contact Jaffe at 383-9858 or Terry Kahn at 383-0332.

New Year's sports festival jamboree

The South Shore Sports Center will hold it's first New Year's Sports Festival Jamboree the week of Monday, Dec. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. on Rinks 2 and 3.

The Jamboree is a multi sport camp and tournament with skills competitions, games and clinics. Sports include baseball, basketball, flag football, hockey (street/roller), kickball, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball.

The program will be directed by Ted Carroll. Ted has been at the Sports Center since 1985 serving as both the director of basketball and hockey programs.

He has an extensive background in recreation, working with the Cohasset Recreation Department since 1982 and the Hingham Recreation Department since 1994.

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The jamboree is limited to the first 40 boys or girls aged 9 through 12 registered. The program fee is $95. Application and a $30 deposit is required by Monday, Dec. 15.

Once registered, an information sheet and more specific details will be mailed out to parents prior to the program. Individual equipment for some sports will be required.

Registration open for winter games

Registration is now open for the 1998 Bay State Winter games.

The games offer competition in figure skating, masters ice hockey, youth ice hockey (new), alpine skiing, cross country skiing and snowboarding. Entry books are available at Massachusetts figure skating clubs, ice skating rinks, high school athletic departments, town recreation departments, ski areas and many sporting goods and ski shops across the state. Search www.baystategames.com or call (781) 391-1196 for more information.

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Shea enjoying the chance of a lifetime

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Dave Shea, the new play-by-play announcer for the Boston Bruins on TV-UPN Channel 38, has a ready made audience in Pembroke, Marshfield and Duxbury, for starters.

The 46-year-old play-caller was raised in Duxbury, currently lives in Pembroke and has a son, Brendan, who is a co-captain on the Marshfield High School football team.

Brendan also has a younger sister, Jillian, who attends Marshfield High School. Both youngsters are from Dave's previous marriage.

Shea currently lives in Pembroke, with his wife, Pamela, and their three children, Chris, 9, Tim and the youngest, Dan, 2.

Dave and Pam celebrated their 10th anniversary Aug. 15, the same day it was announced that Dave would be the new Bruins play-by-play announcer, replacing the venerable Fred Cusick.

When it comes to Cusick, "replace" is really not the right word to use.

"You don't replace a Cusick, you just succeed him in that position," said Shea. "You just don't replace people like Cusick, Bob Wilson, Johnny Most, Curt Gowdy and all the other announcing greats. You just try to be the best that you can."

As for his new job, the former three-sport captain at Duxbury High stated, "There's no denying this is a plum job. I only wish I could have got to this point a little easier than I did."

Shea, who in the past worked the booth with Cusick and former Bruins star Derek Sanderson, was surprisingly passed over for the lead announcing job on NESN a few years ago in favor of sports radio personality Dale Arnold.

Shea graduated Duxbury High in 1969, and got his first radio announcing job in 1974 on WCSS in Amsterdam, N.Y. He would do play-by-play announcing of high school games, but there was a catch. He also had to be a disc jockey six nights a week.

"I abhorred that disc jockey job," said Shea. "However, I did get to do sports, and it gave me a chance to develop a style."

Shea returned to Boston in August of 1975, where he continued to gain experience in announcing games.

Said Shea, "My real break came in the late '70s. The Bruins were heading to Atlanta to play the Flames. At that time, Johnny Pierson was Cusick's TV color commentator. Johnny had to be in Montreal to attend a funeral and Cusick's throat was a little sore. I was asked if I would like to assist Cusick and let me tell you, I gave it a lot of thought.

"I didn't want to go on and embarrass myself," Shea remembered. "Finally, I decided to do it, since it was March and the game was in Atlanta and it didn't mean anything. What I didn't figure on was that would be the day Bruins general manager Harry Sinden would fire the head coach Fred Creighton, and Sinden would take over the coaching duties.

"Now, instead of having just a ho-hum game, we had a major game, since folks back home would want to see just what Sinden could do with the team. I guess I did OK."

He continued, "It was in 1982 that I began to fill in for Pierson on a more permanent basis. Johnny had a furniture business and was devoting more time to it. Now, I played three sports, football, baseball and basketball. I had to take some crash courses on the sport of hockey to know what I was talking about."

By 1985, Pierson was spending more time with his company, so he gave up the color job, and Channel 38 needed someone new. Enter Shea.

"I really didn't want to do color. I was told it would only be a couple of years until Fred retired, but no one told Fred that." said Shea. "Derek Sanderson came upon the scene and became the color man, and I joined NESN as the third man in the booth.

"I got plenty of work doing college hockey and Harvard football, along with a number of other sports, while waiting for this big opportunity to come."

Shea will now be doing the play-by-play, while another South Shore resident, Andy Brickley of Hingham, will be doing the color.

As for the Bruins themselves, Shea sees a great season coming up. "We have a new look in the booth, and the team itself has a new look with so many rookies joining the team.

"The timing is perfect. The team is going through a face lift and through a new era, such as the Orr era and the Bourque era. Now the Bruins have Joe Thornton plus a number of other great looking prospects.

"I think this team will make the playoffs. It's fast, skilled and has a great defensive attitude."

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Basketball program needs your help

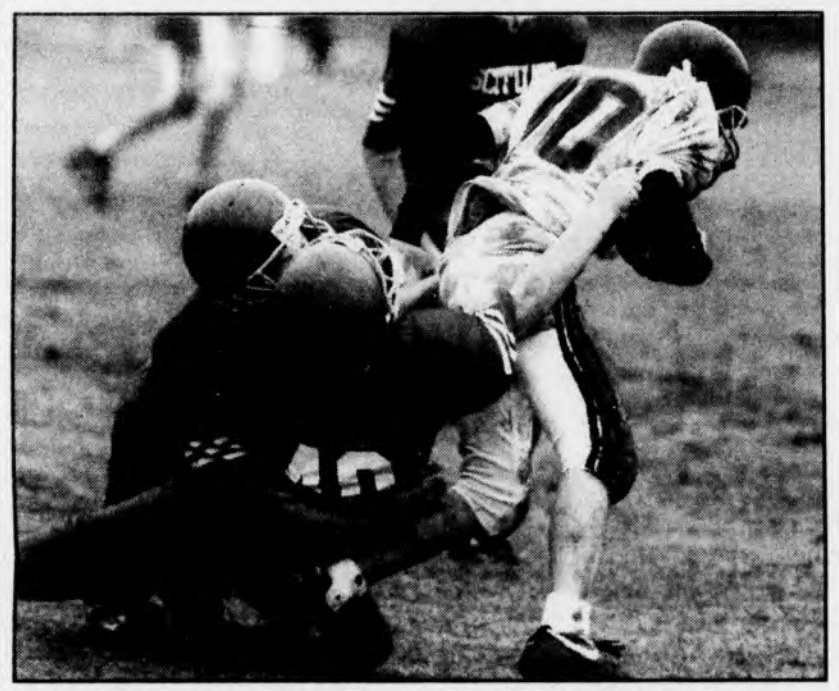
The Winter Recreational Basketball Program is in desperate need of a Division Coordinator for the grades 4-6 Basketball program held Saturdays at Cohasset High School.

Roy Davis has directed and coordinated this program during the past 5 years, but no longer has the available time. Roy has indicated that he will work with the new coordinator(s) this year.

Bill Grimm will continue to coordinate the grades 1-3 program at Deer Hill School as he has volunteered to do during the past 4 years.

Interested parents should call Jack Worley at Cohasset Recreation Department, 383-6791, right away. Basketball registration for boys and girls grades 1-8, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Town Hall.

The Recreation Commission and Basketball Boosters Club are indebted to Roy Davis for the tremendous job he has done during the past 5 years with the Basketball Programs.



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Soccer for moms takes off in big way

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ally enjoy getting out here. It's great exercise and you make a lot of friends."

Sullivan, in her second year playing, was up early one Monday in Sept. with more than a dozen other women from all age ranges taking part in a spirited soccer game as their children cheered from the stands. (The Soccer for Moms program welcomes children to the games and there is ample space for them to safely watch their mothers rip it up on the field.)

"I have a blast out here," said Hanover's Nancy McAlister, who brought along her daughter Mary to a recent game. "This is a great facility and the games are pretty intense. I think people would be surprised with the quality of play."

Indeed the moms have quickly adapted to the fast-break, high-intensity, indoor game. And with the fast field, wooden boards and open space of the field in Hingham, the games are feature many goals, skillful passes and great positional defense.

The program is also a great way to make new friends. During warm-ups, after the game and during breaks in the action, teammates and opposing players show no hesitation in striking up conversations.

"The moms are pretty serious about their soccer," said Dave Pike, soccer director at the South Shore Sports Center. "They don't just kick the ball and run around. But it isn't a Gung-ho league where players are all over each other. There's enough space to move around and the moms are very creative with their passes and use the whole field."

Pike said the program began five years ago as a way for mothers to stay in shape.

"Some women approached me about using the field a couple times a week because they were getting tired of aerobics at their gym," he said. "And it just took off from there. Soccer is a great way to get some exercise and because of the team aspect, there's more social interaction than going to the gym and working out with your headphones on."

There are no sign-ups for the program. Simply show up at the allotted time, bring $3 and you're in. This relaxed registration approach is appreciated by the mothers. Many have jobs or young kids in school and can't make a long-term, financial commitment to a health club because their time is so short.

"Mothers are so busy these days and having an informal program like this is the right way to go," Pike said. "You simply show up when you can make it. And no matter how many end up here, there's always enough for a game."

The South Shore Sports Center, located on Route 53, has been in operation for 15 years and is one of the oldest and most popular indoor sports facilities in Eastern Mass. The facility used to be the Old Colony Tennis club before it converted into an indoor soccer club. There are also two full-court basketball courts and an in-line skating rink at South Shore.

The 185' x 85' soccer field is used seven days a week, year-round and hosts more than 80 soccer games per week involving players from age five to 40-plus. Everyone from youth to club, elite, and adult leagues can be found working out at Hingham. There are also numerous camps and clinics. The Soccer for Moms program is one of the more popular offered at the facility.

The Hingham facility has grown in popularity along with the game of soccer over the last decade.

"Being in the northeast and with the weather-factor, there is really a need for a place like this," Pike said. "There just aren't a lot of town fields to play on when the weather gets bad and soccer is a year-round sport these days. We're just here to fill a need."

> ***"Some women approached me about using the field a couple times a week because they were getting tired of aerobics at their gym."***
> DAVE PIKE

Pike said indoor soccer is more fast-paced than the outdoor game.

"With the boards and the smaller field, there is more scoring and offense," he said. "You don't have throw-ins and corner kicks, you just keep playing and that helps you with developing your skill level."

While Hingham's indoor soccer facility has been operational for the last 15 years, the Bridgewater Sports Dome has been in business the last four years.

Under the name of the John Smith Soccer Center, the facility, located on Route 28 near Bridgewater State College, offers two full-size indoor soccer facilities.

There is also a full-sized little league field, a softball field, a volleyball court and several basketball courts. More than 100 games are played each week in Bridgewater with 2,000-plus players ages five to plus-40. Like Hingham, there are various leagues, select teams, camps, clinics and adult leagues. The dome is open seven days per week.

"Soccer is the main draw of our facility and business has gone really well," said Bridgewater soccer director Peter DeFusco. "We have a lot of people of all ages coming in and out of here. But we have really seen the growth in the youth leagues. More kids play the game than they did even five years ago."

DeFusco, who is the varsity boys soccer coach of Durfee High, agreed that soccer is now a year-round sport in New England.

"We're full capacity pretty-much the whole year," he said. "And when kids are playing year-round, they are developing better decision making and more soccer skills."

While the facilities in Hingham and Bridgewater are the anchors of indoor soccer in southeastern Mass., The Plymouth Sports Dome, an inflatable bubble facility, is in the process of opening on Natale Way. Its outdoor facilities, which include numerous soccer fields has been operational for the past year.

The 300' by 180' domed field will have a 50' high, inflated bubble roof, as well as artificial turf and boards.

Facility director, Jeff Doyle, is hoping to have the bubble in place by the middle of September.

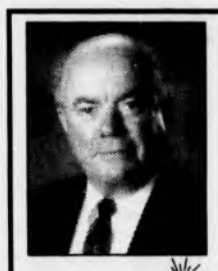
"There is a definite market for a facility like this in Plymouth," Doyle said. "Hingham and Bridgewater have been around for a while, but the Plymouth area and the Cape have a great interest in soccer as well and we're hoping our facility will really take off."

Doyle knows a little something about soccer. He was a member of the '88 Silver Lake Division I state champion soccer team before winning an NCAA title at New Hampshire College and going on to play for the Cape Cod Crusaders, a third-division professional soccer team based in the Dennis-Yarmouth area, for the last two years.

"The more soccer you play, the better you become," Doyle said. "And the days of playing only three or four months in a year are over. Soccer is extremely popular, especially with the young players, and having a dome nearby will allow them to play even more. We wouldn't have gone into this if we didn't think there was a need."

The Plymouth dome will offer its space to players of all ages. In fact, they welcomed members of the New England Revolution for a free clinic on Sept. 13 to introduce more people to their operation.

"We're very excited about opening our dome," Doyle said. "Having more places for kids to play will only help the game keep growing."



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By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Passing through Cohasset, the town's pristine village scenery catches the eye. Through his camera's lens, Scituate photographer Len Rubenstein has captured the classic beauty of the First Parish Meeting House on the town common and the estuary at low tide - both of which appear in his new book, "The Most Beautiful Villages in New England."

"Cohasset is easily as pretty as any of the other towns in the book," Rubenstein said at his Ocean Avenue studio.

Rubenstein will speak about his new book - which has been released worldwide - and present a travelogue slide show during a book signing at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset tonight, Nov. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m.

A commercial photographer specializing in environmental portraits for several corporations' annual reports, Rubenstein photographed the 25 New England villages in the book off and on for the past three years. Cohasset, which Rubenstein added to the publisher's list of towns, joins some of the most photogenic spots in Massachusetts - including Nantucket, Cuttyhunk, Lexington and Concord - as well as the other four New England states on more than 200 vivid color pages.

A native of the Bronx, Rubenstein has made his home for the past six years in the seaside village known as Minot. He had also wanted to include Minot in the new book, but the publisher had already selected the villages that would be featured in the book and could not add another on top of Cohasset.

"No matter where I traveled, I couldn't wait to get back here," he said. "Minot is a gem."

Out shooting photographs for about 200 days a year, Rubenstein's profession has enabled him to travel all over the world, where he has shot everything from open-heart surgery to Nobel Prize winners. During the month of October alone, Rubenstein worked in Italy, China, Japan and Sweden shooting photographs for annual reports.

"What I love is to get on a plane and go somewhere and be shooting something different every day," he said. "My job has allowed me to be in such amazing places."

Since he became a professional photographer about 20 years ago, Rubenstein's portfolio has grown to include such national and international clients as AEtna, Disney, Fidelity Investments, Fuji, Lotus, Merrill Lynch and Reebok. Rubenstein tries to balance his work between board rooms and the social work and health industries, he said.

But shooting photographs for a "coffee table book about towns and places" - the first one he's ever done - always appealed to him.

While out in the New England villages taking pictures for the book, Rubenstein encountered one obstacle: he had to stifle his inclination toward photographing people and focus more on the historic buildings and picturesque landscapes in each village.

"In most coffee table books about towns and places, people want to see what a place looks like with the people secondary," he said. "I'm not saying one way is wrong or right, but taking pictures of people is what I like."

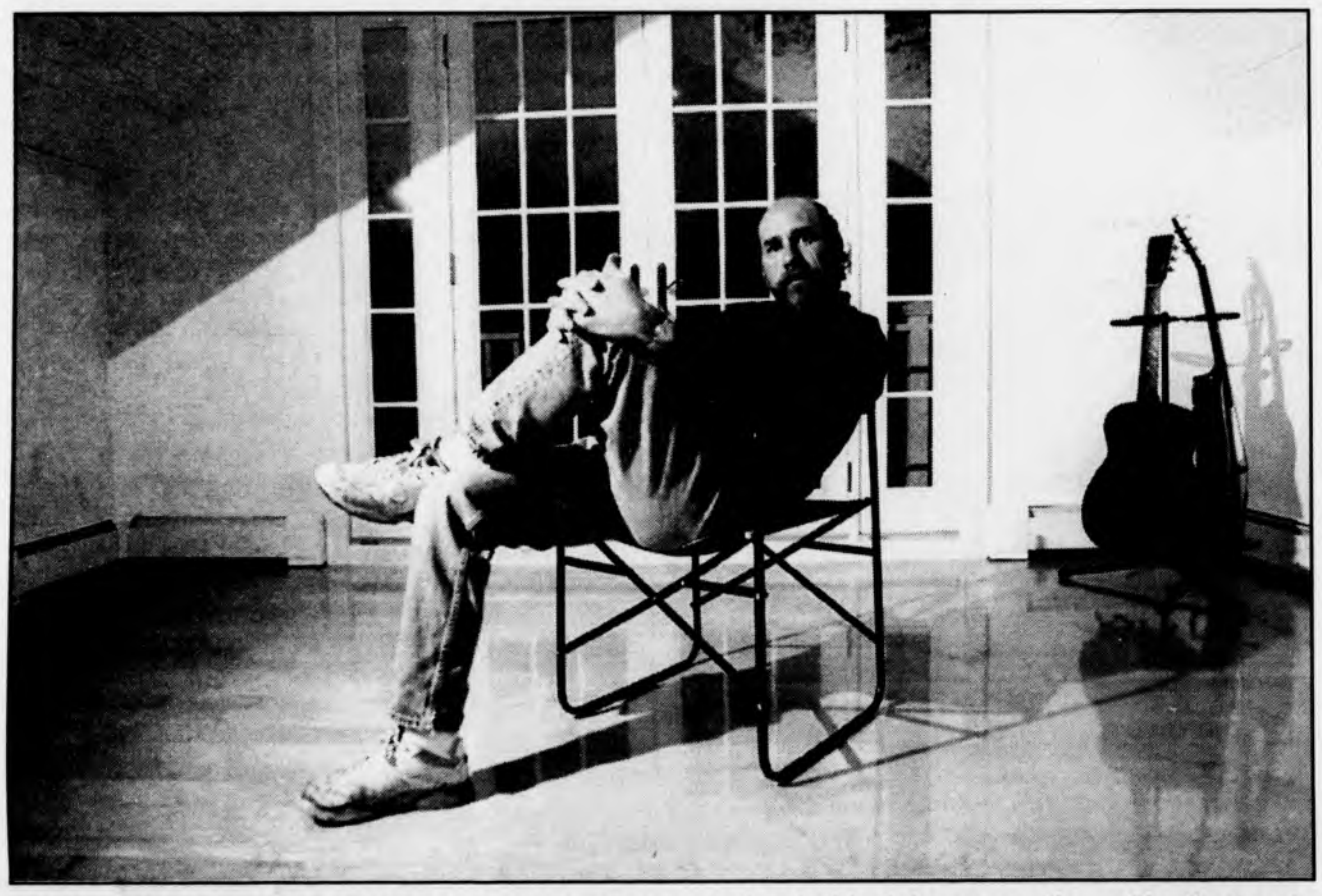
Rubenstein said he would rather photograph a baseball field with children playing a game than early morning mist rising from the trodden earth of the field.

"I'm looking for the pulse of a place or the people I meet," he explained.

Many of the photographs in "The Most Beautiful Villages in New England" feature townspeople in their natural environments, including a full-page spread of Cohasset people in the "Patriotic Festivals" section of the book. Cohasset also graces both the front and back covers of the book.

"Cohasset really got in here. They're all over the place," he noted. "I think the book came out really nice."

Although his business - which he started on his own nine years ago - keeps him occupied most of the year, Rubenstein has also been published in a series of children's science education books called "Real Kids, Real Science Books."



Local photographer Len Rubenstein, shown here relaxing in his Scituate studio, will talk about his new book, "The Most Beautiful Villages in New England," at a book signing tonight at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Kelly exhibit opens at library

Award-winning South Shore artist Brooks Kelly currently has on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library a selection of his paintings, in cooperation with the South Shore Art Center.

A native of this area, Kelly was educated in Plymouth and Barnstable public schools. He attended Carnegie Institute of Technology, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design. Prior to joining the Plymouth County Development Council as executive director, he was employed by a Boston-based advertising firm, where his account responsibilities included Pan American World Airways, Sheraton and the Economic Development Administration of Puerto Rico. He has served as president of the Pembroke Arts Festival, president of the Pembroke Historical Society and in 1996, was named Pembroke Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year."

Kelly is an exhibiting artist with gallery affiliations in Boston, the South Shore and Cape Cod. He has won awards for his paintings from the Cape Cod Art Association, the Copley Society of Boston, Scituate Arts Festival, South Shore Arts Festival, Plymouth Outdoor Art Show and the Norwell Art Association. His exhibit of acrylic paintings at the Cohasset Library will continue through Dec. 31. All of the artwork is for sale.

10th Annual Chamber community auction

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is planning its largest fundraiser of the year, the 10th Annual Community Auction and Dinner. Last year the chamber donated more than $3,000 to the Appalachian Service Project, the VFW, and the Harborfest Committee. With the generous support of the Cohasset community, the chamber hopes to do even better this year.

The auction will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at the South Shore Community Center. The evening will begin with a free, down-home, foot-long franks 'n beans dinner, from 6 to 7 p.m., with the auction beginning at 7 and running till 10 p.m.

Don't miss this great opportunity to get a jump on holiday shopping by receiving some great deals on the many goods and services which are auctioned as a result of the generous contributions of the Cohasset business community. For more information or to donate items to the auction, call the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at 383-1010.

Dramatic club Christmas party

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents the "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!" by Barbara Robinson, Nov. 29 through Dec. 13, at the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium. Performances are as follows: 2 p.m. matinees, Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 7, 13 and 14; 7 p.m. evening performances, Nov. 29, Dec. 5, 6 and 13.

Tickets are $7 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lorraine Veneziano at 545-6229.

Folk art craft fair

Winterfest '97, the Hingham Historical Society's sixth annual exhibition and sale of American folk art and traditional crafts, will be held this year Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St. (Route 228), Hingham. The show will feature 50 artisans from seven states who will offer for sale a wide and diverse range of hand-crafted work, including primitive paintings, tinware, Windsor chairs, yellowware, 18th- and 19th-century reproduction country furniture, Santas, woodcarvings, whirligigs and rag rugs. More than half of the exhibitors at Winterfest '97 have been selected by Early American Homes for their annual Directory of the 200 Best Traditional Craftsmen. Many of the artisans have had their work featured in the magazine as well as in other national publications including Country Living, Country Home and Colonial Homes. This show is a wonderful opportunity to purchase unique, museum-quality pieces from some of the country's best craftspeople. Admission to Winterfest '97 is $4, all proceeds going to support the ongoing projects of the Hingham Historical Society. Luncheon and refreshments will be available, catered by Dagwoods of Hingham Harbor.

Fairy tale narrated

"A Children's Nutcracker" will be narrated and performed by the duo piano team of Elizabeth and Lydia Reed, Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. at the James Library Center for the Arts in Norwell. They will perform the recently revived musical setting of the popular fairy tale composed by Carl Reinecke 30 years before the Tchaikovsky ballet. Donation is $5 for children, $10 for adults. Call (781) 659-7100 for reservations, 24 West St.

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First Parish also will repeat its traditional Jumble Sale and Swedish Coffee Shop in the Unitarian Parish House on the Common. Jumble Sale treasures include household items, furniture, jewelry, toys, books and more. The Swedish Coffee Shop will feature freshly baked cinnamon buns, by Sine Pounder of Cohasset's The Bread Shop fame, and coffee.

METCO holiday wreath sale

The Cohasset METCO committee is selling balsam holiday wreaths as a fund-raiser this year. The wreaths are double-faced and are standard door size (22"). The wreaths will be supplied by growers who furnish fashionable nurseries, yet will cost only $10 each.

The holiday wreaths will be preordered. The order deadline is Monday, Nov. 24. All order forms and checks should be returned to the secretaries of Osgood and Deer Hill Schools or the METCO coordinator Yvonne Jones at Cohasset High School. The wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Cohasset High School gym on Saturday, Dec. 6, (the first day of recreation basketball) from noon to 4 p.m. Decorative handmade bows will be available for the customer's convenience on that day as well.

Last year's first annual wreath sale made more than $1,500 which funded the METCO scholarship for graduating seniors. The Cohasset METCO committee and the participating Boston families thank you for your support of the METCO program which provides such positive results for all of us in the community.

Please call METCO PSO representatives Connie Afshar, 383-6006, or Jean Hajjar, 383-9917, for further information.

Festival clambake supports carousel

Winter may be around the corner but it was summer all over again Sunday night at the Paragon Carousel. Almost 200 guests tasted clam chowder, lobster bisque and shrimp as they took one last spin on the Carousel. After listening to familiar tunes from the home-grown singing group "Boat to Boston" the revelers crossed the street to feast on a lobster clambake at Jake's Seafood Restaurant.

Susan Jaffe, chairman of the Clambake Committee remarked: "The Carousel proved to be a wonderful place for a cocktail party. At one point in the evening, all 66 horses and both chariots were filled with guests enjoying one last go 'round." Jaffe was assisted by committee members, Andrea Kinnealey and Mal McCunney of Cohasset, Robin Pellesier of Hingham and Linda Berkeley of Hull.

The highlight of the evening was the drawing for the raffle of a Caribbean cruise for two donated by Princess Cruises, Lido Travel of Cohasset and Midway Airlines. The very happy winner was Blake Haskell, newly arrived in Hull and newly married.

All proceeds from the dinner and raffle will go to continue the effort to keep the Carousel in Hull.

CHS class of '68 reunion

The Cohasset High School Class of 1968 is planning a 30th class reunion. The date is set for August 15, 1998 to be held in Cohasset.

The first organizational meeting was recently held at the home of Tina Watson. In attendance were Tom Keating, Ann (Nonnan) Bunstein, Dr. Dan Sullivan, Dr. Bob Williams and Catherine (Cathy) Davis. The next meeting is open to anyone in the class of 1968 interested in contributing ideas and/or addresses of classmates. The meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. at the home of Cathy Davis, 52 Linden Drive. Please call Cathy at 383-2570 or Tina at 383-6205 for more information.



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MAY I PRESENT



Sallyann Chatterton

The holidays are rapidly approaching, it seems as if there isn't enough time to do half of the things that need doing. Some things can be put on hold or temporarily forgotten, but appetites aren't one of those things. Today I thought that I would share with you a couple of ideas for "holding them over" while the late dinner is being prepared. Actually, some prefer these to an actual meal, and they can be made ahead

The first idea is for stuffed mushrooms, and I write this for two special gals who "love 'em", Tricia and Rose!

BAKED STUFFED MUSHROOMS

1 1/2 pounds fresh mushrooms
1 can (6 1/2 ounces) crab meat, drained
dry homemade bread crumbs
1 stick butter
2 tablespoons chopped onion

Wipe mushrooms. Remove stems and chop finely; melt butter in pan, then add the mushroom stems, crab meat and onion. SautÈ until mushroom stems are soft, about ten minutes, then add the bread crumbs until you get the desired consistency for stuffing. Fill mushrooms; place in greased pan or cookie sheet, bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes (til mushrooms are hot and cooked, still firm.

* Deviled ham or minced clams may be used instead of the crab meat if desired.

Here is another quick and easy "pick-me-up" crab meat canapÈs. They are easy to make, a "do-ahead dream", and everyone gobbles them up (timely saying, isn't it)!

CRAB MEAT CANAP...S

1 jar Old English Cheese
1 teaspoon Lawry's salt
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 stick butter, softened
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
1 can crab meat, drained
3 English muffins

Mix cheese, salt, garlic powder, butter and mayonnaise. Fold in crab meat, spread on 6 English muffin halves. Place on a cookie sheet and cover with foil or plastic wrap. Freeze. When ready to use, cut each muffin into quarters while frozen, place under broiler until bubbly and brown.

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Carriage House Nursery School open house

The Carriage House Nursery School will hold its annual open house at Buttonwood Books, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset, Thursday, Nov. 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the open house go to support the Carriage House Nursery School's educational programs for children ages 3 to 5.

Come in and enjoy some refreshments, and browse through the toys and books. What a great way to get a jump on your holiday shopping.

If you have any questions, call Lillian Curley at 383-0695.

Coupon book fund-raiser

The Cohasset Teen Center will be selling the Entertainment '98 Book once again as a fund-raiser for programs at the center. The card and coupons provide the buyer with opportunities to enjoy two-for-one dinners at many outstanding South Shore and Boston restaurants. Kimball's, Sandcastles, Inn for All Seasons, The Red Parrot, and Michael's Waterfront are just a few of the excellent choices. There are discounts for fast food restaurants, movie theaters, dry cleaning and airline tickets. If you would be interested in purchasing an Entertainment '98 Book to support the Teen Center, please call Betsy Connolly at 383-1248.

ASP can help you celebrate

The holiday season is fast upon us. The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project can help lighten your load! For Thanksgiving, they're once again selling pies (pecan, apple and pumpkin) and breads (cranberry and pumpkin). Watch the mail for a town-wide mailing which will include order forms.

For Christmas, there are three wonderful possibilities:

First, included in the town-wide mailing will also be the ASP-1998 stock forms where individuals can buy "stock" in their home repair work-camp trip early next summer. Purchasing stock will carry several "benefits" and would make a wonderful Christmas/Hanukkah gift for that loved one "who has everything."

Secondly, they will again sponsor Santa's visit to the Common at the Village Fair Saturday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Also, back will be the "Secret Room," (first floor, St. Stephen's Church), open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., where children can "secretly" purchase and wrap inexpensive gift items for their parents with one-on-one assistance from teenage volunteers. And then, the third option will be the annual Chamber auction that same evening, Dec. 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m., with a special free dinner. Cohasset ASP is one of three beneficiaries of this timely event (Harborfest and VFW).

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Year-end tax preparation

By Amy K. Barrett
Worth Magazine

'Tis the season to plan for your 1997 tax return. Of course, you can wait until the April 15 deadline, or even extend the process to October 1998, before actually filing your tax return. But certain steps need to be taken before the end of this year if they are to help

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

lower your taxable income for 1997.

After all, the government gives you opportunities—deductions and credits to help trim your taxable income. So why not make sure to plan ahead and take advantage of them?

Capital gains and losses, retirement plans like a Keogh account, and even medical expenses need to be realized, or made, before the end of the year if they are going to count toward this year's returns. But this is not simply an annual wake-up call for taxpayers. New changes in tax laws this year may mean that it's time to revise any year-end tax strategies you already have.

Here are a few tips that accountants Eric Lawrence of Gelman, Rosenberg and Freedman; Ron Shalhoub of Shalhoub & Shalhoub and lawyer Norman Gold offer for year-end planning:

CAPITAL GAINS. The biggest impact of this year's tax law changes under the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 may be for capital gains. Every year taxpayers who invest in securities such as stocks and bonds have to decide whether they should sell securities at a loss to offset the taxes they will have to pay on securities they sold for a profit.

But because the capital gains rates have changed, you should make sure that you are balancing capital gains and losses wisely, says Norman Gold, the tax lawyer in New York. The question may not be which losses to take, but which profits to enjoy.

If, for example, you sold shares at a loss this year, it might not be a smart choice to sell profitable shares you have owned for a long time. From a tax point of view, this wouldn't make the best combination for offsetting gains and losses on your tax return. You lose out on potential savings.

Why? Congress has made it more appealing to hold on to securities for a long period of time. This year, capital gains rates are three-tiered, with rates increasing as the length of time you hold the securities decreases.

Here is the breakdown: Any profitable investments sold after May 6, 1997 and before July 29, 1997 will be taxed at 20 percent (provided they were held for 12 months), instead of the previous top rate of 28 percent. Investments sold after July 29 must have been held for at least 18 months to enjoy the reduced rate.

On the other hand, if you sell after July 29, and you have owned the securities for more than a year but less than 18 months, you are taxed at the old 28 percent rate. And, as usual, any gains realized in less than a year are taxed as income.

The name of the game at the end of the year is to use investment losses to offset your highest taxes. Under tax rules, investors can reduce the amount they owe in taxes by offsetting their most highly taxed capital gains with any net losses incurred in that year. And, what's more, if they do not realize any investment profits, they can deduct as much as $3,000 in losses against their taxable income (salary, dividend payments, etc.), which is usually taxed at a much higher rate than capital gains.

If your income tax is above the capital gains rate (as most investors' are) you would get the biggest tax benefit by deducting the loss from the income versus the capital gains.

DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSES. It is time to tally them up, because if your expenses are short of the minimum required for deduction, you may be able to remedy that by the end of the year.

Certain unreimbursed business expenses, such as the costs of job hunting, publications, union and professional dues, plus tax preparation costs can only be deducted if their totals account for a certain percentage of your income. Medical expenses, for example, must account for 7.5 percent of what you have earned, while the other business and tax costs fall under the miscellaneous category and must total 2 percent of your income.

If you figure that you may not hit the percentage mark, Eric Lawrence, an accountant in Maryland, suggests you pre-pay during this year for services and products that you know you will use next year. Sure, that will chip away at next year's miscellaneous expenses but, as Gold points out, "it's better to lose one year of deductions than both."

SELF-EMPLOYMENT. Being your own boss may give you the autonomy that you want, but it comes with the price tag of added responsibility. Take your retirement plan. Self-employed people can set up their own retirement accounts — SIMPLEs, SEPs, and Keoghs, which function as substitutes for the corporate 401(k). But they must be set up before the end of the year in order for the user to deduct her contribution.

With a Keogh plan, for example, if you open an account with a small amount of money by the end of the year, you can continue to add money to the account up until the time you file your tax returns next year, says Gold. That means if you delay filing your taxes until October 1998 you can continue to add money that will count toward your 1997 yearly limit.

In fact, Gold encourages everyone, not just the self-employed, to contribute up to the yearly limit for retirement accounts.

Another tip for the self-employed: Pay your estimated state and local taxes before the end of the year. The Internal Revenue Service's deadline for the payment is not until January 15, but if you wait until then you will not be able to deduct the taxes from your federal income tax returns.

Planning for your taxes often simply requires thinking ahead. The best thing to do is to get an accurate picture of where you stand: Go through receipts to discover the amount of deductible expenses you have and put together an inventory of capital gains and losses.

It may take a little elbow grease, and perhaps a knowledgeable accountant to explain the sometimes confusing rules, but making it a New Year's resolution means you've waited too long.



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Progressive dinner kicks off year of CEF fund-raising

By Mary Sheppard Earon
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The Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF) held its first major fundraising event Saturday, Oct. [illegible], kicking off 1997-98 with a sold out progressive dinner and silent auction, benefiting the high school language lab, the New Laser Disk Instructional Assistance Technology and Equipment project, and Enrichment Programs at the Osgood, Deer Hill, and Cohasset High schools.

Hosting the successful Oct. 25 event to 200 ticket holders were CEF board members Michael Hurley and his wife, Victoria, of Border Street; Andrea Wade and her husband, Roger, of Nichols Road; and Midge Stone and her husband, Peter, of Black Horse Lane.

Although weather that day remained cold and rainy into the evening, it failed to dampen the spirits of enthusiastic dinner party goers who progressed from home to home in an efficiently managed school bus arranged for between the school superintendent's office and CEF. The crowd enjoyed a fun and palate-pleasing presentation of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, an elegant autumn dinner by candlelight, and a sumptuous array of desserts at the three Cohasset homes.

Tickets for the progressive dinner were sold by CEF board members as well as from a public invitation published consecutively in the Cohasset Mariner the two weeks prior to the event.

The CEF wishes to thank local businesses and individuals who kindly assisted in making this fundraising evening successful, including Jane Kyricos, Reed's Flowers, Hassan Signs, Polly Logan, Gary Ritts, Cohasset Plaza Liquors, Carol McManus of the Borrowed Butler, Steve Hart and his trusty band of bus drivers, Cohasset Lighthouse Keepers Corp., the Grateful Dads, Bill Trifone, Eileen Patterson, Robert and Sharon Moody, the American Seasons Caterers, and Jean Replogle.

The Cohasset Education Foundation, created in 1992, supports and promotes academic initiative and excellence in Cohasset public schools. The volunteer Board of Directors, which reflects the diversity of Cohasset, undertakes fundraising projects outside the tax-based annual school budget that enrich the public education programs and instruction.

An example of town schools' educational excellence was in the recent newsletter published by the Cohasset Schools Committee and mailed to town residents, reporting the 65 percent of Cohasset third graders who participated in the Iowa Testing Program who read at or above their grade level, the "National Norm" being 50 percent.

Cohasset school projects planned for the 1997-98 year include a multicultural Social Studies and Literature Program at the Joseph Osgood School and participation in "Voyage of the Spray," an Educational Circumnavigational Program for all schools.

Future Cohasset Education Foundation fundraising events scheduled in 1997-98 are the annual Winter Spelling Bee and International Trip Raffle, and a CEF Golf Tournament.

For information about the CEF or to make a donation, please call Michael Hurley, President of CEF, at 383-9509 or Andrea Wade, Treasurer of CEF, at 383-1375.



Peter Stone, Greg O'Brien and Bill Earon chat during the progressive dinner and silent auction sponsored by the Cohasset Education Foundation.

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Cohasset man charged with bilking senior citizen out of $28,000

By Alice C. Coyle
STAFF WRITER

A tip from a concerned family member of a 94-year-old Scituate woman led to the arrest of a Cohasset man charged with bilking the senior citizen out of more than $28,000.

Cohasset police arrested Edward M. Fitgerald, 49, of 135 Nichols Road Monday, on charges larceny of more than $250 from an elderly person. Fitzgerald was being held without bail and was due in Hingham District Court yesterday for a bail hearing, police said. The charge carries with it a 10-year state prison sentence, said Det. Sgt. W. Michael Stewart of the Scituate Police.

Stewart led the investigation of Fitzgerald who allegedly used his past relationship with one of the woman's deceased family members to talk her into giving him money. Stewart said a financial investigation showed that Fitzgerald used a whole host of false stories to talk the woman into giving him more than $28,000 over the last year, and police expect that figure to go up by the time the case is wrapped up.

Stewart said Fitzgerald, who has been renting a room in Cohasset for about three years, began soliciting money from the Scituate resident four years ago.

Stewart said Fitzgerald told the woman he was having some financial troubles and asked for tuition money for his son so he would not have to withdraw from Boston College High School. A call to the school confirmed that at no time was Fitzgerald's son enrolled at the private Catholic high school. Fitzgerald also allegedly told the woman that he had cancer and needed money to pay for radiation treatments. This too was false, Stewart said. Relocating his family from Ohio to Massachusetts was another reason Fitzgerald allegedly told the woman he needed money. According to Stewart, Fitzgerald never lived in Ohio.

Also involved in the on-going investigation is the state Department of Elder Affairs and the district attorney's office, Stewart said.

According to Stewart, there is no evidence that anyone else has been victimized by Fitzgerald.

"If anyone else has been, obviously we'd like them to come forward," Stewart said.

Police Log

Monday, Nov. 3

7:16 a.m., vandalism, S. Main St.
7:55 a.m., disturbance family, HQ.
11:45 a.m., general services, Pond St.
1:"14 p.m., medical aid, Stagecoach Way.
4:22 p.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.
4:47 p.m., general services, Beechwood St.
4:49 p.m., sex offenses, Elm St.
6:48 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:12 p.m. MV stop, Forest Ave.
9:19 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
9:40 p.m., MV stop, King St.
10:42 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:55 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:09 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
11:29 p.m., transport, Forest Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

12:54 a.m., general services, Beach St.
1:01 a.m., general services, Beach St.
1:25 a.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
1:45 a.m., suspicious auto, King St.
2:02 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.
6:05 a.m., noise complaint, Highland Ave.
6:26 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
6:51 a.m., vandalism, Norman Todd Ln.
7:40 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:37 a.m., larceny, Old Coach Rd.
9:45 a.m., general services, S. Main St.
9:48 a.m., transport, Sandy Beach to Scituate line.
11:38 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
11:41 a.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
12:05 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
12:42 p.m., general services, Hull St.
12:49 p.m., larceny, Old Coach Rd.
1L27 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
1:52 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
3:37 p.m., MV stop, King St.
4:30 p.m., property (lost), CJC Hwy.
4:46 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
6:16 p.m., officer wanted, Elm St.
7:03 p.m., medical aid, Hatherly Rd.
8:01 p.m., violation of restraining order, Hammond Ave.
9:18 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

4:38 a.m., assist other PD, Hull St.
6:37 a.m., MV theft, Sohier St.
7:00 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
7:20 a.m., investigation, S. Main St.
7:52 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
11:43 a.m., MV violations, 3A by Lower King St.
2:25 p.m., assist other agency, end of Parker Ave.
3:11 p.m., disturbance gathering, behind Curtis Liquor.
3:35 p.m., disturbance gathering, Cohasset Plaza parking lot.
4:10 p.m., fire, structure, Highland Ave.
5:46 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
Arrested: McKenna, Christopher J., 4 Otis Ave., Cohasset. DOB: 12/1/64. Charges: default warrant.
7:09 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:55 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:28 p.m., threats (bodily harm), N. Main St.
9:01 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

Thursday, Nov. 6

12:37 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
12:52 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
1:08 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.
6:44 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
7:01 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.
7:09 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
9:03 a.m., parking violation, area of 135 Hull St.
10:11 a.m., animal complaint, Howe Rd.
1:15 p.m., info, general, Police HQ.
3:45 p.m., info, general , N. Main St.
3:53 p.m., disturbance general, Town Hall parking lot.
4:54 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:09 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:26 p.m., warrant arrest, CJC Hwy. Arrested: Deveny, Gerard M., 95 Pleasant St., Cohasset. Charges: WMS warrant.
8:24 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
8:48 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:50 p.m., general services, Summer St.
9:17 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:30 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:53 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Friday, Nov. 7

1:45 a.m., disturbance, Elm St.
8:32 a.m., assist citizen, Elm St.
1:52 p.m., general services, Joy Pl.
3:04 p.m., officer wanted, HQ.
4:24 p.m., assist citizen, Pond St.
5:59 p.m., info, general, HQ.
7:54 p.m., burglary, B&E, Doane St.
9:0 p.m., assist citizen, Summer St.
10:51 p.m., officer wanted, Pine Ridge Rd.
Saturday, Nov. 8
8:20 a.m., annoying phone calls, Elm St.
10:37 a.m., assist motorist, 300 block of King St.
10:47 a.m., parking violation, the Square.
4:52 p.m., notification, Elm St.
5:35 p.m., violation restraining order, Hammond Ave.
8:12 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
9:12 p.m., fire, structure, Jerusalem Rd.

Sunday, Nov. 9

12:47 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
11:00 a.m., MV accident, King St.
2:11 p.m., notification, King St.
3:12 p.m., officer wanted, Summer St.
7:37 p.m., general services, Nichols Rd.

POLICE BRIEFS

Nineteen arrests in October

Cohasset police made 19 arrests last month. Charges included: one for possession of a Class B controlled substance; two for possession of Class D (marijuana); two for operating under the influence of alcohol; two for domestic assault and battery; two for causing an affray and disorderly; two for operating a motor vehicle after license revocation; four for minors transporting alcohol; and two for outstanding warrants. Two people were also taken into protective custody during October.

There were no incidents of breaking and entering reported.

The emergency dispatch center logged a total of 111 emergency 911 calls last month, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

Fall in-service training

Police Chief Brian Noonan said the department's fall in-service training program got underway in October and runs through May 1998. Each officer is required to spend one week a the Criminal Justice Training Center in Plymouth. Some of the training received involves recent changes in the law, Supreme Court decisions, handling domestic violence, and administering first aid and CPR.

Police grants are awarded

The state Executive Office of Public Safety awarded Cohasset police a $12,081 DARE grant last month which will be used for PALS (Police Assisting Local Schools), a joint drug resistance education program between Cohasset police and schools.

The EOPS also awarded Cohasset police $11,000 in a community policing grant which will be used to beef up bike patrols and institute marine patrols, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

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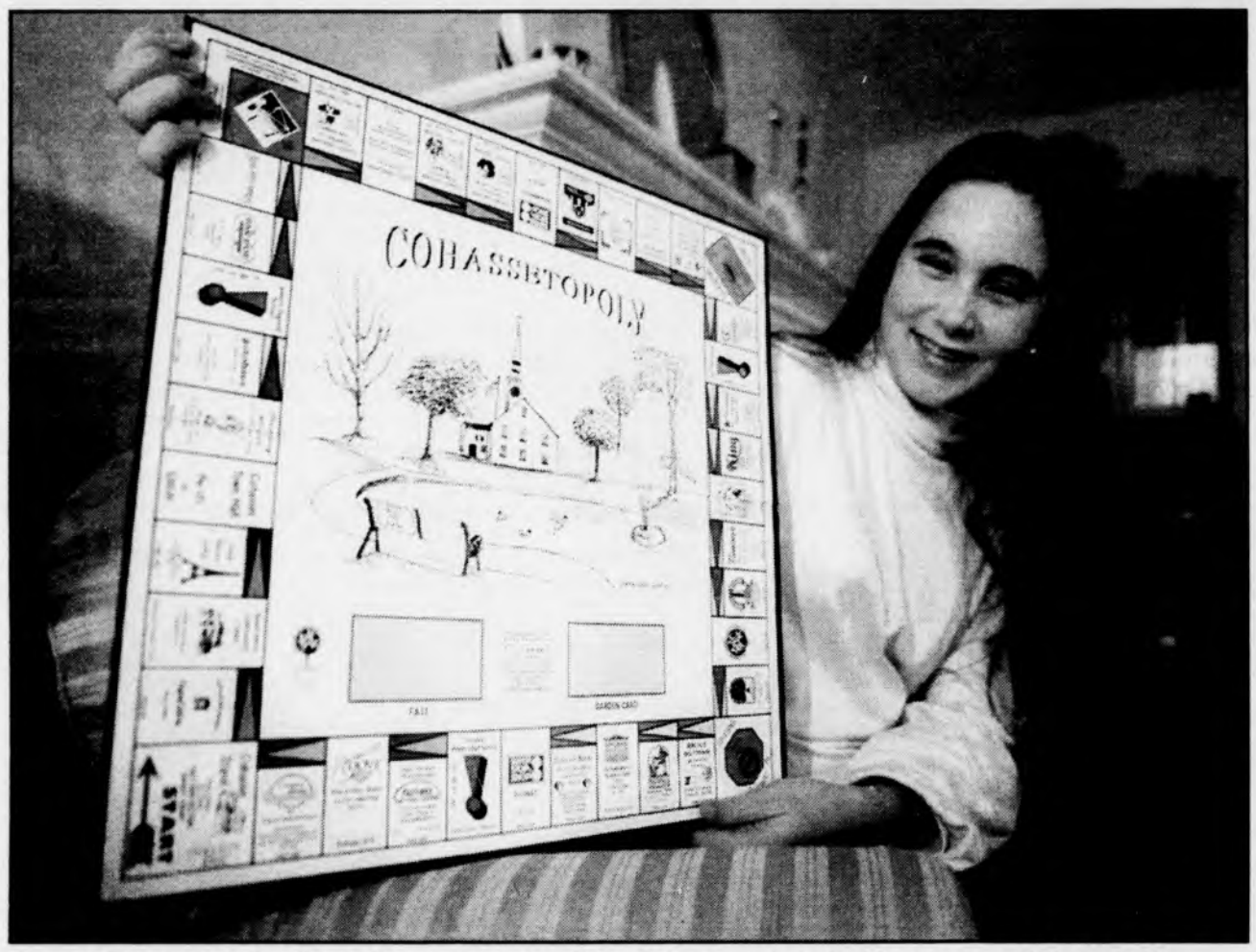
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Cohassetopoly puts local twist on popular board game

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER



Devon Coleman who drew the artwork used for Cohassetopoly holds up one of the popular new games.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

The game used to be all about building an empire of hotels on stylish avenues like Boardwalk and Park Place.

But things are different in Cohassetopoly. There are no flophouses on Baltic Avenue to avoid and no grim struggle to stay out of the poorhouse on the wrong side of the tracks. Moreover, instead of going to jail, players get court with representation from lawyer Richard Henderson.

Though it's a mouthful to say, the local version of the big board game has been well received here and gathered a small following during the first week it has been for sale.

For instance, Christine Lovallo had her game face on Tuesday morning when she was home from school for the Veteran's Day holiday.

Also an avid Monopoly player, the 10-year old was about to break out the dice and match wits against friends Lauren Strazzulla, 8, and sisters Brittany and Devon Coleman, 10 and 13, in a challenging match that could be decided in 10 minutes or could take "five days," the youngsters agreed. According to Lovallo, the rules are a bit different than in the Parker Brothers game which was based on the streets of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

But instead of streets, the Cohasset game board features businesses, and the object of the game is to buy stores and build a clientele, not pick up high-rent real estate and build hotels.

"I like buying the businesses," she said. "That's the only time you can own a store in this town."

For Lovallo, who likes dealing in pre-arranged trades when she plays with her brother, Cohassetopoly provides extra incentive for kids to play creatively and by their own rules. Lovallo particularly enjoys owning the toy store block, while her brother likes the baseball card store. (The two have an informal agreement not to obstruct the other's business plan once the game gets going.)

Though the whole experience was new for the Coleman sisters who do not play Monopoly either, nonetheless Devon was the artist whose graceful pen and ink of the Town Common illustrates the center of the game board.

Coleman, who worked with Maura Ditmar on the perspective, said the sketch went through several hundred copies before she was satisfied.

"The first thing we did was take pictures," Coleman said. "Then we cut them up and rearranged them so we could get everything in perspective."

Also, an Ann Pompeo photograph of a harbor-side garden of irises nd lavender which Community Garden Club'c hasset planted outside the L keeper's House is featured on ... cover of the box.

The outcome, according to Peggy Lovallo of the Commuity Garden Club, is a "nice keepsake."

She also said they are selling like hotcakes.

Only about 750 Cohassetopoly game boxes were manufactured — (the game was a fundraising project undertaken by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's Junior Division) — and 200 are already gone, according to garden club President Vivien Bobo. She does not expect the supply of games to last until Christmas, she said.

"It's a beautiful production," Bobo said. "The board members were very impressed, and the club members are going to be thrilled."

The $20 proceeds from the sales are earmarked for the garden club's scholarship fund, and the club president gave the credit to Peggy Lovallo who got the project rolling after her older daughter Julia, 14, saw an item in the newspaper. The story described how the Stoughton Junior Achievers raised money by selling a similar board game dubbed Stoughtonopoly.

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Mr. Lobster Lab keeps project afloat

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

In the political storm over the "Lobster Lab," MIT-trained scientist Kevin Ulmer has proved unsinkable, bringing the question before voters at town meeting twice (and winning twice) over objections from the selectmen. (They preferred to see the research and learning laboratory planted someplace other than the abandoned Hagerty House harborside .)

Ulmer has survived scrutiny and more than a molecule of scoffing in his bid to save the house for the Lobster Lab. What makes this scrappy scientist so tenacious about a research plant on lobsters? In an interview last week with the Mariner, the scientist grappled with some of the questions about why the Lobster Lab has turned into something of a quest.

When a white lobster turned up last week in a catch off the coast of Maine, the find made the local news though it didn't impress Kevin Ulmer.

Lobsters come in all kinds of mutations, according to Ulmer who has studied most all the creatures of the deep at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.



Kevin Ulmer stands on the steps of the Hagerty House which he hopes to turn into a Lobster Lab.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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Landfill admits to dumping violation

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Officials from the Cohasset Heights Landfill (CHL) admitted at Tuesday's health board meeting to placing refuse in an unpermitted area of the property.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik and John K. McNabb Jr. both confirmed that CHL-owner Paul Barry admitted he had placed refuse in an area that is beyond the legal boundaries of the landfill.

Godzik said that Barry admitted CHL had placed the landfill liner beyond the boundary of Area IV and filled to the edge of the liner.

The health board took no action on the matter. SAFE has reported the violation to the Department of Environmental Protection and building inspector Bob Egan.

Egan and DEP are investigating. Egan sent a letter to SAFE saying that he was investigating whether CHL dumped refuse in the unpermitted area or cover material, basically dirt.

But McNabb pointed out that even dirt would be part of the landfill and a form of illegal dumping.

News of the illegal filling came to light last week when members of Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE) accused CHL of illegally dumping refuse in an unpermitted area.

The illegal land-filling violates town bylaws and state solid waste laws.

CHL owner Paul Barry could not be

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Citizen of Year nominations open

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Nominations are now being accepted for the Cohasset Mariner's Citizen of the Year Award. This is a continuation of the award begun in 1993 to recognize an individual for outstanding service to the community or for a special achievement.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored the Rev. Gary Ritts, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for his work with the Appalachia Service Project, an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers.

Once again, the Cohasset Mariner invites our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to our community. This is a community award: The Mariner is the means by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make Cohasset a wonderful place to call our home.

The deadline for nominations for the 1997 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 31. Please see the nomination form on page 23.

Following the close of nominations, a selection panel will review the names submitted and select the 1997 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January, 1998.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, fire-fighter, police officer, or other municipal worker, a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has given freely of his or her time and energy for a worthy Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the fifth person honored as Citizen of the Year, joining past year recipients:

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Private ways signs is topic

Selectmen are considering adding "private way" signs to all the private ways in town so that potential homeowners know that the street is not a public way and therefore does not get the same degree of town services. The cost for 81 signs and brackets would be about $2,500, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Selectmen asked the matter be sent to the private ways committee for its input.

The private ways committee is also on the Dec. 8 selectmen's agenda.

New bids to raze old fire station

As selectmen requested last week, Town Manager Mark Haddad asked the three vendors who submitted bids to raze the old North Cohasset fire station to resubmit their bids.

Two did and the project was awarded to low bidder, Laugelle & Sons at $6,500. Last week Peter Davis of Rosano Davis said it was unfair that two more bids were submitted after his company's $8,500 bid was announced during a televised selectmen's meeting. Selectmen agreed that it was unfair and asked Haddad to seek new bids for the project. Rosano Davis' new bid was $6,875.

Liquor stores open on Sundays

Package stores in town will be allowed to stay open from noon to 8 p.m. on Sundays during the holiday season starting Nov. 23, selectmen said this week.

State law permits the stores to remain open until 11 p.m. or 11:30 on Dec. 24 & 31, subject to the approval of the local licensing authority. Package stores preferring the later closing time, should notify the selectmen's office.

In accordance with the statute, no employee is required to work those days and those who do must be paid not less than 1-1/2 times their wage rate.

Santa's visit approved

Santa Claus will be able to arrive on the town common as usual for the Dec. 8 town fair.

Selectmen approved the highly anticipated visit this week. Santa will be in town from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day.

Prorated stickers at RTF

People who buy RTF stickers after the first quarter of the fiscal year will not have to pay the full amount, selectmen said this week. The $65 cost will be prorated on a quarterly basis. They stressed that "seasonal stickers" are not available.

Volunteers sought for private ways, village task force

Volunteers are needed to serve on the private ways and village task force committees. Interested citizens should call Town Manager Mark Haddad 383-9900 or stop by the selectmen's office on the second floor of town hall.

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The Gold Coast has a rich history

One of many spectacular Cohasset homes along the Gold Coast.

Doug McFadd photo

by David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset is generally viewed by non-residents as an upscale community with high property values. And property values in town are high enough to support that perception.

But there is one section of town that is especially upscale: the Gold Coast, made up of about 150 homes on Jerusalem Road, Atlantic Avenue, parts of Nichols Road and perhaps Forest Avenue.

No one seems to know the exact origin of the term Gold Coast, not even the curator of the Cohasset Historical Society, David Wadsworth. Many residents believe it is a term used by outsiders to describe the exclusivity of homes along Cohasset's shoreline.

And like most people, Wadsworth can guess at the term's origin.

"The term probably refers to a summer colony of wealthy Boston businessmen who built big houses on large pieces of property with the highest value in town," Wadsworth said.

Whatever the origin of the term, it does a good job of describing one of the most beautiful, and wealthiest, areas on the South Shore and arguably in the state. It is also an area that is just as rich in history as it is in high-priced property.

The origins of the Gold Coast date back to the late 19th century. Early in the 19th century, hotels and inns lined the land that ran along the shore of Cohasset.

Much of the land in the area at that time was untouched forests, pastures and farmland.

Wealthy businessmen from Boston and other parts of the country vacationed in Cohasset for sports fishing and to shoot "coot," a type of migratory seabird.

Impressed with the untouched land that ran along the coast, some of these businessmen began buying up property and building summer homes.

The cool summer breeze seemed a welcome relief to these businessmen from the hot temperatures in Boston.

The word began to spread about the beauty of Cohasset's shoreline and the availability of land for men with a lot of money.

The first estates went up around 1870, with construction of new homes lasting through the end of the century.

Some of the country's most famous industrialists and businessmen built summer estates on the coast.

"Wealthy Bostonians and industrialists bought up land along the shore roads and built many summer cottage estates," Wadsworth said.

Cyrus McCormick of Chicago, the inventor of the cotton gin, built an estate called the Caravels on Nichols Road.

George Crocker, a Massachusetts politician and president of the state senate, also put up an estate along the Gold Coast.

Henry Whitney bought and built an enormous estate that ran Jerusalem Road to the modern Whitney Woods.

Homes along the Gold Coast display some of the most beautiful architecture in the region. Most were large, Victorian style homes, although there was no set architectural style in use.

"The one thing those homes had in common was that they

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Grenville Temple Winthrop Braman's house, now called "Stoneleigh," 478 Jerusalem Rd., near the ocean. Architect was William Ralph Emerson of Boston.

Photo courtesy of the Cohasset Historical Society



Cohasset's Gold Coast as it looks today.

Doug McFadd photo

The Gold Coast has a rich history



The Albert Bigelow House, later owned by General Logan, Jerusalem Road at "The Ridges," near Little Harbor. The house was demolished in the mid-1990s.

Photo courtesy of the Cohasset Historical Society.

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were lavish, detailed homes built on large estates," Wadsworth said.

Many of these men were also benefactors to the town, donating land and money to Cohasset, and setting up trusts that still exist today.

Town leaders were so impressed with the gifts of the men who summered on the Gold Coast and the benefits to the tax base that they built Nichols Road hoping to attract more estates.

One of the gifts to the town is about to be razed by the town. Concerned about the lack of fire brigade coverage on the Gold Coast, one businessman built the North Cohasset Fire Station to house the town's horse drawn fire wagon.

Things boomed until around 1913 when the federal government introduced a federal income tax.

"Things boomed for quite a while, but then the summer colony dried up by World War I," Wadsworth said. "One reason was the federal income tax cut into the Edwardian lifestyle of the people. Then after World War I came the depression, which added to the problems."

Mary Hartshorne, 69, lived on the Gold Coast during the Great Depression. Her grandparents owned an estate and three homes at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Forest Avenue.

Hartshorne's parents found it impossible to make a decent living during the depression, so they moved into a smaller cottage on the estate, essentially a four-bed room house.

Hartshorne said she doesn't consider her grandparents' homes to be a part of the Gold Coast.

"The houses weren't grand enough to be part of the grand homes of the Gold Coast," Hartshorne said. "The houses were uninsulated and weren't really fit for year-round habitation."

But Hartshorne remembers that there were some truly grand estates along the Gold Coast. She cited the Roy Estate and the Rust Estate, now a subdivision, as examples of the most beautiful locations.

Wadsworth also cited the Roy Estate as one of the gems of the Gold Coast, along with a huge home on Jerusalem Road built from rock cut out of the adjacent landscape.

"That house on Jerusalem Road looks just like a big fortress overlooking the ocean," Wadsworth said. "It's really a matter of taste, but as an historian, I marvel at the magnificent architecture."

The area continued to decline, and after World War II, the original owners or their descendants began selling off the land for subdivisions.

Areas like Linden Drive and Little Harbor Road were once an integral part of the summer colony of the Gold Coast.

Wadsworth said many of the owners found the property to costly to support, or too large and expensive to maintain.

"The old families divested themselves of their estates," Wadsworth said. "In some cases they just didn't want them any longer and sold them out of the family."

Now the Gold Coast lives on in a slightly smaller form than the original. Some of the properties are still owned by descendants of the men who built the original estates.

But the land remains among the most valuable and exclusive on the South Shore.

James Laggrotteria, Chairman of the board of assessors, said the Gold Coast properties are valuable not only for their size, but because of their close proximity to the ocean.

"The land values are higher there because of the ocean view," Laggrotteria said. "Anything that fronts the water with a view of the ocean is typically valuable."

Planning board Chairman Al Moore said the true magnificence of the Gold Coast is visible only from a boat.

"Consider the Roy Estate on Jerusalem Road, which is hidden from the street behind an eight to 10-feet high stone wall," Moore said. "But if you get in a boat and travel along the shore, then the view of those estates is truly magnificent."

Moore said that while the Gold Coast is a term probably derived from outsiders traveling the coast by boat and viewing the estates, the entire town has come to be identified with that idea of old homes controlled by old, quiet New England money.

And while not everyone in Cohasset can claim to be part of that old tradition, everyone can certainly point to the Gold Coast as one of Cohasset's treasures.



Today, the Knapp Estate (Clarence Knapp House), 438 Jerusalem Rd., is home to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Roy.

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Landfill admits to dumping violation

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reached for comment. Barry's lawyer, Attorney Anton Moehrke, confirmed that refuse had been placed in Area IV-B.

But Moehrke said the health board, the town's engineering consultant, Camp Dresser and McGee (CDM) and DEP inspected all site plans prior to the beginning of filling and found nothing wrong.

"It does appear that there was some filling in Area IV-A beyond the site assignment," Moehrke said. "While that may be the case, to my knowledge the fact is this was done as a mistake and done with complete openness."

Moehrke said the health board, CDM and DEP each inspected the site once a month for three months prior to filling beginning.

"This is not something the landfill did secretly," Moehrke said. "Everyone involved was aware of what was being done, DEP approved it, and the town's consultant, one of the premier landfill experts available, reviewed it."

Last week Moehrke said it was possible there was a discrepancy between what the state approved for the landfill and what the town approved, which may account for any alleged filling in unpermitted areas.

McNabb discovered the illegal dumping himself after comparing various maps from 1987 through 1997 showing the boundaries of the landfill. McNabb said the maps clearly showed that refuse was being placed well beyond the legal edge of the landfill.

Barry produced a map at the meeting which he said incorrectly showed the edge of the landfill liner in Area IV-A extending beyond its legal limit. The liner was installed in 1989.

McNabb said the map, dated April 1987, which Barry submitted clearly shows the boundary of Area IV encroaching on Area IV-B. The map, which was revised in 1991, does not contain a stamp of approval from DEP.

McNabb said there is no way of knowing if the map is approved because it does not contain the DEP stamp.

If the map was stamped by DEP, then the regulatory agency made a terrible mistake, McNabb said.

"I don't believe DEP approved the that map because all the other maps from 1989 show a very clear delineation of Area IV-A," McNabb said. "There's no way there can be an error. CHL has used the same maps and the same engineer all along. Paul Barry himself is out there driving a bulldozer on the property."

In 1987, CHL applied for a special permit to accept household refuse and to allow land-filling Area IV-B.

The zoning board denied the request, citing health hazards and possible damage to the water resources district.

A 1997 map, which CHL submitted as part of its request for a vertical expansion, showed the company was placing fill into Area IV-B, according to McNabb.

The area that was filled is 500-feet long and as much as 30-feet wide. McNabb said the illegal area could cover as much as half an acre.

Moehrke said the fill in Area IV-B did not pose a health threat and was a modest deviation when compared to the 15-acre footprint of the entire landfill.

But the problem is exacerbated by the height of the refuse, according to McNabb.

Landfills are built as slopes. As the edge of the landfill is reached, operators must slope the refuse gradually so it doesn't end up as a 200-foot-high cliff.

All slope heights are pre-determined by the state and strictly regulated.

But the height of the refuse has not yet been determined. The extended area may also have allowed CHL to raise the height of the legal landfill beyond it legal limits because of the longer slope.

McNabb said the next step is to determine what to do about the situation.

Health board member Tom Cook was wary of forcing CHL to remove the refuse, according to McNabb. He worried that disturbing the refuse could create odors and leakage.

Whatever the outcome, McNabb viewed the discovery of the latest violation as a great victory for the people of Cohasset.

"This is a big-time victory," McNabb said. "Paul Barry basically came clean and said that he did it."

CHL is no longer dumping in Area IV-B, and so a legal cease and desist order, which is appropriate in this situation, has no effect.

McNabb said it may be possible to interpret a cease and desist order as an order for removal of all refuse because it would be the only appropriate mitigation.

The latest violation by CHL comes on the heels of a Norfolk Superior Court hearing Nov. 11 on the company's appeal of a board of health decision in 1996 denying its application to expand the landfill.

In a previous hearing, the court denied CHL's claims that the town had violated its civil rights. The court also prevented CHL from calling new witnesses for testimony after the case had concluded.

CHL and the town will appear in court on Friday to deliver 1/2-hour depositions for and against the health board's denial of the proposed expansion.

CHL also has a case pending in the state land court challenging the town's water resources protection district. Lawyers for CHL say the district's lines were arbitrarily drawn to prevent the landfill from expanding

Citizen of Year nominations open

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1993: Gerard T. Keating, "Mr. Cohasset," for his more than half-century of contributions to his community, including chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharisitic minister, usher at St. Anthony's church and more.

1994: Joseph D. Buckley, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the health-care system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little League, Sunday School and more.

1995: Dr. Robert T. Sceery, for his more than 40 years of dedicated services as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to get the town sewered. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: The Rev. Gary Ritts, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good in this town through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home repair and home building ministry serving central Applachia.

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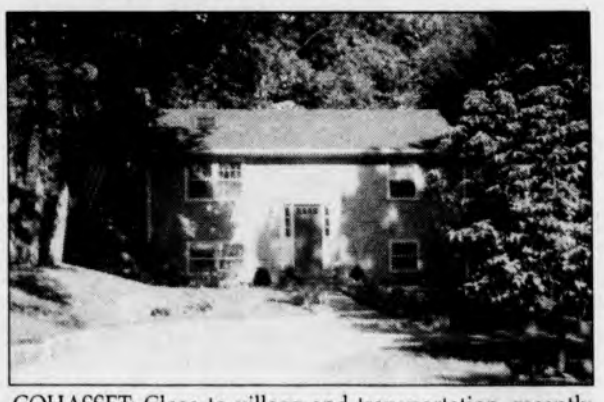
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Mr. Lobster Lab keeps project afloat

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For a more interesting question, he suggested, could some lobsters could even be left-handed?

"They have a crusher claw and a pointer claw," Ulmer said. briefly outlining a question that would teach young students how to design a scientific experiment by counting the number of lobsters with crusher claws on the left or right.

As Ulmer sees it, the goal behind the Lobster Lab starts with such elementary stuff.

"It starts with building on children's innate curiosity — about starfish, hermit crabs, the things found on rocks and in tidal pools," Ulmer explained. "Younger children are insightful in the questions they ask." Moreover, because questions sometimes lead to scientific experiments, Ulmer envisions a professional staff at the Lobster Lab on hand to help youngsters evaluate questions, discard the ones that cannot be answered, and design experiments to solve the ones that can.

But once the questions start, the discoveries that follow can be anything but elementary, as the man behind the Lobster Lab knows first-hand.

Ulmer grew up in Murray Hills, New Jersey, in the shadow of Bell Telephone Laboratories, one of the major research and development facilities in the world. That is one reason he was lucky enough to discover his own "passionate fascination" for science early. A fan of the "Watch Mister Wizard" TV show, Ulmer moved on to the challenges of the amateur scientist projects published in Scientific American magazine. He had his own laboratory in the basement of his home and actually built a particle accelerator using scraps from scientists at Union Carbide and Bell Telephone Laboratories.

"My grandfather was in charge of the physical plant at the Labs," he said and retrieved some of the power supplies and pumps the scientists threw out. They ended up in Ulmer's home laboratory.

After earning a degree in both biology and physics from Williams College, Ulmer went on to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and the Ph.D. program at MIT.

"It was more to study biology than the marine organisms themselves," he said.

For instance, sea urchins produce transparent eggs which are convenient to look at under the microscope, while dogfish shark have a kidney system that is easy to work with.

Lobsters are interesting too.

"Lobster fishing is a substantial local industry," Ulmer said in defending his choice of the crustacheon for the learning lab.

Though the research is not primarily meant to have commercial implications, Ulmer noted there are some ways science might eventually help the lobsterman.

"We could try to develop an aquaculture," he said, noting the problem of "farming" lobsters has been due to their cannibalistic tendencies in confinement.

But the main mission, he maintained, is to get a well-equipped place for youngsters who have a keen interest in the sciences.

"Look at what we offer children by way of extracurricular activities. Almost every athletic program but next to nothing for students who are more scientifically inclined. They are huddled at home behind their PC's which are a poor surrogate for a laboratory with equipment and a professional staff that's there to supervise."

If Ulmer succeeds in getting the funding for the Lobster Lab, he will be operating one of only several learning and research labs on the East Coast. Yet the Lobster Lab will be different, and Ulmer has put forward a more ambitious view of the type of research the older youngsters can accomplish which, he said, might even include credits in articles published in major journals, as well as the collection and analysis of data.

By comparison, at the Schaefer Oceanology Lab in Marion, science teacher Robert Harlow backed the general view that youngsters could contribute original scientific research by collecting and analyzing data according to parameters set by scientists. But Harlow doubted K-12 could do more advanced work, as Ulmer has appeared to maintain.

Ulmer, an MIT-trained Ph.D., also is nursing some lofty aspirations for the enterprise. Ultimately, this research center, to be built around the theme of studying the lobster could eventually lead to a genome (pronounced gee-nome) project, he said, spelling out the exact DNA sequence of the lobster.

Lobster Lab proposal inches forward

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The embattled Lobster Lab will crawl to the next stage, as selectmen prepare to issue a new Request for Proposal for the educational research facility this week.

After an hour of wrangling over verbiage Monday night, selectmen agreed to eliminate several items of contention in the RFP and approve the document after those changes are made.

Negotiating the lease agreement will be the next step once the proposal is accepted.

However, judging from the amount of contention among selectmen this week, there are no guarantees that process will go smoothly.

Lab proponent Kevin Ulmer urged selectmen to quit quibbling and get the RFP out.

"There's not a whole lot of sense in 'word-smithing' this thing to death," he said about the RFP. suggesting the details could be worked out in the lease agreement.

The annual town meeting last spring approved issuing an RFP. A few months later — in frustration with the amount of detail selectmen were seeking — Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation withdrew from the plan. CLC's departure prompted selectmen to get another read on the voters' wishes at last month's special town meeting which approved issuing a new RFP.. (CLC is the non-profit group that raised the money to refurbish the Lightkeepers House and turn it into successful a function hall).

The new RFP includes comparative evaluation criteria which are weighted. At the urging of Selectman Diane Sullivan the "cost of renovation" was eliminated because it gave fewer points for spending more to refurbish the building.

"I think that's objectionable. It's not wise to look at $500,000 more favorably than a larger amount," Sullivan said.

Another sticking point was the term of the lease which is set at two years rather than 10. However, Selectman Ronnie McMorris explained that the two-year term is automatically renewable every two years for up to ten years if the proposer meets the timetable set for in the lease for renovations and conducting programs. McMorris said putting the Lobster Lab on a two-year automatic renewal will take the subjectivity out of the process.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the criteria for renewal would be negotiated in the lease and would protect the town and the lobster lab.

Selectmen also struck the criteria for "compatibility with the Hagerty Property."

They added a criteria to give more weight to not increasing the interior square footage of the building. After consulting with an architect, CLC had proposed expanding the interior space of the Hagerty house - a proposal which some selectmen at the time took issue with.

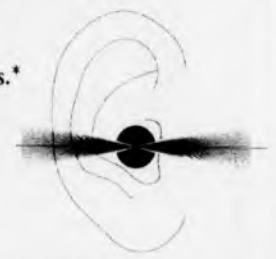
Sullivan urged the board give the lab a chance.

"Give them a little breathing space," she said.

At one point the discussion digressed and some selectmen and a member of the audience reiterated their objections to the Lobster Lab.

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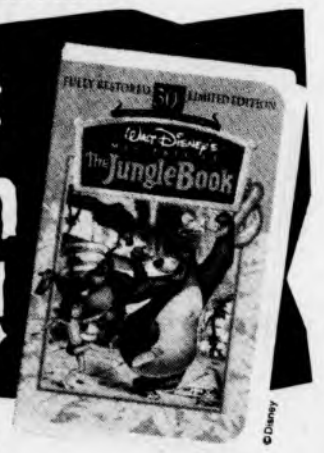
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District attorney announces new juvenile diversion program

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

DA Jeffrey Locke has grown dissatisfied with the inconsistent treatment of juveniles charged with crimes in Norfolk County.

Wednesday Locke stepped up his efforts to deal with juvenile prosecution and announced a new Juvenile Diversion Program.

Such juvenile diversion programs are supposed to give first-time teen offenders a break and keep them out of the criminal justice system, hopefully permanently. Primarily, they allow law enforcement officer to place teenage first-time offenders in various types of counseling rather than in jail, provided the youths are facing charges on minor offenses.

For instance, a first-offender charged with driving under the influence of alcohol would not be eligible for the diversion program, Locke said, because of the serious nature of the crime. However, teens facing any of four lesser charges (such as possession, transporting, purchasing or using a false ID to purchase alcohol) would probably sidestep the criminal justice system.

Locke said the program was not an expansion of the current efforts but stopped short of saying the existing programs did not work.

"I would view it as new," Locke said, casting back for a model to a juvenile justice program operated by the DA's office during the tenure of former district attorney William Delahunt.

That program, when ended due to budget and staff cuts, was iuniversally regarded as successful within the courts, the police and the criminal justice system."

Locke also indicated the new effort was only part of a comprehensive assault on juvenile crime. In addition to trying 13 youths as adults under the provisions of the Youthful Offender Law, the DA's office has established a special Juvenile Prosecution Unit, with two full-time attorneys to deal with lesser crimes.

Furthermore, Locke's office has designated a victimís advocate to help victims through the court process and is taking steps to deal with youngsters who are "at risk"for committing crimes, though they have not yet been charged with an offense.

Cohasset police officers, such as Sgt. Robert Jackson who met with Locke Wednesday, appeared to be pleased with the new initiative from the DAís office which will be more comprehensive than the current diversion program.

As the officer described the old procedure, "If they're a first-offender and it's for an alcohol-related charge and there's no record, they'll put them in a diversion program," said Jackson, the Cohasset police prosecutor. Typically, he said, the youths are required to go to a three-hour program sponsored by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving at the Quincy District Court. The class costs $50.

"If it's completed," police prosecutor Jackson said, "the case is dismissed, prior to arraignment. It avoids them getting a police record which is something that sticks with them the rest of their lives."

However, under the new program, the DAís office would maintain records of juveniles who went through the diversion program, though the office records would not be part of the state's probation record, according to Locke.

Jackson also said though the department generally tries to use the juvenile diversion program, it's not automatic.

"It's just for kids who havenít been in trouble before," Jackson said. iIf weíve had trouble with them before, say in school, we don't divert them."

Under the new rules, in addition to behavioral counseling, such as the MADD program offered, the youths must also complete a community service assignment.

"Community service must be part of any diversionary program," Locke said. "Youngsters should see their behavior has offended the community at large."

However, Locke also said the diversion program was not mandatory, and youths and their parents would have to formally agree to go through the process which, if completed, would ilead to a staying of the criminal charges."

The Mariner's police page publishes news items about arrests of underaged drinkers as well as teens who have been charged with possession of alcohol. But what happens afterwards to accused youths once the police are involved?

At a recent meeting of the Drug and Alcohol Committee, selectman Nan Roth raised just that question. The answer, as it turns out, depends on the individual case and is part of a developing story coming through the Norfolk County DA's Office.

Carriage House Nursery School open house is tonight

The Carriage House Nursery School will hold its annual open house at Buttonwood Books, Shaw's Plaza, Cohasset, Thursday, Nov. 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the open house go to support the Carriage House Nursery School's educational programs for children ages 3 to 5.

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ALLISON KORNET IN MAGAZINE!

Attention to all of you who read "New Woman" magazine! Allison Kornet has another article in the November issue. This one is on energy, and they even put a little picture of her and her kitty, Zoey, on the "Contributors" page. (Zoey and Allison have been living together since the summer of '93; she is one of the litter that Elena Tosil's cat had that summer and is a great cat — very intelligent!).

CHS GRADS AT BOWDOIN

Best of luck to CHS grads at Bowdoin College who have played a part in Bowdoin's history! Their men's soccer team has recorded a record-setting year, posting the most wins ever per season in the history of the college. They played in the NCAAA tournament at Brunswick, Maine, Nov. 15. This milestone could not have been achieved without the superb efforts of Bowdoin senior Chris Kondrat and sophomore Erik Henry. Good goin', guys! By the way, if those two names sound familiar, that's because they were stars for CHS too, and super guys, with great families! We cannot wait to hear the results!

PLAN FOR T-DAY

This is the week we begin in earnest to plan for Thanksgiving day — here is the perfect way to cook in utter peace, and keep everyone out of the kitchen at breakfast time. Once again the Sons of the American Legion are going to hold their breakfast from 7:30 until 9:30 a.m.! All you can eat, $4 per person, food guaranteed to be yummy! As usual Tom Wigmore and his able crew will be on deck to take your order, fill you up, then send you off to the game (in Hull this year). By the time everyone leaves Hull, they will be more than ready to eat that turkey — great plan, don't you think?

30TH CLASS REUNION

The CHS Class of 1968 is planning their 30th class reunion. The date is set for Aug. 15, 1998, to be held in Cohasset. The first organizational meeting was recently held at the home of Tina Watson. In attendance were Tom Keating, Ann (Noonan) Bunstein, Dr. Dan Sullivan, Dr. Bob Williams and Catherine (Cathy) Davis. The next meeting is open to anyone in the class interested in contributing ideas and/or addresses of classmates. They will meet at the home of Cathy Davis, 52 Linden Dr., Nov. 20 at 8 p.m.

Please call Cathy at 383-2570 or Tina at 383-6205 for more information.

KNOWN THE WORLD OVER

Cliffie Dickson is now known the world over! At least the other side of the world! Cliff's son-in-law Robert Dickson (yes that is right) went to Melbourne, Australia, on a work assignment and his wife Kelly joined him on a holiday. Before departing, Robert asked Cliffie for some Cohasset Fire patches to trade while down under. Of course, we all know how resourceful Cliffie is, he came up with patches and shirts for the Aussies!

While Robert slaved away, Kelly found the local Melbourne Fire Brigade as well as the Melbourne Fire Museum. When she told them she was the daughter of a retired fireman of 52 years, they rolled out the red carpet! They dressed her in authentic Australian fire garb and took pictures for her dad. Kelly exchanged the patches and shirts with the MFB as well as with a fellow visiting from the Country Fire Association.

The CFA is responsible for the fire in the bush outside the populated areas of Melbourne. The retired firemen who man the Fire Museum, extended an invitation to Cliffie for a visit and offered to put him up in a recently restored "flat" in the 200-foot Easthill fire lookout. What do you think, Cliff, are you going to take them up on it? Kelly doesn't think so, after a 23-hour flight she's not sure she could do it again! She did exchange addresses and hopes her dad will start corresponding with her new friends. Kelly and Robert want to thank Gramma, Lee and good friend Jen Peterson for taking care of their children while they were gone. Apparently all the children were well behaved except for Mackenzie (18 months), who Gramma threatened to mail Fed Ex to Australia!!

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Favorite book: 'Simple Abundance' by Sara Ban Breathnach.

Favorite junk food: Puopulos Chocolate Covered Marshmallows.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Asked a mother who was buying baby announcements when the baby is due. (The baby had already arrived).

Person you'd most like to meet: Oprah, because she turned the talk show into a positive.

Pet peeve: Anyone with an attitude.

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WELCOME TO MADISON HINDLEY

Christopher Hindley and Diane MacDonald of Cohasset proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Madison MacDonald Hindley, born Oct. 21, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. The new arrival weighed in at 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches long. She will be joining her sister Kelsea, age five. Proud grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. John W. MacDonald of Brockton, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brazauskas of Norwell.

JINGLE BELL WALK

The South Shore Community Center invites families and friends to join the holiday spirit at the Jungle Bell Walk. It is a Cohasset tradition offered by the SSCC; it begins at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 28, when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor. After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he will ride the fire truck and the walk goes from Elm to Main Street. At 2 p.m. the center welcomes you to partake in cookies, beverage and a holiday sing-along. Santa will be upstairs in the center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Merchants participate by offering complimentary treats or discounts to shoppers. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambiance. At 2:45 p.m. on the Common there will be a "Turkey Tot Trot" for ages 3 to 10. You must pre-register for this event ($2 per participant). All will receive a prize. The bells of St. Stephen's will play from 2 to 4 p.m.; there will be hayrides from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4 p.m. with the lighting of the tree. The rain date for this Jingle Bell Walk will be Nov. 29 — don't miss it!

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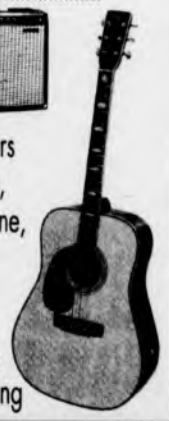
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Pay per throw

Selectman Merle Brown gets a little defensive about the proposed 'pay per throw' trash disposal system and who can blame him?

This week again, his fellow board members looked askance when approval of RTF regulations was mentioned as a topic for a future agenda.

"Does that include that buck-a-bag program?" they asked suspiciously.

Perhaps they are worried about political fallout.

What started out last year as an interesting idea went down in flames even before town meeting much to the dismay of the recycling committee on which Mr. Brown is a member.

A group of citizens felt being charged for town trash bags was nothing more than a new tax and threatened to strip selectmen's power to set rates for the Recycling Transfer Facility through a citizens petition at the annual town meeting.

Yet the system has worked in other towns quite successfully and without resident rebellion.

Halifax and Milton are two towns which adopted the program and educated their citizenry that paying per bag will increase recycling and therefore save in the long run. Scituate is considering the program.

Sure if you don't recycle, paying per bag is going to be a lot more costly than a $65 annual dump sticker. If you are a three-to-four bag a week family — well, you can do the math.

But that's the whole idea. Because you'll be paying $1 for the bag, you won't want to use as many and might recycle more.

For too long, we've all thought of trash as someone else's problem. We take it to the RTF where it's hauled away and disappears from our lives.

Recycling isn't as easy as just tossing everything. But tossing what can be used again is bad for the environment and the future of our planet.

We think the pay-per-throw-system has merit.

In the months ahead, there will be more public education meetings on the plan and we'll carry any new developments in the Mariner.

We hope that most residents will approach the idea with an open mind.

We think Cohasset, which recycles a healthy percentage of its trash, can do even better.

Recycling is too important to be a political hot potato.

A resident recently wrote to selectmen and said the town doesn't have to be number one in recycling.

That's not the point. It's all about personal discipline, a little planning, and a lot of caring about what happens to mother earth and all that trash.

—Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS

Kind thoughts appreciated

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all the good people of Scituate and Cohasset for all the "get well" cards.

Also all the visits to the Braintree Rehab Hospital during my two and one half months stay after my recent stroke.

Thank you all very very much.
Tom Healy
49 Cushing Road

Making a difference

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Cohasset High School "Social Awareness Organization," I would like to thank the many generous donors who contributed to our "AIDS Dance-a-thon." Together, we danced for 45 hours and raised about $800 for AIDS Action Research.

Students, parents, and neighbors made pledges and donations. We joined hundreds of people from around the state in trying to make a difference and I think we did.

Megan Connolly
Social Awareness Organization
Cohasset High School

Teen center grateful for support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and the teens at the Cohasset Teen Center, I am writing to thank our wonderful community for all their support over the past several months. We have undertaken many different fund-raising events, from selling balloons at the Farmer's Market to painting pumpkins at the Harvest Festival to hosting a haunted house. We even held an adult dance a few weeks back to help boost our funds.

Our efforts have not gone unnoticed, as we have earned more than $1,000 combined. We have you, our community, to thank for our success. It is an ongoing venture to keep the building up and running, as we are funded totally by community donations. The teens are most appreciative, as they will now be able to purchase some much needed equipment for the center.

We are always seeking volunteers to serve on the board. We welcome new members with fresh, new ideas. If you have children who are currently in grades 7 or 8, you should consider coming on board. Encourage your child to attend the center, and enjoy all it has to offer. Parents of children who will one day become a teen, please think about becoming a board member, as well.

Again, thanks for a successful summer/fall fund-raising season.

Melinda Murray, president
Board of Directors
Cohasset Teen Center

Phyllis Schlafly sounds educational alarm locally

"How many of your students can read," Phyllis Schlafly asked the eighth-grade teacher who had volunteered to pick her up at Logan recently to take her to the First Annual Boston Chapter Brunch of the Eagle Forum at the Lantana in Randolph. "About 60 percent," was the answer according to Schlafly. Speaking on the subject of "Crisis in the Classroom" before some 300 attendees, Schlafly documented the dramatic changes in American education in the past 50 years.

Focusing on curriculum, Schlafly criticized whole language reading programs used in schools where students are taught to memorize words. According to Schlafly these programs have led us to the point where now eighth graders can't read. Schlafly stressed a return to basics in education and a return to teaching reading by the use of phonics.

The same problems exist with the teaching of mathematics, according to Schlafly. "Students should be able to do their math tables by the end of the fourth grade, but instead they are using calculators," she said.

Schlafly criticized the so-called "Outcome Based Education" philosophy which she says assumes every child will achieve a number of outcomes and that these will be adjusted to meet expectations. For example, if the young student gets Cs and Ds, the grades will be adjusted to meet the expected outcome. Another program which Schlafly found harmful is the "School to Work" programs where children are identified early on for a certain type of work. These programs result in a situation where the child is not allowed to reach his or her full potential Schlafly said.

These problems have not been solved by the schools embracing of national standard testing. Rather the situation has been exacerbated so that the schools teach students how to take tests, rather than focusing on critical learning skills. Likewise, the new emphasis on globalism has led to a situation where a recent text on American history named George Washington only once and did not even refer to Paul Revere or Thomas Jefferson. Schlafly believes that children ought to learn their own history first and where they came from. The emphasis on the global village at the expense of learning American history is a step on the path of the erosion of Constitutional rights.

Phyllis is author of 16 books on topics as varied as family, politics, feminism, and national defense. Schlafly's monthly newsletter is now in its 30th year. Her syndicated column appears in 100 newspapers; her radio commentaries are heard on 220 stations and her radio talk show on education is heard weekly on 55 stations.

The First Annual Brunch was co-chaired by Nancy O'Toole of Cohasset and Marie Sturgis of Scituate.



Among the many guests attending Eagle Forum's first annual brunch were from left to right, state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset; Judy Edward Kirby and Phyllis Schafly, guest speaker. Schafly's talk was entitled "Crisis in the Classroom."

Josh Cutler holds campaign kick-off

Josh Cutler launched his campaign for state representative this week to a packed house in Hingham. Despite driving rain and thunderstorms, more than 200 supporters attended the kick-off event at the Sons of Italy Hall last Friday. Cutler was introduced by Chartis Langmaid Tebbetts of Cohasset and Phil Johnston, former New England Director of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In announcing his support of Cutler, Johnston called the candidate "a bright and energetic leader who knows his way around Beacon Hill. Cutler can bring new energy to the Third Plymouth District," said Johnston.

"He is what we need in the Massachusetts Legislature, a progressive, forward-thinking activist who can bring new purpose and new ideas to the district."

Cutler is challenging incumbent Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, a Cohasset Republican, who has been in office for 22 years. The district is comprised of Hull, Hingham and Cohasset.

"I have a great regard for Rep. Murray and all the years she has served our district, but I think it's time for a change," said Cutler.

"I'm running for state representative because we need active, progressive leadership in the district. I'll bring this kind of approach to all the issues we face — whether it's protecting our open spaces and coastlines, moving forward with education reform, or protecting the working families of the South Shore."

Hedlund holds town hall office hours

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) and/or members of his staff will be at the Cohasset Town Hall on Highland Avenue for office hours the third Thursday of each month. On Nov. 20, from 10 to 11 a.m. the state senator and/or his staff will be available to meet and/or assist residents.

In addition, Sen. Hedlund's district office, located at 66 Sea St. in Weymouth, will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number is (781) 340-9866.

"The whole purpose of my district office is to meet with and serve my constituents in a more accessible and convenient setting," Hedlund said. "It means a lot to me to be able to talk with constituents face to face. Together we can get a lot done."

LETTERS

Thanks for Halloween fair support

To the editor

For more than 20 years the Halloween Fair on the Common has been both a fall tradition and a major fundraiser for the South Shore Community Center Nursery School. It is a delight to see the costumes, the scurry of people, small and not so small, across the Common as children and parents alike participate in the activities and games, to sense the feeling of community that is created as families meet and mingle it is one more reason why Cohasset is special.

The Halloween Fair is also special because each fall it brings together a small army of parents and nursery school supporters in support of our programs and students. With each year the fair grows and becomes more successful due in large measure to the efforts of these volunteers. The success of this year's fair equaled last year's , which had been our most successful to date, and I remain overwhelmed by the support and generosity of this area's businesses, parents and students. Many, many thanks are due to Shaw's, Kinnealey Meats, Quickava and the Silver Spoon Cafe for their generous donations. Equally, I woe much to area residents who shared or donated materials for the various activities and to Cohasset's Deer Hill, Middle and Senior high School students who helped staff the fair. Additional thanks go to our local Girl Scouts who also helped run the activities and games.

And finally, thank you to our nursery school parent volunteers for their time and tireless energy on behalf of the school, and to the families who each year make the Halloween Fair on the Common a part of their Halloween celebration. The funds raised through this effort do much to help raise our village's children.

Lynne Sheridan
Director, South shore Community Center Nursery School

Selectmen's shenanigans – again!

To the editor

Fair-minded voters of Cohasset should take the trouble to examine the new Request for Proposals for the Learning Lab, and determine whether it is intended to encourage this and future gifts to the town, or whether it sets a new standard for discouragement of volunteerism.

It would be common sense to honor the clear wishes of the majority of the voters, to issue a simple RFP and to negotiate a spare and uncomplicated lease with the proponents so that energies can be concentrated on raising funds and getting the Lab established.

The evaluation criteria of the RFP appears to be designed to permit the selectmen to indulge their personal animosities and pet quibbles, under the guide of exercising fiduciary responsibility. For example, it is judged more advantageous to the town for the project to cost less than $500,000 than to cost between $500,000 and $1 million! And unacceptable if it costs more than $1 million! If a citizen's group were offering to raise funds for a new playing field would we say: "OK, but we prefer a cheaper field to a better one?"

It has been pointed out numerous times that the Lab will have no need to use parking spaces at the times when parking spaces are in demand for boat trailers on summer weekends, hence there is no conflict. Yet the evaluation criteria is used to flog this tired and phony issue, and add to the demerits that could be the selectmen's excuse to reject the proposal, or to harass the proponents into some punitive commitment.

Granted that the town is not well served if the project drags on interminably, but neither is it well served by criteria which gives high marks for an impossibly short schedule and low marks for a reasonably achievable one.

Voters should pay attention, and stop asking me "What is wrong with these people?"

R.M. Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Taking steps to curb teen alcohol, drug abuse

By Stacey Powers
CORRESPONDENT

The drug & alcohol committee plans to implement several steps to raise community awareness of the problem of underage drinking and illegal drug use among teens.

The steps include creating a network of support for parents to utilize, becoming a resource for the town to turn to, providing public access to useful drug and alcohol related information by posting data on the Cohasset web page, and devising positive alternative activities for kids.

Preventing teen drinking is an ongoing concern, the drug & alcohol committee said at ist meeting last week.

To that end, the group invited middle/high school Assistant Principal Jack DeLorenzo to talk about what happens at school functions if students show signs of drinking or drug use.

Selectman Nan Roth, the selectmen's liasion to the D&A

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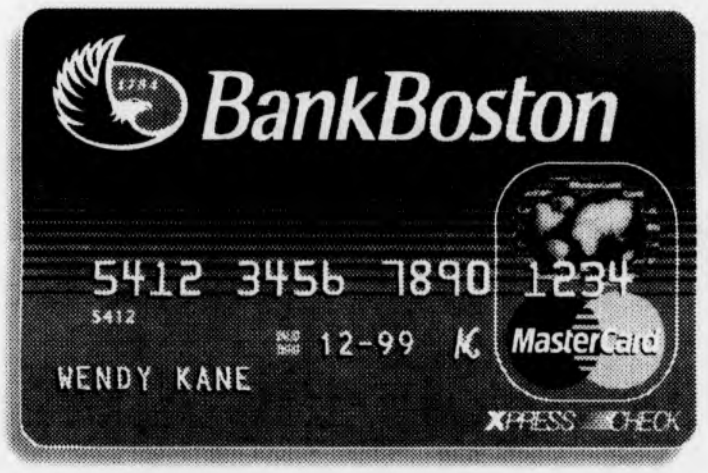
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Teen center could be under rec department umbrella

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The Teen Center is searching for a solid financial foundation. This week, the board of directors asked the selectmen to look into taking over at least some of its operational expenses.

ìWe have very little money,î said Director Cathy Mueller-Bell Tuesday. ìWeíre appealing to the town to see if they can help us in any way.î

Mueller-Bell, who took over in March, said the Main Street center is used Friday and Saturday nights by about 20 youngsters, primarily seventh- and eighth-graders, with a few more boys turning out regularly than girls. To complement the weekend nights, the director said, she plans one special event a month, such as this Saturdayís Teen Turkey Feast. She also recently launched a community service project that took the youngsters to help out at a homeless shelter, the Mary-Martha Learning Center.

Though the building is really too small to accommodate many more than 20, according to board member Rosalie Collins, the Teen Centerís board is trying to use off-center locations, such as the high school, for events that draw more youngsters.

Overall their success has been limited, however.

ìThe membership is dwindling,î Collins said, and too much energy that should go into the centerís programs is being diverted to fund raising.

> ***"There are so many good things kids are doing. The town needs to show it really cares about kids and supports them."***
>
> — BETSY CONNOLLY, TEEN CENTER BOARD MEMBER.

Collins is hoping the Teen Center will get some action from the selectmen. Though board members like Collins and Betsy Connolly acknowledged the community has been supportive of the center since its inception four years ago (and leased the Independence Building for a dollar a year) Connolly said it was important for the town to show the youngsters it appreciates them.

ìThere are so many good things kids are doing,î Connolly said. ìThe town needs to show it really cares about kids and supports them.î

Selectwoman Nan Roth, who took up the matter during the boardís meeting Monday, said she definitely favored looking into such options as teaming up the Teen Center and the Recreation Department, though she stopped short of saying she had come to any conclusions about the town taking over the center, at least to some extent.

ìI donít have a real strong opinion about the final form,î Roth said. ìI definitely agree theyíre having a hard time with fundraising, and they need to pay salaries to make it work.î

Despite the problems, Mueller-Bell said the goal has been to provide a sense of community and a place where the youngsters could feel they belonged, as well as a safe, drug-free and alcohol-free environment.

Moreover, the need for such centers has gained support as evidence has mounted teens are turning to alcohol at younger ages and in stronger potions, and the middle school set has been made the constant target of advertisements for cigarettes and liquor. According to physical education instructor Ronald Ford, the advertisers hold the view that the age is formative and critical..

ìIf they lose them then,î Ford said. ìTheyíre lost forever.î

Taking steps to curb teen alcohol, drug abuse

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committee, said it is sometimes difficult for adults to tell if children have been drinking.

DeLorenzo said "chaperones always follow procedures and must be able to see if something is happening in order to be able to control it.

"We are very preventative and always have lots of chaperones at dances," he said.

He added that when students are caught, the school follows through on punishment.

"We have zero tolerance in this town," he said.

DeLorenzo pointed out in the past 12 years, he has attended all but two dances.

"We have a great group of kids here in Cohasset," he said.

DeLorenzo praised the relationship between the middle/high school and police.

"The police department and the school have a great relationship and every incident that has been reported and looked into has been dealt with in the appropriate manner," he said.

> ***"We have a great group of kids here in Cohasset."***
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> —ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL JACK DELORENZO.

The committee was also concerned about non-school events.

Rose Collins, board member of the Teen Center, said, "We need to come up with some solutions to the problem (of underage drinking) before something happens to our teens."

School committee member Joseph McElroy said young people need constructive alternatives to keep busy and stay out of trouble.

Those in attendance also discussed how some parents find it difficult talking about the issues of drugs and alcohol and the need for more open communicaiton between parents and their kids as well as networking among parents.

"As a community, our job is to keep our children safe in the community by setting rules and offering consequences for bad behavior," Collins said.

Victorian fair by the sea

Please come to the Hull Lifesaving MuseumÕs annual Victorian fair by the sea on Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Station Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. There will be plenty of free parking and free admission.

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State offers Title V tax credit to homeowners

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Homeowners with septic systems who want to sell their homes fear Title V inspections almost as much as pink slips, heart attacks, and IRS audits.

So any assistance, whether low-interest loans or tax credits, is welcomed by home sellers awaiting the results of a Title V inspection.

State Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, has issued a memorandum outlining the details of a one-time tax credit of up to $6,000 over four years toward the cost of replacing or repairing a septic system that fails a Title V inspection.

The tax credit is available to all Massachusetts homeowners who have homes that fail Title V inspections.

Eligible homeowners could receive a tax credit not to exceed $1,500 in any tax year toward the replacement or repair of any septic system.

The credit would equal 40 percent of the total repair or replacement cost. The maximum repair cost eligible for 40 percent reimbursement is $15,000. More expensive repairs would receive a credit equal to 40 percent of the $15,000 maximum.

Eligible homeowners could receive a tax credit not to exceed $1,500 in any tax year toward the replacement or repair of any septic system.

Tax credit would be accessible in the year in which repairs or replacement work is completed.

The credit can be applied only to costs incurred after Jan. 1, 1995.

The credit would apply to all costs to replace or repair a failed septic system, including design and engineering costs.

State officials hope the program will perform two functions: encourage homeowners with septic systems to obtain Title V inspections and facilitate the sale of homes belonging to owners who fear an expensive septic tank replacement.

Approximately 20 percent of 25,000 homes inspected in 1996 failed Title V inspections.

According to state figures, about 65 percent of failed systems required repairs or replacements costing an average of between $11,000 and $15,000. The remaining 35 percent cost an average of between $7,000 and $8,000.

But these figures are little comfort to some Cohasset residents who are facing repairs of $40,000 or more because of expensive ledge removal or other factors.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said he wasn't sure that a tax credit would encourage residents to obtain inspections voluntarily.

"But any help absolutely is a good thing," Godzik said.

Town hall to get new telephone system

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset residents are going to have a bunch of new phone numbers to remember.

The town hall is getting a new numbering system so each department will have its own telephone line and voice-mail capability.

Starting in January, the old 383-9900 will be replaced by 383-4100, 4101, 4102 and so on.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the new system will save money in the long run because it will free up staff time.

He explained that the town hall currently has one main number which comes into the building inspector's office and the selectmen's office where the call is redirected to the appropriate department.

Haddad said the constant interruptions take away from employees in those offices getting their work done.

The new system will require 14 additional phone lines (there are six already). Total additional cost for the lines and service for the balance of fiscal year 1998 is about $3,800.

Next year, the service will cost about $4,400.

Haddad plans to approach the advisory committee for a reserve fund transfer to pay for this year's cost.

Selectman Nan Roth said that when Haddad is alone in the office, he can't talk to someone more than 30 seconds without the phone ringing.

It's unlikely any callers will get a busy signal because the voice mail boxes can pick up six calls simultaneously, Haddad said.

Inserts with town hall's new numbers will be included in the next tax bill and will be printed in the local newspapers.

Mr. Bear's Christmas

The South Shore Community Center will host "Mr. Bear's Christmas," a theatrical production from the NH Theatre Project's Ha'Penny Theatre Saturday, Dec. 6, at 10:30 a.m. Join us as our seven-foot tall friend gives an impersonation of Santa Clause that will delight young and old.

Children of all ages are invited. Tickets on sale now through Dec. 2 will be $6 with adults free. Ticket prices from Dec. 3 on are $8. Tickets are available at the Community Center's office, or call 383-0088.

Holiday House tour luncheon

The South Shore Community Center will host a luncheon in conjunction with the Cohasset Community Garden Club's holiday house tour on the day of the tour, Wednesday, Dec. 10. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will consist of a delicious soup, 1/2 sandwich, beverage, coffee and tea, all for just $5. Tickets for the luncheon must be purchased in advance. The center is also carrying tickets for the house tour for $15 in advance and $20 the day of the tour. Call the center office at 383-0088 or stop by from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Cohasset Food Pantry prepares for Thanksgiving

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Families all over town will have the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving next Thursday, including those that may have gone without in the past.

For the last four and a half years, the Cohasset Food Pantry has dedicated itself to helping families in need by providing food and supplies like tuna, cereal, fruit juices, soups, white rice pasta sauce, household cleaning products, laundry detergents and personal items.

This year, 30 Cohasset families will sit down to a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the fixings, courtesy of the Cohasset pantry.

"The pantry provides them with a meal they may not otherwise have," said pantry volunteer Marjorie Steele.

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But the pantry has not done it alone. Donations from five churches in town as well as residents have aided the pantry in making the holidays a little brighter for poor and underprivileged families in town.

"The churches in town have been wonderful. Whenever there's a need, they've been there for us," she said.

Pantry volunteers will be distributing grocery bags filled with the ingredients for Thanksgiving dinner, including a fresh turkey, fresh vegetables, stuffing and dessert.

"We're pretty well set," Steele said, referring to the 20 to 30 stocked shelves in the basement of the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue.

Before the Cohasset pantry opened four and a half years ago, needy Cohasset families had to travel to Weymouth for assistance. While it took a year or two for families to catch on to the new pantry in Cohasset, a steady stream of about 30 families have sought food from the pantry during the past couple of years, Steele said.

The pantry, located at 43 Highland Avenue at the Second Congregational Church, is open for donations or visits from prospective clients on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m., or call 383-0345.

Class of '68 reunion planners to meet

The Cohasset High School Class of 1968 is planning a 30th class reunion. The date is set for August 15, 1998 to be held in Cohasset.

The first organizational meeting was recently held at the home of Tina Watson. In attendance were Tom Keating, Ann (Nonnan) Bunstein, Dr. Dan Sullivan, Dr. Bob Williams and Catherine (Cathy) Davis.

The next meeting is open to anyone in the class of 1968 interested in contributing ideas and/or addresses of classmates. The meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. at the home of Cathy Davis, 52 Linden Drive. Please call Cathy at 383-2570 or Tina at 383-6205 for more information.

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Weddings & Engagements



Lauren M. Wood and Shane L. Luscombe

Wood/ Luscombe

Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Wood of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Michelle Wood, to Shane L. Luscombe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Luscombe, of Hampstead, N.H.

The bride to be is a graduate of Cohasset High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Disorders from the University of New Hampshire, and a Masters Degree in Speech Pathology from the Institute of Health Professions at Massachusetts General Hospital. She works as a Speech Pathologist for the Ann Sullivan Center in Lowell, specializing in early childhood intervention.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N.H, and is currently attending the University of Massachusetts. He served in the United States Army for three years with the 82nd Airborne Division.



Katherine Bachman and Jack Hanley

Bachman/Hanley

Elizabeth Lizardo of Scituate announces the engagement of her daughter, Katherine Bachman, of Cohasset, to Jack Hanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hanley of Bedford, Mass. Ms. Bachman is also daughter of the late Peter Bachman.

The bride-to-be attended Thayer Academy and Boston University. She is presently a special education and human development major at Lesley College and expects to graduate in June, 1999. She is employed as a caseworker for the South Shore Association for Retarded Citizens.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bedford High School and Wentworth Institute of Technology. He is employed as project manager for H.C. Miller Woodworking in Milton.

A Dec. 20, 1997 wedding is planned.



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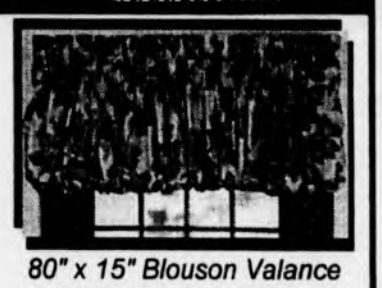
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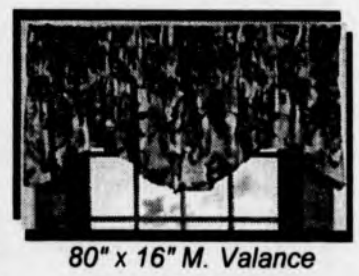
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Community gardeners to meet

The monthly meeting of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be held Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 9:30 a.m. in Bates Hall at the Second Congregational Church. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m. This month's speaker will be Frederick Rice, whose topic will be "Designing the Off-season Garden."

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, the Garden Club will hold its "Homes for the Holiday" House Tour featuring beautiful Cohasset homes. Tickets will be available at the meeting or at the South Shore Community Center.

Obituaries

Kathleen S. Kelly

Kathleen S. Kelly, 77, a member of the senior citizens of Cohasset, died Nov. 17 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, after a long bout with diabetes.

Miss Kelly was born in Boston and lived in Cohasset for 40 years. She was an administrator for the Civil Service Department in the Boston area for 30 years before she retired in 1980.

She leaves a brother, Shaun Kelly of Arlington; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, Nov. 20, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury.

McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., handled arrangements.

Cohasseters honored by United Nations Association

Blustery winds and pouring rain did not dampen the spirits of individuals who gathered recently at the John F. Kennedy Library to honor two local Cohasset residents, Eleanor Bleakie and Lincoln Bloomfield. Both were honorees at the annual Untied Nations Association of Greater Boston dinner which this year honored six outstanding individuals for their contributions to international understanding. The other honorees were Field Haviland, Bishop William Murphy, Gov. Endicott Peabody and David Putnam.

The evening began with a reception in the soaring Pavilion at the library. Following the reception guests were greeted with the beautiful tunes of the Scottish bagpipes as they were piped into dinner. The honorees followed, receiving a standing ovation from everyone in the room. A sumptuous dinner prepared by Cuisine Chez Vous satisfied appetites and the presentations of awards which followed satisfied the spirits.

> ***"The United Nations was not created to take us to heaven but to keep us from hell."***
> – WINSTON CHURCHILL

To begin the awards, Daniel Cheever, chairman and Janice Hunt, president of the United Nations Association of Greater Boston read from a letter from President Clinton congratulating all of the honorees. With humor and wit each honoree was presented with a silver engraved plate, a personal letter of congratulations from Senator Kerry and a certificate of recognition also from the senator.

In accepting her award Eleanor Bleakie recalled her lifetime of work with the World Affairs Council of Boston and noted her interest in international affairs which developed. Lincoln Bloomfield noted the urgency and necessity of the U.S. paying its $1.4 billion arrears to the United Nations and closed with a Winston Churchill quote stating, "The United Nations was not created to take us to heaven but to keep us from hell."

The evening closed as the storm abated outside and everyone left with uplifted spirits from an evening that honored six individuals who have helped, on an international level, to make the world a better place.



Honorees Eleanor Bleakie and Lincoln Bloomfield chat at the John F. Kennedy Library during the United Nations Association of Greater Boston dinner.

Mother's Club Annual Holiday House Tour

The Hingham Mother's Club will host a holiday house tour Sunday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 5 p.m. Enjoy a memorable holiday stroll through six beautifully decorated homes that will inspire you for the holidays.

The six homes reflect a variety of architectural style and a wonderful array of festive holiday decorations. Two homes are located on Hingham's historic Main Street, which is known for its charm and beauty. One was built prior to 1800 and the second built in 1811. Another historic home was built in 1875 with many 19th-century features. In contrast, there are three new homes reflecting the contemporary design of today's lifestyle. One house is a brick front colonial built in 1990 and designed by the current owner. Another house is located in the beautifully developed Conservatory Park area. Last, but not least, is an 11-year-old Captain's Cape.

Six local florists have generously donated the floral arrangements which adorn the front entrances of the homes. Special thanks to Exotic Flowers, Rose Cottage Design, Sweet William, Village Gardens, Hingham Greenery and Garden Craft. Also, thank you to Homegoods in Norwell for donating the lovely doormats for each house. Lastly, special thanks to Chuck Goldman of Inactive Media Solutions for donating his time and expertise in the graphic design and printing of the house tour posters and tickets.

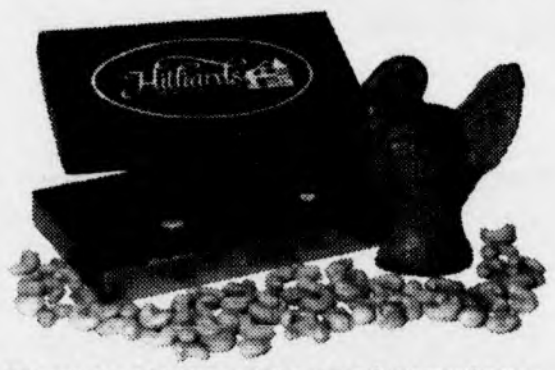
Tickets are $15 in advance or $18 the day of the tour. Advance tickets may be purchased at Treasures in the Square, Brewed Awakenings, The Gifted Hand in the Square, Hingham Center Pharmacy, 294 Main St., and Homegoods in Norwell. By mail, make checks payable to Hingham Mother's Club and mail to Hingham Mother's Club, 23 Isaac Sprague Drive, Hingham, 02043. The tour is not wheelchair accessible.



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Social Service League shares its historical highlights



AT LEFT—The 1997-98 board members of the Cohasset Social Service League are: (front) Pat Carleton, LICSW; Jane Russell, president; Eleanor Smith, Mary Hartwell, Lillian Ketchum and Carol Riley. Second row, Lynne Layman, Dana Kamoski, administrative secretary; Merle Graham, Betty O'Sullivan, Kyle Lubitz, Blanche Whitman and Gail Stephens. Back row, Annette Sawchuk, Margie Steele, Chris Camacho, Sydney Peterson, Jeff Steele. Absent are: Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N.; Corinne Cahill, R.H.; Regina Shultz, Denise Desmond, Peggy Murphy, Motoko Deane, Peg Schroeder, Barbara Cook, Rita Kirk, Debbie Niessink, and Sue Reardon.

Lynne Layman photo

At a recent board meeting of the Cohasset Social Service League, which is marking its 85th anniversary this year, there was a discussion of the history of the league and its many volunteers. The league wants to share these highlights with the town to show how the league continues to serve and to resurrect memories of old Cohasset.

Founded in 1912, the year Woodrow Wilson was elected President of the United States, the Social Service League began with five members: Mrs. Tower, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Howe (President), and Mrs. Gammons. Within a week these women recruited 30 additional members. Their motto was, "There are those who are lifted and those who lift. This league will lift." They hired a nurse who lived with a Mrs. Gross on Elm Street. The league provided her with a bicycle. At the time, there were 660 registered voters in the town, 69 were women. Prior to 1921, when women's suffrage became fully operative, in Massachusetts women were only allowed to vote for school committee members. There were 30 telephones in Cohasset, of course, no radio or TV, and horse and buggy was the primary mode of transportation.

The original purpose of the Social Service League was to help prevent disease in children. Malnutrition was a major problem at the time. The volunteers purchased a horse drawn "barge" or bus to transport residents from Beechwood to Elm Street, where their headquarters were, for keep-well clinics. According to the Cohasset Historical Society archives, the primary diseases handled by the town nurse in 1919 were syphilis, insanity, TB and rickets. The league formed a basket weaving class for boys and a sewing class for girls. In 1913, they established a branch library at Beechwood and a penny savings bank for children. They also initiated a school lunch program, served out of the Bates Building. At Christmas, they provided meals for needy families. During the 1918 Flu epidemic, nurses made 560 to 580 home visits in one month. The League bought a Ford runabout so the nurses could make these visits, but the hand crank was a problem. With contributions from the town and local churches, they were able to provide a self-starting automobile. A food pantry was set up during World War II; residents were encouraged to grow and donate produce. The league taught canning and preserving.

In the 1930s and '40s the motto of the Social Service League was, "To cooperate for the welfare of the people of the town to alleviate poverty, to promote thrift and good health and to help those who are trying to help themselves." A licensed social worker, called a "welfare worker" was hired. Six doctors were asked to join an advisory board. A thrift shop, the original consignment shop, was opened at the community center. The Willcutt Fund was established in the will of Mrs. Mary Hooper in memory of her father, Levi Lincoln Willcutt, to give financial assistance to couples over 70, who were in want, so that they might live out their lives in dignity in their own homes. This fund exists today serving several local families. The league conducted classes in nursing, pre- and postnatal care and reading help for children. They provided drivers to take patients to doctor's appointments. They put together an employment bureau, which exists today as the job bank.

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Surfing the World Wide Web can lead to Cohasset

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset's web page greets the net user with "Good Morning," "Good Afternoon," or "Good Evening," depending on the time of day.

There are also several options of where to go from there, such as Profile, Government, Business, Education, Map, Picture Tour, Directions to Cohasset, Weather and Our Guest Book.

It's all part of the new, improved — www.cohassetma.com — the town's address on the world wide web.

Nov. 12, the web page was demonstrated and discussed for interested citizens in order to examine other possible applications for the service.

The Rev. Robert Hurlbut, pastor of Community Church of Cohasset, designed the page and serves as web master.

The headings are self-explanatory. By clicking "Weather," the local weather forecast is displayed. Clicking on "Our Guest Book" brings up a collection of comments viewers have contributed after perusing Cohasset's web page.

"It looks like you have a beautiful town and I can't wait to come and visit," was one comment.

Another said, "I grew up in Cohasset but I haven't been back in a number of years. It was good to see the page. It reminded me of home."

"Guests" also left their e-mail addresses.

Maureen Maross of First Parish Church membership committee said she'd like to leave information about the church on the web page.

"It would be a good way to let people know the church is here," she said.

Hurlbut explained the church could create its own web page that could be linked to Cohasset's.

Sally Young, who has served on the alumni committee for the CHS Class of 1970, said an alumni directory might be a good idea. That way high school graduates could enter their current addresses and phone numbers in order to keep in closer contact with one another.

All major announcements and upcoming town events are listed on the web page.

Local businessman Bob Martin, one of the prime movers behind the project, said Cohasset's web page is in its infancy but predicts "someday the page will distribute information like nobody's business." About 200 people sign onto the page each week, Martin said.

DreamCom, a local company, provides the space on the net. Hurlbut said besides out of towners who visit the page, he receives a large number of e-mail messages from local residents who have viewed it. He sees the page becoming more of a communication tool where residents help shape the direction of what the page will be used for in the future.

Although the demonstration was plagued with technical problems, the main concept and points about the web page came across clearly.

Martin said the page is expanding every month and he invites everyone, if they haven't done so already, to sign on and check it out.

Social Service League shares its historical highlights

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Following World War II, there were many volunteers available to help, as few women worked. At the time there was much poverty and much disease.

The league thrives today, serving Cohasset residents with counseling and support groups, provided by licensed social worker Pat Carleton, Meals on Wheels, nursing services, offered by public health nurse Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N. The Cohasset Consignment Shop at Shaw's Plaza is operated solely to benefit the programs of the Social Service League.

Many familiar Cohasset names appear on this partial list of past Social Service League Presidents:

1934-1935 Sherman B. Thayer (Caroline)
1935-1936 Mrs. Kenneth D. Ketchum
1937-1938 Mrs. Ralph E. Scripture
1938-1939 Mrs. Kenneth D. Ketchum
1939-1940 Mrs. Josiah Wheelright
1941-1942 Mrs. Josiah Wheelright
1943-1944 Mrs. Richardson White
1944-1945 Mrs. Richardson White
1946-1947 Mrs. Ronald D. Earle
1947-1948 Mrs. Ronald D. Earle
1949-1950 Mrs. Everett K. MacIsaacs
1950-1951 Mrs. Howard Reid
1952-1953 Mrs. Norman E. Scott
1954-1955 Mrs. Norman E. Scott
1955-1956 Mrs. Daniel C. Cotton
1956-1957 Mrs. Daniel C. Cotton
1957-1958 Mrs. G. Heywwood Howkins
1958-1959 Mrs. Gilbert M. Dexter
1959-1960 Mrs. Danford B. Lincoln
1960-1961 Mrs. Gilbert M. Dexter
1961-1962 Mrs. William W. Young
1962-1963 Mrs. Danford B. Lincoln
1968-1969 Mrs. George W. Benedict
1970-1971 Mrs. William Morton
1971-1972 Mrs. Frances Walton
1972-1973 Adeline McGrath
1974-1975 Mrs. Fances Walton
1975-1976 Mrs. Thomas Morse
1976-1977 Mrs. William Bell
1977-1978 Mrs. William Bell
1978-1979 Mrs. Thomas McGrath
1979-1980 Mrs. John Mullett
1980-1981 Mrs. John Mullett
1982-1983 Mrs. J. Spencer Langford
1983-1984 Mrs. J. Spencer Langford
1984-1985 Mrs. John J. Riley
1985-1986 Mrs. John J. Riley
1986-1987 Mrs. John J. Riley
1988-1989 Mrs. Bernard Coughey
1990-1991 Mrs. Julian S. Hartwell
1992-1993 Mrs. John J. Riley
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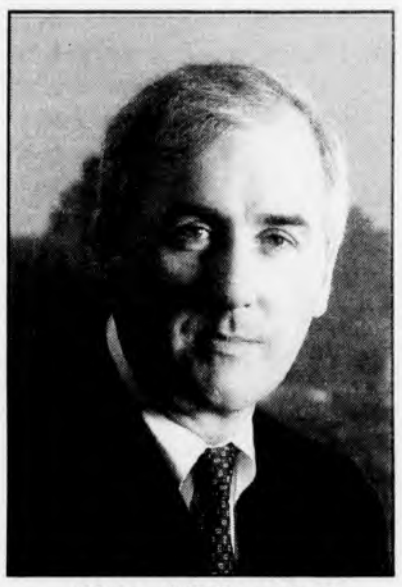
Chamber community auction is Dec. 6

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is planning its largest fund-raiser of the year, the 10th Annual Community Auction and Dinner. Last year the chamber donated more than $3,000 to the Appalachian Service Project, the VFW, and the Harborfest Committee. With the generous support of the Cohasset community, the chamber hopes to do even better this year.

The auction will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at the South Shore Community Center. The evening will begin with a free, down-home, foot-long franks 'n beans dinner, from 6 to 7 p.m., with the auction beginning at 7 and running till 10 p.m.

Don't miss this great opportunity to get a jump on holiday shopping by receiving some great deals on the many goods and services which are auctioned as a result of the generous contributions of the Cohasset business community. For more information or to donate items to the auction, call the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at 383-1010.

Campbell in American College of Trial Lawyers



Richard P. Campbell

Boston attorney Richard P. Campbell of Cohasset has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Created in 1950 to recognize excellence in trial lawyers, the college includes members from every segment of the civil and criminal trial bar of the United States and Canada. Its purpose, in addition to identifying and recognizing outstanding trial lawyers, is to improve the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the profession. Invitation to membership is extended by the Board of Regents, the governing body of the college, only after careful examination of the nominee's experience, skill, ability and ethical standards.

The induction ceremony at which Campbell became a Fellow took place recently in Seattle, WA.

An honors graduate of Boston College Law School and recipient of its Founder's Medal for outstanding achievement in the practice of law, Campbell is the founder of Campbell, Campbell and Edwards Professional Corporation.

Meade appointed to Habitat board

Roger L. Meade, vice president of residential mortgage lending for The Hibernia Savings Bank, has been elected to the board of directors of the South Shore Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (SSHH). Meade became involved with the SSHH in 1993 when he served on the Braintree Family Selection Committee. He will serve a three-year term as a director assisting the chairman of the Family Selection Committee.

"It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome Roger Meade to our board," stated Chief Development Officer David Bigley of Cohasset. "Roger's expertise as a banker and mortgage lender has long been an asset to our organization. We now have the opportunity to benefit even further from his expanded role as a director."

Established in 1985 under the guidelines of Habitat for Humanity International, South Shore Habitat for Humanity works with community and business leaders, volunteers and residents to make simple, decent housing a reality for South Shore families in need. Its goals are to not only build homes, but also to establish partnerships that provide low income families safe, comfortable homes of their own.

Zomick promoted at bank



Karen Zomick

Karen Zomick of West Roxbury has been promoted to assistant vice president of Supermarket Banking at Abington Savings Bank, which opened its first supermarket branch recently in Cohasset.

Located at Shaw's Supermarket at Cushing Plaza on Route 3A, the branch is Abington Saving's first office in Cohasset.

Zomick has been branch manager of the bank's Hull branch since she joined Abington Savings in 1995. Zomick graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a bachelor's degree in social, ethical and political philosophy. She is a member of the Hull Chamber of Commerce and the Hull Lions Club.



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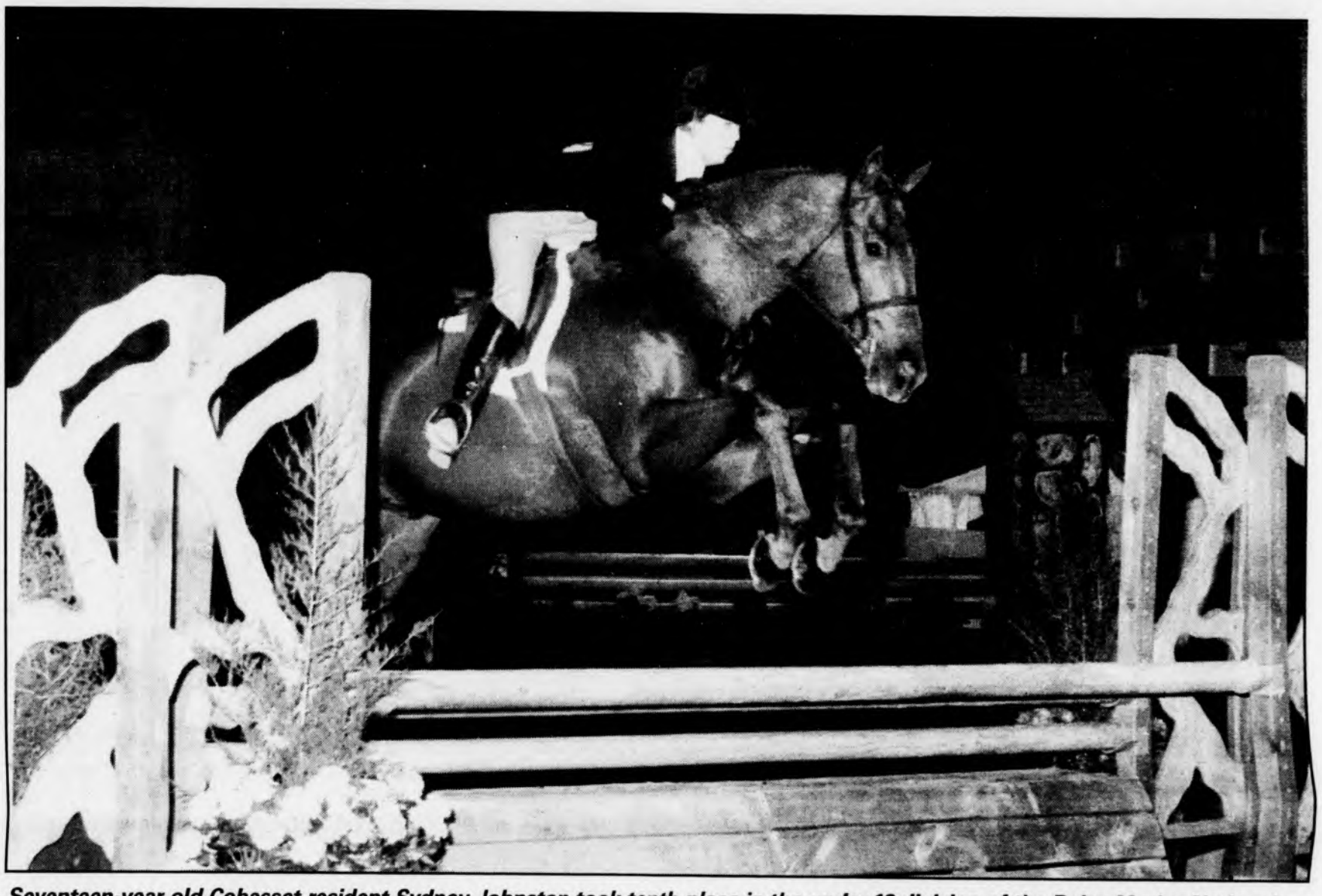
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Dreams pay off for local rider

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER



Seventeen-year old Cohasset resident Sydney Johnston took tenth place in the under-18 division of the Rolex-Maclay National Championship for the ASPCA Horsemanship Classes at the recent 114th annual National Horse Show.

When Sydney Johnston was in the eighth grade, she faced was with a choice. Keep riding horses as a hobby or try and take it to the next level and work to become the best equitation rider that she could be.

Now 17 and a senior at Milton Academy, she's got the hardware to prove how right she was to stick with her passion.

"I've always loved horses," said Johnston, the daughter of Robert and Diane Johnston, who both are also active showjumping competitors on the New England and Florida circuits. "It was just a matter of me getting up the confidence to go forward with it to this level."

Johnston reached the pinnacle of success so far of her young life earlier this month by taking tenth place in the Rolex-Maclay National Championships for the ASPCA Horsemanship Classes held at the 114th National Horse Show, one of the biggest horse events scheduled in the United States each year.

This is the third time that Johnston had been a part of the national finals, but this year there was a little something added to the mix that made it what she now says was one of the best days of her life.

Instead of the past years when the event was held in places such as Harrisburg, PA, this year's contest was held at the world famous Madison Square Garden in New York City.

"I've never competed in front of that many people before in my life," said Johnston, who admitted to having a fairly sizable case of the jitters before competing in front of the couple of thousand people who came to the event. "I just wanted to do my best."

Her wish was granted.

Johnston made it in fine fashion out of the first round of 70 competitors, making it to the final round of 24 and knocking off a number of nationally ranked riders on her way to taking home the 10th place finish in the under-18 division.

"I don't think there was really that much pressure on me going into the final round," she remembered. "There were a lot of others riders there who people were expecting more of than me."

Yet still, the Cohasset resident was able to put all of her hard work and dedication together into a great showing.

"I was so happy because I was able to accomplish a goal that I had set for myself when I was 13-years-old," said Johnston. "It was a great feeling."

In the competition riders are judged on their ability to demonstrate correct form and skill to perform the required tests over fences or on flat ground in a smooth, controlled and accurate manner.

Competitors are given one course to work their way through in the first round and a second one to navigate in the finals.

"There's generally 10 to 12 jumps spaced out around the course and the idea is to keep looking composed and graceful while leading the horse around the course," Johnston explained. "You want to keep the ride looking as smooth and easy as possible."

As with any good rider, Johnston couldn't have done any of the without her horse Saint Patrick, a 10-year-old Dutch gelding that she's been going to shows with for the past four years.

Originally her father's horse. Saint Patrick and Johnston came together originally when her regular horse became ill just before a major competition.

Now, they have become inseparable.

"He's acts more like a dog than a horse," said Johnston with a laugh. "He always wants to go out and play and constantly is looking for someone to give him some food."

But, added Johnston, good old Saint Patrick is also one heck of a competitor.

"He is very confident with what he does and is extremely well behaved," she said. "We make a pretty good team."

Their teamwork did not come easily, though, as their needs to be a great deal of time put into training before a rider can get to know a horse and vice-versa.

Saint Patrick is housed down in Bourne at the Grazing Fields Farm. While training, Johnston would make the hour-long trip down to Cape Cod daily to train with the horse.

"You need to have dedication if you want to do something like this. It is a lot of work, but it's something that I wanted to do," said Johnston, who plans to take some time off from riding but is looking forward to the Florida showjumping circuit to get started after the first of the year so she can qualify for the 1998 nationals. Johnston credits coaches Kathy Fletcher and Julie Chandler with helping to give her the confidence to go as far as she has gone.

"There comes a point where you really have to choose whether you want to go at this on the top levels of competition," said Johnston. "Kathy and Julie really helped me build confidence in what I was doing."

As for the next step, Johnston said she would really love to give the Olympic team a run for the money, but college was the most important thing on her agenda.

Johnston has applied for early admission to Middlebury College with an eye towards studying something in the area of math or science.

Skippers bow to the Clippers, 26-6

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

The Norwell varsity football team has experienced a dream season all year, and Cohasset did very little to get in the way of that Monday night. In a game postponed from Friday night due to field conditions, the Clippers drubbed the Skippers by a score of 26-6.

The visiting Norwell squad was led by junior Brian Fabrizio's three touchdowns and took advantage of a Skipper team, which played with very little confidence.

The contest also marked the last home game for seniors Jamie Buick, Andy Hamilton, Pat Hurley, Daryl Jones, and John Kasameyer.

After Cohasset muffed the opening kick, Norwell's first strike occurred with less than a minute gone by, when Fabrizio rumbled 50 yards for the six. The extra point made it 7-0, but the scoreboard had barely changed when the Clippers again struck from 50 yards, this time on a pass from Brian Doherty.

Less than two minutes had passed, and the home team already trailed 14-0.

Another Fabrizio carry cranked Norwell's first quarter total to 20 points, while Cohasset was still saddled with a goose egg.

Cohasset's defense slowed the Clippers in the second quarter, with Fabrizio only scoring once. The blue offense picked up some first downs, with fullback Andy Hamilton breaking tackles, led by outstanding blocking from center John-Paul Laugelle and guards John Considine and Adam Sasso.

However, by halftime the Skippers would lose end Jamie Buick to a separated shoulder and running back Justin Golden to a badly bruised ankle. These two offensive threats limited quarterback Pat Hurley's offense, and the Skipper offense faltered for

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Thanksgiving Rivalry
Cohasset vs. Hull

Skippers look to halt Thanksgiving losing skid



Brandon McDowell (#81) and junior captain Justin Golden do their best to trap Rockland RB Bobby Flynn. McDowell, a senior, will be playing in his final game for Cohasset football on Thursday.

Staff photo/Fred Robertson

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Forget about records and how things may look on paper.

This one is not about statistics and who scored how many points this season.

This is Cohasset vs Hull on Thanksgiving Day.

More than football, this game is about school pride and the five senior class members of the Cohasset High School football team who want to make their final game in the blue and the white a memorable one.

For E/DE Jamie Buick, FB/LB Andy Hamilton, QB/S Pat Hurley, G/DE John Kasamayer and Brandon McDowell, Thursday morning may very well be the last time that they ever strap on the football gear competitively.

"It's something that I've started to think about a little bit," said Jamie Buick, as his final high school game approaches. "As we get closer to the game I'll be remembering all the good times I've had here at Cohasset and all the people I've had the chance to play with."

"I can't say enough about the great coaching that we have received here at the school," added senior captain Pat Hurley. "I'm also going to remember all my teammates, the intensity they brought to the game and their drive to be as good as they could be."

"Thanksgiving Day football is about more than a win/loss record," he added. "There's pride involved as well as wanting to do well in front of your friends and family."

The game is in Hull this year and will start at 10 a.m. As always, no matter how cold the Hull field may be on Thanksgiving morning, expect there to be a big crowd of Hull and Cohasset students, friends and alumni making their way to the game.

"When you play in Hull this time of the year, you know it is going to be cold," said Buick. "There's no real advantage for either team."

"You can probably expect somewhere around 2,000 people to be in attendance," added CHS athletic director Clark Chatterton. "We have a pretty strong rivalry with Hull."

It is a rivalry that for the most part has been dominated in recent years by the Pirates, who are the defending 6B Super Bowl champs.

This particular rivalry resumed after a long lay-off in 1985 and for the first three years Cohasset was in charge, winning games in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

They have not won a Thanksgiving Day game since. Hull has won for the last seven years running, including major drubbings in the last two seasons.

In wasn't that way on a Thanksgiving morning 40 years ago, when Cohasset took the measure of Hull 16-0 on their way to a perfect season. Players from that team as well as members of the graduating classes of 1958-1961 will be getting together for a reunion at Kimball's on the Friday after the football game.

"It should be a great evening," said Chatterton, who played a major part in putting the event together. "We've invited players, cheerleaders and classmates from that era to come back for the event and had a good response."

Chatterton said about 125 people are expected to come from 31 states to the reunion.

With those last two Thanksgiving losses in the back of their mind, Cohasset would like nothing better than to pull off a big upset and put Hull's Turkey Day hold over them to an end. "We haven't had the best of luck this season, but we want this game badly," said Hurley, a senior who has been a tri-captain this season along with Andy Hamilton and junior Justin Golden. "We've been through a tough year, but we've stuck with it and we want to end the year on a positive note."

Along with the extra few days of the work week, CHS players will also be going through some more traditional events next week. After Tuesday's practice, the senior members of the team will be carried off the practice field by their teammates.

On Wednesday morning, the seniors will have breakfast with their Hull counterparts.

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81	Craig Parker	E/DE
3	Joe Pergola	TB/LB, CB
26	Matt Santoro	RB/LB
99	Kevin Andrews	DE
89	James Edgeston	NG
Juniors		
45	Greg Bayne	RB/CB
71	Luke Caldwell	G/NG, LB
68	John Considine	T/T
15	Jamie DeMichele	RB/CB
22	Justin Golden*	RB/LB
33	Bill Kearney	RB, E/CB, S
24	Ben Ketchum	WB, E/CB, S
70	J.P. Laugell	T, G/T
64	Pat Murphy	T/NG, T
50	Jim O'Sullivan	G/NG, LB
51	Greg Parkinson	G/LB
82	Sean Parkinson	E/DE
28	Ben Raine	RB/CB
57	Alex Russell	CNG, T
56	Adam Sasso	G, T/T, LB
21	Raheem Shepard	RB/CB
Seniors		
86	Jamie Buick	E/DE
41	Andy Hamilton*	FB/LB
19	Pat Hurley*	QB/S
17	John Kasameyer	G/DE
81	Brandon McDowell	LT

Extra Points

Shoot-out's have got to be shot down

I can think of at least two things that I now know to be true as I finish my first season in the sports department:

A. This stuff is fun, and

B. Shoot-out's stink.

After nearly five years schlepping around covering selectmen meetings, budget hearings and every kind of death, plague, tragedy and pestilence that you could ever imagine, I cannot tell you the sheer joy that I've had covering the recent MIAA fall tournament games.

From the enthusiastic crowds to the outstanding male and female athletes of the area playing at the top of the game, there is not a better value for your sports dollar than a tourney game in any sport.

But if I could be king of all organized sports for one minute, I would only have one wish: get rid of the soccer shoot-out.

MIAA rules for the soccer shoot-out go like this. If there is a tie at the end of the 80 minutes of regulation play, the teams get a small rest and then play a 10 minute sudden death overtime period.

If that doesn't settle the issue, they switch ends and then play another 10 minute overtime period.

If that still doesn't shake out a winner, they go to the shoot-out, where five players from each squad alternate coming in on the opposing goaltender in a breakaway opportunity from 35 yards away.

So let me get this straight. A 20 game season, maybe one or two more in the tourney, not to mention the 100 minutes you just played as a team in regulation and overtime are decided in a one-on-one competition where somebody comes out a hero (the okay part) while another walks away feeling like they've let the their team, family and community down (the stinky part).

We need a little perspective here. These are not the 18-to 22-year-old (sometimes) more mature kids who play the game at the college level or the even more (supposedly) mature professional men and women who are paid for their services on the soccer field.

These are kids, some as young as 15-years-old, who for the most part do not need the pressure and anxiety associated with the drama of the shoot-out. They've got enough problems trying to adjust into young adulthood balancing academics and athletics in addition to studying to get their driver's license.

To whit, I'd like to offer a simple solution to this problem.

Let the kids play.

If it takes three, four or five overtimes to get the job done, so be it. It's a team game that gets most teams deep into the tourney and that should be what decides who moves onto the next level.

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And this from the Extra Points mailbag...

A teacher from Hanover wrote me a letter recently raking me over the coals for what she considered to be a slap at the fairer sex by referring occasionally to girls' teams by such terms as the "Lady Dragons" or the "Lady Skippers."

According to the author, using the modifier before the nickname was either "intentional bias or plain and simple ignorance."

I choose number "B".

To be perfectly honest, I never gave it a second thought that such terms would be found offensive to the readers. Instead, the term "Lady" is used to help differentiate the various teams that we have to cover at the high school level.

No slight has ever been intended by referring to a team as the "Lady X's" rather than the "Gentlemen Y's" or something of that like, it's just been the accepted practice on the sports page from our newspapers all the way up to Sports Illustrated.

If readers have been offended by this practice, I offer you my sincere apology. It was never intended to be offensive.

Sports Briefs

The Patriots are coming

Need a little football to tie you over until Thanksgiving?

How about a date Saturday night with some former New England Patriots?

A number of former Pats will be at Alumni Field on Friday to take on the Cohasset Police Association all-stars in a charity flag football game.

The game will start at 5 p.m. and tickets are $10.

Door prizes and free autographs will be available. Former Patriot players scheduled to appear at the game include Steve Nelson, Fred Smerlas, John Hannah, Mosi Tatupu, Steve DeOssie, Ronnie Lippett, Roland James, Pete Brock, Tim Fox and John Smith. For more information, call (617) 383-7072

Skill evaluations set for Saturday

A skills evaluation session has been set for Saturday for boys and girls in grades 1 through 3 who are registered in the Cohasset Youth Basketball league.

Try-outs are as follows:

Grade 1- 9 a.m.

Grade 2- 10:30 a.m.

Grade 3- 12 p.m.

All evaluations will be 45 minutes in length and be held at the Deer Hill School. Questions or comments, call Jack Worley at 383-6791.

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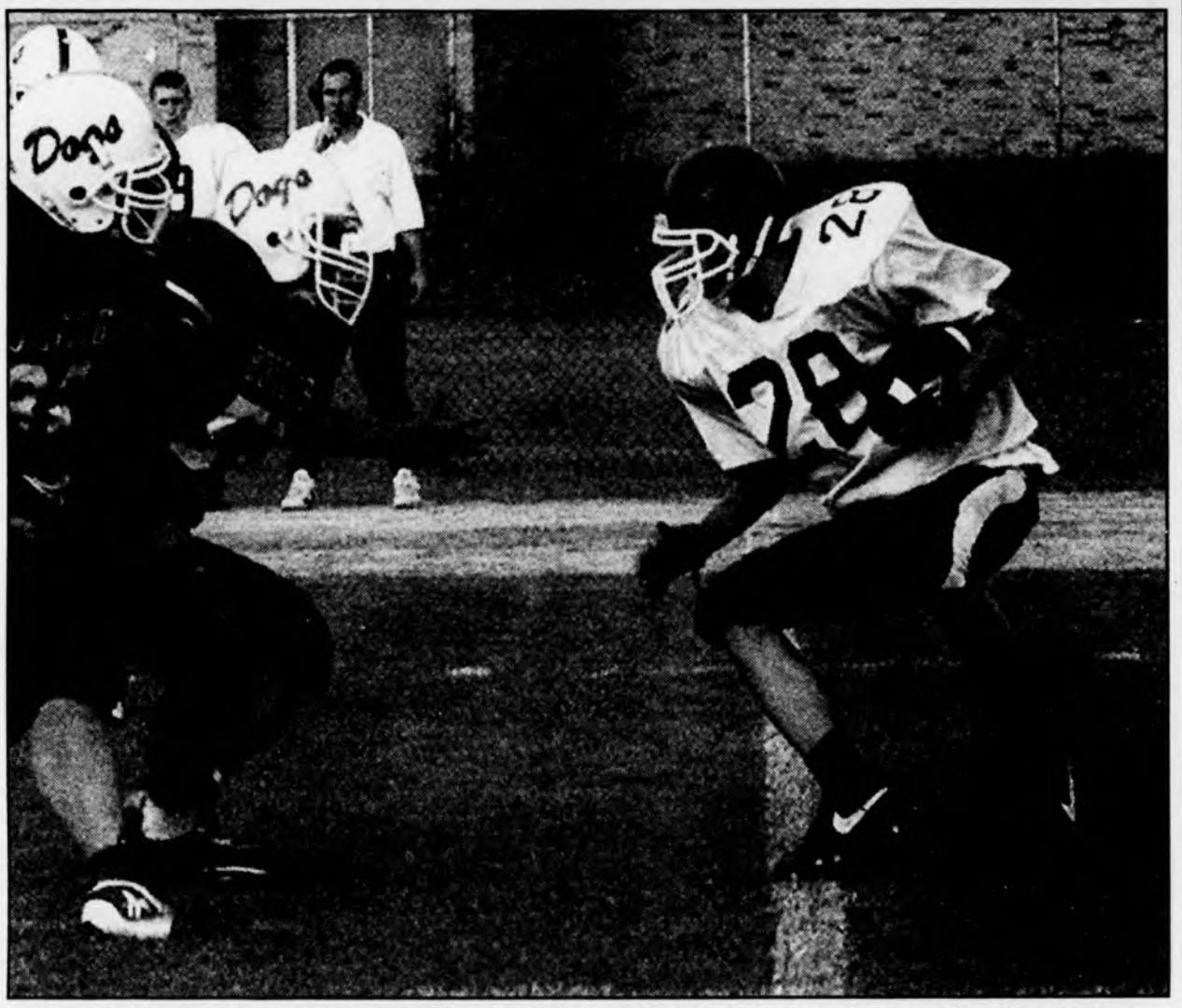
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RB Ben Roine looks to avoid a pack of Bulldog defenders in action from earlier this season. Roine and the rest of the Cohasset Skippers will travel to Hull on Thursday for the annual Thanksgiving Day football game.

Staff photo/Fred Robertson

Sports Briefs

Gymnast shine at local meet

Four level eight gymnasts from the South Shore Community Center "Gymnast in Motion" traveled to Pembroke to compete in a local qualifier. In age 13-14, Siobhan Hart-Kelly received 7.35 floor, 8.15 vault, 6.2 bars and a 6.60 balance beam.

Teammate Caitlin Flint placed first on vault, second on beam, floor and bars. Carlie Carter placed third bars, beam, and all around. Vanessa Baris in the 15 plus age division placed first.

Upcoming meets:

Level 4 Cape Cod Gymnastics Dennis Nov. 22.

Level 8 Dec. 14 Spectrum nd Jan. 17, Kathy Corrigan's.

Sign-up for Santa Claus hockey tournament

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Skippers bow to the Clippers

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much of the first half. The score at the break was 26-0 in favor of Norwell.

During the second half, Cohasset finally got on the board, and the defense solidified and shut out the potent Clipper offense. Ends Laugelle and John Kasamayer, safety Hurley and linebackers Sasso and Greg Parkinson all played well on defense.

Hamilton registered seven tackles on the day.

Eventually, the offense began to click, behind the rejuvenated blocking of the offensive line and some gritty running by Hamilton and tailback Raheem Shepard.

Cohasset deked its way out of a punt situation, with Shepard taking the snap, and following his line, then made second and third efforts to reach the marker. However, the drive ended when Hurley found his receiver. But the ball bounced off the receiver's face mask directly to a Norwell defensive back.

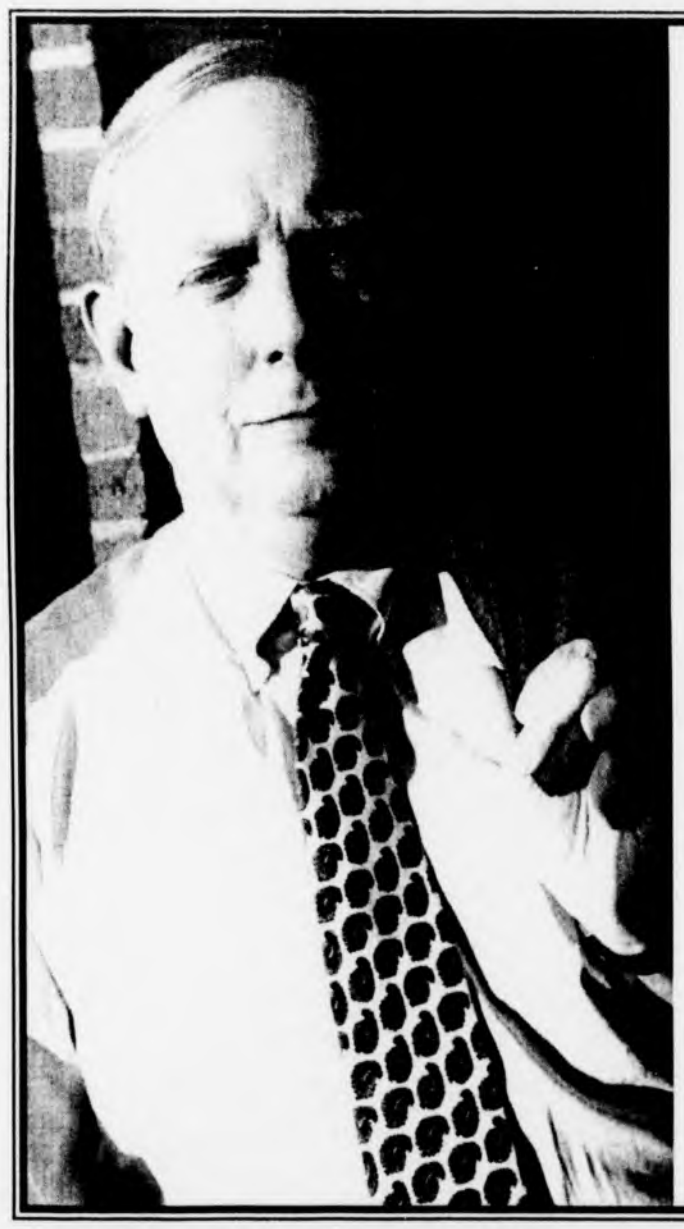
Cohasset did score on an excellent play call. Hurley pitched to Shepard, who then fired a downfield bullet to Hurley, who caught the ball in tight coverage and dashed into the end zone to complete a 53-yard pass play. The two-point conversion failed, however, and the final score was 26-6.

The Skippers can take some consolation in the realization that Norwell beat up on every opponent this year and is bound for the Division 4 Super Bowl, regardless of Thanksgiving's game against a speedy Hanover team. However, Coach Bob Knurek was dissatisfied with his team's performance.

"Physically, we've competed with every team we've played against this year; it's our football skill that's lacking. How do we address this problem? We start off with higher expectations for practices, more off-season camps, and increased player motivation."

The Cohasset Skippers will travel to Hull for the traditional Thanksgiving Day game against the Pirates next Thursday at 10 a.m.

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Sports Briefs

Jade Forest opens Rockland location

The Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi Academy has opened a new branch location at 344 Union St. in Rockland Center.

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The Jade Forest will be open Monday through Saturday; morning, evening and weekend classes are now in session.

For more information, call Sifu Scott Jeffery at 871-9062, or stop by the Jade Forest Academy.

Basketball program needs your help

The Winter Recreational Basketball Program is in desperate need of a Division Coordinator for the grades 4-6 Basketball program held Saturdays at Cohasset High School.

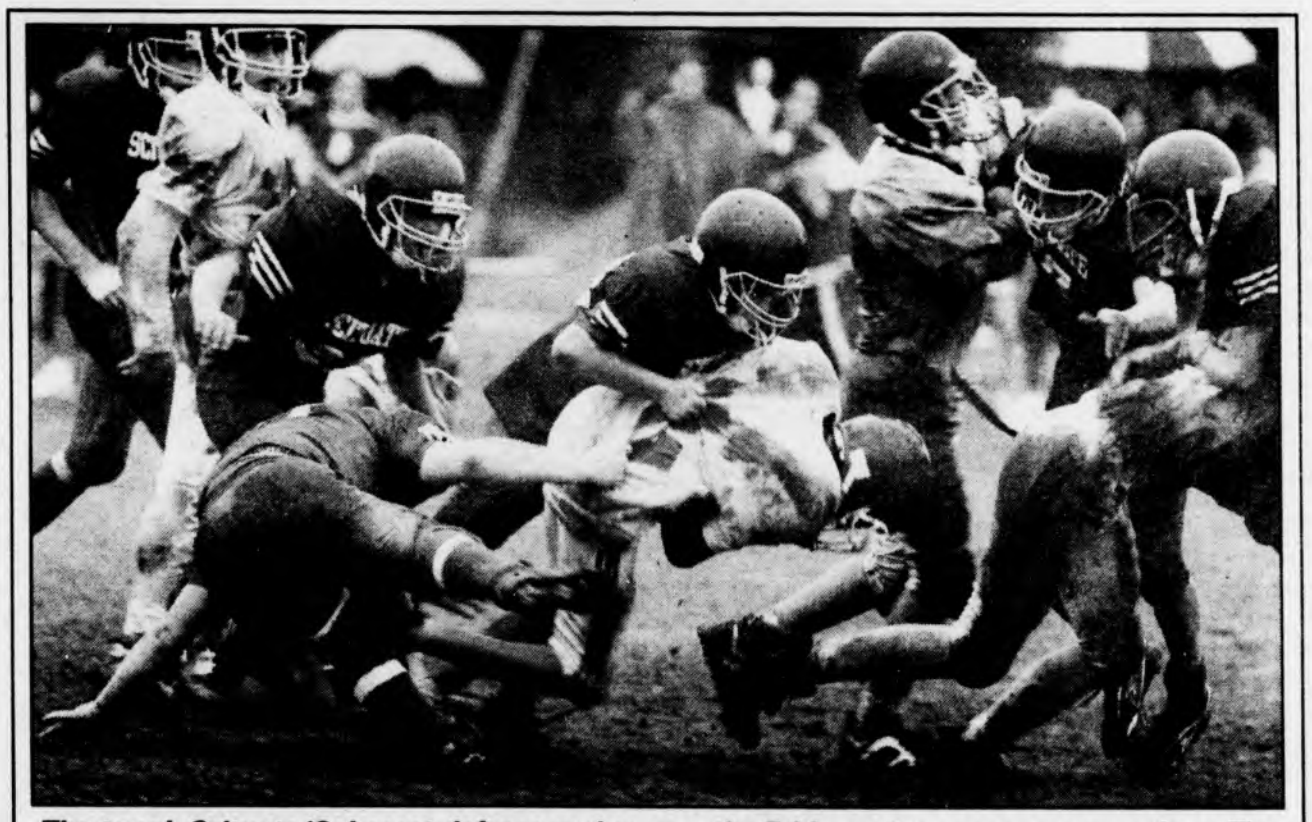
Roy Davis has directed and coordinated this program during the past 5 years, but no longer has the available time. Roy has indicated that he will work with the new coordinator(s) this year.

Bill Grimm will continue to coordinate the grades 1-3 program at Deer Hill School as he has volunteered to do during the past 4 years.

Interested parents should call Jack Worley at Cohasset Recreation Department, 383-6791, right away.

Basketball registration for boys and girls grades 1-8, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Town Hall.

The Recreation Commission and Basketball Boosters Club are indebted to Roy Davis for the tremendous job he has done during the past 5 years with the Basketball Programs.



The tough Scituate/Cohasset defense makes sure the Bridgewater runner goes nowhere. The Midget squad took the Old Colony League youth football title on a recent weekend.

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Learn to ski with Cohasset Recreation

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct Blue Hills Ski Lesson Registration on Thursday, Nov. 20 at the recreation office, Cohasset Town Hall, between the hours of 2:30-3:30 p.m. and again in the evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Registration forms must be signed by a parent or guardian for participation in this 5-week program. Beginner through advanced level instruction is available for children and youth, ages 7 and older.

Lessons are scheduled to begin on Thursday, Jan. 8, 1998 and meet for 5 consecutive weeks, through Thursday, Feb. 5. The bus will leave each week from Town Hall parking lot at 3 p.m. and return from Blue Hills at about 6:45 p.m.

The fee for the ski lessons and transportation for 5 weeks is $110 and checks should be made payable to: Town of Cohasset. Those participants who require equipment rentals may rent at Blue Hills and the cost for the 5-week rental package is $155 per person.

The rental fee can be included in the check for the program fee.

This is the 21st year that ski lessons at Blue Hills have been offered through the Cohasset Recreation Department and over the years hundreds of youngsters have had the opportunity to learn how to ski, or improve their technique.

Registration open for winter games

Registration is now open for the 1998 Bay State Winter games.

The games offer competition in figure skating, masters ice hockey, youth ice hockey (new), alpine skiing, cross country skiing and snowboarding. Entry books are available at Massachusetts figure skating clubs, ice skating rinks, high school athletic departments, town recreation departments, ski areas and many sporting goods and ski shops across the state.

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Sports Briefs

New Year's sports festival jamboree

The South Shore Sports Center will hold it's first New Year's Sports Festival Jamboree the week of Monday, Dec. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. on Rinks 2 and 3.

The Jamboree is a multi sport camp and tournament with skills competitions, games and clinics. Sports include baseball, basketball, flag football, hockey (street/roller), kickball, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball.

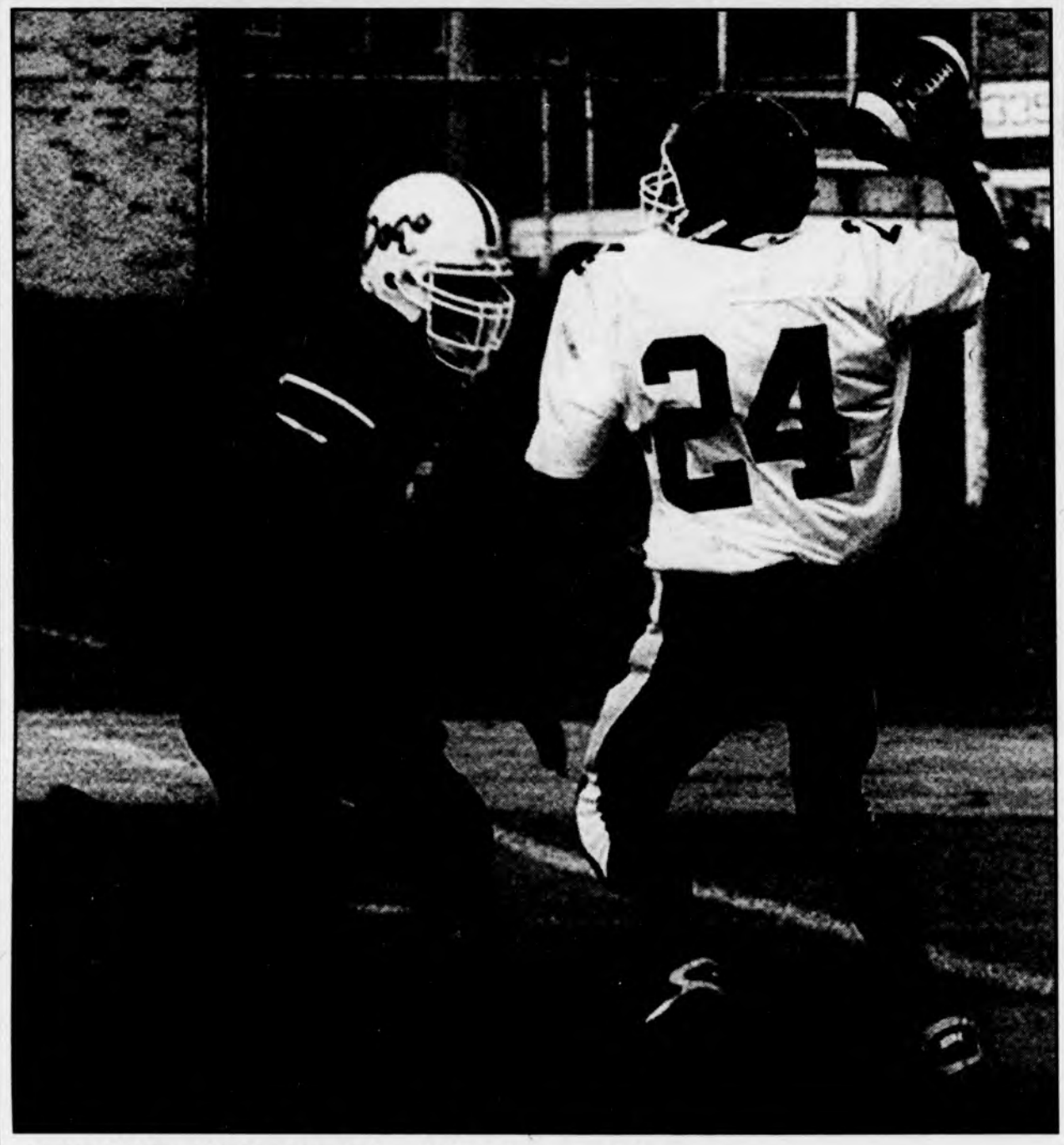
The program will be directed by Ted Carroll. Ted has been at the Sports Center since 1985 serving as both the director of basketball and hockey programs.

He has an extensive background in recreation, working with the Cohasset Recreation Department since 1982 and the Hingham Recreation Department since 1994. Ted will be joined by 7 top sports center and recreation staff members. They will join him providing a unique experience for your child emphasizing teamwork, sportsmanship, fun and learning.

The jamboree is limited to the first 40 boys or girls aged 9 through 12 registered. The program fee is $95. Application and a $30 deposit is required by Monday, Dec. 15. Once registered, an information sheet and more specific details will be mailed out to parents prior to the program. Individual equipment for some sports will be required.

Pre-season hockey training camp

Hockey Skills Development Workshops is holding a pre-season training camp for high school players over Thanksgiving weekend. Directed by experienced college and high school coaches, being held at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham. These sessions are focused towards preparing players for their high school try-outs. Class sizes are limited. For further details please call (781) 769-7783.



Junior QB Ben Ketchum looks in vain for an open receiver.

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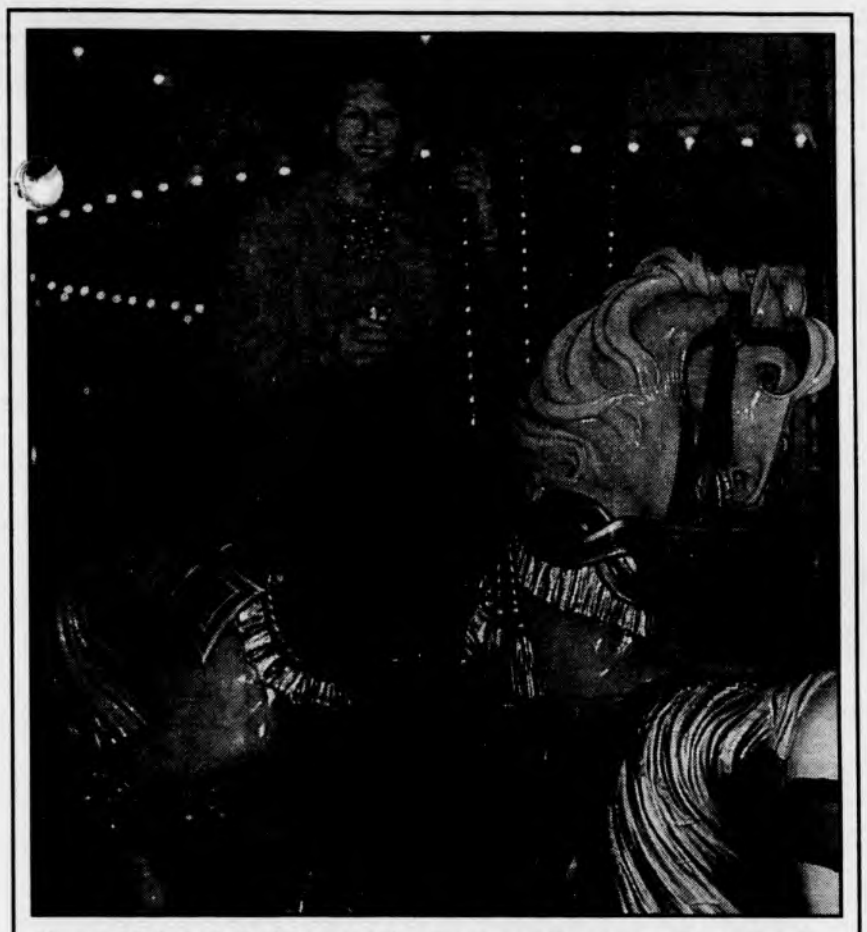
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Karen Kirkendall rides on the Paragon Carousel. Friends of the Paragon Carousel plan to encircle the carousel with hundreds of lights.

Jingle Bell Walk is Nov. 28

The South Shore Community Center invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk. The Jungle Bell Walk, a Cohasset tradition, begins at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 28, when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor (Border St.). After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he will ride the fire truck and the walk continues along the sidewalks of Elm to Main St. in Cohasset. At 2 p.m. the community center welcomes all to partake in cookies, a beverage, and a holiday-sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all.

Santa will be upstairs in the center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Merchants participate by offering complimentary treats or discounts to shoppers. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambiance.

At 2:45 p.m. on Cohasset Common there will be a Turkey Tot Trot for ages three to 10. Pre-registration for this event is $2 per participant is required. Proceeds will go to benefit the nursery school. All participants will receive a prize.

Listen to the bells of St. Stephen's playing from 2 to 4 p.m. while enjoying a hayride around the common. Hayrides will be available from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4 p.m. with the lighting of the tree.

There is something for everyone this year at the Jungle Bell Walk. It's a great way to appreciate our picturesque surroundings while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition. The rain date is Nov. 29 with the same itinerary.

Mark calendar for Village Fair

A 55 year tradition comes to Cohasset Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Cohasset Village Fair. Churches in Cohasset have been getting together to hold the Village Fair on Cohasset's Common for more than 55 years. Now a bigger and even better event is planned for this year.

Boutique, bake sale and chowder bar. Find gifts for your holiday shopping list as well as Christmas decorations and ornaments. A baked table, delicious Vermont cheddar cheese; other deli items. To benefit the Appalachia Service Project and other outreach programs. Second Congregational Church, in Bates Hall, 43 Highland Ave.

Visit Santa Claus between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the Common to benefit the Appalachia Service Project.

Jumble sale and Swedish coffee shop. Christmas tree sale, rummage, coffee shop featuring homemade Swedish coffee bread. Unitarian Parish House, 23 North Main Street.

Book and bake sale, fresh green arrangements. Rare books, unusual bargains, silent auction and baked goods such as homemade bread, cakes, pies, cookies and jams, coffee bar. To benefit Habitat for Humanity and other outreach programs. Saint Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Avenue.

Children's Secret Room. Inexpensive holiday presents to buy mom or dad and wrap in secret. At St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. To benefit the Appalachia Service Project.

Bargain Bazaar and Greens. A white elephant sale, boutique, wreaths, floral arrangements, Greek pastries. Nativity of Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, Cohasset Town Hall.

For information, call Steve Bob at 383-6893 or Cohasset Second Congregational Church, 383-0345.

Drama club benefit show

The Cohasset Drama Club will have a benefit performance of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" for the Cohasset Teen Center Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. This is the fourth year that the Drama Club has held a special evening production to help the Teen Center.

This year's holiday play is a contemporary interpretation of the nativity and Christmas traditions. Many very talented Cohasset children and adults will perform in this popular musical production. Tickets are available in advance from Rose Collins at 383-0760 or Betsy Connolly at 383-1248. Tickets will also be available at town hall the evening of the performance.

METCO holiday wreath sale

The Cohasset METCO committee is selling balsam holiday wreaths as a fund-raiser this year. The wreaths are double-faced and are standard door size (22"). The wreaths will be supplied by growers who furnish fashionable nurseries, yet will cost only $10 each.

The holiday wreaths will be pre-ordered. The order deadline is Monday, Nov. 24. All order forms and checks should be returned to the secretaries of Osgood and Deer Hill Schools or the METCO coordinator Yvonne Jones at Cohasset High School. The wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Cohasset High School gym on Saturday, Dec. 6, (the first day of recreation basketball) from noon to 4 p.m. Decorative handmade bows will be available for the customer's convenience on that day as well. Last year's first annual wreath sale made more than $1,500 which funded the METCO scholarship for graduating seniors. The Cohasset METCO committee and the participating Boston families thank you for your support of the METCO program which provides such positive results for all of us in the community. Please call METCO PSO representatives Connie Afshar, 383-6006, or Jean Hajjar, 383-9917, for further information.

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For Your Health

Diabetes — control is the key

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Diabetes. About 16 million people have it, about a third don't even know it. Could you be one of them? Ignoring distinctions of age and gender, diabetes strikes newborns through the elderly, and nearly equal numbers of men and women. It attracts almost 800,000 new customers every year, and claims about 190,000 lives each year as well (1995 CDC statistic). While listed as the seventh leading cause of death in 1995, the CDC believes deaths related to diabetes are underreported. More than 8 percent of those aged 20 or older have diabetes; nearly 20 percent of those 65 and older have diabetes. That's a lot of people! November is National Diabetes Awareness Month, so, let's find out more about it.

What is it? Diabetes is a medical disease in which the body is unable, or poorly able, to make and/or use insulin. Insulin is a hormone made (secreted) by the pancreas that helps bring glucose (blood sugar) into the cells for energy. Every time you eat, the blood glucose level rises. Without insulin, the glucose remains in the blood instead of moving into the cells. When the glucose level in the blood continually stays high, the blood vessels become thick and stiff over time. This leads to the complications listed below. All cells need glucose for energy and proper functioning. Therefore, with diabetes, every cell in the body is affected.



Ruth Abi-Kheirs shows her favorite machine for monitoring blood sugar levels to a customer at Marshfield's Osco Drug.

Who gets it? Most diabetics fall into one of three categories: type 1 (formerly called insulin-dependent or juvenile onset), type 2 (non-insulin dependent or adult-onset) and gestational (appearing during pregnancy). Type 1 diabetes typically affects children, adolescents or young adults. It is believed to be an auto-immune disease in which the body gradually starts to attack those cells in the pancreas (called islet or beta cells) that produce insulin. Eventually, these cells are destroyed and no insulin is made. Without insulin the body cannot function, and the individual would die. Therefore, people with type 1 diabetes must have daily injections of insulin to give the body what it needs to survive, but can no longer produce on its own. The insulin must be injected, as digestive enzymes in the stomach would destroy insulin in pill form. About five to 10 percent of diabetics have type 1 diabetes. That leaves 90 to 95 percent of diabetics with type 2 diabetes.



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What is type 2 diabetes? In type 2 diabetes the pancreas continues to make insulin, but it does not make as much as the body needs. The person may also be "insulin-resistant," which means that the insulin is unable to effectively bring the glucose into the cells. Type 2 diabetes is often preventable. For some diabetics, diet and exercise may be enough to control the disease. Others may need to take an "oral hypoglycemic agent." This is medication taken in pill form that helps the pancreas make more insulin and helps the body use insulin better.

What are the risk factors for type 2 diabetes?

- overweight by 20 percent or more (80 percent of type 2 diabetics are overweight)
- age 45 and above
- rarely engage in exercise (beware couch potatoes!)
- women who had gestational diabetes when pregnant
- having a parent, brother or sister with diabetes

How can I tell if I have diabetes? Here are some signs to look for:

- increased thirst
- increased urination
- weakness and fatigue
- repeated bladder and vaginal infections
- wounds that heal slowly or poorly
- African-American, Hispanic, Native American

Some people with type 2 diabetes have no symptoms at all. If you suspect you may have diabetes, it is very important to see your doctor as soon as possible. Diabetes has serious complications, and the more you are in control of your diabetes, the fewer and less severe the complications.

What are the long-term complications of diabetes? How serious are they?

- heart disease: two to four times the death rate of non-diabetics
- stroke: risk is two to four times higher for diabetics
- high blood pressure: 60 to 65 percent of diabetics have hypertension
- blindness: diabetes is the leading cause of blindness in 20- to 74-year olds
- kidney disease: in 1995 nearly 100,000 diabetics needed dialysis or a kidney transplant
- nerve damage: decreased sensation in feet and hands; slowed digestion
- amputation: more than half of all lower limb amputations are for diabetics
- male impotence

Still thinking diabetes is just a problem of "a little sugar?" Diabetes is a nasty disease, affecting every part of the body.

I have diabetes, how can I prevent these complications? There is good news on this front. The Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston was part of a research study called the Diabetes Control and Complication Trials. What they found was that the more the blood sugar was kept at or near normal levels, the fewer the complications, some by as much as 50 percent. Keeping blood sugars near normal levels requires frequent testing — perhaps four or more times a day: upon rising in the morning, after meals, after exercise and before bedtime. This way the insulin dosage can be more carefully tailored to the actual blood glucose level. Of course, any change in the way you handle your diabetes must be done with your physician.

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The Cohasset High School "Social Awareness Organization" is sponsoring a "Clothing Drive" from Nov. 20 to 25. Coats, hats, gloves and warm clothing will be collected for the homeless in the Boston area. Please bring your donations to the middle/high school lobby at the main entrance. If you can help us deliver the clothing Nov. 25, call Megan Connolly at 383-1248 or leave a message at school (383-1600).

"Cohassetopoly" ready for the holidays

The South Shore Community Center is selling the game, "Cohassetopoly." For $20 you will have the opportunity to own all the real estate and businesses you want in Cohasset. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. The Junior Gardeners of this club worked all summer preparing this game. Quantities are limited. Call 383-0088 for more information.

Holiday house tour planned

Homes for the Holiday is the theme for this year's biennial house tour sponsored by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. Five beautifully decorated homes will be open for viewing Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a diversity of styles represented, including a riverside French country-style manor with a Great Hall living room and entrance turret and a 1790s post-and-beam house with the original twin chimneys. A 1780s Victorian residence with gingerbread detailing, a contemporary home set between a rocky ledge and water, and an English fieldstone country manor with impressive vistas of Massachusetts Bay and Cape Ann round out the tour. Free refreshments will be available at Bates Hall in the Second Congregational Church, including coffee and muffins from 10 a.m. to noon, and tea and holiday cookies from noon to 4 p.m. The Octet from the Broad Cove Chorale, under the direction of Margo Euler, will perform a capella carols and close harmony songs of the season in mid-afternoon at several of the homes.

Tickets for the tour are available at the South Shore Community Center at 3 North Main St. in Cohasset. The phone number is (781) 383-0088. If purchased in advance, the tickets are $15 and on the day of the tour they are $20. This year the community center is sponsoring a lunch which can be purchased for $5 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the house tour will be used to support the numerous civic projects of the Garden Club, which include historic restoration and preservation, civic beautification, scholarship grants and community education programs. The club also contributes time and money to various environmental and conservation agencies.

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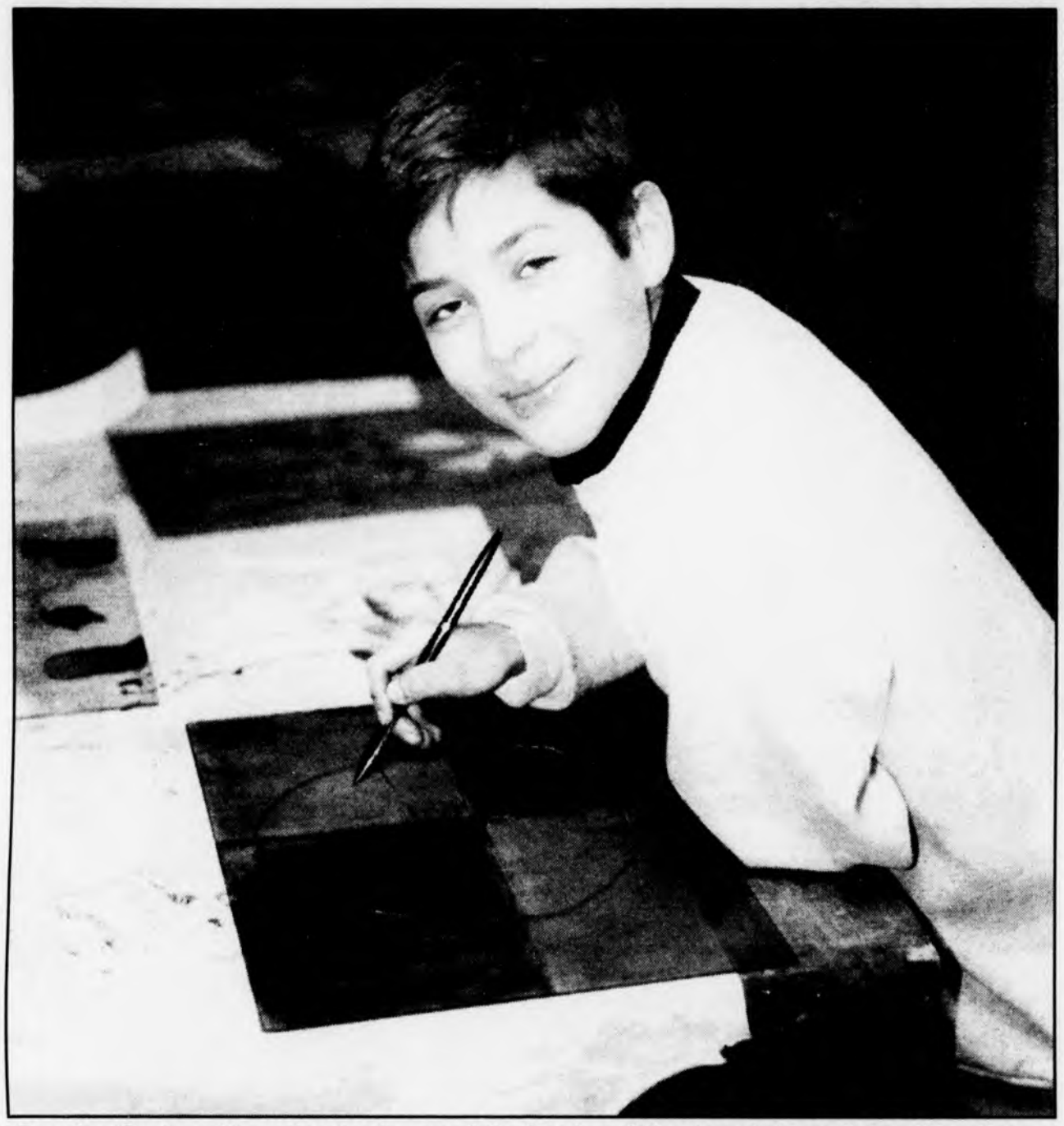
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Brandon Gayton, 12, particpates in one of the Mexican folk art workshops during the art center's Dia de los Muertos.

Fred Robertson photo

By Patricia Murray DiBona
CORRESPONDENT

Last week's blustery, pre-winter weather caught many of us by surprise, triggering Friday night cancellations and postponements of weekend plans. But the hearty souls at the South Shore Art Center, in true New England fashion, refused to be swayed by a bit of slushy sleet and driving rain. The center's Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Fiesta scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday and the 6 p.m. opening reception for the joint exhibition of Diamantina Gonzalez Gomez's "Earth, Myth and Soil" and Juan Alberto Mancilla's "Times in New York" continued as planned, with just a few minor adjustments. An intended procession for the art center to a local graveyard was canceled, for obvious reasons.

Somehow the evening's stormy weather seemed a fitting tribute to the true guests of the Day of the Dead Fiesta — dearly departed ancestors and friends of art center patrons and staff remembered with more than a dozen festively decorated "altars," lining the Dillon Gallery.

A popular Mexican celebration that begins Oct. 27 when the souls of the dead visit their villages and finishes three days later after their return to the hereafter, el Dia de los Muertos, combines two opposing views of death: the European belief that death is to be feared and resisted and the easy acceptance of death by the indigenous people who regard it as an entry to another existence.

Tom Lucas, a South Shore Art Center gallery artist and Cohasset resident who also maintains a vacation home in Oaxacs, Mexico, clearly captures the character of Mexican life in his artwork. "Offerings," painted in vivid golden yellow and vibrant red tones depicts two Mexican women preparing a food and drink laden altar. "Wild Night Fiesta" portrays the action-filled party atmosphere that brings the Day of the Dead to a close.

Lucas' altar, honoring his own deceased relatives, stood alongside one entitled "Spirits in Transformation," created by the eighth-grade class of Jack Packard of the Cohasset Middle School. The table featured student sculptures of life-like food and drink meant to replenish the souls of the dead. Packard added his own personal touches, photographs of his parents and a fondly remembered summer home.

A vintage brocade purse, evening gloves, reading glasses and old photographs leant yesteryear character to the altar of the SSAC staff while hand-painted masks, the handiwork of Braintree residents Lupe and Laurie Gaytan and their four children, projected a more youthful feeling.

Sixth-graders from the Deer Hill School paid tribute to the merchants of the Day of the Dead

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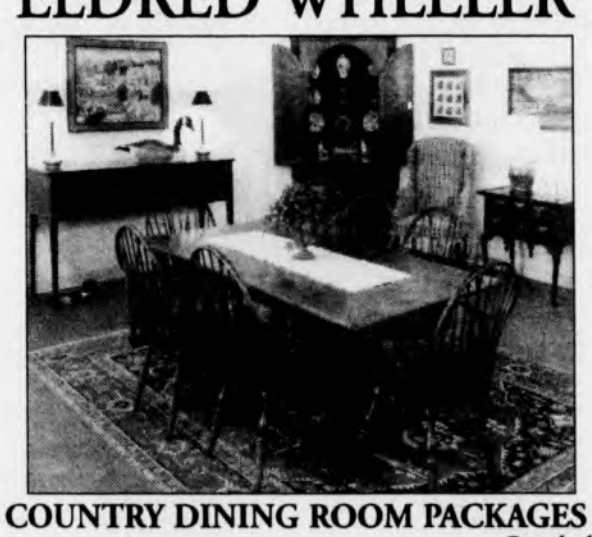

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with a Street Vendor Booth, covered with ghoulishly painted ceramic pins and colorful "protection plaques," decorated with glitter, beads and tiny plastic skeletons.

Traditional pan de muerto (bread of the dead) and Ojos de Dios (God's eyes) made from yarn and wooden sticks were a few of the offerings on the altar of the students of Virginia Lima and Marilyn Brennan, Spanish teachers at Scituate High. Artist Diamantina Gonzalez Gomez oversaw the students' Mexican creations with also included delicate papel picado (intricate designs cut out of colored tissue paper).

A group of teenagers who attend the SSAC's Creative Expression Open Studio three evenings a week, offered the visiting dead a combination of work reflecting the visual arts and creative writing. "Death is the sunset" read one of the poems. "This is for everyone who has ever lived and who will live," said another.

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Also on display in the Dillon Gallery were landscapes and scenes of San Miguel, Mexico painted during a visit to the town by Cohasset artist Ros Farbush and his students Mary Good, Anne Lane, Mary Lizotte, Marge Murphy, Lynn Titleman Rizzotto and Arlene Weeks. Nancy Cusack's photographs of Oaxaca, Mexico paid further tribute to the beauty and tradition of Mexican life.

Sharing traditions: Mexico Old and New is the theme of the exhibition in the SSAC's Bancroft Gallery, on display until Dec. 21. Diamantina Gonzalez Gomez's series "Earth, Myth and Soil" includes 22 boldly rendered paintings, using an encaustic approach and strong orange, black and gold tones which beg the viewer's touch.

"Color, light and physical materials make up my voice," says Gonzalez Gomez. "These are the elements that unify all my series, which I consider autobiographical. Large format paintings may whisper or yell my conditions as a woman, weaknesses, strengths, relationships and physical condition. Small format paintings represent a more intimate aspect of myself, directly related to femininity and spirituality. The use of earth and wax yields a corporeal quality analogous to my skin and tactile sensitivity common to many women."

"'Times in New York' is a series of works that includes paintings, prints an drawings," says artist Juan Alberto Mancilla. "I try to express the multi-cultural environment and the multiplicity of images and ideas that New York City offers by using images from different times and cultures. I use some very well known icons that identify this cosmopolitan city: logos of American trademarks, NYC transportation maps and symbols, rubbings of NYC manhole covers. I also appropriate some images that come from different artists' works and art periods and include others that are related to personal experiences. The result is my perception of New York City and its leading role in the art world."

Mancilla's exhibition includes nine pieces reflecting a multitude of media such as rubbing, drippings and graffiti as well as material including canvas, wood and plastic.

The SSAC will round out its tribute to Mexican culture with a Mexican Fiesta on Friday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at the center. The evening will feature a Mariachi band, Latin dancing demonstrations, Mexican food and drink, and of course, Mexican art. Tickets are $55 per person. For more information, call 383-ARTS.



Juan Alberto Mancilla positions a wet sheet of paper over the image before printing it at a special art center workshop last Saturday.

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Parents make a difference at the Deer Hill School

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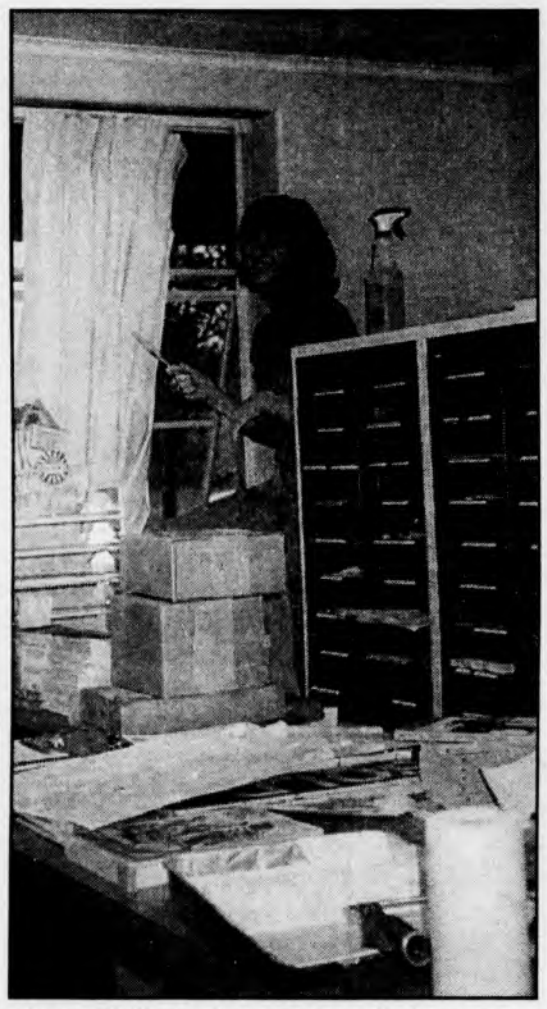
Inclement weather kept the project work indoors for the most part, although Ann Musto and several little Mustos did a great job of outside landscaping before the rains really came down.

Once again, Mary Sullivan and the PSO provided breakfast and lunch for the workers. Many thanks to Atlantic Bagel for their generous donation of bagels and cream cheese for the event.

Thank you to all who donated their time and talents to this endeavor. Another "Make a Difference Day" is planned for the spring when hopefully better weather will prevail.



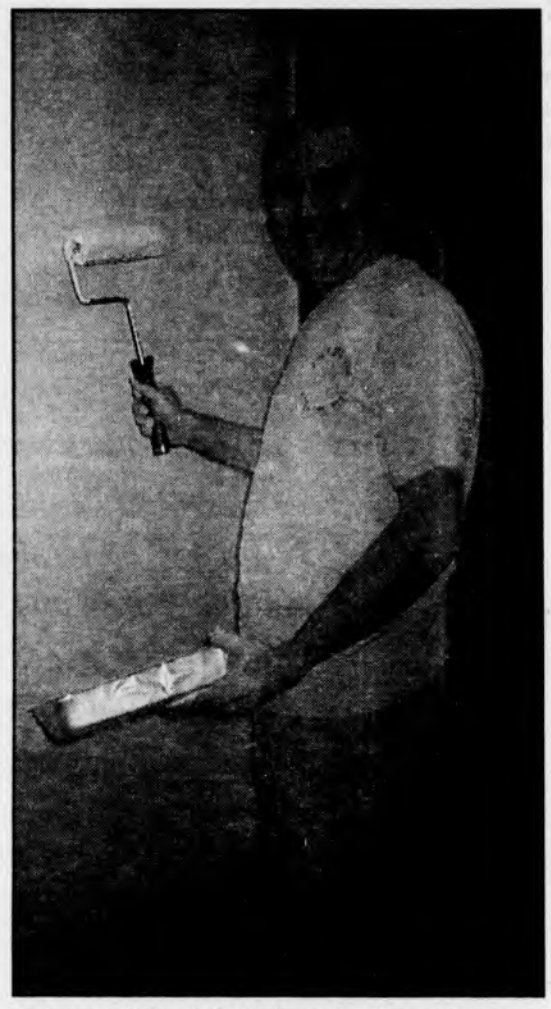
School committee member Rick Shea is hard at work painting the walls in the foyer.



Jean Hajjar paints some windows at Deer Hill.



Susan Turgiss helps with the clean up.



Principal Paul Callahan is all smiles as he paints the office walls.

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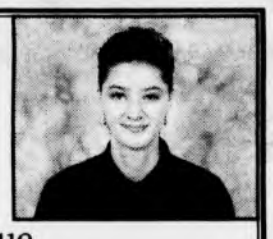
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Children's holiday art series

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The vacation art series will be held December 29, 30 and 31. This popular session, "Miniature Worlds," is especially designed for young artists who enjoy creating with great detail. Children ages five to 12 years will learn the techniques of sculpting with colored clays and complete a finished sculptural piece.

For information on the days of the workshops and to register, call Lynn at 749-2453.



Robert St. John, Lara Novak, Amanda Smith, Austin Breslow and John Harrington on a recent trip to Plimoth Plantation with the third grade from Osgood School. These pupils are in Mrs. Coburn's class.

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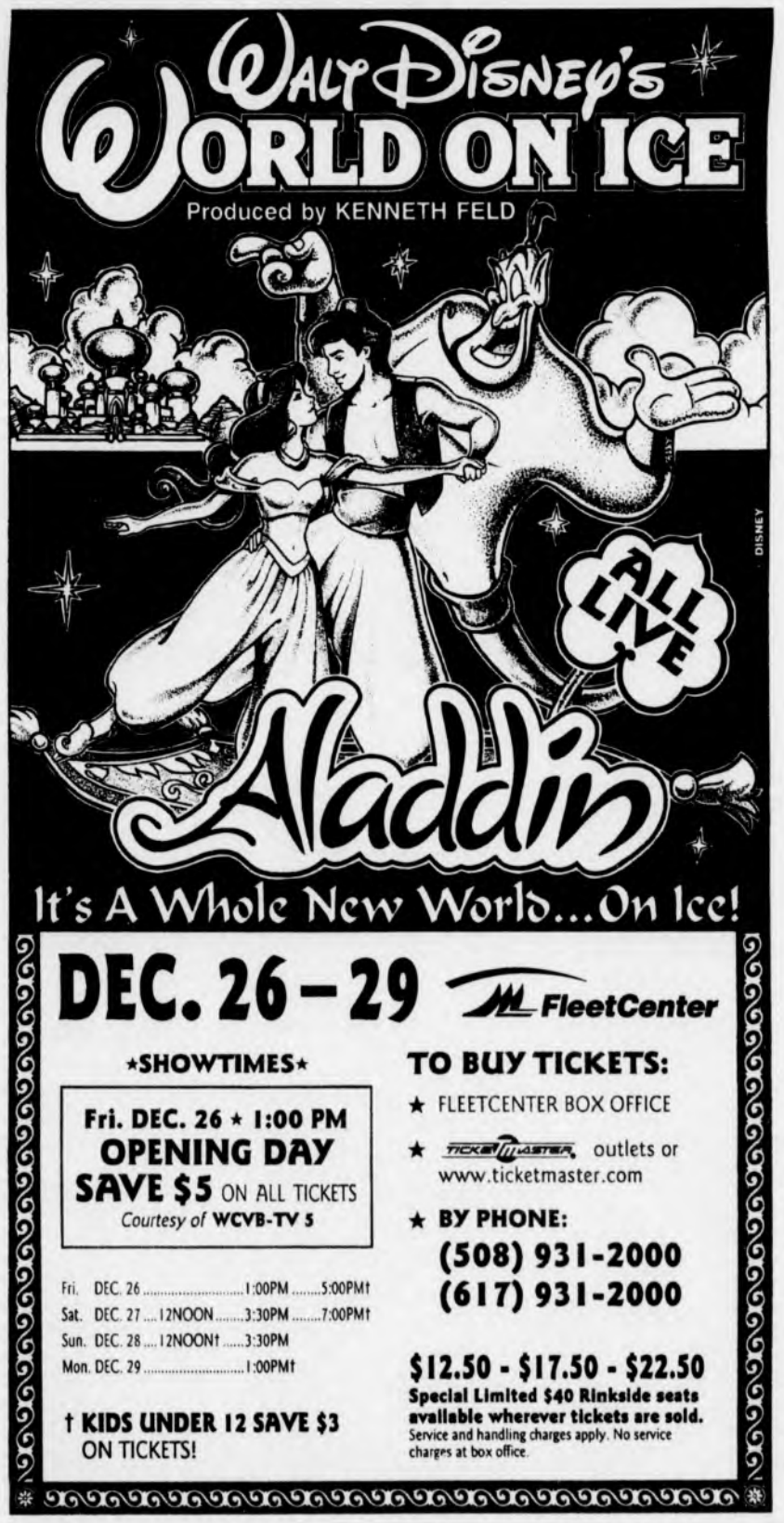
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POLICE LOG

Monday, Nov. 10

8:26 a.m., warrant arrest, Edward W. Fitzgerald, 135 Nichols Rd., Cohasset. COB: 12/25/47.
1:35 p.m., recovered MV, Auto task force.
2:30 p.m., MV violations, N. Main St.
2:44 p.m., noise complaint, Otis Ave.
5:43 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St. Arrested: Bryan K. Bart, 161 Mount Blue St., Norwell. COB: 9/19/71. Charges: speeding in violation of special regulations, warrant arrest.
8:54 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.
9:06 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
9:28 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:39 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
10:25 p.m., MV stop, King St.
11:00 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:50 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:58 p.m., fire, structure, Elm St.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

12:16 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
2:05 a.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
8:10 a.m., sex offenses, Hill St.
9:43 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
12:14 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
4:19 p.m., officer wanted, Square.
4:25 p.m., vandalism, Old Coach Rd.
4:31 p.m., general services, Pond St.
5:34 p.m., assist other agency, Hull St.
6:36 p.m., general servcies, Elm St.
7:41 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:13 p.m., disturbance family, Beechwood St.
9:40 p.m., suspicious auto, Red Fox Ln.
11:14 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. Arrested: Patrick M. Noble, 6 Bound Brook Court, North Scituate. COB: 11/11/64. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor, failure to stay within marked lanes.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

12:53 a.m., suspicious auto, Highland Ave.
6:06 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:17 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
6:34 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:02 a.m., MV stop, Schofield Rd.
4:09 p.m., suspicious (other),Summer St.
4:34 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
4:55 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.
4:57 p.m., general services, S. Main St.
6:39 p.m., MV stop, Elm St.
10:03 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:04 p.m., assist other agency, Jerusalem Rd.
11:32 p.m., suspicious auto, N. Main St.

Thursday, Nov. 13

12:07 a.m., medical aid, Old Coach Rd.
7:02 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A Scituate Line.
8:10 a.m., medical aid, Central Park.
2:09 p.m., medical aid, Old Coach Rd.
5:02 p.m., suspicious perosn, CJC Hwy.
5:07 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
5:38 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
9:19 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
10:06 p.m., larceny, Stoneleigh Ln.
10:11 p.m., MV accident, Pond St.

Friday, Nov. 14

4:28 a.m., medical aid, Doane St.
10:49 a.m., summons service, Tad Ln.
11:22 a.m., escort, Beechwood St.
11:54 a.m., general servcies, Hill St.
12:37 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
7:06 p.m., disturbance, S. Main St.
7:20 p.m., parking violation, area of town pier.
7:25 p.m., transport, from Itchy's to Elm St.
7:41 p.m., medical aid, Capt. Pierce Rd.
7:56 p.m., suspicious person, Ripley Rd.
9:17 p.m., MV stop, N. Main by Common.
11:20 p.m, info, general, Jerusalem Rd. by Bow St.
11:35 p.m., vandalism, Fernway.

Saturday, Nov. 15

2:27 a.m., general services, HQ.
8:21 a.m., vandalism, Atlantic Ave.
8:55 a.m., general services, Hull St.
10:14 a.m., threats, Hull St.
11:08 a.m., assist motorist, Howard Gleason Rd.
2:52 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
3:52 p.m., medical aid, Beaver Dam Rd.
4:24 p.m., assist citizen, Pond St.
5:04 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St. Scituate Line.
7:25 p.m., parking violation, Border St. by Chart House.
9:00 p.m., MV stop, Tennis Club parking lot.
Arrested: Dorothy A. McLaughlin, 476 Union St., Braintree. DOB: 1/3/54. Charges: warrant arrest.
9:42 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Scituate Line.
10:32 p.m., escort, Curtis Liquor to Bank.
10:49 p.m., escort, HQ to tennis club.
11:28 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood by Talarico Rd.

Sunday, Nov. 16

12:09 a.m., suspicious (other), Pond St.
12:36 a.m., assist other PD, Hull St.
1:37 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
Arrested: Keith W. Allan, 129 Ann Vinal Rd., Scituate. DOB: 1/17/54. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, 2nd off.; speeding; failure to stay within marked lanes.
3:12 a.m., medical aid, Ledgewood Dr.
6:09 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
4:55 p.m., notification, CJC Hwy.
8:18 p.m., suspicious (other), Jerusalem Rd.
9:17 p.m., MV stop, Parking Way.

No speed signs for Beechwood

Town Manager Mark Haddad said there are no speed limit signs on Beechwood Street and it ought to stay that way.

Currently there is no posting order for the street, he said. Haddad explained that before speed limits can be set, a survey would have to be filed with the state. He said that based on prior police surveys, the speed limit would have to be posted at 40 m.p.h. If the street is not posted, the town can enforce a 30 m.p.h. speed limit.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said police would beef up radar patrols on Beechwood. The matter was raised last week by Selectman Ronnie McMorris who said cars are going too fast on Beechwood Street.

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Illegal use of drugs, alcohol focus of task forces

By Stacey Powers
CORRESPONDENT

Police Chief Brian Noonan took center stage at the Nov. 12 Drug & Alcohol Committee meeting to talk about creating a police narcotic and dangerous drug investigative unit. The unit will be committed to identify, investigate and prosecute drug offenders through the department's involvement with the South Shore Drug Task Force and the Norfolk County District Attorney's Community Drug Action Response Team or CDART.

Office Gregory Lennon will act as liaison to the volunteer task forces which Noonan said the department joined to "utilize the equipment and manpower of all the forces in the county to supplement Cohasset's currently available law enforcement resources."

To date in 1997, Noonan said Cohasset police have made 171 arrests, of those arrested 45 were under 21 (five under 17) of which 11 were drug related and 27 were alcohol related.

In a letter to the committee, Noonan explained the new unit "will accomplish its goals by recognizing the multi-jurisdictional nature of illegal drug distribution by coordinating its efforts with and becoming participating members of the two drug task forces currently operating within this jurisdiction." He stressed that the anti-drug efforts will be ineffective without the support and assistance of the community.

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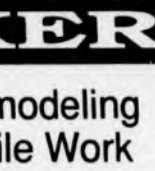
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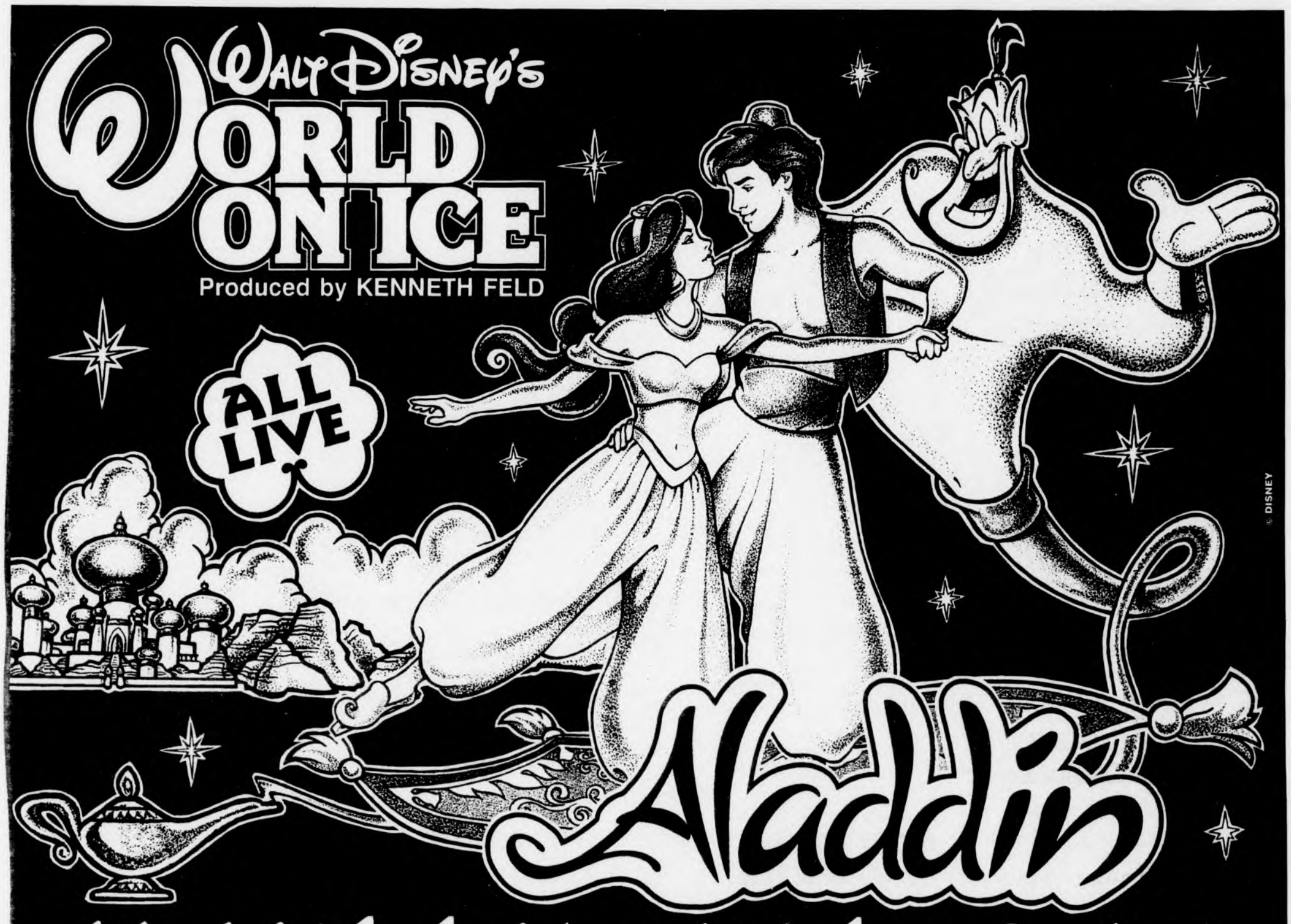
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Brooks Kelly exhibit opens at Paul Pratt library

Award-winning South Shore artist Brooks Kelly currently has on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library a selection of his paintings, in cooperation with the South Shore Art Center.

A native of this area, Kelly was educated in Plymouth and Barnstable public schools. He attended Carnegie Institute of Technology, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design. Prior to joining the Plymouth County Development Council as executive director, he was employed by a Boston-based advertising firm, where his account responsibilities included Pan American World Airways, Sheraton and the Economic Development Administration of Puerto Rico. He has served as president of the Pembroke Arts Festival, president of the Pembroke Historical Society and in 1996, was named Pembroke Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year."

Kelly is an exhibiting artist with gallery affiliations in Boston, the South Shore and Cape Cod. He has won awards for his paintings from the Cape Cod Art Association, the Copley Society of Boston, Scituate Arts Festival, South Shore Arts Festival, Plymouth Outd[illegible] Show and the Norwell [illegible] sociation. His exhibit o[illegible] paintings at the Cohasset Library will continue through Dec. 31. All of the artwork is for sale.



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Cohasset man has piece of Nobel Peace Prize

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset native Jerry White, co-founder of Landmine Survivors Network, is off to Norway next month, as one of about 100 invited to the Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony.

The Nobel Peace Prize is being presented Dec. 10 to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) and to its campaign coordinator Jody Williams.

The Landmine Survivors Network (LSN) is a big spoke in the wheel that consists of about 1,000 non-government organizations worldwide dedicated to banning land mines. LSN also sits on the nine-member steering committee of the U.S. Campaign to Ban Landmines along with other organizations such as the Boston-based Physicians for Human Rights and Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation in Washington, D.C.

White — who lost part of his right leg after stepping on a land mine while on a hiking trip in Israel in 1984 — said being offered two seats at the ceremony is an acknowledgment that LSN, as the original voice of survivors, played a central role in the effort to ban land mines. One of White's associates, Kamel Sa'adi

PRIZE PAGE 4

Homeowners plan septic powwow

Property owners to meet Dec. 5

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

It might have been billed as a done deal, but opposition is nonetheless mounting to a plan to start a mandatory On-Site Wastewater Management District.

Following discussions at recent health board meeting, some of the property owners on Nichols Road have organized a meeting the evening of Dec. 5 in Town Hall to review their legal options. The group is part of the small minority of more than 100 homeowners whose property has been tied up in the OWMD as part of an amended legal agreement struck by the Cohasset Sewer Commission and the state to clean up Cohasset's wastewater problems.

Yet though the solution is for the whole town, property owners in only two "priority" areas are impacted (one near the municipal water source by Lily Pond and the other encompassing the Cohasset triangle along Jerusalem and Nichols Road and Atlantic Avenue near Little Harbor.)

In all, about 136 homeowners in the OWMD would be subject to mandatory Title V septic system inspections, on a recurring seven-year cycle. Current regulations, in contrast, call for the sometimes onerous inspections, which can cost up to $1,000, only when a failed septic system is reported or before a property can be sold, according to health board member Kevin Ulmer.

"It is a done deal, and we're re-

HOMEOWNERS PAGE 13



Mary Marciniak confers with Tyler Kennedy at the South Shore Community Center during an intergenerational luncheon with senior citizens and third-graders. For more photos see page 11.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Huts are history

Condos to replace Quonset structures

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Residents of South Main Street have agreed for decades that a series of Quonset huts on their street are the ugliest buildings in Cohasset. But that's all about to change, and someone will have to nominate a new building as the ugliest structure in Cohasset.

Last week the zoning board of appeals approved a developers plan to raze the Quonset huts and build five condominiums in three buildings on the site.

One South Main Street resident who was thrilled with the zoning board decision nominated the old Brockton Edison building as the new ugliest structure in Cohasset.

The owner of the Quonset huts, attorney Noel Collins,

CONDOS PAGE 4

Traffic rules to get upgrade

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset's traffic rules include quiet zones and when roads can be closed for coasting.

While full of those and other nostalgic reminders of a simpler time, the regulations which date back to 1946 are in dire need of modernizing.

To that end, the newly formed traffic committee met last week and decided to tackle the "Town of Cohasset — Traffic Rules and Orders" section by section as its first order of business.

They will also incorporate any changes to the traffic rules that have been adopted in recent years.

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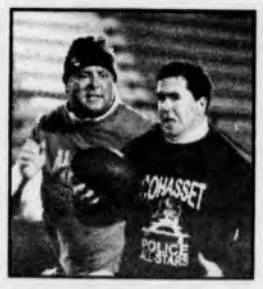
Safety Officer Clifton Jones had a folder full of letters and memos on approved traffic safety improvements.

"This hodgepodge needs to be put in some semblance of order," Jones said about the stack of letters.

The group will also look at replacing the "No U-Turn" signs in the village with more visible ones that depict the international symbol prohibiting U-

TRAFFIC PAGE 7

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Upcoming town government meetings are noted

The following meetings have been posted at town hall:

Drug & Alcohol Committee, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 10;

Planning Board, 8 p.m., Nov. 5;

Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1;

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4 and 18 in room 10 at the high school;

Traffic Study Committee, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18;

Zoning Board of Appeals, 8 p.m., Dec. 4.

All meetings are at town hall unless otherwise noted. For exact room locations check the bulletin board in the vestibule at town hall the day of the meeting.

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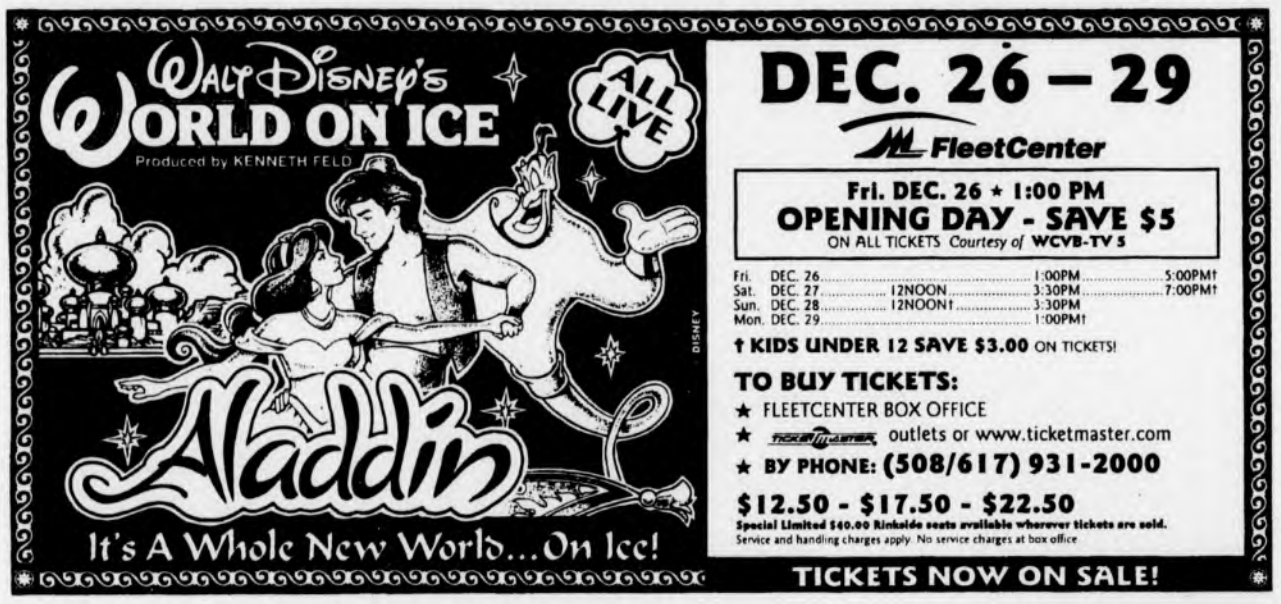
Used oil filters, antifreeze and batteries can be recycled by bringing them to the Cohasset Recycling Transfer Facility on Cedar Street.. "We have been successful in providing for the recycling of used oil filters, antifreeze and batteries by Cohasset residents," said Recycling Committee chairman Arthur Lehr. "We urge everyone to separate and recycle these items rather than throw them away."

In addition to these materials, Cohasset residents may also bring the following to the RTF for recycling: newspapers, white paper, junk mail, plastic bottles, aluminum, steel, cardboard, glass (separate by color), and cans (which should be cleaned out). Paint is accepted, but only on designated days. A fee is required for dropping off: tires, household appliances, household furniture and other miscellaneous bulky materials.

Public reading packet available

In an effort to promote communcation, the school department will provide a public reading packet and make if available to local citizens, the school board said last week.

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Deer Hill students knit hats for homeless

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF REPORTER

During many a fair weather recess at the Deer Hill School, a number of the youngsters are skipping their regular games in favor of knitting. To date, the middle school students have produced 120 hats to be donated to the homeless at the Boston shelter Rosie's Place.

Peter Bunstein, 10, spoke of *casting* Monday in much the same tones the Cohasset fishermen have used.

But Peter,, like many men of the sea before him, was knitting, not fishing.



Fifth-grader Peter Bunstein knits a hat in the Deer Hill School art room.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Moreover, he's not the only boy at the Deer Hill School who is handy with the sticks.

Though sometimes linked with women's work, knitting, according to art teacher Ann Berman, was started by men to repair the nets on fishing boats. Today, when the Deer Hill students cast yarn on a knitting needle, they also pick up a strand from Cohasset's seafaring past, Berman said, as she described a recess scene that veered on something timeless.

"They sit at the picnic tables, boys and girls together, and it makes me think this is how things could have been 100 years ago."

Instead of playing games during recess, many of the 330 in the student body knit, making hats for the homeless. The project culminates Dec. 9 when the school delivers the gifts to the Boston homeless shelter Rosie's Place.

"It just took off like wildfire," Berman said, after she mentioned the idea the first week of school in September. "It got bigger than me. Quickly. It's just going to be a tradition," the teacher predicted.

About 200 youngsters have participated, as well as numerous parents and teachers, and though many learned to knit recently, there are some veterans, too.

Peter, who has already completed five hats, provided one such experienced hand with knitting, though he only got motivated after Berman suggested the school work on hats for Rosie's Place, he said.

"My Aunt Betty had taught me how to knit, but I thought there's really not much point in doing it," Peter allowed.

But once the prospect of making hats for the homeless turned up, he changed his mind.

"It's different to do it for homeless people," he said.

The story was similar for Andrew Flynn, also 10.

"I think it's nice to help the poor people," Andrew said.

Andrew, who just started knitting three weeks ago, is on his second hat. He got interested when he saw math and science teacher Roger Bourassa knitting, he said.

For Andrew, without doubt, knitting is "people stuff," and not women's work, and the main idea is helping others.

With that kind of positive attitude, Berman said she is confident the knitting tradition will continue at Deer Hill, though perhaps to benefit a different charity next year.

"They don't know how wonderful they're being," Berman said about her charges.

"This whole project takes place after school and on their own time. This is enrichment in the true sense of the word."



Sixth-grader Megan Marr models one of several hats she knitted for Rosie's Place.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman



Tess Foley and Emily Sullivan show off the hats they knitted as part of a special project at Deer Hill School.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Condos to replace Quonset structures

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plans to tear down all the buildings and construct five condominiums in three buildings: two with two units and one single-unit.

Collins said he has several interested buyers and could begin tearing down the buildings by Christmas. He added that it was more likely that demolition would begin next spring.

Collins now needs the health board to approve the septic system for the three buildings. The board of health was scheduled to consider Collins' plan Tuesday night after The Mariner went to press.

The conservation commission has issued an order of conditions that supports Collins' latest plan.

The planning board has also approved Collins' plan.

The zoning board decision ends a battle by residents to remove the Quonset huts that dates back almost 40 years.

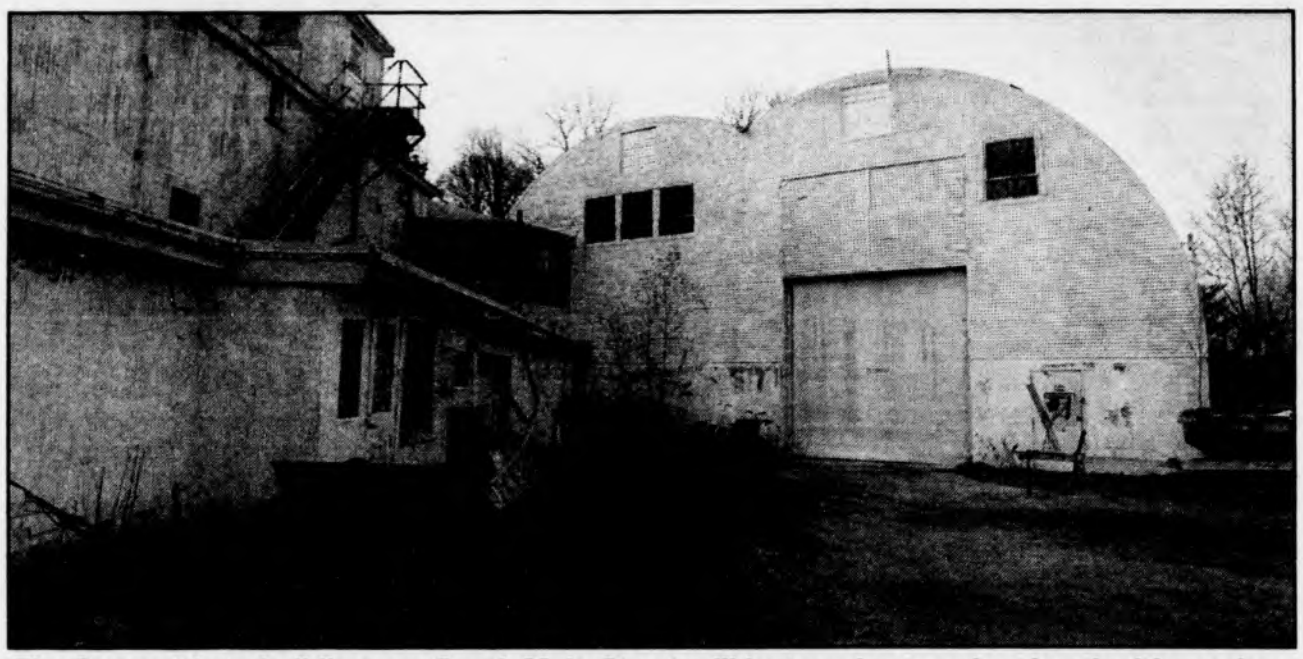
Collins said he was very pleased with the zoning board's decision.

"The zoning board was struck by the design which changes the project so it appears as three single-family homes," Collins said. "It took a year longer than I anticipated, but the result was worth the wait. The project could not have been done without the help of all the town's boards."

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said five units was a favorable compromise.

DeGiacomo said five units would be far superior to 10, especially in terms of density on the site. Current zoning regulations allow for only one home on the site, but condominiums are unique.

"The final project appears to be a lot less dense, and I think and hope it will be an attractive addition to the neighborhood," DeGiacomo said. "It was a long process that took a lot of time, and it was very emotional for the neighbors, but once it's done I think everyone will look back and agree that this was a good compromise."



The Quonset huts buildings on South Main Street will be torn down and replaced with condos.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Collins has enjoyed good support from neighbors eager to get rid of the Quonset huts. He said the neighbors were very pleased with the zoning board's decision.

And the neighbors agree. Corinne Cahill lives on South Main Street just two houses over from the Quonset huts, and is part of a neighborhood group of about 15 families eager to eliminate the structures.

"We've all been working on this for a very long time and this is the answer to our prayers," Cahill said. "This is the best Christmas present we've ever received."

Collins bought the 54,000-square-foot lot in 1996 hoping to convert it from a commercial site to 10 residential condominiums.

The property is a non-conforming use, zoned commercial in a primarily residential neighborhood. Because the buildings predate zoning regulations, the property was "grandfathered" and allowed to remain a commercial use. A number of different commercial businesses have used the location for decades. Currently, Collins maintains a law office at the site and rents space to six tenants.

But the zoning board opposed 10 units because it would place too many units on such a small piece of land. The zoning board rejected Collins' request in November 1996.

Collins appealed the decision to Norfolk Superior Court, although he tried to settle the matter out of court, asking for six units instead of 10. Zoning board members favored four units, and refused to budge. Then Collins offered five units as another compromise, and the zoning board finally agreed.

The homes will be New England-style colonials in the $350,000 to $400,000 range.

The two double units will be on a 1,240-square-foot building footprint, and the single-family will be on a 980-square-foot building footprint.

The three buildings will occupy an area that is 10 percent smaller than the Quonset huts, preserving some open space.

Each building will have clapboards, peaked roofs, porches, brick chimneys, shutters, three floors with garages on the first level and architecture consistent with the neighborhood.

The planning board tried to rezone the site earlier this year so Collins could build 10 condominiums, but voters at the 1997 spring town meeting rejected the proposal. Members of the conservation commission said the change in bylaws would have stripped them of their jurisdiction over the nearby flood plain.

The land sits on the edge of the water and should offer a beautiful landscape for residents, according to Collins.

"These are going to be stunning buildings on a stunning site," Collins said.

Man has piece of Nobel Peace Prize

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of Jordan who at 15 years old lost a leg to a land mine, will accompany him to Oslo. "It's a wonderful thing to be invited to the Nobel ceremony," said White who lives in Washington with his wife and four children. But he is quick to point out that while being recognized is nice — there is a lot more work to be done. "Before we all raise our champagne flutes," he said, "let's make sure those in countries held hostage to land mines feel the difference." Before Oslo, White first heads to Ottawa Dec. 4-6 for the signing to the international treaty to ban land mines. While there he has been asked to pay tribute to the late Princess of Wales. Britain's Princess Diana drew attention to the scourge of land mines on her trips to Angola and Bosnia earlier this year. White and his partner, Ken Rutherford another amputee, met the late princess at the land-mine conference in June where she was the keynote speaker. She later chose LSN to host her three-day visit to Bosnia in August where she went house-to-house visiting land-mine survivors and their families. LSN, founded in 1995, is dedicated to helping the thousands of land-mine victims alive today.

White said he hopes the all the attention surrounding the Nobel Prize will help draw attention to LSN's mission. "The reason we formed the Landmine Survivors Network is to make a difference on the ground," he said. The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded annually to those whose work during the preceding year has been of the greatest benefit to mankind.

White is a Cohasset High graduate. His mother, Mimi White, lives on Sheldon Road.

For more information on how you can help land-mine victims, please contact LSN , 700 13th St. NW, Suite 950, Washington, D.C. 20005. Email: LSN@landminesurvivors.org. Website: www.landminesurvivors.org.

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Osgood School prepares Native American Thanksgiving

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF REPORTER

The instant the fresh orange zest scratched the grater, the Osgood School halls smelled like Thanksgiving was near. But when the carrots, the maple syrup and the cream style corn cascaded into the mixing bowls, the mounting signs of the feast had second-grader Chris Rose, 7, patting his tummy.

"It's going to taste good," agreed McKenna Teague, 7, who was assigned to the corn pudding detail with classmate Jackie Cahill, 8. Though neither sounded too sure about the pudding ingredients, when the time came to make cranberry bread for the second grade's Thanksgiving feast, their classmate Emily Runy needed but little help from the adults.

"I already know how to do it," the seven-year old said, turning a wooden spoon neatly through the lumps of white cake mix.

Emily, McKenna, Jackie and Chris were among the youngsters Monday who tried a hand at measurements and recipes, under the expert eye of cooks like teacher Rosalie Collins and parent volunteer Ann Stenbeck.

The parents helping youngsters cook up the holiday feast came from the ranks of more than 100 volunteers who enrich the school classrooms throughout the year

According to Collins, without the parent volunteers, the class of 22 would probably have had to settle for mostly talking about the first Thanksgiving, rather than digging into the recipes the Pilgrims learned from Maushop and Quant.

Yet, the Thanksgiving Feast is but one of many ways the parents contribute, Collins said.

" The staff wanted to say thank-you to all the parent volunteers since this is our last year here at the Osgood School," the teacher said, " and we are celebrating 75 years at Osgood." (The Osgood School is in its last year in the present building on Ripley Road, while a new school is being built.)

Whether they are helping with a cooking exercise or math and science, the parent volunteers make a positive difference in the quality of the children's education. Moreover, with classes numbering over 20 students in all the grades at Osgood, the second grade teacher said, the teachers would not otherwise be able to grapple with the logistics of guiding their charges through hands-on learning projects in art, computers, and even publishing.



Parent volunteer Jean Muir helps her son Kenny cut up vegetables for the Osgood Thanksgiving feast while Robert Troy wipes onion induced tears from his eyes.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Monday, six mothers helped Collins out with the Thanksgiving Feast preparations in her room, such as Diane Shipp. As a "room mother," she has volunteered frequently because she wanted to be part of her son' Alexander's education.

"I want him to see me at school and know that I see it as valuable," Shipp said.

As for the youngsters, Chris Rose summed up the pleasure of having a parent come to volunteer and said it made a youngster feel like a special person.

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Cohasset boaters cool to pump-out program

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Despite weak participation this summer, a state official has high hopes a new pumpout program will eventually hook Cohasset boaters.

"I have great hopes next year Cohasset harbor will be a lot cleaner than it was before this equipment arrived," said Buell Hollister, the Clean Vessel Act grant coordinator.

Moreover, because the Clean Vessel Act is due to expire this year, the official is hoping the legislature will move to re-authorize the program.

"We need to keep a flow of cash going to maintain it," he said.

Hollister is collecting data on the program's success statewide and this week he acknowledged the first season is not enough time to judge if the program is working. Overall, the program is in its third year, though this boating season was the first time it has been used in Cohasset. The general pattern, he said, has been a change in attitude among boaters who "by and large want to do the right thing," he said.

"When the program first started, a lot of people said we really needed to enforce this," Hollister said.

Nonetheless, it has appeared to be peer pressure, not penalties, that has motivated people to use the pump, Hollister said, even though it is still legal to dump certain types of waste outside the three-mile limit.

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Yet according to Harbor Master John Winters, of the 425 crafts in Cohasset Harbor, only 20-25 boats tied up with the special pumping boat. The boat has a tank inside and a pump that extracts wastewater from the sanitary stations on board the pleasure boats.

Winters estimated he pumped a total of 400 gallons from June through the end of the season, even though the program is free and was advertised extensively.

Nonetheless, Winters was not discouraged. "It will take hold," the harbor master predicted. "We just got the boat this year."

Under the grant program, the state provides 75 percent of the cost of the boat as well as 75 percent of the operational costs, including dockage, Winters said.

According to Hollister, the money to fund the programs comes from a tax on fishing reels, gear and outboard motors, and the ten percent tax is collected through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Traffic rules to get upgrade

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turns. (It is illegal in the village to make a U-turn into an angled parking space on the opposite side of South Main Street).

"That way it won't matter if you speak nothing by Russian, you know what that means," said Jones, who was elected as the committee's chairman.

The traffic committee wants to focus initially on the center of town. There was some talk about how to make the pedestrian crosswalks user friendly. Members recalled the portable signs of about five years ago didn't work because they had to be put away at night. Cars also hit and damaged them.

The crosswalk in front of the South Shore Community Center at 3 N. Main St. was singled out as one that needs safety improvement. Pole mounted pedestrian cross-walk signs, like the one in front of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, were mentioned as a possible option.

Members of the committee are: Jones, Selectman Merle Brown, Mike Barry, Page Liberty and Heidi Salerno.

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Emma Duffy and Jonathan Barry give some much appreciated attention to a dog a the Harvest Fair held earlier this fall in Cohasset Village.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD

Exciting times are ahead for our little town of Cohasset, the Christmas season is rushing upon us. With the season comes events that people look forward to, and those involved in bringing these to you have asked me to release this information to you so that you might again plan your time around them: first of all, on Dec. 6, 10a.m.-3p.m. is the Cohasset Village Fair entitled "All Around Cohasset Common".

"Visit with Santa" is being brought to you by the Cohasset/Appalachia Service Project, they will be taking instant photos of tiny petitioners to the delight of parents.

The Second Congregational Church will be the setting of its annual boutique, bake sale and chowder bar; The Unitarian Parish House will repeat its annual jumble sale and Swedish coffee shop (featuring freshly baked cinnamon buns by Sine Pounder of Cohasset's The Bread Shop Fame and coffee.

Located in the town hall will be the selling of wreaths and swags that members of the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox have embellished in the weeks before the fair, as well as presenting a bargain bazaar, a boutique of holiday gift items, and an array of tempting Greek pastries and delicacies; Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church will hold a book and bake sale, along with a silent auction and baked goods and fresh greens arrangements—also it will have the children's secret room, where the kiddies may purchase inexpensive Christmas gifts "all by themselves".

As you can see, this has been an event that has been in the works for months, and people from all over the South Shore come to partake in it. Don't be left out! Oh yes, it sounds as though it might be a good idea to diet for a few days before attending, what yummy food is in store for you!

MR. BEAR'S CHRISTMAS

Also, on Dec. 6, at 10:30a.m. the South Shore Community Center is hosting "Mr. Bear's Christmas", a theatrical production from the N.H. Theatre Project's "HA'PENNY THEATRE." Tickets are on sale now through Dec. 2 and will be $6, after that they will be $8. Call the Center at 383-0088 for more information and tickets. The Mural prototype at Paul Pratt library will also be raffled to benefit friends of Paul Pratt library - tickets on sale at Butonwood Books, $5 each.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Next, the photo that you see is a harbinger of things to come for the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's "Home for the Holidays House Tour". Left to right in the photo are Lee Androski, Lelia Weinstein, and Susan Callahan are busily setting up this biennial event. Maura Ditmar and Peggy Lovallo are the co-chairs who have been working for months coordinating everything—five homes will be on the tour including a French Country style main house, a Victorian residence, a New England Colonial, a contemporary overlooking the water, and an English fieldstone country manor. A feature added to this year's tour is a lunch sponsored by the South Shore Community Center for $5 from 11:30a.m.-3p.m. at the Center. The club is requesting that adults only come on this tour and that everyone chooses footwear that is comfortable and that will protect the homes visited. Free rnts, freshments will be availab throughout the day at Bates Hall in the Second Congregational Church, and the Octet from the Broad Cover Chorale will perform carols a capella and close harmony songs of the season in mid-afternoon at several of the homes. Proceeds from the house tour will be used to support the numerous civic projects of the Garden Club. The date is Wednesday, Dec. 10, form 10a.m.-4p.m. Advanced tickets are $15 or $20 tour day rate. Plan on going, this widely acclaimed event cannot be missed!

OOPS!

Boy did I make a huge mistake recently when we welcomed Bob Healy home from the hospital—it was Tom that was ill. Notice I say was, he is out and about and looking fantastic. Even driving! Sorry, Tom but glad to see you are well again.

SHOP LOCALLY

With the holiday season upon us, one is reminded to shop locally. One family owned business comes to mind, King Jewelers—they have been in business for 76 years, and June (the main mom) and Valerie and Vicki (also moms) have made sue that nothing but the best is in their store. June is in charge of giftware and restringing pearls and beads, Val runs the business end and is marketing and advertising person and Vicki is the store's diamond buyer. The store is elegant, as are the contents, the people are all wonderful, and you can find tons of treasures there. Check it out!

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Favorite season: Spring.

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Favorite movie: 'To Kill a Mockingbird.'

Favorite book: 'Children of Men,' by P. D. James.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

"Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling; that so we might, after a more special manner, rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labours.

"They four, in one day, killed as much fowl as, with a little help besides, served the Company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our Arms; many of the Indians coming amongst us.

"And, amongst the rest, their greatest King, Massasoyt, with some ninety men; whom for three days, we entertained and feasted. And they went out, and killed five deer; which they brought to the Plantation; and bestowed on our Governor and upon the Captain and others."

Thus, one member of the Company at Plymouth Plantation, Edward Winslow, described the first Thanksgiving in a letter to a friend back in England, dated Dec. 11, 1621.

Actually, a form of Thanksgiving goes back a long way before the Pilgrims to a time when the first man conceived the idea of a Supreme Being and there would be someone to thank for a bountiful harvest.

The Biblical patriarch Moses set aside for the Jews two great religious feasts of thanksgiving for the harvest, the Feast of the Spring Harvest (Hag Shavu'oth) and the Feast of the Fall Harvest (Sukkoth).

Pre-Christian Europe gave thanks for the full barns and stocked larders of successful harvest season to a grain god or goddess, be it Astarte, Osiris, Tammuz, Demeter or Ceres.

Christians of the Middle Ages had the Feast of St. Martin of Tours (Martinmas) that was celebrated all over Europe, starting with a Mass, then games, dancing, parades and finally dinner, featuring the traditional roasted St. Martin's goose.

The Pilgrims introduced Thanksgiving to the New World in 1621 but the exact date has been forgotten. The best guess is that it was somewhere between the beginning of October and *the first week in November.*

The menu contained no mention of turkeys, cranberries or pumpkin pies, all native to the Western Hemisphere and the staples of Thanksgiving as we enter the 21st Century. Dinner would be unthinkable without them.

The Pilgrims and their Indian friends ate venison, roast duck, roast goose, clams, eels, water cress, white and corn bread, leeks, wild plums and dried berries, washing it down with red and white wine, at the first American Thanksgiving.

The traditional turkey came much later, so-called because the English settlers thought the red wattles on a turkey resembled a tasseled fez from the country of Turkey and translated its clucking sound as "turk, turk, turk."

Right now, Thanksgiving has lost its meaning as a harvest festival since mom and pop farms long ago have given way to the corporate agricultural giants, who give thanks to no one.

What remains is the Thanksgiving dinner — roast turkey with stuffing and a dash of cranberry sauce on the side, white and sweet potatoes, succotash (corn and lima beans), mince or pumpkin pie, washed down with a glass of cider.

But enough of that! Let's eat!



LETTERS

More Lobster Lab follies

To the Editor:

One would think that the Board of Selectmen would respond to Kevin Ulmer's magnificent offer by cooperating to make the Learning Lab for Marine Biology the best possible facility, and by removing road blocks instead of erecting them. But such common sense is in short supply.

Selectman Merle Brown insists that he can't approve a proposal unless it has the same footprint and same interior square footage as the original Hagerty building. Nan Roth and Michael Sullivan are equally negative to improving the building space. The important thing, surely, is to get for the town the best that the proponents can achieve with the Hagerty building, limited only by the funds they can raise.

The architects have developed an excellent plan that makes maximum use of the building's footprint, much improved over the original idea. The second floor area is fully utilized by expanding to the same dimension as the first, and the former attic is transformed into useable space. The plan includes a small enclosure at the rear, outside of the footprint, primarily to enclose the handicapped ramp, but also the elevator and the code-required secondary stairs. The exterior appearance also is much improved, and is better liked by its neighbors than is the existing mongrel shape. The town's students will benefit, rather than being harmed, by efficient use of the building and by the minor addition to the footprint. Yet Brown is adamantly opposed, reciting the mantra that only the original footprint and the original internal square footage can be leased. Why? Who decreed that limitation? Where is the logic in leasing the building but drawing the line at improvements that will considerably improve its utility to the students? What does it matter if the original proposal was less ambitious? Surely, what's important is getting the best from the structure for the town's students. Standing for a principle isn't all that admirable if the principle is grounded on irrationality.

To obtain funding from foundations for capital and operating cost, obviously the Lab can't be restricted to Cohasset students, and must be presented as regional, even though the realities of transportation will result in its being primarily of benefit to Cohasset residents. But Brown seems to believe in cutting off one's nose to spite the face, by arguing that town property shouldn't be used for a regional facility. Better a gesture toward regionalization than have the Lab severely limited to what can be done with only local donations. Such provincialism may play well with some elements in the town, but it would be Cohasset's students who would get cheated by such tunnel vision.

At the spring town meeting, the proponents presented a warrant article intended specifically to obtain a 10-year lease, rather than the shorter lease favored by some selectmen. A long-term lease is an important factor in attracting support and serious money. A proposed amendment to reduce the term was soundly defeated and it was then voted to issue an RFP for a 10-year lease, because the voters had the good sense to understand the reasons. But lo and behold, the new RFP specifies a two-year lease, renewable only if the timetable for fundraising and construction is met, while the evaluation criteria penalizes a reasonable schedule and favors one that is unreasonably short. To compound the charade, some selectmen claim that the two-year term is to better protect the interests of the bidder!

Rather than try to micro-manage the project and compromise the quality of the Lab by attempts to redesign it via the skewed evaluation criteria published in the RFP, a more sensible Board of Selectmen would enter into a simple agreement, and leave it to their responsible and mature fellow citizens to do their stuff. That worked well with the original Lightkeepers' project, thanks to the practical common sense of former selectman Rocco Laugelle.

Listening to the petty and uninformed quibbling of some of the current selectmen is like being pecked to death by ducks.

R. M. Campbell
75 Old Pasture Rd.

Improve roads, ditch train

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my great concern over the restoration of the Greenbush service on the South Shore. First, I would like to say that when the project was first announced, I was a great supporter and welcomed the news of another way of commuting to work. I wondered why would anyone not want the train restored. The train ran along the tracks before, so why would there be any problem with starting up the service again?

My wife and I were on opposite sides of this issue. I began to walk and drive along this route and compare it with other lines under construction and currently in use. I began to notice that all of the other lines were for the most part wide open straight lines with very few grade crossings. Also, most of the homes were not

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Kids, seniors mix it up at holiday lunch

CLOCKWISE—Third-graders Haley Haracz and Michelle Madge sing the Thanksgiving song for seniors at the intergenerational luncheon last week. Kay McDonough welcomes Osgood third-graders Whitney Graham and Jessica Barrientos to the Council of Elder Affairs luncheon. Third-graders sing for senior citizens at a special pre-Thanksgiving intergenerational lunch at the senior center. Jeanette Somerville and Fletcher Smalzel buddy up at the luncheon.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman









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very close to the tracks. I invite you to look at the houses along the South/Hersey Street intersection. There are tree grade crossings in one small block of the downtown with room for no more than two cars to wait at the crossing before blocking the intersections.

How will this work? Most of the time there are cars waiting over the tracks to get through these intersections. What happens when a train approaches? Does the train stop and wait for the traffic to move or does the gate just drop down on the traffic waiting to move through the intersection? Another problem area would be in Weymouth Landing where it was explained by the T that the commuter train would be blocking Quincy Ave. (Route 53) and Commecial Street when it stopped at the station. Imagine this at rush hour!

We have friends in Wellesley who said the commuter rail runs by their downtown with no problems. We went out to look at it and the train passes by the downtown but does not bisect right through all of the streets with grade crossings as the Greenbush does. (This line is also below grade, similar to the expressway in Milton which reduces all of the crossings through the town.)

A major problem is also the converging of three lines in Braintree onto one track. Besides he noise for the people on the tracks in this area, the problems with three lines convergin is that the other trains are held up (even with timing a schedule) while they wait for the other trains to switch tracks. After riding the Redline for 10 years, the major problem all the time was switching problems where the two Redlines merge in Dorchester.

There is no way the trains can keep their optimistic schedule when all three lines are running on a full schedule.

Another issue which is not discussed too often is the filling of hundreds of acres of wetlands, mainly in the Cohasset area to accomodate the rail line. To me this is unbelievable in this day to hear that this would be done. If the line existed before, how come there was no need to destroy all of this?

Another issue is the cost to restore this line. For millions of taxpayer dollars, only a couple of thousand riders? I also firmly believe that these people are most likely current riders of public transportation of other forms: mainly bus, Redline, or commuter boat riders who would just switch over to the commuter line. This would still not solve any traffic problems as people who commute by car really like the freedom of their cars and this will not change.

Finally, there is truly a real threat to destroying the character of Hingham's historic homes and downtown. It is a wonderful place which looks and feels like a step back in time and it is worth preserving. There are very few places left in this country which preserve the past so well yet are still active and not part of some museum.

I have realized that just because the train ran along this narrow winding strip through the South Shore does not mean it was the right place for it. It was just easier at the time. In reality, it would never be considered today if there was not an old rail bed there.

Why not invest these millions of dollars in upgrading services which exist now or making some simple changes to traffic patterns in the area?

As far as automobile traffic is concerned, the majority of people who would be potential riders on the Greenbush line would be people who commute along Route 3A. The real problems begin on this road after crossing over the Back River where the sea of traffic begins. There is nothing more frustrating than waiting at both sets of lights turning red at the Harborlight Mall when the parking lot is empty. Then, all along the rest of the route are lights turning red out of sequence, backing up traffic through this area. However, the real problem along this stretch is further up the road in Quincy at the intersection of Southern Artery and Washington Street. This is where the money could be used wisely. There needs to be a lane for traffic to turn right onto Southern Artery at all times to keep this road from bogging down. The Quincy police officer does his best to keep this area moving but can only work with what he has. When only the lights are functioning, the traffic quickly backs up all the way through Weymouth.

Another area where the money could be well spent would be to rebuild the Fore River bridge to allow for the large ships to pass under without having to lift the bridge. It is outrageous that the bridge is allowed to be raised during rush hour. This happens several times a week and completely destroys the commute as the whole process takes about 15 minutes. This in itself is a major contributor to the problems on Route 3A.

As for Route 3, the commuters closest to this route do have the option of taking the already restored lines. However, several changes could be made to improve traffic flow along this route. One of the biggest bottlenecks is caused at the Union Street interchange in Braintree. The amount of traffic coming onto the highway at this location calls for another lane. In the winter, Union Street is backed up to Weymouth Landing just to get onto Route 3. This also causes Route 3 to back up to Derby Street in Hingham. The traffic usually frees up after this merge point. What could help would be to allow the use of the breakdown lane for the cars coming on at Union Street up to the split with Route 128. Currently two lanes of traffic come up the Union Street on ramp and try to merge into the two inside lanes of traffic slowing and stopping these two travel lanes.

I also remember back in the 70s there was talk of running a Monorail type system down the Route 3 median. Whatever happened to that idea? Was the thought too far into the future? It would be fantastic to revive the idea. It is very efficient, clean and quiet. It is a great people mover at Disney World and there is no reason why it could not work here. It would also make use of a no-man's land and cause little disruption of neighborhoods.

In closing, all I would like to say is that there are many other possibilities to be looked at besides this last spur of the commuter line. For the disruption and money it would cost it just would not solve the real problems commuting from this area. To me it does not even come close after reviewing it. I would hope that others who look at this issue will come to this conclusion also before it is too late to go back.

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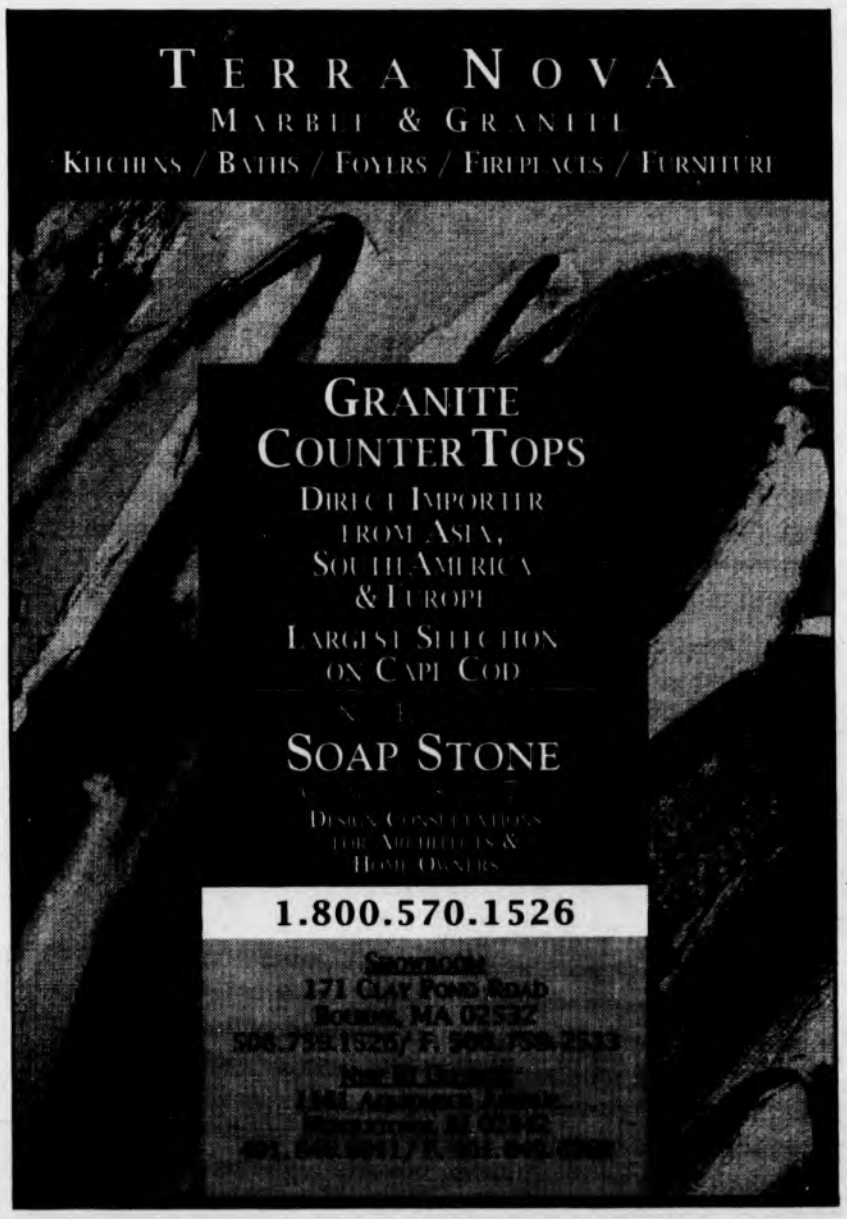
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State backs special on-site districts

Because the On-Site Wastewater Management District is something of an experimental concept, the health board could have its hands full as it grapples with the best way to establish the ground rules,

(DEP officials, such as John Higgins, have acknowledged the state agency wants communities to try out the septic districts, especially in areas where laying sewer mains has proved tough. That's a part of the reason state revolving fund dollars that used to go for sewers are being diverted for the OWMD instead.)

However, the concept has proved to be a hard sell in many communities which have dubbed the mandatory inspections the "septic police."

Nonetheless, merely belonging to an OWMD can provide unexpected loopholes to a homeowner with a failing septic system who wants to sell the property. In some instances, it can be enough to sidestep Title V repairs prior to the deed transfer.

Specifically, under recent Title V revisions, the septic system inspection is no longer required if the owner belongs to a DEP-approved OWMD.

Other features of the OWMD allow the town to provide technical assistance to the homeowner and potentially reduce the costs of maintaining the systems.

Homeowners plan septic powwow

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quired to implement a plan," Ulmer said because of the town meeting vote to OK the legal settlement.. Although the specific regulations that will cover the OWMD properties have yet to be decided, the board is "stuck with doing the inspections every seven years," he said.

Ulmer said the board would have to hire inspectors to handle the increased work load or contract out some of the site visits.

"This is more or less what we're stuck with," Ulmer acknowledged, though the health board remains "quite unhappy with that particular course of events." The settlement, he said, came independent of the board's efforts to launch a town-wide plan to deal with Cohasset's sewer woes.

Though sewer commission Chairman Ted Guild said the plan was favorable to Cohasset, he acknowledged the arrangement did place some burdens on both the health board, which is charged with operating it, and the homeowners in the OWMD.

Nonetheless, Guild said it was the best deal Cohasset could get from the state.

Moreover, the sewer commissioner maintained people did not yet understand the advantages of the OWMD.

"I don't think many people have any grasp of what an excellent deal this is for them," Guild said.

Guild said the state could provide up to $3 million in loans (about $20,000 per homeowner) through the state revolving fund to offset the cost of upgrading septic systems, and the objective was not necessarily to repair the individual system but to design joint treatments systems that would potentially serve three or four homeowners.

Finally, according to Mary Griffin, in the state Attorney General's Office, Cohasset has been subject to a Superior Court order to build a new wastewater treatment plant and lay new sewer mains for about 20 years. The latest plan was an effort to compromise after the town opted not to build a new treatment plant but to upgrade the existing one and to reduce the final total number of homes to be ultimately sewered.

"The town signed a consent judgment," Griffin said. "This latest judgment is in the context of the old order by the court to provide more flexibility."

Griffin said Cohasset never built the new plant and maintained extending sewer mains to more than 40 percent of the town would not be cost-effective due to the presence of ledge.

"I'm not saying this is an easy thing for the 136 people, but the state is trying to assist as well," she said.

COUNCIL CORNER/ PAT BAIRD

MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL

The Middle-High School Council met Nov. 3. It was announced that the PSO and the school are going to cosponsor a number of forums dealing with educational/social issues. The first forum was held Nov. 17 for the Middle School. Social issues pertaining to our middle school young people were discussed. Future topics will include forums on curriculum frameworks, (scheduled for this winter) and testing (scheduled for this spring).

The council discussed the budget with level funding, increased enrollment and building maintenance.

A survey to review and evaluate block scheduling is in the development stage.

The next professional development day will be March 23 and not March 13, as the calendar states. The next council meeting will be held Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., in the high school guidance meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

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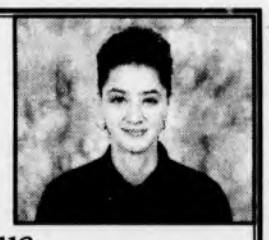
The Deer Hill School Council met Oct. 7. The meeting focused on planning the agenda for the school council-sponsored evening discussion "Homework: Balancing the Fulcrum Between Work and Play," which was held Oct. 8. The panel discussion was led by Barbara Green, a child psychologist. The panelists were Sue Horigan, Frank Deacon and Nancy Magnussen, as well as council representatives. Largely, it was determined that parents feel that homework is the most important activity that their children do after school, but that it often is hard to accommodate all the other extracurricular activities.

The need for the replacement of the single pane windows was discussed.

The PSO's second "Sock Hop" was very successful. Deer Hill's faculty, students and their families had a great time.

Several offices were painted during Mr. Callahan's second annual "Make a Difference Day." Also, Cohasset's Boy Scout Troop 38 made a number of large picnic tables, two of which are handicapped-accessible. These tables will be used in the courtyard for lunch or outside classes.

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Court considers arguments on rejected landfill expansion

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The decision on whether to uphold the board of health's decision to reject Cohasset Height's Landfill's expansion now rests with a Norfolk Superior Court judge.

Several groups both for and against the landfill expansion argued the case before the court last Friday. Norfolk Superior Court Judge Isaac Borenstein heard from the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), town-attorney Jean Kelley, and CHL-attorney Anton Moehrke.

Judge Borenstein could deliver a decision before the end of the year.

"The judge heard all oral arguments from the interested parties," Moehrke said. "The judge heard a number of briefs and oral arguments, and now it all rests with Judge Borenstein."

Friday's hearing stems from the board of health's decision in 1996 to reject CHL's proposal to expand the horizontal area of the landfill.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), ruled in 1996 that the landfill was a suitable site for expansion. But the final decision rests with the health board.

State law says that the health board shall approve the expansion unless it poses a threat to public health.

The health board denied the expansion because it felt the expansion would endanger human health.

State law says the health board's decision should be upheld unless it is arbitrary, capricious or illegal.

SAFE member John K. McNabb Jr. said the health board based its rejection on information supplied by CHL engineers that the landfill would be on top of groundwater at less then four-foot depth.

At Friday's hearing, SAFE attorney Kevin McDonnell argued that the court should uphold the health board's decision as legal.

Moehrke argued that the DEP decision was binding legislation, McNabb said.

"Just because DEP said it was a suitable site, doesn't mean it's allowed by right if there is a threat to human health," McNabb said.

According to McNabb, Moehrke also argued that health board Chairman Alix White, who is a former member of SAFE, influenced the health board to deliver a biased decision against CHL.

But Moehrke did not show how White made an allegedly biased decision, McNabb said. He added that Moehrke tried to say that White's former allegiance to SAFE prevented her from making an unbiased decision.

But McNabb refuted that assertion.

"The case law shows that elected officials are elected to have positions on issues," McNabb said.

McNabb said he believes CHL's case is further weakened because the health board based its decision on information supplied by CHL experts.

McNabb said Moehrke also argued that the DEP finding forces the town to presume that the expansion would be conducted in compliance with all regulations. State regulations require the landfill to be more than four feet above groundwater.

But CHL's own experts stated that the expansion would be less than four feet from the groundwater, posing a threat to human health. It also disproved the presumption that the landfill would be built in compliance with all current regulations.

McNabb said he was confident that the town would prevail. He said Judge Borenstein interrupted Moehrke several times to question statements implying that the town had violated of CHL's rights.

CHL lost a previous court bid asserting that the town had violated its civil rights.

"We expect the judge to make his decision soon," McNabb said. "He has read the briefs, he has asked for excerpts from the transcripts to back up the oral arguments, and he is extremely involved in the material."

The town's battle against CHL has generated 3,000 pages of court documents and cost the town $100,000 in court fees.

DEP cites CHL for permit violation

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has cited the Cohasset Heights Landfill (CHL) for failing to file a construction permit for part of the landfill with the registry of deeds.

In 1989, CHL failed to file its DEP permit to construct area IV-A of the landfill. Two weeks ago John K. McNabb Jr., vice-president of the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE),discovered that CHL had illegally filled an unpermitted area (Area IV-B) that bordered area IV-A.

While researching that recent violation, McNabb also discovered that CHL had not filed the DEP permit.

"The failure by CHL to file the required notice means that this DEP permit to construct Area IV-A of the landfill has never become effective," McNabb said. "And that the landfill has been operating in violation of state law since July 3, 1989."

In a letter to CHL owner Paul Barry dated Nov. 4, DEP directed Barry to file the permit within 21 days or face legal action.

CHL's attorney, Anton Moehrke, said that the failure to file the permit was an oversight on the company's part. He said with the busy nature of the landfill business, filing the permit was an action that slipped through the cracks.

Moehrke added that CHL has filed the permit.

"CHL sent a letter to its engineer and he filed the permit," Moehrke said.

Moehrke also pointed out that not filing the permit did not invalidate all of CHL's subsequent permits since 1989.

But McNabb said the failure to file the permit and a legal plan showing the boundaries of Area IV-A allowed the company to get away with illegal dumping in Area IV-B over the last eight years.

"This failure to file the required notice is not merely a paper violation," McNabb said. "CHL was required to file a recordable plan with its deed that shows the exact area permitted for the landfill. The failure to file this plan back in 1989 made it much easier for CHL to get away with the illegal dumping we just caught them at."

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After Jan. 1, 1998, fees for Cohasset residents will be $100 for Monday through Wednesday, except holidays, and $300 for Thursday through Sunday and holidays. Fees for non-residents will be $300 and $500 respectively. Capacity is 85 seated at tables, or 120 without tables.

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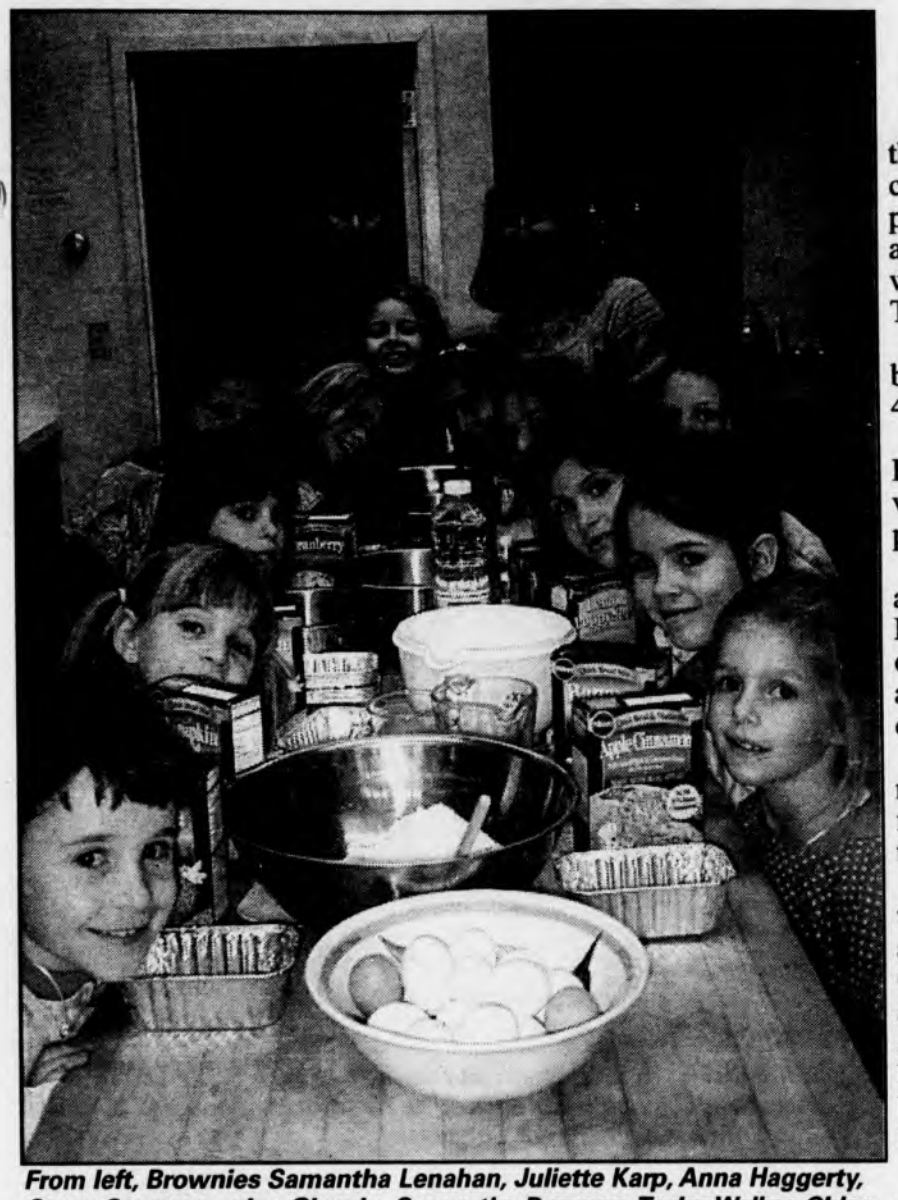
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Cohasset Brownies bake bread for food pantry



From left, Brownies Samantha Lenahan, Juliette Karp, Anna Haggerty, Casey Cavanaro, gina Givagio, Samantha Burgoon, Taylor Walker, Chloe Koines, Lindsay Blake, Caroline McElhinny, Paige Strecker and Katina Martone, supervised by troop leaders Andrea Martone (back left) and Amanda Burgoon, get ready to bake bread for the Cohasset Food Pantry. Not pictured, Brownie Charlie Reel.

Staff Photo/ Jennifer R. Horan

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Thirteen pairs of hands sifted through the ingredients for apple cinnamon bread, banana bread, pumpkin bread, blueberry bread and lemon poppy seed bread last week in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday.

But the 26 loaves of flavored bread that the Brownies in Troop 4738 baked were not for them.

"It's for the food pantry," said Brownie Samantha Burgoon, who added that she was happy to participate.

As a change of pace from arts and crafts, troop leaders Andrea Martone and Amanda Burgoon decided to introduce the second- and third-grade girls to the concept of community service.

"You get a real feeling of community service," said Martone. "I felt we should start to do more things for the community."

The Brownies gathered for their regular meeting last Friday at the Second Congregational Church to combine water, eggs and cake mix in large bowls and stir the ingredients until ready to be placed in foil bread pans. They baked the bread in the church kitchen's three large ovens.

After freezing the loaves for freshness over the weekend, the troop planned to deliver the bread to the pantry Tuesday. Each loaf will be affixed with a label indicating that the bread was handmade by the Brownies.

"I think it's a good thing," said Brownie Taylor Walker. "People who don't get food a lot on Thanksgiving can get it."

Food pantry clients — about 30 Cohasset families — will receive the loaves of bread as part of their Thanksgiving dinner packages.

The Brownies' donation, wrapped decoratively with ribbons, will be an added treat for the pantry's clients — above and beyond the turkeys, fresh vegetables and stuffing they will be receiving for the holiday feast, said volunteer Marjorie Steele.

"I think it's great," Steele said. "It's always great to have freshly baked bread for the clients. And it's a great way for the younger kids to get involved."

The food pantry normally receives its donations from five churches in town as well as from individual residents.

The pantry, located at 43 Highland Avenue at the Second Congregational Church, is open for donations or visits from prospective clients on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m., or call 383-0345.

Jingle Bell Walk is Nov. 28

The South Shore Community Center invites family and friends to join in the holiday spirit at the Jingle Bell Walk. The Jungle Bell Walk, a Cohasset tradition, begins at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 28, when Santa Claus arrives by boat with his elves at Cohasset Harbor (Border St.). After Santa distributes jingle bells to the children, he will ride the fire truck and the walk continues along the sidewalks of Elm to Main St. in Cohasset. At 2 p.m. the community center welcomes all to partake in cookies, a beverage, and a holiday-sing-along. Holiday music and carols will also be sung by all. Santa will be upstairs in the center to pose for pictures with you and your children. Merchants participate by offering complimentary treats or discounts to shoppers. Please stroll through the village to share in the local shops' holiday ambiance. At 2:45 p.m. on Cohasset Common there will be a Turkey Tot Trot for ages three to 10. Pre-registration for this event is $2 per participant is required. Proceeds will go to benefit the nursery school. All participants will receive a prize. Listen to the bells of St. Stephen's playing from 2 to 4 p.m. while enjoying a hayride around the common. Hayrides will be available from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The festivities culminate on Cohasset Common at 4 p.m. with the lighting of the tree. There is something for everyone this year at the Jungle Bell Walk. It's a great way to appreciate our picturesque surroundings while involving the whole family in a Cohasset tradition. The rain date is Nov. 29 with the same itinerary.

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Cohasset holiday house tour is planned

Homes for the Holiday is the theme for this year's biennial house tour sponsored by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. Five beautifully decorated homes will be open for viewing Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a diversity of styles represented, including a riverside French country-style manor with a Great Hall living room and entrance turret and a 1790s post-and-beam house with the original twin chimneys. A 1780s Victorian residence with gingerbread detailing, a contemporary home set between a rocky ledge and water, and an English fieldstone country manor with impressive vistas of Massachusetts Bay and Cape Ann round out the tour. Free refreshments will be available at Bates Hall in the Second Congregational Church, including coffee and muffins from 10 a.m. to noon, and tea and holiday cookies from noon to 4 p.m. The Octet from the Broad Cove Chorale, under the direction of Margo Euler, will perform a capella carols and close harmony songs of the season in mid-afternoon at several of the homes.

Tickets for the tour are available at the South Shore Community Center at 3 North Main St. in Cohasset. The phone number is (781) 383-0088. If purchased in advance, the tickets are $15 and on the day of the tour they are $20. This year the community center is sponsoring a lunch which can be purchased for $5 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the house tour will be used to support the numerous civic projects of the Garden Club, which include historic restoration and preservation, civic beautification, scholarship grants and community education programs. The club also contributes time and money to various environmental and conservation agencies.



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Favorite vegetable dishes

This is the big week that all look forward to – Thanksgiving! Everyone puts in their requests for their favorite vegetable at our house, that is a little tradition that has gone on for years. The one common thing that everyone asks for is the creamy potato casserole. These resemble the "old fashioned delmonico potatoes", but are much easier (no peeling, dicing required), and every bit as good. The recipe came from Shirley Watters, an old friend that lived here for many years before moving to Florida. Hope you enjoy it, once again thanks go to Shirley for sharing it.

Creamy Hash Brown Bake

1 package (32 ounces) frozen hash brown potatoes (the type that are small dices potatoes)

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1 can condensed cream of chick soup, undiluted

2 cups (16 ounces) sour cream

3/4 cup butter or margarine, melted, divided

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/4 teaspoon paprika

2 cups crushed corn flakes

fresh savory, optional

In a large bowl, combine hash browns, cheese, soup, sour cream, 1/2 cup butter and onion. Spread into a greased 13" x 9" x 2" baking dish. Sprinkle with paprika. Combine cornflakes and remaining butter; sprinkle on top. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes or until heated through and bubbly. Garnish with savory if desired. Yield: 8-10 services.

The other must-have is always Millie Mitman's squash pudding, which can be found in the Cohasset Entertains Cookbook" – outstanding!

Finally, Baked Stuffed Onions

6 large onions, unpeeled

1 cup Ricotta cheese

1 egg, slightly beaten

1 tablespoon parsley flakes

1 teaspoon salt, dash black pepper

1 tablespoon melted butter

Slice off tops and bottoms of onions; do not peel. Cook in boiling water, 10 minutes. Remove onions; cool; peel. Combine cheese, egg, parsley, salt and pepper. Carefully remove centers from onions. Chop remaining center; add 1/2 cup chopped onion to Ricotta mixture. Fill onions with Ricotta mixture. Place onions in an 8" square baking dish. Brush with melted butter. Bake in 350 degree oven, 15-20 minutes.

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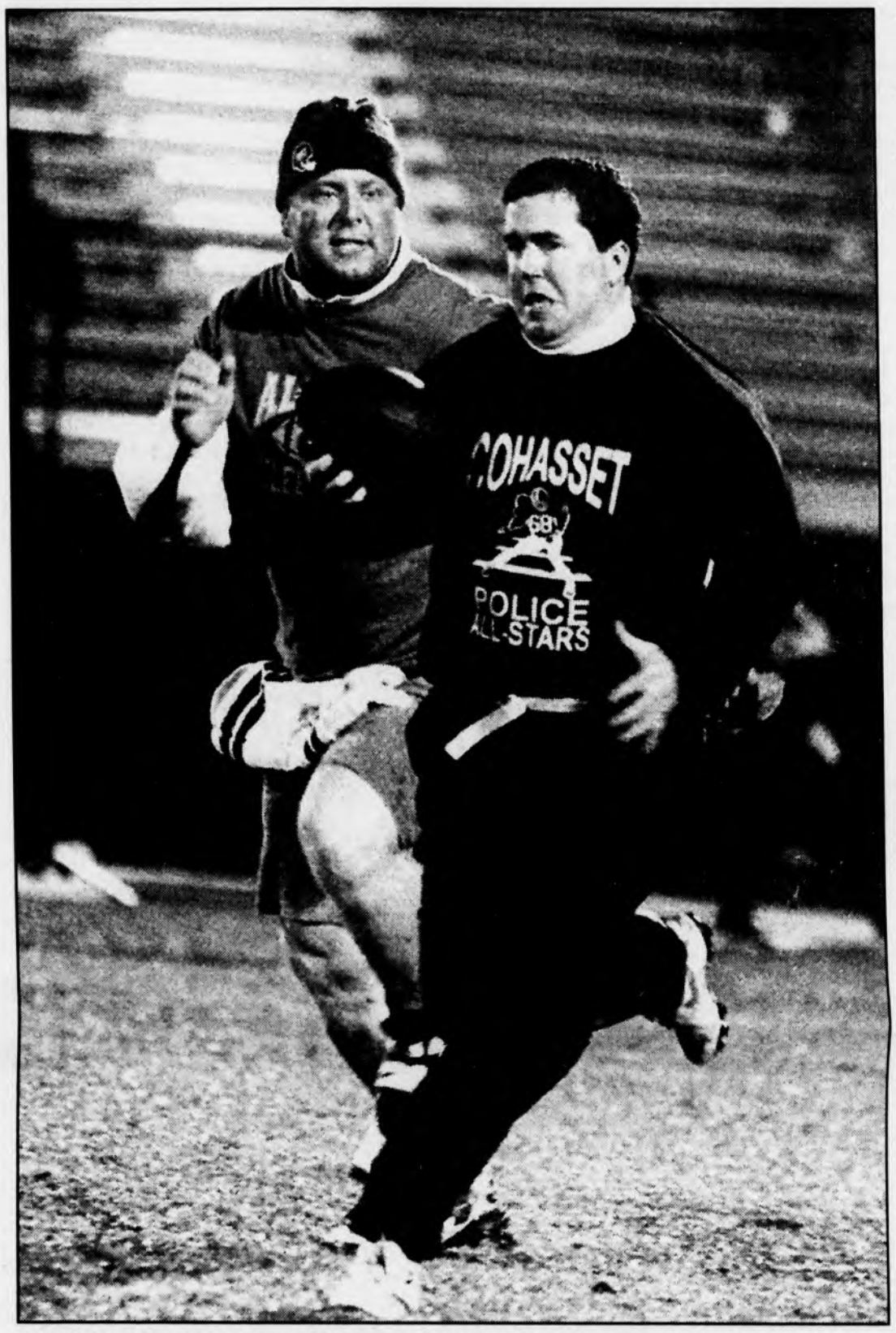
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Kevin Dooley looks to avoid former New England Patriot and Boston College great Steve DeOssie over the weekend during a charity flag football game between members of the Pats alumni team and the Cohasset Police All-Stars.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Football the way it was meant to be

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

If you like rain, cold and mud, then Alumni Field at Cohasset High School was the place for you last Saturday night.

On a night that even grave robbers would have stayed at home, a charity football game between members of the Cohasset Police Association and New England Patriots alumni was played.

Somewhat obscured behind the rain and fog were approximately 200 fans who braved the elements to watch the Patriots Alumni top the Cohasset team, 26-20.

Last year, the first time the game was held, more than 1,000 fans showed up to watch the game.

Why was the game played? The answer was supplied by Fred Laugelle, president of the Cohasset Police Association. "We knew only too well the conditions were not too good for a game; however, it takes a lot of doing to get these guys together and we just had to go through with it."

Laugelle continued, "You had to be a little crazy to be playing out there, but it was worth it. We had a ton of laughs slogging through that mud.

"We had to play, but the fans were something else, coming out to watch the game and sticking around in the cold and rain right to the very end."

The Pats were very gracious to the fans, despite the rain and cold, taking time to sign autographs and say hello to the kids that showed up.

"I don't know about the fans, but the players certainly enjoyed the game. I for one haven't laughed as much in quite some time as I did during the game," said Laugelle.

As far as the Police Association was concerned, it was a better game for them than last year. This time around they shaved eight points off the final score, having lost 42-34 last year.

Once the game got under way, it was almost impossible to determine who was who. The easiest way to score the game was to try to remember when the uniforms were clean what end of the field the respective teams were on.

Using that formula, the game went as follows: The Alumni scored first, making the score 6-0. The Association then slogged down the field from the opposite side to tie the score.

The Alumni then made two scoring marches from their side of the field to take a 20-6 lead.

Then the other side moved again, and following a TD and a conversion rush, the Association was trailing 20-14.

Both sides later made scoring moves from their side of the field for the final score.

One of the real sights of the game was seeing former Patriots' kicker John Smith running all over the field in the rain and mud. Smith is 49 years old.

While the game was a lot of fun for the players and the fans, it also meant good things for a lot of kids. Some of the money taken in at the game will go toward scholarships for two Cohasset High seniors, while the Cohasset Little League will also be the recipient of some of the funds.

Some of the players for the Association included Laugelle, Kevin Dooley, Chris and Ralph Froyo, Paul Bilodeau, Frank Mahoney, Chris Sorentino, Richie Joachim and Tom DeSilva.

Former Patriot players that showed up included Fred Smerlas, Steve DeOssie, Moshie Tatupu, Steve King, Roland James, Pete Brock and others.

Following the game, players on both sides went out for a much-needed dinner.

EXTRA POINTS

Fearless Turkey Day football predictions

The following football insights were put together by Mariner sports guys Dave McKee and Dave Wolcott while waiting for Drew Bledsoe, Scott Zolak and Max Lane to clear off the stage at the Paradise.

Duxbury vs Marshfield

McKee: I have a funny feeling about this game. Duxbury is at home and can go to its first-ever Super Bowl with a win but I think the Rams have the Green Dragons number. Three times this decade, this T-Day match-up had Super Bowl implications. In '91 Marshfield blanked Duxbury 7-0 to prevent a post-season trip for the Dragons. In the last two years, the Rams needed T-Day wins to go to the Super Bowl and got 'em both. That's three for three for the Rams. Make it four for four in '97.

Wolcott: Dave Seger and Super Bowl have the same amount of letters. Coincidence, destiny or a desperate attempt by me to be witty and glib. You be the judge, but Duxbury's star running back needs to have another big game on both sides of the football for his team to get to play once more this season. The Green Dragons have worked too hard to come this far and not get the opportunity to play at B.U. in the Division 3 Super Bowl on Dec. 6. It's Marshfield and it's the annual Thanksgiving Day battle, but Duxbury will send the home crowd into a tizzy and Whitman-Hanson fans home unhappy with

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Local booters help Milton to perfect season

Cohasset soccer players Cara McKenney and Lydia Crafts recently finished a championship season with the girls' varsity soccer team at Milton Academy.

The Milton team, which has been deemed the best team in the state, swept the Independent School League. The group was the first women's soccer team from Milton to ever win the I.S.L. and the second ever I.S.L. team to go undefeated.

They entered the New England Tournament as the Class A (big schools) number one seed and defeated Hotchkiss in the quarter finals, 1-0, and then moved on to defeat Andover, 4-1.

In the finals, the team was faced with its nemesis, Buckingham Browne & Nichols. The battle was held in the snow at Tabor Academy in Marion, Mass.

Milton, after scoring two goals in double overtime, came away with the 4-2 win and the title of New England Champions.



Cohasset residents Cara McKenney and Lydia Crafts were two of the leading players behind Milton Academy's drive this season to the New England high school soccer championships.

Coach Mike Kinneally commented on the game, "Our girls were faced with a challenge, and I was proud of the way they responded, with composure."

This finished off Milton's flawless 19 win and zero loss season, a fantastic accomplishment for a soccer team.

McKenney is a senior and has played center midfield for the team; and Crafts, a wing midfielder, is a sophomore.

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one of the more important victories in the history of their football program. Let's go bowling.

Hanover vs Norwell

McKee: Norwell is in the Super Bowl and Hanover, along with every other team in the SSL, is just playing out the string on T-Day. Even though the game is at Hanover and the Clippers will have visions of Super Bowls dancing in their heads, Brian Fabrizio and Brian Doherty will lead Norwell to an easy win.

Wolcott: Norwell has already assured itself of a Super Bowl by winning the South Shore League. Coming into this game, that fact may not really be a positive thing. Hanover has nothing to lose and have nothing on the line except their pride and the chance to knock of hated rival Norwell on Thanksgiving Day. Norwell is going to get caught looking forward to its Super Bowl date and fall to defeat at the hands of the Indians.

Bridgewater-Raynham vs Silver Lake

McKee: Silver Lake hasn't beaten B-R in 17 years. Silver Lake is coming off a disappointing non-league loss to Rockland. And Silver Lake has to play this inaugural Turkey Day tilt on the road. Therefore I give Silver Lake the edge. The reason is simple. Bond, Jon Bond. This senior rifleman is going to have a big game at QB and lead the Lakers to the Division I Super Bowl. One more thing, expect the scoreboard operator to get a serious workout.

Wolcott: First game in new Thanksgiving Day rivalry. Two squads. Six towns involved. Three local towns going to the Super Bowl. Lakers win.

Whitman-Hanson vs Abington

McKee: This is the oldest T-Day rivalry on the South Shore and I have no doubt that the W-H Panthers will send the Green Wave home hungry on T-Day. The Panthers will also use this game as a tune-up for the Super Bowl after Duxbury falls to Marshfield.

Wolcott: A tougher call than one might be led to believe when looking at the record of each squad. The Panthers go to the Super Bowl if Marshfield upends Duxbury and they win this game. On the other hand, the Green Wave is riding a losing streak into this game and has not had one of their better years. None of that matters. Every Thanksgiving morning without fail, Abington gives the Panthers a run for their money, no matter how the game may look on paper beforehand. I'm torn. I grew up in Abington but later moved to Whitman and graduated from W-H. My first reporting job was for the Whitman-Hanson Mariner, but my first editing spot was with the Abington-Rockland Mariner. The deciding factor for me goes back more than 10 years. Panther head coach Bob Bancroft was my homeroom teacher in high school. If memory serves me right, I might still owe him a detention. Hopefully picking his team to win will clear up that little matter. Whitman-Hanson continues their Turkey Day winning streak in another close battle.

Randolph vs Rockland

McKee: Rockland is on a winning roll after dropping the 3-0 Mud Bowl to Norwell. The Dogs are probably better than half the teams going to the Super Bowl so this one should be an easy win for them. Randolph already had their big upset last year on T-Day.

Wolcott: Rockland is the best team around that isn't going to a Super Bowl game. Just ask Silver Lake. Save for their 3-0 Mud Bowl loss to South Shore League champs Norwell, Rockland would be playing this game for a Super Bowl spot for the second year in a row. It was only a year ago that these same two teams met at Memorial Field in Rockland for the Super Bowl chance and Randolph simply destroyed the home team. Elephants are not the only animal with a long memory. Look for these Bulldogs to extract their pound of flesh and avenge last year's drubbing.

Scituate vs Hingham

McKee: Two running teams, two teams that had a lot of tough injuries and two teams that wish their records were a little better. I think this will be the best T-Day game of the day. And whoever has the ball last will win. I think the Sailors will be that team.

Wolcott: Yeah, what he said.

Hull vs Cohasset

McKee: Hull in a romp. Pirates plunder Skippers. Cohasset swept out to sea. Something like that will be Friday's headline.

Wolcott: Give a great deal of credit to anyone who attends this game. With the late-November winds coming off the Atlantic Ocean, Hull Gut may indeed be the coldest place on the face of this earth. Hull's running game and overwhelming size advantage would seem to be enough to send the Cohasset fans home cold and unhappy, but the Skippers lead the most important category 1-0: the number of Mariner sports correspondents on the team. Go Cohasset. And Jim O'Sullivan, go out there and hit somebody for all the sportswriters out there who are too old and out of shape to get the job done.

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They also swam in their first YMCA meet against the Hockomock YMCA Nov. 1.

Many swimmers competed in these events. Allison Berg, Ashley Faber and Scott Faber are swimmers on the South Shore Strypers swim team this year.

The team practices at the South Shore YMCA in Quincy and are coached by either head coach Bill Edwards, Jenn Walker, Dan Riley, Tim Taylor, Shawn Masefield, Brian Barry, Mary Devlin or Mary Ahern.

New Year's sports festival jamboree

The South Shore Sports Center will hold it's first New Year's Sports Festival Jamboree the week of Monday, Dec. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. on Rinks 2 and 3.

The Jamboree is a multi sport camp and tournament with skills competitions, games and clinics. Sports include baseball, basketball, flag football, hockey (street/roller), kickball, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball.

The program will be directed by Ted Carroll. Ted has been at the Sports Center since 1985 serving as both the director of basketball and hockey programs.

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The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept late registrations for both boy's and girl's Basketball Leagues for grades I through 6 and Blue Hills Ski Lessons, at the recreation office, first floor Town Hall.

Grades 4-6 Boys and girls Basketball evaluations are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6, and a schedule will be sent home via school shortly.

Grades 1 through 3 boys and girls basketball will begin Dec. 6, and coaches will inform you via phone as to game time for the various teams. Schedules will be handed out on December 6 for the rest of the year.

Youngsters in grades 7 and 8 may enroll in the Patriot Basketball League and information and registration material will be sent home via school for the Patriot League.

Grade 6 youngsters may play "in both, or either the Saturday and Sunday Program.

Blue Hills Ski Lessons begin Thursday, Jan. 8, however immediate registration is required. Ski Lessons are for children and teens ages 7 and over. The cost for the 5 week, 2 3/4 hour lessons is $110 and if equipment is necessary, $155.

The fee includes lessons and transportation and equipment rentals for-the five weeks. ($155.00). Bus will leave from Town Hall parking lot at 3:20 p.m. sharp and returns to town hall at about 7 p.m. each Thursday. The program is designed for five consecutive Thursdays, through February 5, however, travel and snow conditions can lengthen the program.

For further information, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-6791. To register you will need to come to the office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

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There are still openings for gymnastic classes for both boys and girls.

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For more information, call the center at 383-0088.

The Cohasset Recreation Department/ Boosters Basketball registrations

The Cohasset Recreation Department/Boosters Basketball registrations will be held for children in grades 1 thru 8 at Town Hall, on Saturday, November 15, from 9a.m. to 11 a.m.

The fee for the program is $30.00. Checks should be made payable to: Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, (CBBC), and the shirt charge is included in the fee.

Details on the Basketball Program will be available at registration. Games are played on Saturday's, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid conflicts.

The Recreational Basketball Program is made available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the recreation department, providing youngsters with a teaching and recreational opportunity.

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Sports Briefs

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Basketball program needs your help

The Winter Recreational Basketball Program is in desperate need of a Division Coordinator for the grades 4-6 Basketball program held Saturdays at Cohasset High School.

Roy Davis has directed and coordinated this program during the past 5 years, but no longer has the available time. Roy has indicated that he will work with the new coordinator(s) this year.

Bill Grimm will continue to coordinate the grades 1-3 program at Deer Hill School as he has volunteered to do during the past 4 years. Interested parents should call Jack Worley at Cohasset Recreation Department, 383-6791, right away.

Basketball registration for boys and girls grades 1-8, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Town Hall.

The Recreation Commission and Basketball Boosters Club are indebted to Roy Davis for the tremendous job he has done during the past 5 years with the Basketball Programs.

Junior lacrosse program needs additional coaches

Thanks to phenomenal growth in popularity and interest, the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse Club is in need of additional coaches for the Spring 1998 season. No lacrosse experience is necessary.

The reason the team can take coaches without experience is the structure of its league, the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse Association, the largest youth league in the country. The league allows communities to have more than one entry, and then allows multiple teams to be scheduled so that they always play in the same place — either home or away together — on the same day.

"We have grown to the point where there is a good chance we will want to field two teams this year," said Chuck Jaffe, who runs the junior program in Cohasset. "If we get volunteers with no experience, I can act as head coach for both teams. If we get someone with lacrosse experience, we each can coach one team. We need a helping hand more than we need an experienced hand." Jaffe explains that the biggest need is for a coach to assist during practices, when the only way to install an offense or defense is in small groups of players. "The rest of the kids should be doing drills or installing the same offense at the other end of the field, but that's not possible without a second or possibly a third coach," he says.

Last year, the Cohasset junior lacrosse team had 30 players, a high number within the Mass Bay youth teams. This year, thanks to a successful summer camp and increased awareness and interest, Jaffe expects closer to 40 children in grades 5 and 6 to sign up. Without at least one additional coach, Jaffe says he might have no choice but to limit the program to a single team of 30 players signed up on a first-come, first-served basis.

With sign-up set for December and the league needing notification of Cohasset's intention to field a second team by January, the program needs to hear from volunteers now. The Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League also holds a winter coaches clinic that volunteers may want to attend. For this spring, Jaffe plans to practice the junior lacrosse program at or after 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Games are Sunday afternoons. Practice begins as weather permits in march, and the season ends Father's Day weekend in June. For more information on the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program and becoming a volunteer coach, contact Jaffe at 383-9858 or Terry Kahn at 383-0332.



David Butterworth is about to break a big run for the Cohasset/Scituate midget football squad in their impressive Old Colony youth football Super Bowl win over Bridgewater.

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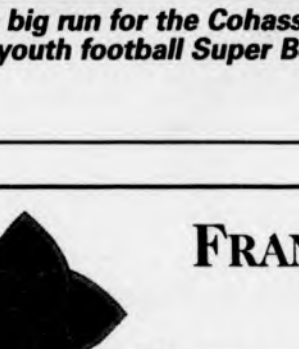
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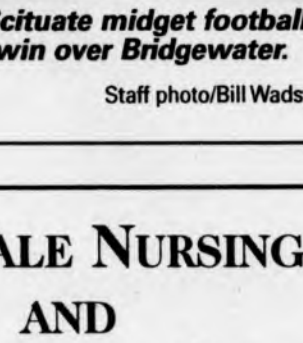
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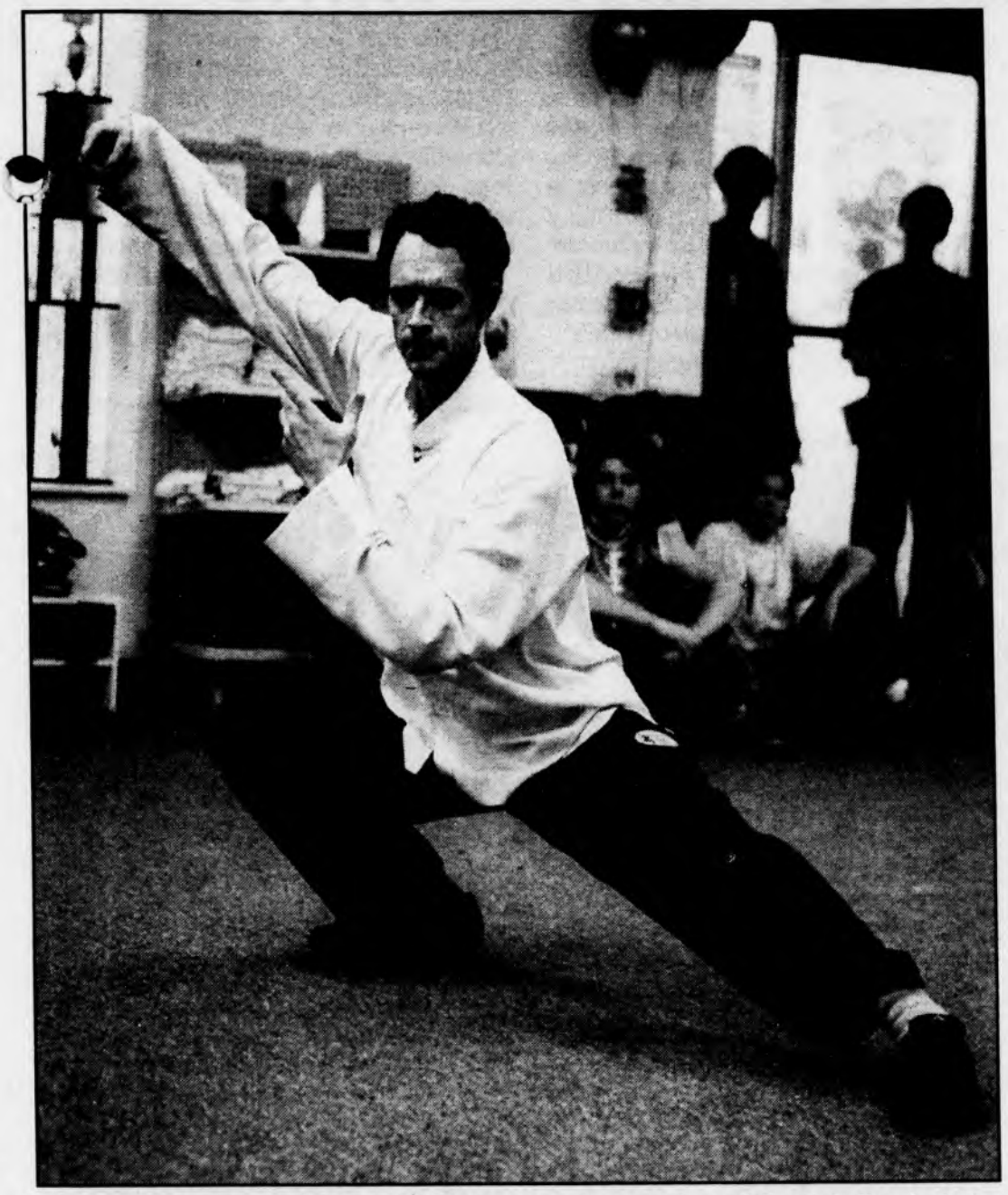
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Traditional ceremony highlights opening of new martial arts studio



Sifu John Loupus exhibits a Tai Chi form at the opening of Scott Jeffery's Jade Forest martial arts studio in Rockland. Loupos has trained Jeffery at his Cohasset studio for the last eight years.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

A large gathering in Rockland Saturday afternoon watched the final metamorphosis of a "young sapling into a full-grown tree."

Those were the words of John Loupos as he watched his prized martial arts student Scott Jeffrey officially open his own studio, the Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi and Internal Arts of Rockland, over the weekend.

The new studio is located in Rockland Center at 344 Union Street.

Jeffrey, who is certified as a Sifu, or teacher of the martial arts, is a 28-year-old Braintree native who has studied under Loupos since 1990 in Cohasset at the original Jade Forest studio, including for the last four as his "right-hand man" and lead instructor, said Loupos.

"I hope his future students realize that they have a teacher of the highest caliber," said Loupos. "I hope that he will attract students that are worthy of him."

Joining Loupos and Jeffrey at the dedication ceremony were representatives of the Cohasset Jade Forest studio in performing the ceremonial Chinese lion dance as well as other forms of the Kung Fu and Tai Chi disciplines.

After getting the blessing of Loupos, Jeffrey said now was the right time to branch out on his own and Rockland was the ideal place to start out his business.

"I like the community and I think it can support this business," said Jeffrey who is beginning 25 students at the studio, a number which he hopes will grow even larger from the good turnout at his grand opening.

"The time was right for me to go out at help spread the discipline into the community," he added. "John (Loupos) has taken me under his wing in the last few years and he's given me his full blessing to go out on my own."

Jeffrey took up the martial arts almost 14-years-ago, but he can't seem to remember why.

"I just remember always bugging my parents to let me get involved in it," said Jeffrey. "It's been so long now that I don't remember what first got me into this, but I'm glad that I did it."

With the popularity of such groups as the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and the Power Rangers, Jeffrey said the popularity of martial arts has continued to grow over the years.

"From the Bruce Lee movies in the 1960s, the popularity of the martial arts has continued to skyrocket," he said. "It's more popular than ever and it doesn't show any signs of slowing down."

Of his offerings at the school, Jeffrey said in general that the younger students are attracted to the Kung Fu classes, while members of the older generation generally flow towards the Tai Chi sessions.

"Of the two, Kung Fu is more of a cardiovascular or aerobic workout while Tai Chi is slower, more meditative and cerebral in nature," he explained.

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Deer Hill drama club members meet 'Annie'

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The musical, "ANNIE" came to Boston recently and several members of the Deer Hill School's Cohasset Plays By the Sea Drama Club (CPBS) traveled to the Wang Center to catch the show. They ended up backstage afterward and there met Annie, who graciously posed for photos with the Cohasset theater buffs.

Performers love to watch others' performances, and this was no exception. But another motivation to seeing this production of "Annie" was because CPBS has been hard at work since September rehearsing its own "ANNIE" production, and it's always wise to compare scene work, songs and choreography. If hard work pays off, the CPBS will enjoy an exciting sold-out series of performances Jan. 16, 17 and 18 in the Cohasset High School auditorium.

Selling out performances is no strange thing to Cohasset Plays By the Sea. Conceived by Sharon Weber and brought to fruition by a steering committee comprised of Weber, Ron Nicynski, Mary Earon, Nicole Turgiss, Meaghan Marr, Ali Earon and Krista Nicynski, the club is now in its second year, having survived an outrageously successful first season with its sold-out production of "The Wizard of Oz" and a professionally-produced, locally-filmed production of "Anne of Green Gables."

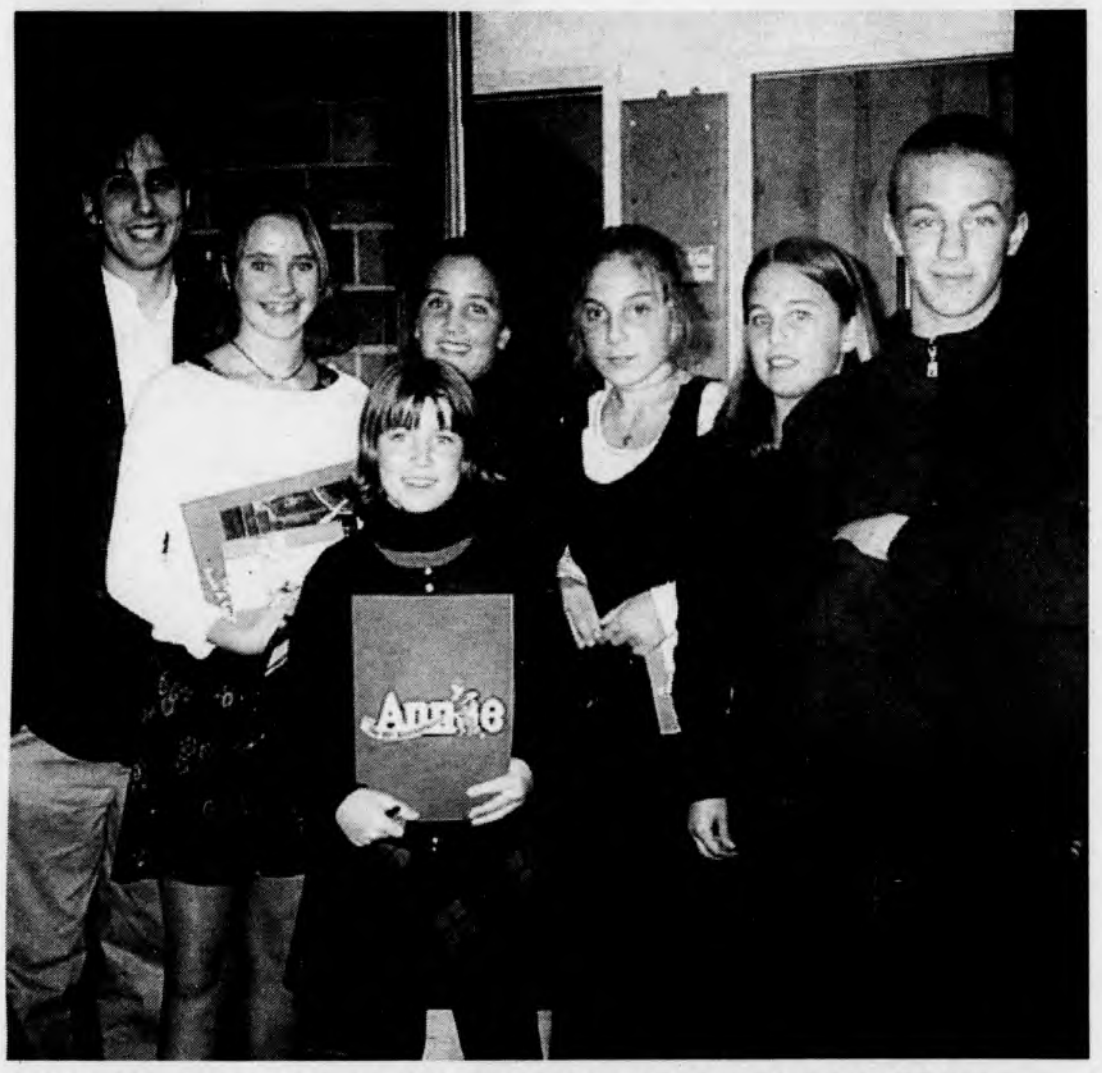
This year drama club membership expanded from youngsters in grades four through six to grades four through nine. According to the Cohasset Plays By the Sea mission statement, the club strives "to provide with consistency a vehicle in which children can explore the many facets of theater and to do so within the support and entrenchment of Deer Hill School, one that recognizes the theater experience to be an expansion of a child's personal levels of achievement through skill, knowledge and attitude of self-confidence, all transferable to life's work."

Directing "ANNIE" is 17-year-old Ron Nicynski of Riverview Drive, with Joan Jensen as music director, and the talented Janet Campbell of Dance Steps in Hingham as dance choreographer.

Tickets for the CPBS production of "ANNIE" will become available in January. Donations for the drama club will be accepted at that time.



'Annie' gives her autograph to Cohasset Plays by the Sea's "Annie," Katie Roche.



Left to right, drama club members Ron Nicynski, Meredith Bates, Krista Nicynski, Marisa Mello, Tess Foley, Brian Krupczak, and (front center) Katie Roche.

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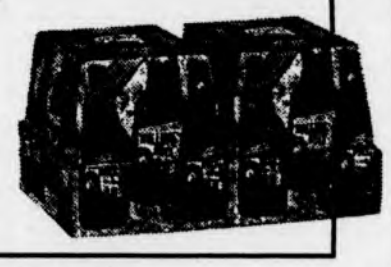
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Lauren Albanese to perform in the 'Nutcracker'



Lauren Albanese of Cohasset will perform with the Boston Ballet in the 'Nutcracker.'

More than 400 young dancers from the greater Metropolitan Boston area and the adjoining states will perform as toy soldiers, angels, cherubs, dolls, baby mice, reindeer, lambs, polichinelles, and party children in Boston Ballet's production of The Nutcracker at the Wang Theatre, Nov. 28, through Jan. 4.

Traditionally, children have been a vital part of celebrating the holiday season in New England with the magic of The Nutcracker. Featuring the familiar Tchaikovsky score, fairy-tale scenery by Helen Senn and Herbert Pond and stunning costumes by British designer David Walker, The Nutcracker is yuletide entertainment for the whole family. With an annual attendance of more than 140,000 people, Boston Ballet's production is the most popular in the world.

Performing in a full-length ballet exposes students to aspects of ballet life they don't experience in a regular ballet class. All children performing in the Nutcracker are students of Boston Ballet School. The students learn about the hard work, rigors, and enjoyment that goes into every facet of a live ballet performance.

A resident of Cohasset, Lauren Albanese is performing in The Nutcracker as a chocolate doll. Lauren has been a student at Boston ballet School in Norwell for four years.

Lauren has been dancing since the age of two. She will be turning eight years old this New Year's Eve. She is currently enrolled in the Intensive Program at Boston Ballet School.

Tickets for The Nutcracker are available by calling TicketMaster at 931-ARTS, or in person at The Wang Theatre Box Office, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass., Monday through Saturday, 10a.m.-6p.m. Ticket prices range from $12 to $59.

The Children's Secret Room

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project will reintroduce the long-time favorite Children's Secret Room at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church during the Cohasset Village Fair on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10a.m.-2p.m.

The Children's Secret Room is for children only - no adults are admitted inside! The room provides a wonderful opportunity for young children to shop (without their parents), yet still be helpfully assisted by an older teenager. There will be gifts for every member of the family with all items priced at either 50 cents or $1.

Children may come with their written shopping list or make their list upon arrival. They will be met at the Children's Secret Room door by an ASP teenager (their own personal shopper!) who will happily help guide them through the entire process of gift selection, purchase and gift wrapping.

Visit with Santa

The Appalachia Service Project will also be hosting a Visit with Santa on Cohasset Common during the Village Fair, Saturday, Dec. 6 from 11a.m.-2p.m.

All children are invited to come visit with Santa. There will also be an opportunity to have the child's picture taken with Santa and to make an ornamental pin on button out of the Santa photo.

Cohasset Teen Center holiday events

Teen November Community Service Project, Saturday, Nov. 29, a visit to Cohasset Knoll nursing home.

A special performance of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall. Save a dollar by purchasing a ticket for $6 for this special night to benefit the teen center. For more information contact our Board President Melinda Murray at 383-7017 or Betsey Connolly.

Holiday Open House, Saturday, Dec. 6, 10a.m.-2p.m. There will be face painting for children by a local artist and balloons.

Poinsettia sale at the South Shore Community Center, Wednesday, Dec. 10, 11a.m.-3p.m. During the Holiday House Tour, white and red poinsettias will be available for $6 each or 2 for $10. Call Melinda Murray for more details at 383-7017. All proceeds will benefit your teen center.

Holiday party for teens, Friday, Dec. 12, 7-10p.m. All teens are welcome.

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POLICE LOG

Monday, Nov. 17

12:23 a.m., MV stop, Stockbridge St.
12:39 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.
[illegible]0 a.m., general services, Cushing Rd.
6:39 a.m., general services, HQ.
7:03 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
7:27 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
9:14 a.m., general services, Elm Ct.
9:52 a.m., medical aid, First Parish Rd.
1:03 p.m., medical aid, Sohier St.
2:12 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:40 p.m., general services, Sohier St.
2:56 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
3:05 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
5:04 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd. by Forest Ave.
5:16 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Bergsons.
5:27 p.m., MV stop, King St. by Ko Ko Island.
5:39 p.m., assist motorist, Beechwood St.
7:13 p.m., assist motorist, Pond St.
7:23 p.m., MV stop, N. Main by Hingham line.
8:02 p.m., general services, Sohier St.
10:04 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Scituate line.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

4:27 a.m., suspicious auto, Church St.
5:47 a.m., general services, S. Main St.
7:38 a.m., assist citizen, S. Main St.
9:28 a.m., officer wanted, Church St.
11:33 a.m., annoying phone calls, Hull St.
12:01 p.m., motor vehicle stop, Forest Ave.
12:07 p.m., warrant arrest, Square: Early, John, 143 S. Main St., Cohasset. DOB: 4/19/59.
12:53 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
1:05 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:42 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
3:13 p.m., assist citizen, Beechwood St.
4:42 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. by Walgreens.
4:57 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St. by Deer Hill School.
10:05 p.m., fire, investigation, woods behind Cohasset greens.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

8:55 a.m., MV accident, Pond St.
10:27 a.m., info, general, CJC Hwy.
10:49 a.m., assist citizen, Highland Ave.
11:38 a.m., assist citizen, Windsor Rd.
8:13 p.m., fire, investigation, Forest Ave.
10:55 p.m., MV violations, CJC Way by Shaw's entrance.

Thursday, Nov. 20

12:05 a.m., suspicious (other), Sohier St.
7:40 a.m., property (lost), Hammond Ave.
8:05 a.m., larceny, Mill Ln.
8:25 a.m., medical aid, N. Main St.
9:26 a.m., info, general, Hillside Dr.
12:19 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
2:04 p.m., medical aid, Border St.
2:16 p.m., violation of restraining order, Church St.
3:21 p.m., MV stop, Border St.
3:41 p.m., medical aid, Stagecoach Way.
3:54 p.m., suspicious (other), Mill Ln.
4:24 p.m., larceny, Hammond Ave.
4:42 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
6:56 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

Friday, Nov. 21

12:25 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
12:46 a.m., fire, structure, Elm St.
6:01 a.m., general services, Pleasant St.
7:08 a.m., annoying phone calls, Pine Ridge Rd.
7:42 a.m., MV stop, Surry Dr.
11:16 a.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
11:38 a.m., assist motorist, Jerusalem Rd.
12:48 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
1:04 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
4:00 p.m., MV stop, N. Main by Common.
4:48 p.m., parking violation, the Square.
5:03 p.m., MV stop, Sohier by N. Main St.
5:15 p.m., fire investigation, Howard Gleason Rd.
5:40 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. by Fox Run.
8:06 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
8:58 p.m., general services, Sohier St.
9:25 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
9:35 p.m., MV stop, Summer St.
9:43 p.m., MV stop, Town Lot.
Arrested: Aikens, Wayne E., 419 Beechwood St., Cohasset. DOB: 11/20/63. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, 2nd off.; failure to stay within marked lanes; failed to stop for stop sign.

Saturday, Nov. 22

12:56 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
1:10 a.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.
1:18 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:27 p.m., MV accident, N. Main St.
12:51 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
2:43 p.m., MV accident, Beechwood St.
3:18 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
6:00 p.m., general services, Riverview Dr.
9:12 p.m., parking violation, Border St.
11:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Sunday, Nov. 23

12:32 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
1:09 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
1:33 a.m., MV stop, Border St.
8:42 a.m., fire (misc), S. Main St.
1:23 p.m., annoying phone calls, N. Main St.
1:40 p.m., assist citizen, Sohier St.
1:47 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
3:03 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
3:56 p.m., fire (misc), Grace Dr.
6:40 p.m., general services, Elm St.

LEGAL NOTICES

DUNN ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 97P2728E1

Estate of JOSEPH A. DUNN
late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that ANN M. DUNN of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor named in the will without surety on the bond.
If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on December 17, 1997.
In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this fourth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

Cohasset Mariner, 11/27/97

LAGEMANN
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 90P2142E1

Notice of Fiduciary's Account

To all persons interested in the estate of Robin E. Lagemann a/k/a Robin Lagemann late of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk

You are hereby notified pursuant top Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of Peter J. Lagemann as Executor has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at **Dedham** on or before the twenty fourth day of December, 1997 the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this fourteenth day of November, 1997.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

Cohasset Mariner, 11/27/97

LAGEMANN TRUSTEE
LEGAL NOTICE
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TOWN MANAGER
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
LEASE OF FORMER COHASSET COLONIALS BUILDING

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Cohasset, acting by and through its Town Manager, in accordance with Article 4 of the October 27, 1997 Special Town Meeting, is seeking proposals for the lease and use of the former Cohasset Colonials Building located at 38 Parker Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts. Prospective Proposers shall be nonprofit organizations proposing to utilize the building as a Learning Laboratory for Marine Biology and Genetic Research.

The Request for Proposals, which includes detailed specifications, are available at the Town Manager's Office, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025 during normal business hours.

Proposals shall be received at the Town Manager's Office, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025 on or before 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 8, 1998, in the manner specified in the RFP.

MARK W. HADDAD
Town Manager

Cohasset Mariner, 11/27/97

MCGRATH ESTATE
LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 97P2620E1

Estate of
KATHERINE M. MCGRATH
late of **COHASSET**
In the County
of **NORFOLK**

A petition has been presented in the above - captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that ANN O'MALLEY of BOSTON in the County of SUFFOLK be appointed executrix named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on January 4, 1998.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notion to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this fourth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

Cohasset Mariner, 11/27/97



Christine Lovallo, Brittany Coleman and Lauren Strazzulla play Cohassetopoly

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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The South Shore Community Center is selling the game, "Cohassetopoly." For $20 you will have the opportunity to own all the real estate and businesses you want in Cohasset. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. The Junior Gardeners of this club worked all summer preparing this game. Quantities are limited. Call 383-0088 for more information.

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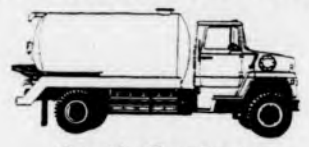
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First Christmas village fair was a smashing success

By R.M. Campbell
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The annual Christmas Fair doesn't go all the way back to antiquity, only back to 1940, when the Episcopal, Unitarian and Second Congregational Churches jointly got together. That first fair presaged the future by being a smashing success, maybe because of the novelty, maybe because people wanted the unique quality of hand-made rather than mass-produced things.

Some years later, in 1979, St. Anthony's began to participate, and did so for many years. Until about six years ago, the efforts and the proceeds were pooled, and each church took its turn being the lead organizer. Now each church operates independently, with only a coordinating meeting to avoid duplication of activities and to agree on a date. St. Anthony's no longer participates, but the Greek Orthodox church now does. Regardless, the interaction and sense of community has survived all these years.

Santa Claus, in a sleigh loaned by Richardson White, will always be remembered by children, who then brought their children, and eventually their grandchildren. Some of the Santa impersonators, it can now be revealed, were Ray Condon, Ted Macklin, Al Weisenfluh and Craig Muir. There must have been hundreds of Polaroid pictures taken by beaming parents of Santa and their children. Jeff Steele was the organizer for many years. The picture shown of a youngster in White's sleigh was taken in 1979, and the Santa for that year is not known, but the children then were just as expectant as today's crop.

Recycling isn't anything new; but it's been called a Jumble Sale, a White Elephant table, Attic Treasures, Bargain Bazaar, and other inspired names over the years. Always popular, maybe because one could always go to the fair and buy back some item that one regretted giving away the year before, or one similar to it; the stuff usually collected in the basement of St. Anthony's rectory. No one ever destroys a National Geographic magazine or a volume of Readers' Digest condensed books, so these always were in good supply at the fair's book tables, along with a smorgasbord of fiction, art books, texts, poetry, biography, history, travel, encyclopedias and children's' books. This now goes on at St. Stephen's.

The chowder bar, for many years the special project of Ruth and Carlton Pratt of the Congregational Church, exemplified the ecumenical cooperation. The chowder bar always was in the Unitarian Parish House, and the donated materials and the helpers came from all the churches. Some of the crew were Jean Figueiredo, Al Livingstone, Ken Burnside, Charlie Waters, Julia Ellsworth, Steve Bobo and Charlie Fink. This year, the chowder bar is in the Congregational Church, along with cheese sales and crafts. The wheels of Vermont or New York State cheese have been a traditional magnet, presided over by Ham Tewksbury. This year Joe Sandblom went to Vermont to bring back the big wheels of special Vermont Cheddar, which will be on sale in Bates Hall at the Congregational Church.

The food tables, laden with baked goods, candy and preserves, also were an ecumenical exercise in evasion of calorie counting. A well-remembered highlight is the dinner following the fair, with centerpieces designed by parishioners of St. Stephen's, Unitarian and Congregational Churches, with Barbara Churchill frequently the winner.

Another fond memory is making Christmas corsages in the home of Mercie Nichols and others. When Steve Bobo moved into his new house in 1968, there in the attic, waiting for another Christmas, was a tray of corsages made by guests of Corrinne Paul sitting in the kitchen with a casserole going in the oven to take the chill from the big room.

For many years, the fair was a major source of Christmas trees, and aprons, with Marge Ingram heading up the apron table.

Over a 57-year period, many thousands of aprons, cushions, wreaths, stuffed animals and other handicrafts have been assembled by sociable work groups and snapped up at the fair by discerning buyers.



In 1978, a youngster sits in Richardson White's old sleigh and discusses presents with a jovial Santa who may have been Harry Ritter.

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Town worries train work will worsen flooding

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Last October, a record-breaking nor'easter pelted Cohasset with more than 8 inches of rain over three days and resulted in a state of emergency that stopped mail delivery and frightened residents who watched the flood waters continue to rise, even after the opening of the tidal gates in the mouth of the James Brook in the Cove.

A year after the flood, there's little doubt in the mind of Veneta Roebuck of Cohasset's Conservation Committee that filling in any part of the James Brook flood plain will likely aggravate the problem when another big storm wallops the coast.

Yet, as Roebuck well knows, the MBTA still wants to build a railroad track there for the coming Greenbush line, and the T has maintained that 25,000 square feet of fill in the flood plain under the new track will pose no safety or environmental problems for Cohasset.

"It's very complicated," Roebuck said in an interview this week. "We don't want to prejudge."

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Patrick Taft and Kaylee Madge sing "We are Santa's Elves" at the South Shore Community Center as part of the annual Jingle Bell Walk celebration. For more photos, see page 11.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Four Newtonville homes to get sewer hookups

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The nightmare in Newtonville has turned into a pleasant dream for at least four families in the Atlantic Avenue neighborhood.

The sewer commission announced Monday it will use some of the remaining the "accelerated sewer capacity" authorized by the state to hook those homes up to town sewer.

The town is under a court order to solve its sewer woes which date back 20 years. Under an agreement with the state the

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Search begins for new superintendent

By Jason Bouffard
CORRESPONDENT

The school committee is doing its homework to begin looking for a replacement for Superintendent Stephen Hart, who announced earlier this year he would be stepping down.

Committee secretary Ralph Kidder, who heads a subcommittee charged with examining the many candidate search issues at hand, informed the school committee last month that they must determine a "spec" — a job description and qualifications for the new superintendent.

"The committee must think about three, four or five things that they new superintendent should accomplish in the first one to three years on the job," Kidder said. "That list should be the most im-

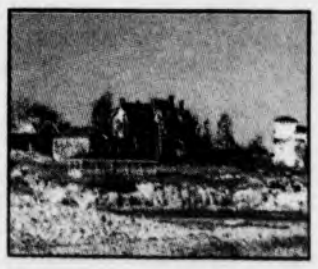
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COHASSET'S WEEK

Osgood reuse update sought

Selectmen will ask the Osgood School Reuse Committee for an update.

The 75-year-old school will close in June and the committee is coming up with options for its reuse. The new Osgood school is being constructed behind the Deer Hill School.

"I'd like to see what's cooking," Selectman Diane Sullivan said.

"We can't let that thing sit when it's empty in June," Selectman Merle Brown added.

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Fire department monthly report

In his October status report to selectmen, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said the fire department responded to a total of 200 incidents that month. They included two structure fires, three outdoor fires, five car accidents, 44 medical calls, 31 investigations and 71 inspections.

Duty jackets provided for in the fiscal year 1998 budget were also purchased and distributed to each full-time fire-fighter. The jackets are waterproof, breathable and have a blood-borne pathogen barrier. The jackets are worn to medical aid and other non-fire incidents in place of bulky turn-out gear. The duty jackets also help prevent cross-contamination between patients and fire-fighters.

On Oct. 1, several fire-fighters attended a "live-burn" training exercise at the Barnstable Fire Academy. This training evolution completed the six-week training program for fire-fighter recruits Philip Pratt and John Hernan. Captains Mark Trask and James Runey led the new men in this all important exercise and worked with fire-fighters from Hull and Scituate. The men worked together in interior fire-fighting as well as search and rescue training.

About 250 residents attended the open house at the fire department on Oct. 11. The event was part of Fire Prevention Week and was held in conjunction with Papa Gino's and the Cohasset Permanent Firefighters, Local 2804. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Know When To Go!" emphasized escaping as quickly as possible from a fire.

Changes at Beechwood/Route 3A intersection

At the request of the Cohasset Police Departmant, the Massachusetts Highway Department is implementing (or has implemented) several changes at the Beechwood/Route 3A intersection.

In a letter to Police Chief Brian Noonan, Chief Engineer Thomas F. Broderick said "traffic signal ahead" signs will be placed on all approaches; additional lane drop signs will be placed on Route 3A at least 400 feet prior to the lane drop; pavement markings showing the left-turn lane on Route 3A as an optional left-turn lane will be added; and the "green phase" traffic signal for Beechwood will be a minimum of eight seconds and a maximum of 22 seconds based on demand.

All construction signing has been removed.

Noonan asked the state highway department to make the improvements after the intersection was redesigned late last summer. Opening 3A up to two travel lanes at the intersection has turned the area into a speedway, police said. Police were also concerned that the green light phase on Beechwood was too short.

There was a fatal accident at the intersection in September when an elderly woman apparently drove through the red light at Beechwood striking a car traveling south on Route 3A . Police say the accident was not related to the short green light phase.

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Sun. 7	4:28	9.9	10:38	4:48	10.1	11:07
Mon. 8	5:27	10.2	11:40	5:51	9.9	——
Tues. 9	6:26	10.5	12:06	6:54	9.9	12:43
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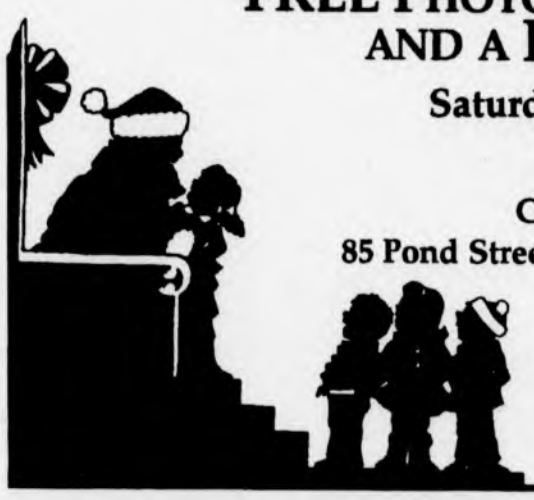


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WINDOWS INTO COHASSET



You can see this lovely Cohasset home, featured in this story, by attending the house tour sponsored by the Community Garden Club.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Dressing up for the holiday house tour

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF REPORTER

In another sign the holiday season has arrived, the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's house tour is slated for Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With five homes being readied for the yuletide event, the Mariner was invited to preview one, a country manor with links to both the elegance of Versailles and the hardy tradition of Yankee boat building. Though the address and the owner's name must stay a mystery until the tour, the hostess took time this week to talk about living with a big family on the river in one of Cohasset's most uncommon houses.

It looks like a castle from a fairy tale, with a round tower where Rapunzel could happily welcome a timely prince. But this tower is built of wood, not stone, and shortly after the current owner moved into the manor by the Gulf, it was a seal, not a prince, that arrived.

Still, when the seal clambered up the pier, rocking on one fin, and made itself at home, she decided it was OK.

"Everyone has swans," she said, if they lived in a house by a river. But she thought very few homes ever had a seal drop by.

Yet, the story about the seal's unusual visit proved to be but the first of the many exceptional things apparent about this house.

Remarkably, this is a house that was begun at the height of the Great Depression when few were able to afford even a sandcastle by the water and when "cottages" in High Society resorts like Newport were fast crumbling into replicas of Miss Havisham's House.

Nonetheless, in 1934, this house's main section, a wood frame structure with a Great Room, was completed. Three years later, almost as a fancy, the round tower and breezeway were added, perhaps to continue the original owner's whimsy of building a Cohasset house to resemble one of the country estates in France.

Ultimately, it became a house where a large family committed to casual living can co-exist with architectural splendor.

There is more than a dash of splendor, too as over 60 years, details were added almost unerringly. The detail starts with the pattern of brickwork by the stone wall at the driveway entrance and the gleaming red copper cistern and fountain inside the turret. In fact, almost every corner to be turned in this house and the outdoors brings

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The dining room of our mystery house overlooks the Gulf River.

Staff photo/Al

Dressing up for the holiday house tour



Our mystery house owner stands by the fireplace with her dog "Pat."

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a fresh and somewhat magical perspective on a familiar Cohasset scene.

Admittedly, a witty French influence predominates, even in the landscaping around the exterior where a ring of tall cedars borders the riverbank. From there, the eye is eventually led up an ivy ladder to the pale green cast-iron balconies under the upstairs rooms— decidedly not in a gradual but predictable slope up to the foundation.

Moreover, many of the fixtures are authentically French, such as a curved marble fireplace, armoire doors, lanterns, and 200-year old walnut panels which came from a house near Versailles.

Also, the original owners hired a mason in France to build the mammoth fireplace in the Great Room. It is more than six-feet wide and every bit as tall. Best of all, it throws heat into every nook and corner of the living room, the current owner said.

The current owners also have a knack for almost perfect innovations, as seen most clearly in the renovated kitchen. The original dark, gallery-style quarters were gutted to make way for an airy open space, broken up by counters of polished granite built at different heights and connected visually to the dining room and the Great Room. Finally, the sun porch was dismantled to be replaced by an alcove of tall windows taking advantage of the Gulf view. It proved to be a magnificent view as it looked on a winter afternoon this week when wind brushed snow as lightly as apple blossoms, over the windows, down towards a green and silver Gulf River.

This is one in an occasional series about unique Cohasset homes.

Mystery House

Description: A manor in the French country style overlooking the Gulf River.

Location: On the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's House Tour, the property was once the site of the former Crocker Boat Works near Cohasset Harbor.

Open to the Public: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 10 only. (Tickets for the tour are sold at the South Shore Community Center at 3 North Main St.)

History: The main house was built in 1934 by the Copeland family on grounds where a boat house had been situated. Though the boat house was moved to the harbor (and is known today as the Hagerty House, the house that has been embroiled in the controversy over a coming Lobster Lab) a relic of the property's nautical past, a weather vane, depicts the transatlantic racer the "Puritan" which used the Crocker Boat Works for dry dock.

Features: A majestic fireplace dominates the Great Hall. (It was built by a mason who had been brought to America from France specifically for the job and continues the French influence found in the entrance turret which features a fountain and hand-painted shutters on the ground floor level.) Though the French country style was captured in numerous details, such as lanterns, cast iron balconies, and walnut panels removed from a house near Versailles, the present owners have improved the sunny atmosphere of the interior by removing an interior wall that isolated the kitchen. They also replaced an exterior wall fronting the river with a windowed alcove visually connected to the kitchen by the hardwood floor as well as a row of ceiling beams painted in Navaho white and a terra cotta faux broken finish.

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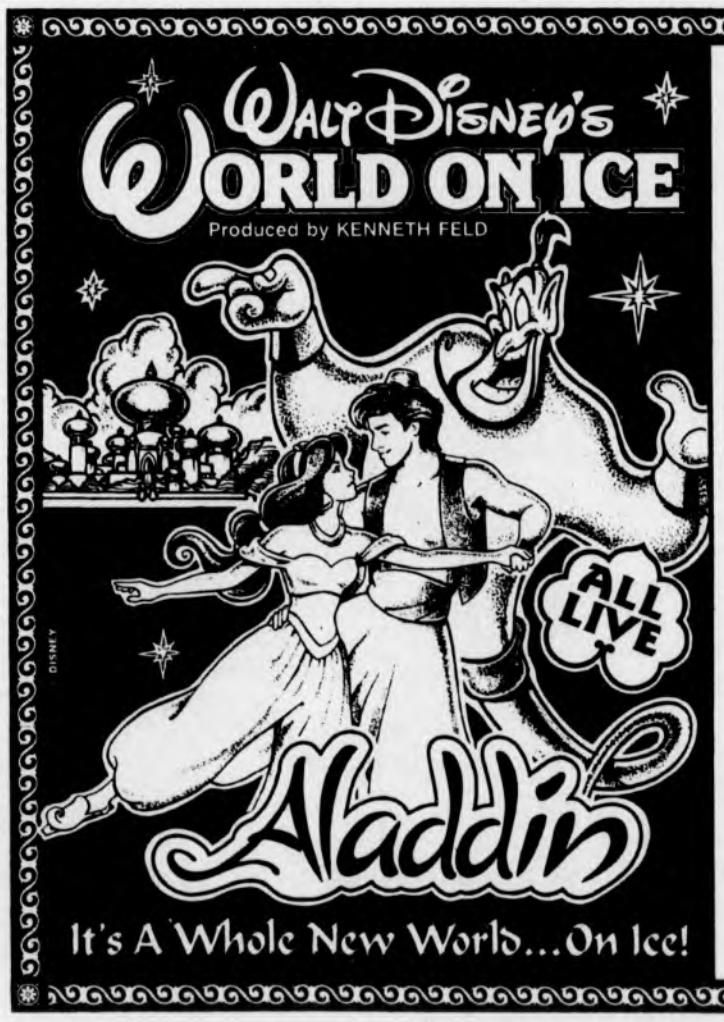
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DPW will resubmit sign request tonight

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Officials from the department of public works (DPW) want to make sure residents can find the front door at the new garage on Cedar Street. To that end, the DPW has been trying to get permission from the zoning board to install a 30-square-foot sign over the main entrance.

However, the garage is located in a residential zone and bylaws restrict signs in that area to no more than six-square-feet.

The zoning board of appeals (ZBA) rejected the DPW's request because the sign would violate the town's bylaws. The DPW plans to re-submit the request tonight at the zoning board's regularly scheduled meeting.

Applicants must usually wait two years to re-submit a plan that the zoning board has rejected. But applicants can re-submit requests with approval from the planning board.

"We're going to re-submit the request because we don't think it got a fair shake."
-BUILDING INSPECTOR ROBERT EGAN.

The planning board gave that go-ahead.

The front of the garage contains several doors and truck bays. DPW officials want a large, noticeable sign so residents know which door is for public use.

Building Inspector Bob Egan represented the DPW at the zoning board hearing on Sept. 17. Egan said a 30-square-foot sign was needed to make sure members of the public entered the correct area of the garage, rather than truck bays or workshops.

"We're going to re-submit the request because we don't think it got a fair shake," Egan said.

Egan said the bylaw is meant to prevent the proliferation of unsightly real estate signs, construction signs and other temporary signs. But the DPW sign, he said, would be a well-crafted 12-by-three-foot sign placed over the front door of the garage.

"Based on what I heard at the meeting, I think the zoning board was reluctant to give something to the town that they wouldn't give to residents," Egan said.

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said the ZBA would hear the plan again, but the DPW was in a tough situation.

"It is difficult to get a variance from the town's bylaws unless certain criteria are met," DeGiacomo said. "As I recall, the town didn't meet any of the criteria."

The bylaw states that a variance may be granted if the rejection of the request "would deprive reasonable use of the structure," and if there are "unique conditions not the result of the applicant's actions."

Zoning board members determined that the size of the building and its proximity to the recycling and transfer facility leave no question as to the garage's purpose. The building is also visible from both directions on Cedar Street.

In its ruling, the zoning board pointed out that a smaller sign would serve the same function just as effectively as a large sign. The zoning board also ruled that the bylaw does not provide for any exceptions to the residential sign ordinance.

Citizen of Year nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Cohasset Mariner's Citizen of the Year Award. This is a continuation of the award begun in 1993 to recognize an individual for outstanding service to the community or for a special achievement.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored the Rev. Gary Ritts, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for his work with the Appalachia Service Project, an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers.

Once again, the Cohasset Mariner invites our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to our community. This is a community award: The Mariner is the means by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make Cohasset a wonderful place to call our home.

The deadline for nominations for the 1997 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 31. Please see the nomination form on page 35.

Following the close of nominations, a selection panel will review the names submitted and select the 1997 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January, 1998.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer, or other municipal worker, a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has given freely of his or her time and energy for a worthy Cohasset project or cause.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-9900 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

Private Ways appointment

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Santa's coming to the Cohasset Village Fair Saturday

Santa Claus in his sleigh on the Cohasset Common, and a secret room at Saint Stephen's Church will be the top draws for youngsters bringing their parents to the Cohasset Village Fair, Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jolly St. Nicholas, following a tradition of many years, will arrive at the Common about 10:45 a.m. and get ready to hear the wish lists of scores of children while having their pictures taken for family scrapbooks.

Proceeds from Santa's appearance will go to help fund Cohasset's part in the Appalachian Service Project which sends as many as 80 local teens and adults to Kentucky yearly to work on homes there.

While Santa hosts some of the children, others will be seeking gifts for their parents in St. Stephen's Church "on the rock," there's a secret room where low cost gifts will be available for kids to give to their parents. Also, in Walton Rodgers Hall, children will find tables laden with affordable books keyed to their ages.

Everywhere, there will be activities that will interest children as well as adults. In the Town Hall, for instance, youngsters will be attracted to the spread of Greek pastries, while next door at the Congregational Church they can sample the chowda bar or buy gift items for their families.

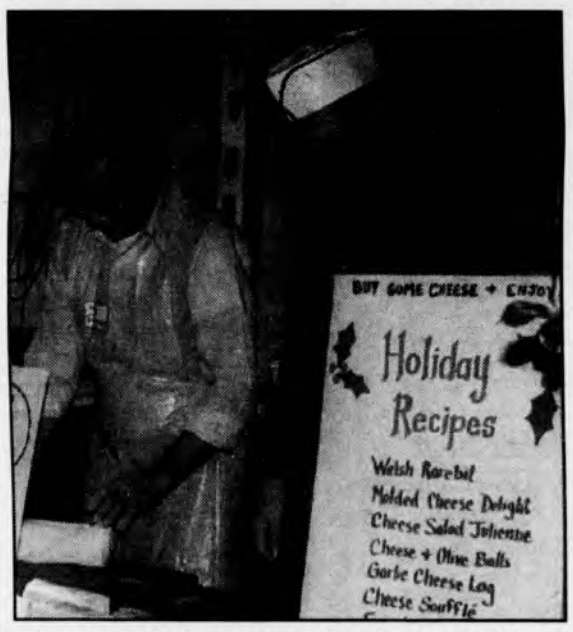
The Unitarian Parish House will have a storehouse of attic and closet treasures in their Jumble Sale, while they are also offering special order fresh cut Christmas trees to be picked up the day of the Village Fair. Order before Dec. 6 at the Unitarian Parish House, 23 North Main St. (or by special arrangement the following day). Trees from 5 to 9 feet tall, and in thin, fat or full width, can be special ordered by calling Jodee Doyle at 393-9845. Buyers may then choose from a nice selection of that size tree the day they pick it up. All trees are $35.

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A look back at a past Village Fair



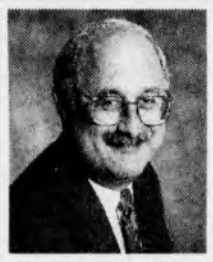
Santa used to come to the Common via a fire engine as this 1986 photo attests.



Cheese is being cut and sold in 1986 by Ham Tewksbury and Roger Nast.



The truck just back from Vermont with its load of wheels of sharp cheddar cheese and other goodies for the 1986 fair.



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Name: Steve Bobo

Occupation: Retired engineer, volunteer publicity coordinator for the Village Fair, and member of the Second Congregational Church.

Goal: To increase awareness of our church outreach needs and town participation in help for the needy.

Best day of your life: When I realized how valuable my wife is.

Biggest worry: That we won't have a wonderful crowd at the Village Fair.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite TV show: 'Chef" on Channel 2.

Favorite movie: The 'Star Wars' trilogy.

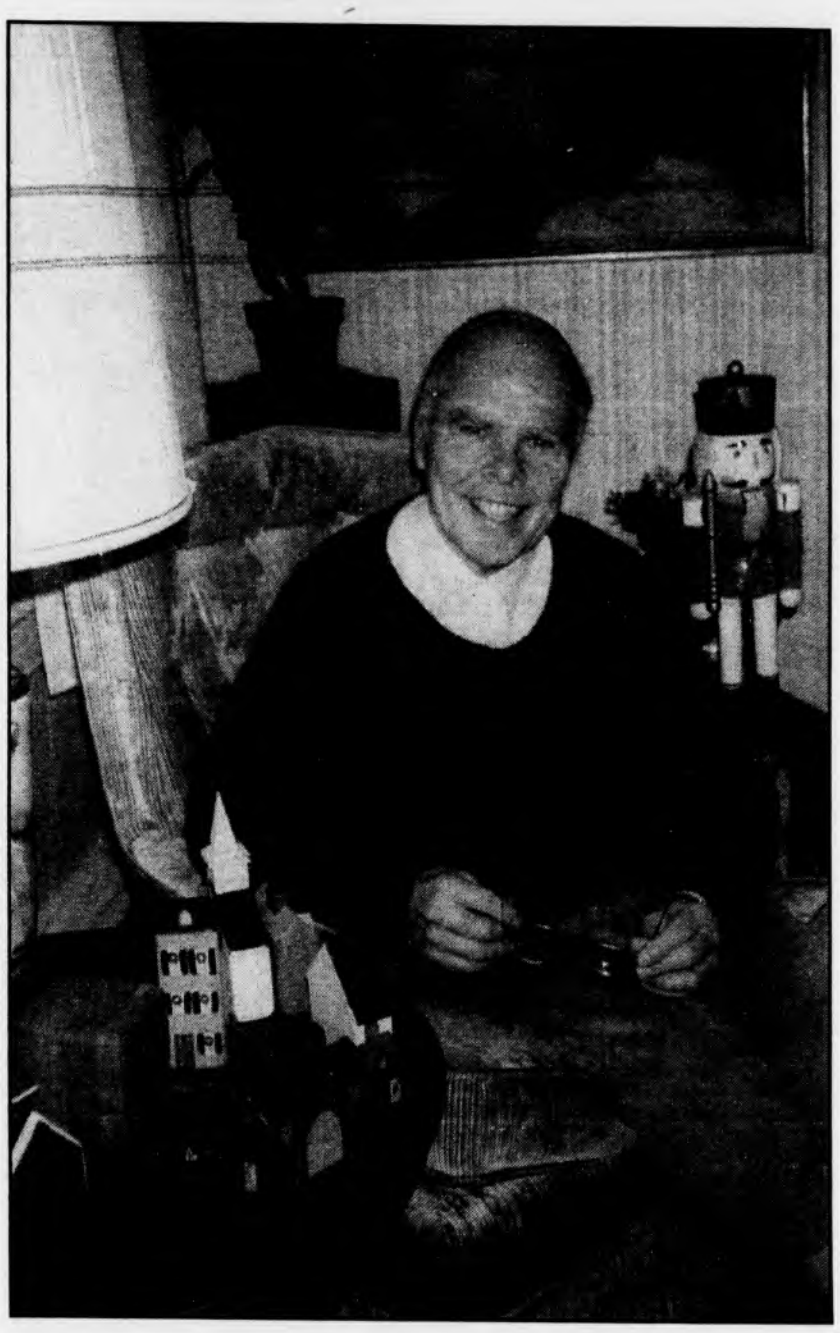
Favorite book: The Patrick O'Brien series about the British Navy.

Favorite junk food: No fat cream cheese.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Running into a navigational marker with my sailboat.

Person you'd most like to meet: The person who gave the biggest donation to the Village Fair!

Pet peeve: People who worry about Christmas being too commercial.



The children's secret room

Cohasset Appalachia Service Project will be reintroducing the longtime favorite Children's Secret Room at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church during the Cohasset Village Fair Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Children's Secret Room is for children only — no adults are admitted inside. The room provides a wonderful opportunity for young children to shop (without their parents), yet still be helpfully assisted by an older teenager. There will be gifts for every member of the family with all items price at either 50 cents or $1.

Children may come with their written shopping list or make their list upon arrival. They will be met at the Children's Secret Room door by an ASP teenager (their own personal shopper) who will happily help guide them through the entire process of gift selection, purchase and gift wrapping.

Visit with Santa at the fair

The Appalachia Service Project will also be hosting a visit with Santa on Cohasset Common during the Village Fair Saturday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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WELCOME TO BABY, GREER!

Lots of people around town are missing Donna Viau at the South Shore Community Center - Donna was a dance instructor at the center for the past six years, and has left to be a new mom! She and her husband, Bob, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Greer (don't you just love that name!!). Donna will be greatly missed by her friends and students at the community center, and everyone wishes her much joy and happiness with her new son - that's the best "career" of all! By the way, Donna and Bob, everyone cannot wait to see Greer!

CONSIGNMENT SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS

Andy Merrill wants to remind everyone to think of the new Cohasset Consignment Shop (located in Shaw's Plaza, next to Buttonwood Books) to do lots of their holiday shopping! You can find everything there, from Burberry coats, hand-knit sweaters, all sorts of fur capes, jackets and coats, sterling silver gems, even a Royal Copenhagen Hummel plate collection! Andy wants you to be sure to know that proceeds from the shop provide the major funding for the Social Service League's pneumonia shots, support and counseling groups, new friends program, nursing services and "Keep Well Clinics." Not only will your gift recipient be thrilled, you will be benefiting someone you don't even know! A "two-fer" not to be missed!



Jay Salerno comes across the finish line in the Turkey Trot for seven-to-10 year olds. The event was part of the Jingle Bell Walk sponsored by the South Shore Community Center. For more photos, see page 11.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

CHAMPION SHOW JUMPER

We hope that everyone heard about Sydney Johnston and her show jumper horse "Saint Patrick;" they deserve a standing ovation! Sydney, a senior at Milton Academy, competed in the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden recently and was among the top 10 medalists in the Rolex-Maclay National Championship for the ASPCA Horsemanship Classes. Sydney earned the honor by outperforming more than 60 other competitors! Her parents are Bob and Diane Johnston, who by the way are active amateur/owner show jumping competitors in the New England and Florida show jumping circuits themselves! We are sure to hear more about Sydney in the future, and we wish her every success in future shows! Congratulations!

DON'T MISS VILLAGE FAIR

This is the weekend that everyone has been waiting for! This Saturday is the Village Fair -just to remind you Steve Bobo wanted to give a quick reminder of what you'll be able to enjoy! Santa in his sleigh on the Common; the "Secret Room" at Saint Stephen's Church will be the top draws for the youngsters! Santa arrives at 10:45 a.m., so you will have time to check out all of the other things available. In the town hall there will be wonderful Greek pastries; at the Congregational Church you can have some yummy chowder or buy some unique gifts; the Unitarian Parish House will have a storehouse of attic and closet treasures in their Jumble Sale; they are also asking

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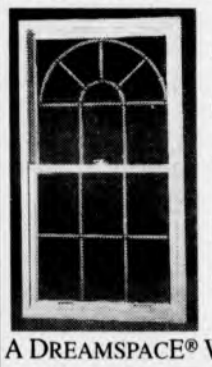
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Art center winter courses offered

Register now for winter art courses at the South Shore Art Center. Classes begin the week of Jan. 20. Courses and workshops available for pre-K through adult. Offerings include, drawing, calligraphy, monoprinting, painting, watercolor and much more.

Call (781) 383-2787 for more information and a brochure. The art center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset.

Dean Morrissey at Christopher Gallery

The Christopher Gallery will host a personal appearance by artist and author Dean Morrissey Dec. 13. Dean Morrissey will be at the gallery for a book signing and drawing demonstration from noon to 2 p.m. to celebrate the release of his new book iThe Great Kettles " A Tale of Time."

There will be an open house and reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

The young and the young at heart will be enchanted by the luminous artwork of Dean Morrissey, whose style is reminiscent of the old masters. Art collectors are always fascinated by his unique ability to transform common objects into radiant images that seem to glow from within his resplendent paintings and the unlimited possibilities they suggest appeal to the child in everyone.

A native of Boston, Morrissey lives on the South Shore with his wife and young son. He has worked as an award-winning illustrator for more than a decade, creating book covers to portray the stories of others. As evidenced by the incredible detail in his dazzling paintings, he is a master storyteller himself. Morrissey created both the original art and story for his critically acclaimed first book, and best-selling childrenís classic, "Ship of Dreams," published by Harry N. Abrams. His new book, "The Great Kettles " A Tale of Time," traces the continuing adventures of little Joey, the fictional hero of his tale.

For more information and to reserve your personalized copy of either book, call the Christopher Gallery at (800) 383-1801.

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that you pick up your fresh tree (that had to be ordered beforehand). This is the 57th edition of the Cohasset Village Fair, organized as a joint benefit for Cohasset churches and other local non-profit institutions. This year the Second Congregational Church is the coordinator, working with representatives of the groups to ensure that the attractions that have drawn hundreds from surrounding towns to start their holiday shopping here, will go on as usual.

BENEFIT AUCTION DEC. 6

Save some of your energy for that night (yes, we are still talking about Dec. 6), it is the 10th Annual Cohasset Chamber of Commerce Community Benefit Auction. It will be held at the community center, and will begin with a "down-home" franks 'n beans dinner from 6 to 7 p.m. The auction will begin at 7 and go on until 10 p.m., with proceeds benefiting the Appalachian Service Project, the Harborfest Committee, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Chamber. You will pick up some great holiday bargains and have a lot of laughs as well, so bring a friend! For more information, call the chamber of commerce at 383-1010.

STAR BALLERINA

Cohasset has the distinction of being able to boast about another ballet dancer who will be a star in the "Nutcracker" this year. Her name is Lauren Albanese and she will be a chocolate doll. Lauren will be 8 in January, everyone is so proud of her! "The Nutcracker" is at the Wang Center now through Jan. 4; it is grand, don't miss it! Be sure to give Lauren a round of applause when you go, or if you see her "around town."

RETIRING SOCCER COACH

Last week was the soccer banquet, and there was a big surprise for Larry Shultz! Larry announced his retirement as soccer coach, after being involved with the program for oodles of years - all of the gents he coached with were there to honor him (all but Jon Anderson who was a finalist in a soccer tournament where he coaches for Babson). Every person there knows how dedicated Larry is and how much he cares for the athletes and the game. He always did that extra thing to get the most of the kiddos, he made sure they tried as hard as they could. He knows every rule and regulation, every play imaginable - he is a super-hero in the soccer world and the world in general. His soccer knowledge and coaching will be missed by our athletes. He will undoubtedly still be spotted at games, and his students will still ask him soccer questions or stats in his classes, but his coaching days are all gone. Be sure to thank him for a job well done when you see him!

DON'T MISS HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Finally, don't forget to pick up your tickets for the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's Homes for the Holidays House Tour, Dec. 10! The five beautifully decorated homes will inspire and delight you. You can pick up your tickets at the South Shore Community Center in advance for $15, and at the door for $20. This year there will be a lunch sponsored by the Community Center; the price is $5 and will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CALL WITH YOUR NEWS!

It's been a busy weekend, you must have tons of news to report! Give me a call or drop a line or just drop your tidbit in my mailbox at 9 Red Gate Lane!

— Sallyann 383-0560

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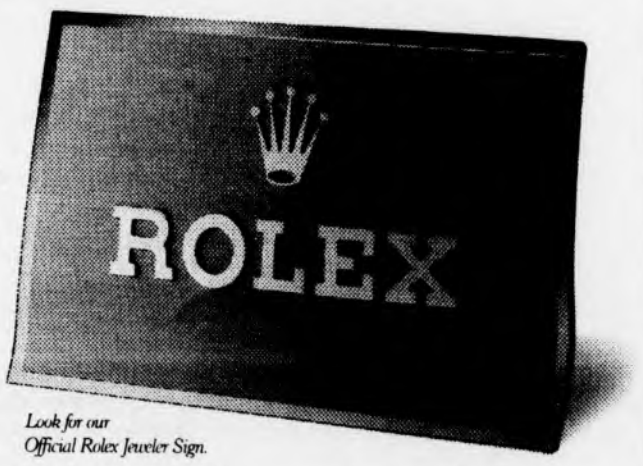
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In the dark

We'd like to think the power outage Monday night short circuited selectmen's better judgment. That would be the easy answer. But we think the truth is probably more painful than that.

About an hour into Monday's meeting a tree limb on South Main Street landed on some wires plunging us and most of the town into darkness. The meeting continued long enough to finish the current agenda item and adjourned. The town manager went home and so did the selectmen's secretary.

Yet three selectmen, who constitute a quorum, remained at their seats and continued to have a chat in the dark with Town Counsel Paul DeRensis. They weren't talking about the Red Sox but town business. The "chat" focused on whether or not the T can take the Greenbush railroad right-of-way by eminent domain.

We warned selectmen their discussion was in violation of the Open Meeting Law because the meeting had adjourned. Rather than pack up, Selectman Diane Sullivan said discussion could continue because there had been no formal vote to adjourn the meeting. And Mr. DeRensis, saying he only wanted to talk individually with board members, didn't see anything wrong either.

As far as we know, there doesn't have to be a formal vote to adjourn a meeting. A "de facto" adjournment is enough. Some interested members of the public had left. So to continue the meeting (after announcing your adjourning) is at the very least a violation of the spirit of the law.

But we intend to file a formal complaint and let the district attorney's office decide.

The second issue is very clear cut. Any meeting that will include a quorum of any town board must be posted outside the town clerk's office at least 48 hours ahead of time.

Like most of us, Mrs. Sullivan had a busy weekend. She forgot to have the Cohasset Greenbush Mitigation Committee meeting slated for Tuesday posted in time. When she asked the town clerk to post it Monday morning, the town clerk refused because she had missed the deadline. At that point, the issue should have died.

But when confronted by the Mariner Monday, Mrs. Sullivan was adamant that she intended to hold the "working session" anyway because it was paramount that the committee, on which she is a member, prepare for Wednesday night's session with the MBTA.

By Tuesday morning, she had had a change of heart and told us she had cancelled the meeting. While we're pleased Mrs. Sullivan decided not to break the law, it is unsettling to think the only reason the meeting wasn't held is because its legality was challenged by the press.

We hate to think what would have happened a year ago if the sewer commission had tried to hold a non-posted "working session" on the North Cohasset sewer district. Has Mrs. Sullivan, who fought so hard for North Cohasset to receive equity on the sewer issue, forgotten why she was elected?

Government is not a "club" where officials can decide who gets admitted or who hears what. Deliberately circumventing the Open Meeting Law through "casual chats" on town matters is not in the best interest of open government and the public's right to know.

And committees can't meet unless they follow the 48-hour posting rule spelled out in the law.

It's not always pleasant or convenient to deliberate under the watchful eye of the press and public. But a government of, by and for the people can't operate any other way. In light of Monday's breakdown, selectmen will have to work hard to dispel any perception that there's a lot of town business going on behind the scenes.

You as public citizens, and we as your paper, have to be on our game to make sure we're not being kept in the dark.

— Mary Ford
Editor



Author sought for town history

The Committee on Town History was commissioned by action of The Town of Cohasset Special Town Meeting vote on Article 25, Oct. 28, 1996, to write the third volume of the town's history from the year 1950 into the future year 2000, and we are searching for a professional author/writer who can present an interestingly written finished product with a publication target date for mid- to late 2001.

The length of the book, number of photographs, timeline, table of contents, etc., has not been determined at this time. However, Volume 1, by H. Bigelow, covers prehistory to 1898, 539 pages of text and photographs; Volume 2, B. Pratt covers 1898-1950, 312 pages of text and photographs.

A bound book is being considered as well as an electronic media version. Additionally, we will be incorporating the town history into the curriculum of the Cohasset Public Schools.

Although the eventual audience of this effort will be limited to the epicenter of Cohasset and those touched by the community of a beautiful small town, the author of this third volume of Cohasset town history will yield the tremendous longevity of local fame as authors Bigelow and Pratt have enjoyed during their lifetimes and beyond.

Currently, the committee has been gathering data from town reports, records, local newspapers, regional newspapers, local town historical society and all other appropriate sources., including the taping of interviews of area residents for their valued insights on this period.

Interested authors should call Wigmore A. Pierson at (781) 871-2854 for details on how to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP).

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The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

Santa Claus draws a crowd for Jingle Bell Walk

Clockwise,Santa arrives at Government Island to kick off the annual Jingle Bell Walk. Mrs. Claus joins the fun by singing 'Must be Santa'. Kids and their parents enjoy a hay ride around the common. The crowd at the Government Island Pier welcomes Santa who arrived by boat for the annual Jingle Bell Walk last Friday. The annual event is sponsored by the South Shore Community Center. Santa's helpers Shawna Sullivan and Holly Dinsmore pass out refreshments.











Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Obituary

Robert Salvador

Robert Edward Salvador, 61, born and raised in Cohasset, died Friday, Nov. 28, after a long illness at his home in Stuart, Florida. He leaves two daughters, Kerry Ann Levenson and Beth Salvador Mendillo; a sister, Sissy McGinn, a brother, Francis Salvador; two grandsons, two sons-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset Saturday, Dec. 6, at 9 a.m.

Donations can be made to your local humane society in Robert's name.

Celebrate shabbat on Friday

Congregation Sha'aray Shalom will combine the recognition of its new members with an invitation to prospective members by hosting a Shabbat celebration. The dinner will take place before Friday night services, Dec. 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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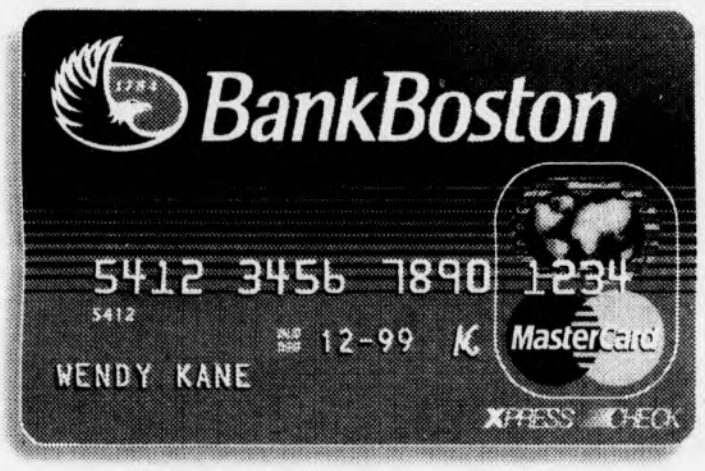
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Town worries train work will worsen flooding

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Nonetheless, Roebuck acknowledged her board was skeptical about approving any building in the basin, though the T does have a right of way there.

"They (meaning the T) were told that they would indeed have an impact. It isn't just the culverts, and it isn't just the village. It's the whole watershed," Roebuck said.

Wednesday, after the Mariner went to press, the T's key environmental manager Andrew Brennan came to meet with Cohasset officials to grapple with the James Brook and other Greenbush mitigation issues. Before he got there, however, Roebuck and some other local experts went on the record with their views about the T's readiness to deal with the Greenbush mitigation effort.

Though the point might seem too obvious to repeat, as former selectman Peter Pratt put it, filling in or building inside the flood plain ultimately means there will be less place for the water to go safely in a storm.

Moreover, the former Cohasset selectman is now raising questions about the ability of the T to call the shots on the controversial Greenbush train restoration project. In light of a $341,000 federal grant which the town expects to receive for flood control in the James Brook basin, the T probably will be obligated to step up their efforts to comply with the wetlands protection acts and answer questions about filling in portions of the flood plain, he said.

Pratt also said Wednesday he expects the MBTA will have to do more than T representatives have so far promised, if they intend to deal with the pressing conservation issues at stake in the James Brook basin.

Previously, the T had agreed to pay Cohasset for part of the James Brook flood control project but only if it could be shown that restoring service on the Greenbush line would impact flooding. Their study, produced by the engineering firm of Sverdrup Civil, Inc., found the restoration would have no impact.

However, that is a point very much disputed by Roebuck, Pratt and the town's engineering consultant Domenic Tutela of Tutela Engineering.

Tutela said he agreed with Pratt that the infusion of federal grant money would likely mean the T would have to do more than originally planned and contribute money, as promised, towards the flood control project.

Noting the T's right of way at Sohier Street was under water during the October flood, Tutela said Wednesday the T's studies had not been developed enough to the point where they could be fairly evaluated.

Search process begins for new superintendent

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portant part of the job description."

In addition, Kidder offered suggestions on behalf of his search committee for some necessary qualifications for superintendent candidates.

First on his list is an ability to grapple with new technology. Kidder asserted that Hart's successor should have a good understanding of the changing face of technology, and the skills to prevent Cohasset from falling behind the times.

He also pointed out that, over the next three to five years, Cohasset's teaching staff will go through an unusually high rate of turnover due to several anticipated retirements. The new superintendent must be able to deal quickly with the issue of succession in light of this impending dilemma.

Kidder added that candidates will need the skills to build community support for the schools, assess organizational structures and procedures and have achieved a set level of education and experience.

It is yet undecided what type of professional experience the committee will look for, but Kidder recommended that the search not be limited to internal candidates.

"Our scope shouldn't be limited to those within or out of the school system." Kidder said. Rather, he asked that the scope of the search be determined by the job description. In other words, the committee should seek out candidates in a targeted manner, rather than passively allow candidates to seek out the committee.

Kidder also stated the importance of utilizing a consultant in the search. Consultants are crucial in opening and closing the replacement process, Kidder said.

While consultants offer assistance in assembling a job description and conducting initial screening of candidates, they are also invaluable in closing a deal, he explained.

"Many searches go awry at the end," he said, adding that a consultant can help to negotiate salaries and contract terms, issues that are often mishandled by those less familiar with the process.

"We don't think the school committee has the proper skill set or the time to conduct this search on its own," he said.

Although a consultant may be necessary, cost issues may limit the town's freedom to utilize outside help. The committee would then need to seek out members of the community who are willing and able to fill roles that the school committee itself would be unable to fill.

With or without a consultant, the search for a new superintendent may enlist community help in interviewing candidates. Kidder described one potential "interviewing" process which would require candidates to spend time with students, teachers and parents. The opinions of each group would then be considered when judging a candidate.

With so many issues at hand, the school committee may not have the luxury of time. Kidder asserted that the search must commence by January.

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Cohasset woman is published in Yankee magazine

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Julia Child and Cohasset resident Diana Kinch both share their cooking experiences in this month's Yankee Magazine, "In Praise of New England Cooking."

"I'm honored to be published in such a well-known magazine," said Kinch, an avid writer who has never before been published nationally. "It's an exciting thing that your word is out there and a scary thing that your word is out there, all at the same time."

Kinch's article, titled "From the vine: Tenderness is the secret," depicts a slice of her childhood spent with her family in the kitchen making wadeesh, or stuffed grape leaves. She describes the process from start to finish, a project involving the whole family.

"The dishes were long-range projects, works in progress," Kinch recalled of her upbringing in Brockton. "Everyone had certain jobs. It was a whole evolution of work with the family, which was the nice part."

Even though Kinch, her two sisters and brother are all grown up now, they still carry on the tradition of sharing the work of making a family meal. Kinch has lived in Cohasset for 10 years.

"Now when we have family get-togethers, everybody brings something," she said.

Seeing the family's cooking tradition forever preserved in the pages of a magazine pleased her parents and siblings, Kinch said.

"They got a kick out of it," she said. "It brings that whole time back into focus."

Kinch compares the art of cooking to the process of writing, to which she devotes much of her spare time. She has also been published in the Cohasset Mariner and the Patriot Ledger.

> ***"You put different things together, work it through and see how it comes out. Hopefully you get a good result."***
> — DIANA KINCH ON WRITING AND COOKING.

"You put different things together, work it through and see how it comes out," she said. "Hopefully you get a good result."

A six-year member of the Kitchen Table writers' group, Kinch sent her article to Yankee two years ago at the insistence of one of her group members.

"She said to me, 'Just send it out!' and so I did," she said.

An editor at Yankee put Kinch's story on file and told her that when they decided to publish it in the magazine, she would get a phone call.

"I was so excited because I didn't get a refusal. They didn't say no. I took encouragement from that," she said.

Two years later, she has a byline in the "Special Collector's Issue."

"It was one of those lucky little things that happens," she said.

Her article as it appears in Yankee has been cut slightly to focus more on the food than on the history that Kinch had also included in the piece.

The recipe included at the end of her article is not her own; one main ingredient that would be in her family's recipe is missing from Yankee's, she said.

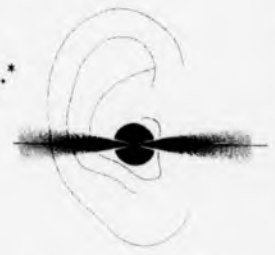
"Lemon juice makes the whole thing," she said. Yankee's photograph of the finished grape leaves, although not her own, looks exactly the way her family's grape leaves would look, she said.

An active member of the community and 10-year Cohasset resident, Kinch strives to write as much as possible and work toward more nationally published articles. Her bi-monthly writer's group helps her stay focused on that goal, she said.

"It's such a part of our lives," Kinch said of the Kitchen Table writers. "A lot gets done in terms of writing and understanding."

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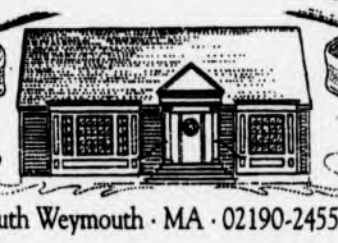
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Full train service rolling on Old Colony lines

Transportation chief committed to building Greenbush

By Alice C. Coyle
STAFF WRITER

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, full service on the MBTA's two Old Colony commuter rail lines began last weekend. In addition to increasing South Shore commuters' daily transit options into Boston, state transportation officials are hoping that the expanded service will increase ridership on the new rail lines.

"Half the battle on starting a new service is to get people familiar with what we have to offer," said state Secretary of Transportation Patrick Moynihan, who met with the Mariner's editorial board last week to review the steady success of the new Old Colony railroad.

"We think we're on schedule in terms of the ridership we've seen," said Moynihan, who noted that since service began Sept. 29, the Plymouth line has carried about 2,000 passengers and the Middleborough line another 1,500 on the four daily round trips. Moynihan said the MBTA expects to carry 5,000 passengers on each line of the Old Colony railroad by the year 2000.

The expanded service includes 15 round trips into Boston from Kingston starting at 5:37 a.m., and 12 from Middleborough beginning at 5:25 a.m. during the week. The final train to Kingston departs South Station at 10:40 p.m. and the Middleborough-bound train gets underway at 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday nights. On the weekend, the Plymouth line will offer eight round trips beginning at 7 a.m., with the final train departing for Kingston station from Boston at 10:40 p.m. On the Middleborough branch, weekend service will begin at 7:10 a.m. and the last train back will leave South Station at 10:30 p.m.

But despite the increased number of trains available to those bound for Boston, Moynihan said commuters shouldn't expect to see an immediate decrease in highway traffic.

"It's not like switching on a light switch," he said. "It takes people time to change their patterns of travel – their travel habits. And we have an obligation to make sure our service is as safe, reliable and efficient as possible."

In fact, state police officers from the Norwell barracks who patrol heavily traveled Route 3 from Plymouth to Braintee say they've seen no change in the daily rush hour gridlock since the Old Colony trains started rolling. But Moynihan said with the expanded service commuters will have more options and flexibility which will eventually have an impact on reducing traffic congestion on Route 3. Also, when the MBTA completes the third prong of the Old Colony project – the 17.7-mile Greenbush line, which is still under design, more traffic relief could be in sight, Moynihan noted.

Moynihan maintained that the state remains committed to building the $285 million Greenbush line and expects to have the final environmental review of the project completed by next July. Service is slated to begin in 2002.

The next hurdle to cross is to gain environmental permits from the Army Corps of Engineers, the lead federal agency reviewing the project, and Moynihan said the MBTA is carefully addressing the corps concerns. "We feel comfortable that the questions the corps has asked, we've been able to answer. Moynihan said the MBTA has not slowed momentum on the project, despite the lawsuit launched by Hingham to bring the project back under federal environmental review. Unlike the other two branches of the Old Colony Railroad, the T plans to pay for the Greenbush project with state money only.

Opposition to the coastal rail line has been vocal and relentless, but Moynihan said he remains convinced that a majority of Greenbush corridor residents want the rail.

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Four Newtonville homes to be hooked up to the sewer

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town must upgrade its sewer treatment plant and expand the central Cohasset sewer district. The town also established a North Cohasset sewer district which will be hooked up to the Hull treatment plant.

The state/town accord also advanced some capacity to alleviate the stranglehold the sewer moratorium has had on parts of town including the village where some businesses were hamstrung by former wastewater caps.

After the board of health declared a state of emergency in the Newtonville area due to high fecal coliform counts on the surface last summer, several homeowners and the health board turned up the heat on the sewer commission to include Newtonville in the expanded sewer district approved at town meeting.

Audrey Hoholik, owner of 26 Atlantic Ave., said she and her husband are "beyond thrilled"with the news.

The process was a painful one for the Hoholiks who have been trying to sell their house which failed a Title V inspection. (Once a property fails Title V, the state environmental code, the owner has two years to fix the septic system which can be prohibitively expensive).

But in hindsight, Mrs. Hoholik said town officials "did the right thing" by forcing people to get an analysis done on their systems.

While Tutela Engineering, the sewer commission's consulting engineers, found no evidence of a public health emergency, it discovered the septic systems of the four lots (26, 26A, 30 and 36 Atlantic Avenue) in failure. Tutela said the area would not support an on-site septic system for the four homes.

Sewer commission Chairman Ted Guild said the next step is for town counsel to review the town meeting warrant article approved last spring. Town meeting voted to subsidize 50 percent of the central and North Cohasset sewer projects and the town subsequently approved an override to pay for it. It is not clear if the four Newtonville homes will pay 50 percent or 100 percent of the estimated $140,000 cost to run a sewer line from the houses in question to Elm Court.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said while the health board talked about seven homes in the neighborhood as candidates for the sewer, he was pleased the "worst ones" would be hooked up.

Guild said the process used for Newtonville makes it clear what steps need to be taken before considering any additional sewer hookups.

He explained that the state MEPA unit (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act), which has oversight over the environmental aspect of the sewer project, must approve the project change to include the four homes.

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Weddings & Engagements



Amy Roebuck and Andrew Jones

Roebuck/Jones

Mr. And Mrs. Arthur F. Roebuck of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter Amy to Andrew Todd Jones, son of Mr. And Mrs. Roger W. Jones of Republic, Ohio.

The bride to be is a graduate of Moses Brown School in Providence, Rhode Island, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University. She works as a landscape architect and environmental planner for Wimmer, Yamada and Caughey of San Diego, California.

Her fiancé' is serving in the United States Navy. He is assigned as ship intelligence officer on the U.S.S. Cowpens, C.G.63 homeported in San Diego, California.

A January 10, 1997 wedding is planned.



Prescott Hartshorne and Nancy Diwik

Hartshorne/Diwik

Prescott Cumner Hartshorne, son of John and Mary Hartshorne of Cohasset, was married Saturday, Nov. 15, to Nancy Marie Diwik. Their wedding took place at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Newton.

The bride, daughter of Walter and Rosemary Diwik of Madison, Conn., is a human resources representative at Raytheon Corporation. She graduated from the College of the Holy Cross and received a J.D. degree from Suffolk University. The bridegroom is a senior financial analyst at New England Electric System. He is a graduate of Hobart College and received an M.B.A. degree from Cornell University.

The couple will live in Watertown.

Prescott Hartshorne is named for his maternal grandfather, Prescott Thayer Cumner, who lived in Cohasset for 81 years until his death in 1981.

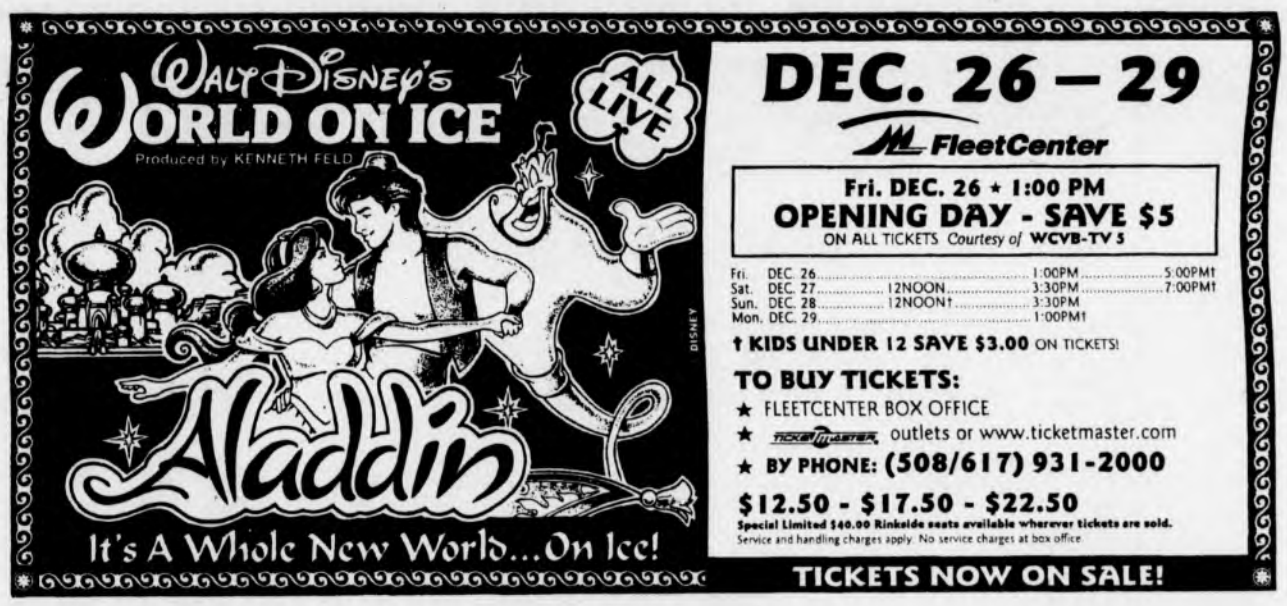
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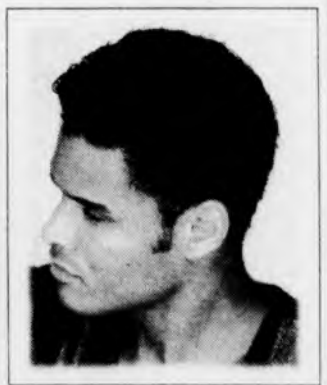


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Thanks to teenage entrepreneur

New computer Internet service runs like a dream

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

In today's high-tech world of computers, web pages, the Internet, search engines, mega bytes and the variety of other sophisticated services and equipment available to today's consumer, there isn't that much unusual about new companies springing up left and right. With an ever-increasing demand for these types of technologies, there is also not much unusual about these companies, growing at the astounding rate of 15 to 20 percent per month, as Cohasset-based Dream Communications Inc. is doing. What makes Dream Communications Inc. so unusual, is its founder and president, Aaron Sawchuk, who started the company at the age of 16 at the end of 1995.

Now, two years later, the company has seven full-time and five part-time employees including Aaron's father, Wayne Sawchuk, who put up the initial investment of more than $200,000 for the equipment and other start-up expenses which were needed to get Dream Communications Inc. off the ground. Today Aaron's company has more than 2,000 subscribers of which 80 to 85 percent are business accounts including the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, Comp USA, Hallmark 100; Hingham, Norwell and Cohasset Libraries; Hingham Police Department and scores of others. The company projects its sales will double within the next eight months.

"I'm very proud of what I've accomplished," Aaron said. "I had no idea it would be so successful. My initial projections were that the company would grow 3 to 5 percent per month, not 15 to 20 percent. I had no idea."

Aaron, who now is a senior at Cohasset High School and a member of the National Honor Society, is busy applying to universities and doesn't know whether or not he will return to Dream Communications Inc. after he graduates from college.

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— AARON SAWCHUK

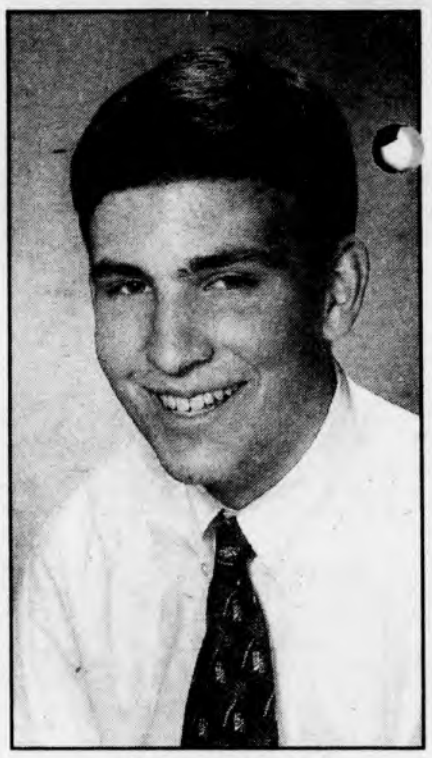
Wayne is the first to admit that he doesn't know much about computers and that the company is Aaron's brain child. However, he does realize the tremendous room for growth. The first commercial web page came on line only four years ago and today less than 25 percent of all businesses are on the world wide web. Wayne is currently focusing on the structure of the company to allow for its rapid rate of growth and installing more and more professionals into its management team.

The company generates revenue by selling dial-up access, the resale of high speed access, multiple E-mail accounts for a single company, space for web site hosting for someone else's design and web site creations.

Aaron has been involved with computers since the age of 12 when he developed a plan to make money selling game software through a private bulletin board service called The Final Connection. The development of the Internet laid that idea to rest, for it provided the same games to the public free of charge, so he decided to go with the flow and came up with the idea of selling space on the Internet instead.

Now, Aaron, who is only allowed to spend time at the office, located at 231 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., from when he gets out of school to 6:30 in the evening, and some time on the weekends, has gotten away from the day-to-day technical operations of the company because of the constraints of his school homework on his schedule.

Dream Communications Inc. now has access numbers in towns all over Massachusetts, including Braintree, Dedham, Easton, Bridgewater, Foxboro, Hingham, Kingston, Cambridge, Boston, Malden, Roxbury, Waltham, Woburn, Gloucester, Lowell, Lynn, Lynnfield, Salem, Topsfield, Newbury, Catument, Chatham, Dennis, Fall River, Marion, Wellfleet, Ayer, Charlton, Gardner, Petersham, Townsend, Franklin, Holden, Holliston, Maynard, Northboro and Whitinsville.



Aaron Sawchuk

When asked if he and Aaron ever butt heads with each other on how the company should be run, Wayne said, "Most adults underestimate the capabilities of young people and sometimes we have to stand back and let them be heard to see if their ideas make sense.

"Aaron has always been an entrepreneur and he is incredibly ambitious and if it was possible he would have the company growing even faster than it is now," he said.

To find out more about Dream Communications Inc., call (781) 383-2900 or connect to their web page at http://www.dreamcom.net.

Chamber community auction is December 6

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is planning its largest fund-raiser of the year, the 10th Annual Community Auction and Dinner. Last year the chamber donated more than $3,000 to the Appalachian Service Project, the VFW, and the Harborfest Committee. With the generous support of the Cohasset community, the chamber hopes to do even better this year. The auction will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at the South Shore Community Center. The evening will begin with a free, down-home, foot-long franks 'n beans dinner, from 6 to 7 p.m., with the auction beginning at 7 and running till 10 p.m.

Don't miss this great opportunity to get a jump on holiday shopping by receiving some great deals on the many goods and services which are auctioned as a result of the generous contributions of the Cohasset business community. For more information or to donate items to the auction, call the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at 383-1010.

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SPORTS

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An ill wind takes down the Skippers

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

On a cold, blustery Thanksgiving Day in Hull, the Cohasset Skippers suffered a 50-6 beating at the hands of the Hull Pirates.

In the wake of last year's 49-6 loss, Cohasset figured to play their way into a close game, but Hull dominated and had secured their win by the end of the first quarter. Bob Carreiro carried for five touchdowns on a day in which it was all but impossible to throw the ball.

However, the Skippers' lone score came when quarterback Pat Hurley fired a strike to end Jamie Buick for six.

The game started with a peculiar decision by Cohasset, as Hull won the coin toss and elected to kick-off, and the visiting Skippers chose to receive facing the wind. With gusts well over 50 miles per hour, Hull pinned the Skippers in the shadow of their own goalposts.

There were10 kickoffs throughout the course of the game, and six of them were touchbacks, including both of Cohasset's John Kasameyer's, which sailed out of the end zone, unheard of in a high school game.

Hull played the field position game and, with the howling wind at their backs, controlled the first quarter. The visitors caught their wind, literally, in the second quarter and slowed the Hull attack, but the fired-up Pirates kept pushing across scores.

Cohasset took advantage of the wind again in the third quarter, pushing their one score across. Cohasset adjusted their offensive strategy for the game, and ran an option frequently throughout the game.

Hurley would either keep the ball or pitch to running back Justin Golden. Both Hurley and Golden played well, as did fullback Andy Hamilton, who ran interference for his teammates.

Hurley was also accurate despite the wind, finding Buick for a couple receptions and tight end Sean Parkinson, who snared a Hurley pass and ran for 20 yards after the catch.

Two more balls were muffed by Skipper receivers.

The offensive line gave Hurley its best pass protection of the year, as tackles Jim O'Sullivan and John Kasameyer, guards John Considine and Adam Sasso, and center J.P. Laugelle tried to stave off a blitzing Hull defense.

On defense, the Skippers showed signs of excellence, particularly from the underclassmen. Golden made some nice sticks, and junior Patt Murphy caused a fumble, which was recovered by Liam O'Donnell. Senior Daryl Jones helped clog up the middle as Cohasset has done all year, and force runners to the outside. Sasso filled his role as linebacker nicely and Sean Parkinson regularly found his way into the Hull backfield, particularly in the first half.

Cohasset's best area of play may have been their special teams, a category which was all but nullified by the superior kicking conditions for both teams. Kasameyer's soaring kicks bounded through the back of the end zone and Hull's often did the same.

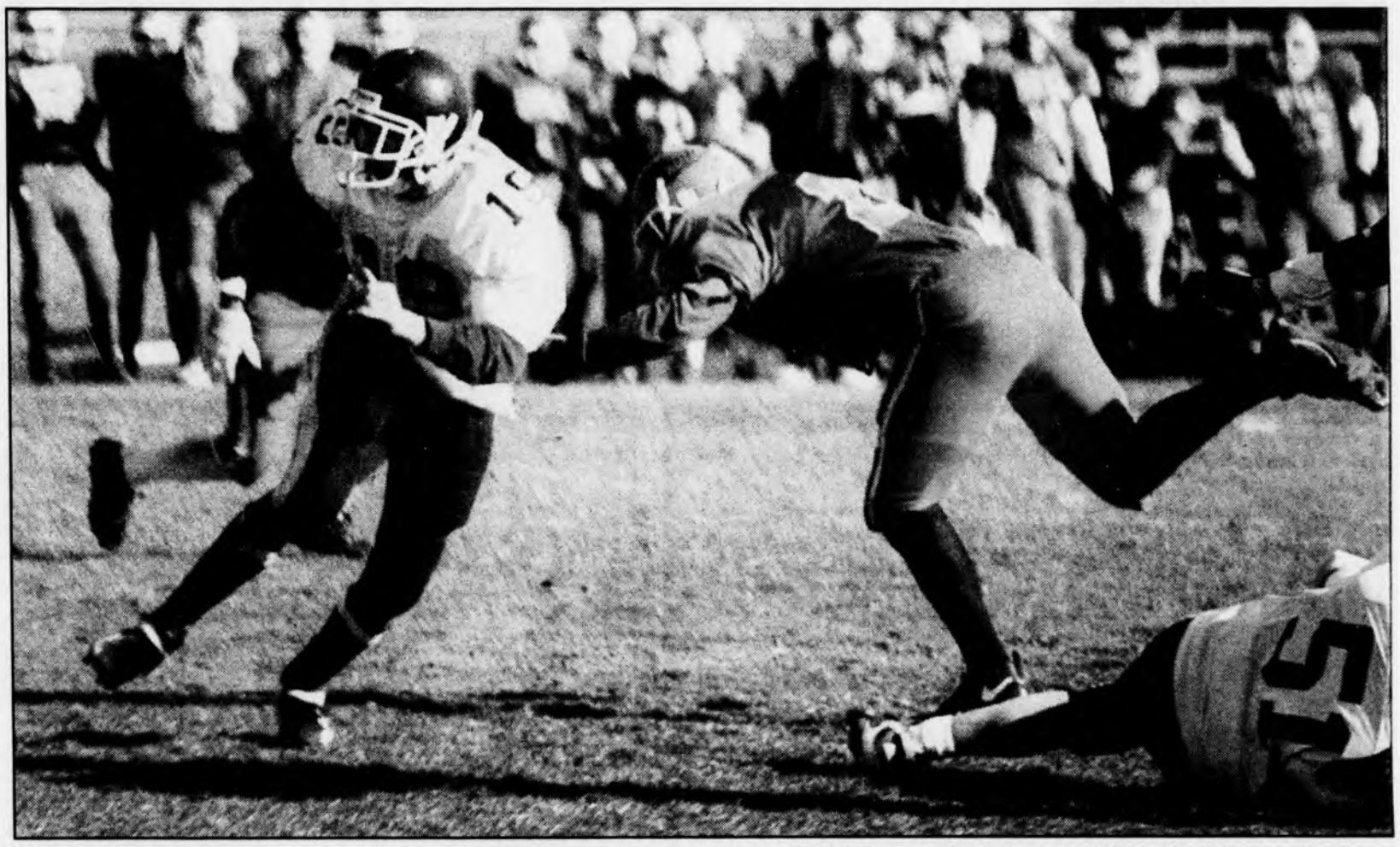
Returners Ben Ketchum and Ben Roine did their best to track down the pigskin, but high kicks were toyed with the by gusts.

Blocking by Dan Mulligan and Bill Kearney, among others, gave Ketchum and Roine to judge the kicks.

Raheem Shepard fielded two kicks and returned one for 25 yards and appeared destined for a solid gain on the next when his knee was ruled down on a questionable call.

The game was the last high school contest for seniors Jamie Buick, Andy Hamilton, Pat Hurley, Daryl Jones and John Kasameyer. All five of these players performed admirably this season and nursed the most out of their potential.

As their teammate, I can attest to how difficult and disappointing a season it was for them, but they all handled it with class, setting an excellent example for next year's team.



Cohasset QB Pat Hurley looks around in vain for an opening in the Hull defense. The Skippers fell to the Pirates 50-6 in this year's Thanksgiving Day game.

Staff photos/Doug McFadd



The CHS cheerleaders were bundled up to battle the notorious wind that comes off the Atlantic Ocean for the Thanksgiving Day football game against Hull.

Put your name on 'Sidewalk of the Stars'

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

For the past few years, Cohasset High School's athletic facilities have undergone a number of dramatic changes. Milliken Field's baseball diamond was rebuilt and is being enhanced continuously.

The state of the art alumni field has been enticing enough to visiting towns that soccer teams requested the new field as a neutral site for tourney games.

The encircling track endured its first season last spring and receives extensive use by members of the community.

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Grads gather to remember the perfect season of 1957

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

As the Hull Pirates were having their way with the hometown team on Thanksgiving Day, one could only look back fondly of when these same two teams met 40 years again with a greatly different result.

The members of the 1957 Cohasset football team that completed the year with a perfect record were back in town over the holiday weekend for a combined class reunion for the years of 1958 thru 1961 at Kimble's-by-the-Sea.

During that memorable 1957 season the

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Late Registrations for Basketball and Blue Hills Ski Lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department Will accept late registrations for both boy's and girl's Basketball Leagues for grades I through 6 and Blue Hills Ski Lessons, at the recreation office, first floor Town Hall.

Grades 4-6 Boys and girls Basketball evaluations are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6, and a schedule will be sent home via school shortly.

Grades 1 through 3 boys and girls basketball will begin Dec. 6, and coaches will inform you via phone as to game time for the various teams. Schedules will be handed out on December 6 for the rest of the year.

Youngsters in grades 7 and 8 may enroll in the Patriot Basketball League and information and registration material will be sent home via school for the Patriot League.

Grade 6 youngsters may play in both, or either the Saturday and Sunday Program.

Blue Hills Ski Lessons begin Thursday, Jan. 8, however immediate registration is required. Ski Lessons are for children and teens ages 7 and over. The cost for the 5 week, 2 3/4 hour lessons is $110 and if equipment is necessary, $155.

The fee includes lessons and transportation and equipment rentals for-the five weeks. ($155.00). Bus will leave from Town Hall parking lot at 3:20 p.m. sharp and returns to town hall at about 7 p.m. each Thursday. The program is designed for five consecutive Thursdays, through February 5, however, travel and snow conditions can lengthen the program.

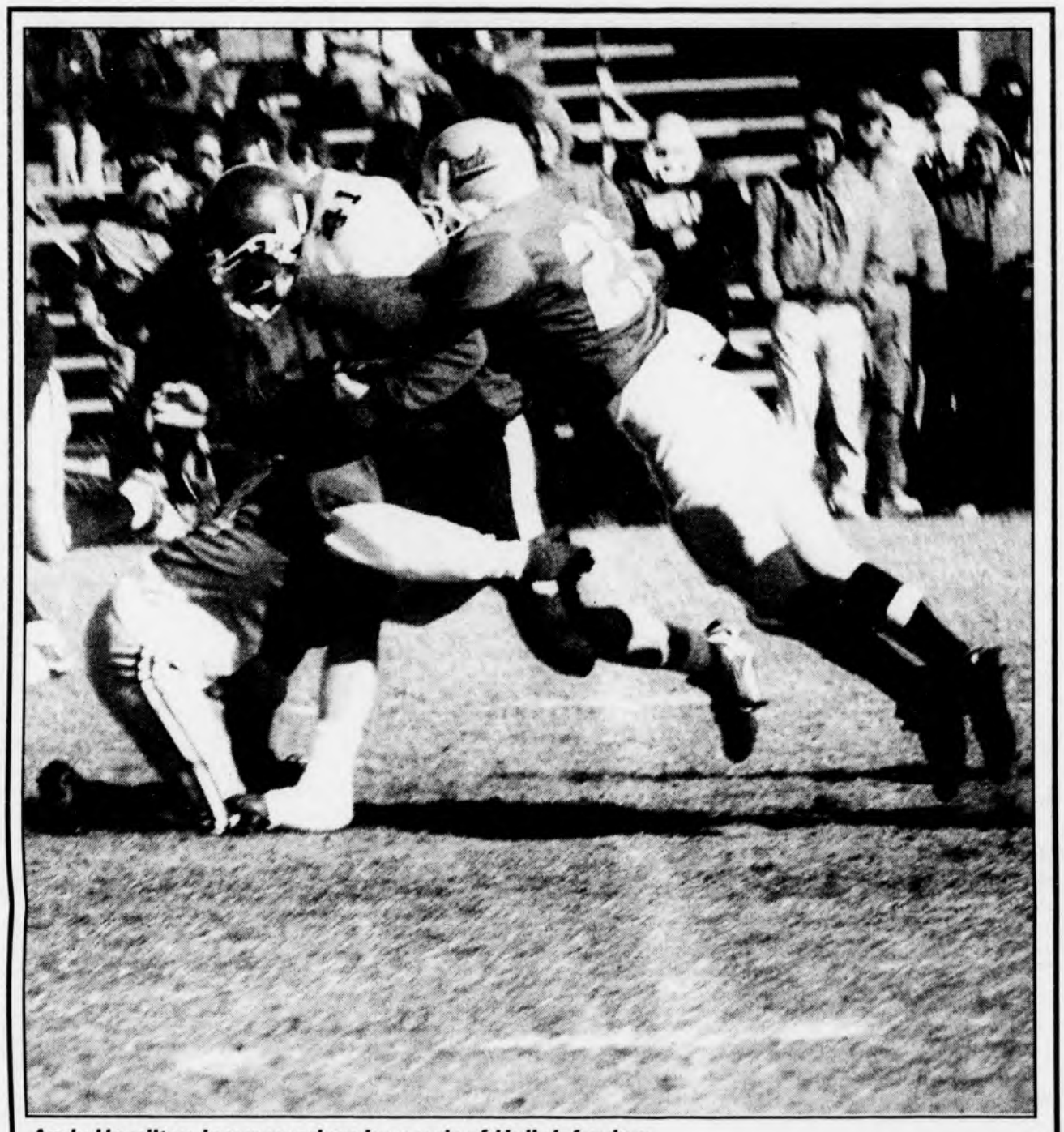
For further information, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-6791. To register you will need to come to the office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

Sign-up for Santa Claus hockey tournament

Applications are being accepted for the 25th annual Santa Claus Hockey Tournament Dec. 26-31 at the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham.

The tournament is for AHA Mite A and Squirt A hockey teams. All teams are guaranteed four games. Trophies are awarded to all participants.

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Andy Hamilton is wrapped up by a pair of Hull defenders.

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Sports Briefs

Local students making waves

Some former athletes from Cohasset have been making news at the college level.

•Former soccer stars Chris Kondrat and Erik Henry are together at Bowdoin College, where they played a part in helping their team to the most wins in a season ever at the school and a spot in the recent NCAA soccer tourney.

Kondrat is a senior and Henry a sophomore.

•Turning to hoops, Joe Slotnick is expected to be a big player for Vassar College this year. A junior captain on the team, Slotnick was named the team's best defensive player last season when they finished 12-13.

•Slotnick's former teammate Ryan Bishop will also be making some news on the Plymouth State College basketball scene. The 6'8 freshman is expected to make an immediate impact on the team this season in the frontcourt as either a center or a forward.

•Next we turn to the mats at Plymouth State, where Nathan Caldwell is expected to make an impact on the heavyweight division. Caldwell is a sophomore on the squad, which was ranked 4th in the pre-season New England Division III coaches poll and ninth in the all-division regional poll.

Basketball program needs your help

The Winter Recreational Basketball Program is in desperate need of a Division Coordinator for the grades 4-6 Basketball program held Saturdays at Cohasset High School.

Roy Davis has directed and coordinated this program during the past 5 years, but no longer has the available time. Roy has indicated that he will work with the new coordinator(s) this year.

Bill Grimm will continue to coordinate the grades 1-3 program at Deer Hill School as he has volunteered to do during the past 4 years.

Interested parents should call Jack Worley at Cohasset Recreation Department, 383-6791, right away.

Basketball registration for boys and girls grades 1-8, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Town Hall.

The Recreation Commission and Basketball Boosters Club are indebted to Roy Davis for the tremendous job he has done during the past 5 years with the Basketball Programs.

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Put your name on 'Sidewalk of the Stars'

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However, CHS AD Clark Chatterton has now turned his attention to the finer things, the flourishing details. A press box has been installed, allowing coaches, announcers and statisticians to watch the game from a bird's eye view.

Chatterton is planning to have dugouts put in on the baseball field, and a 30-foot high light-house is in the planning process, flashing "1-4-3" to greet arriving fans.

Another project which has already been started is the "Sidewalk of the Stars," which has met with success. However, since it is an ever expanding project, there is always room for more.

To encourage additions, Chatterton has offered to sell any brick with a two-line message on it to a CHS athlete for $45 from now until Christmas. For example, a brick could read Bill Kearney, Football; or Pat Murphy, "The Playmaker."

If you are interested in purchasing a brick in the sidewalk, call Katie Brister at 383-2439, Rob Buckley at 383-0171, Carolyn Pratt at 383-0048, or Kelly Tufts at 383-6985.

These four students are all students in one of Mr. Chatterton's gym classes and have volunteered to help with the project.

Chatterton hopes that this opportunity will boost the sidewalk's progress as well as offer Cohasset athletes a unique chance to preserve their place in history.

The sidewalk is yet another step in the continuing enhancement of Cohasset High's sports facilities.

Grads gather to remember the perfect season of 1957

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Skippers defeated Hull 16-0 on their way to undefeated glory.

This party was not just for the football squad. Cheerleaders and other classmates attended the reunion as well.

Cohasset Athletic Director Clark Chatterton, himself a CHS graduate during that time period, was a driving force behind putting this event together, along with fellow graduates Grace Wilkin and Katherine Becker.

Chatterton expected that more than 120 people would make their way back for the occassion. Many of the graduates have statyed and put down roots in the area, but it was expected that people would be coming from as many as 31 states to attend the event.

As part of the festivities Chateron presented the graduates with a video collage of how much the town has changed in the past 40 years as well as shots of the team in action.

Besides Chatterton, another graduate from those classes who has seen a lot of the changes around town first-hand is businessman Gary Vanderweil, who was one of the leading behind the creation of Alumni Field and the renovations to the sports complex that surrounds the high school.

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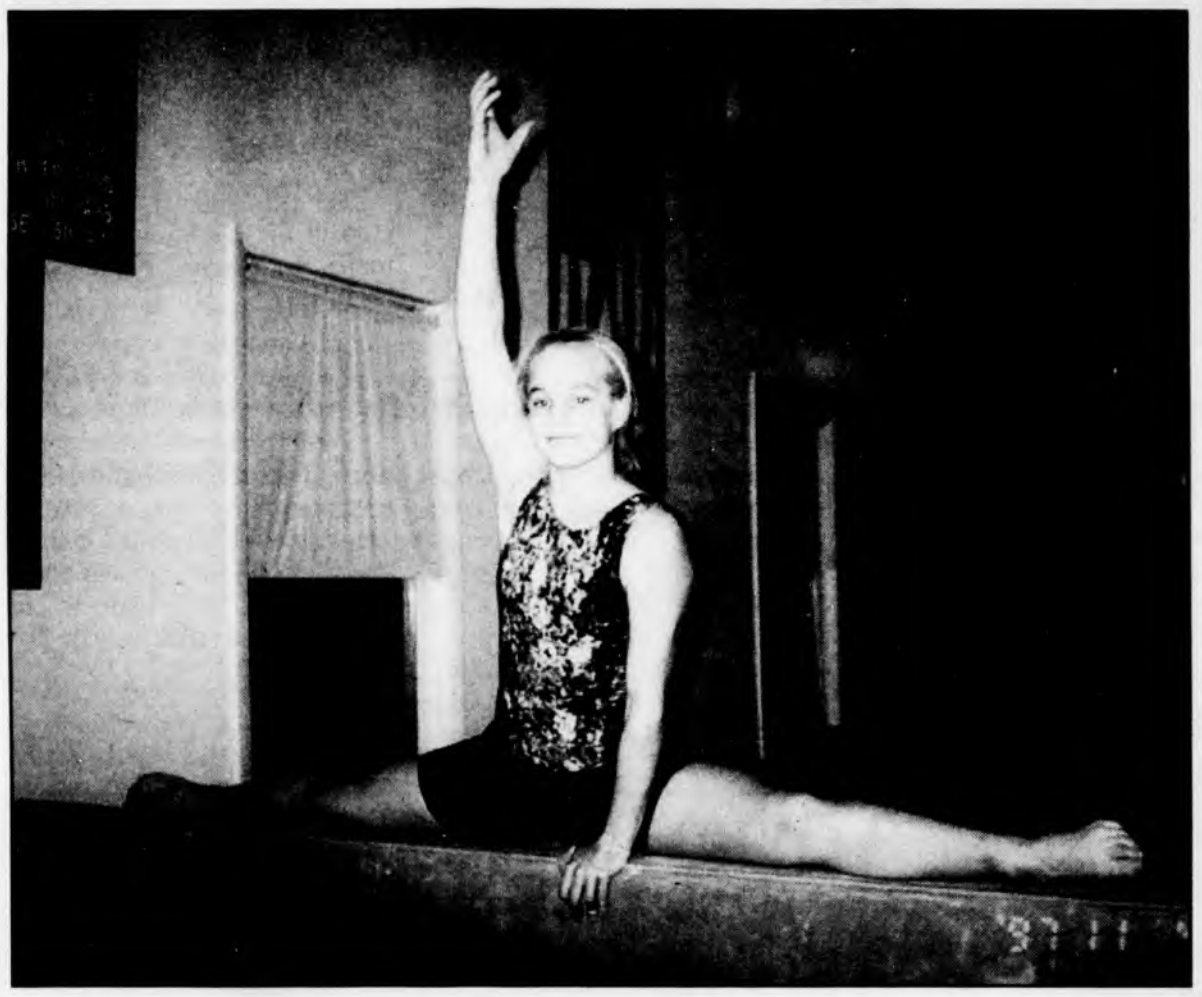
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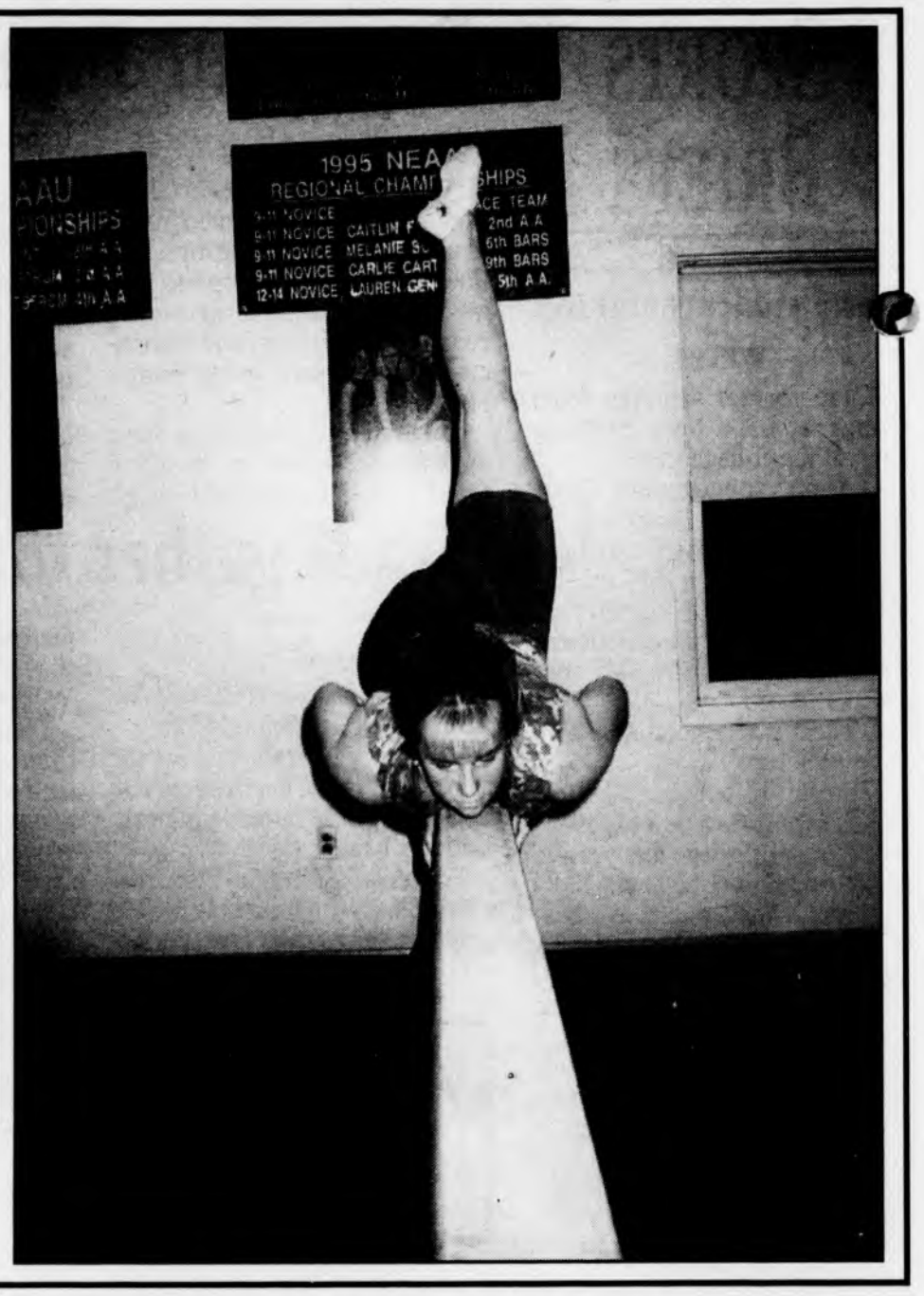
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Above, Carlie Carter performs a straddle mount during a recent practice session. Right, Caitlin Flint gets some time in on the balance beam. Both gymnasts could be a help the CHS team this winter season.



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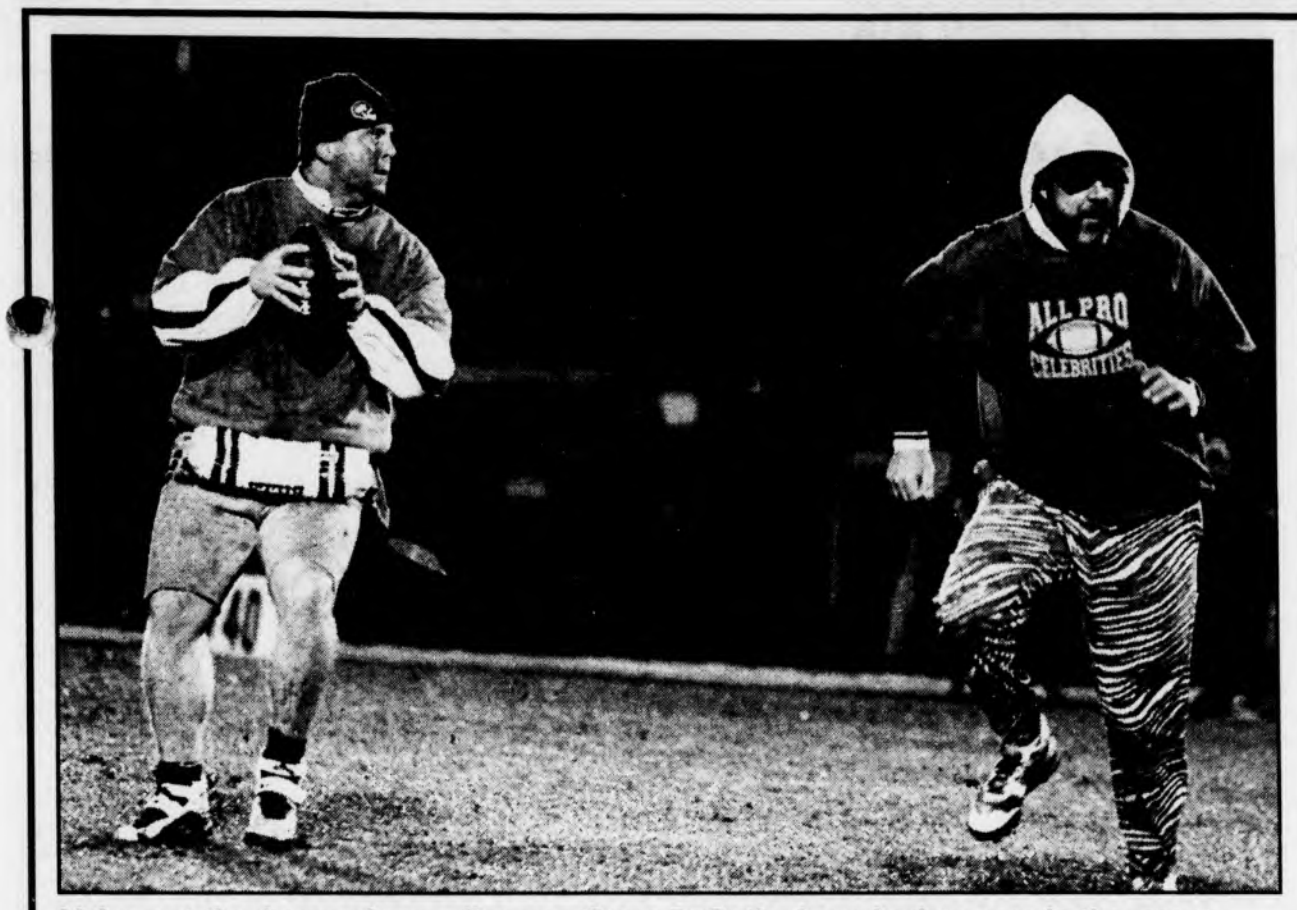
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Living out the dream of every lineman, Steve DeOssie drops back to pass in the recent charity flag football game between the New England Patriots alumni squad and the Cohasset Police Association all-star team. Former Pats center Pete Brock stands ready to take care of the defense.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

New look for Mariner sports

Beginning this month, the Mariner sports section will have a new look. Some of the changes on tap include:

*More features on outstanding and unique performers.
*An athlete of the month spotlight.
*Sharper design with an emphasis on action photos.
*And continuing high school and youth sports coverage.

However, we will need your help. We are asking youth coaches, JV coaches, varsity coaches and readers to get involved by calling or faxing in game results every week. (5 p.m. Friday is our deadline.)

The Mariner FAX number is 617-837-4540.

David McKee, the sports editor for Pembroke, Kingston, Norwell, Marshfield, Hingham and Scituate can be reached by calling 617-837-4571.

David Wolcott, the sports editor for Hanover, Abington, Rockland, Cohasset and Duxbury can be reached by calling 617-837-4577.

Sports Briefs

Junior lacrosse program looking for a few good coaches

Thanks to phenomenal growth in popularity and interest, the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse Club is in need of additional coaches for the Spring 1998 season. No lacrosse experience is necessary.

The reason the team can take coaches without experience is the structure of its league, the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse Association, the largest youth league in the country. The league allows communities to have more than one entry, and then allows multiple teams to be scheduled so that they always play in the same place — either home or away together — on the same day.

We need a helping hand more than we need an experienced hand."

Jaffe explains that the biggest need is for a coach to assist during practices, when the only way to install an offense or defense is in small groups of players. "The rest of the kids should be doing drills or installing the same offense at the other end of the field, but that's not possible without a second or possibly a third coach," he says.

Last year, the Cohasset junior lacrosse team had 30 players, a high number within the Mass Bay youth teams. This year, thanks to a successful summer camp and increased awareness and interest, Jaffe expects closer to 40 children in grades 5 and 6 to sign up. Without at least one additional coach, Jaffe says he might have no choice but to limit the program to a single team of 30 players signed up on a first-come, first-served basis.

With sign-up set for December and the league needing notification of Cohasset's intention to field a second team by January, the program needs to hear from volunteers now. The Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League also holds a winter coaches clinic that volunteers may want to attend.

For this spring, Jaffe plans to practice the junior lacrosse program at or after 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Games are Sunday afternoons. Practice begins as weather permits in march, and the season ends Father's Day weekend in June.

For more information on the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program and becoming a volunteer coach, contact Jaffe at 383-9858 or Terry Kahn at 383-0332.

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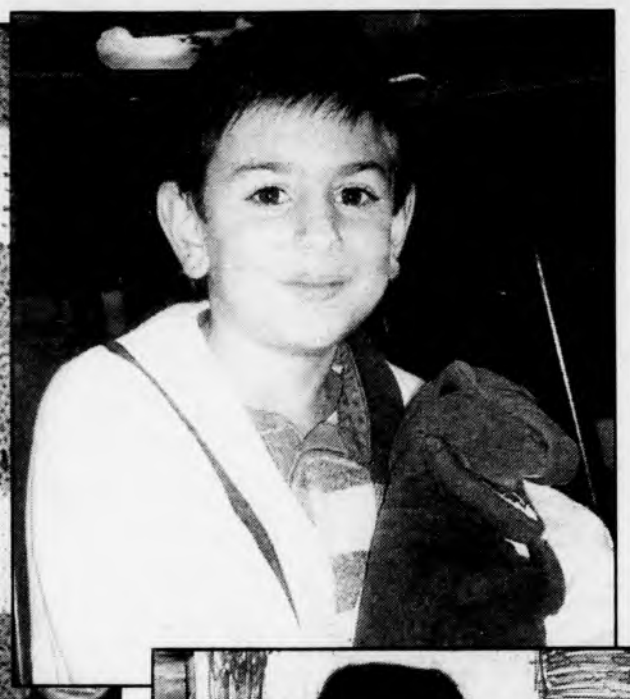
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Tickets are $7 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lorraine Veneziano at 545-6229.

Folk art craft fair

Winterfest '97, the Hingham Historical Society's sixth annual exhibition and sale of American folk art and traditional crafts, will be held this year Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St. (Route 228), Hingham.

The show will feature 50 artisans from seven states who will offer for sale a wide and diverse range of hand-crafted work, including primitive paintings, tinware, Windsor chairs, yellowware, 18th- and 19th-century reproduction country furniture, Santas, woodcarvings, whirligigs and rag rugs.

More than half of the exhibitors at Winterfest '97 have been selected by Early American Homes for their annual Directory of the 200 Best Traditional Craftsmen. Many of the artisans have had their work featured in the magazine as well as in other national publications including Country Living, Country Home and Colonial Homes. This show is a wonderful opportunity to purchase unique, museum-quality pieces from some of the country's best craftspeople.

Admission to Winterfest '97 is $4, all proceeds going to support the ongoing projects of the Hingham Historical Society. Luncheon and refreshments will be available, catered by Dagwoods of Hingham Harbor.

Victorian fair by the sea

Please come to the Hull Lifesaving MuseumÕs annual Victorian fair by the sea on Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Station Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull.

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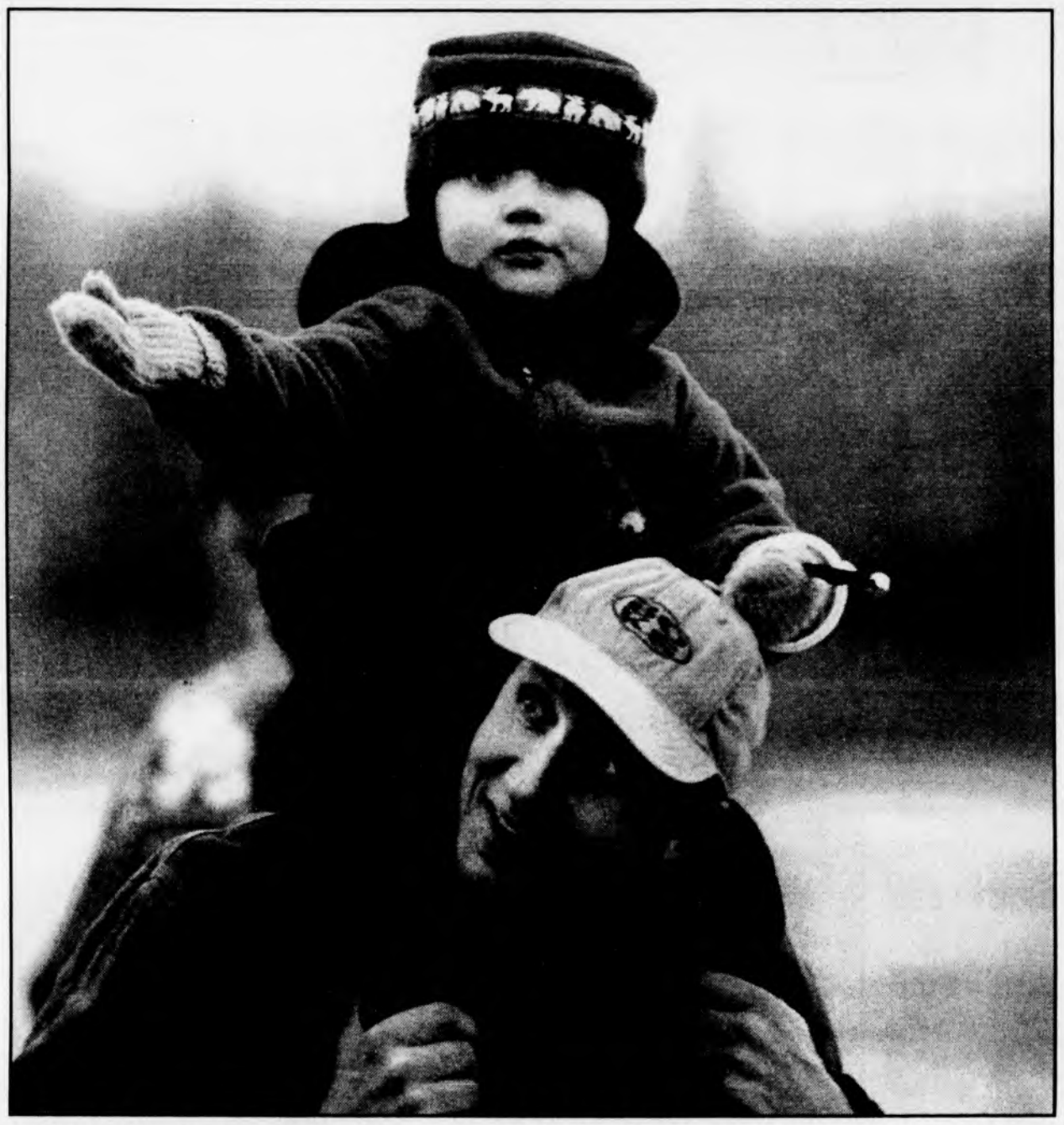
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Nicholas Brown waves to Santa from his dad Paul's shoulders during the Jingle Bell Walk on Friday.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

IT'S HAPPENING

Puppet show at community center

Kids can kick off the holiday season at the South Shore Community Center Saturday, Dec. 6, when the Ha'Penny Theater presents Mr. Bear's Christmas. Puppets, costumed characters and live actors bring environmentally friendly stories to life, as children participate in skits, songs and dances.

The larger-than-life Mr. Bear barges into every Christmas party impersonating Santa Claus. When Ranger Pat pulls off his beard, he admits to the ruse, and begins to tell stories.

Mr. Bear opens a Christmas present to find a 100 percent recycled magic coat, guaranteed never to wear out. Bear learns the meaning of reusing and recycling, as his coat transforms into many other useful items. After going through his Christmas stocking, Mr. Bear begins to make breakfast from an egg. Ranger Pat stops him just in time, and the story of the Whooping Crane begins. Lucille, the dog, performs a poem about sharing, with the assistance from an audience volunteer. Mr. Bear recounts Mem Fox's story, Koala Lou. Finally, Grandfather Frost shows how Russia celebrates Christmas by getting everyone on their feet to dance the Troika. The show ends with dancing and bear hugs. Cookies and punch will be served.

Ha'penny Theater has toured extensively throughout the country, performing in arts festivals, parks series, children's' museums and on the "Follow That Dream" children's series on WMUR TV. The theater was founded in 1981, and is based in Rye, N.H.

Tickets for the Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m. show are on sale at the South Shore Community Center's Office, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 per child, adults come free of charge. For more information, call 383-0088.

Cohasset library story hour

Registration for the preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library will be accepted beginning Dec. 1. Story hours will be held Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., beginning Jan. 8 and 9. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3-1/2 to participate. To register, call the children's room at 383-1348.

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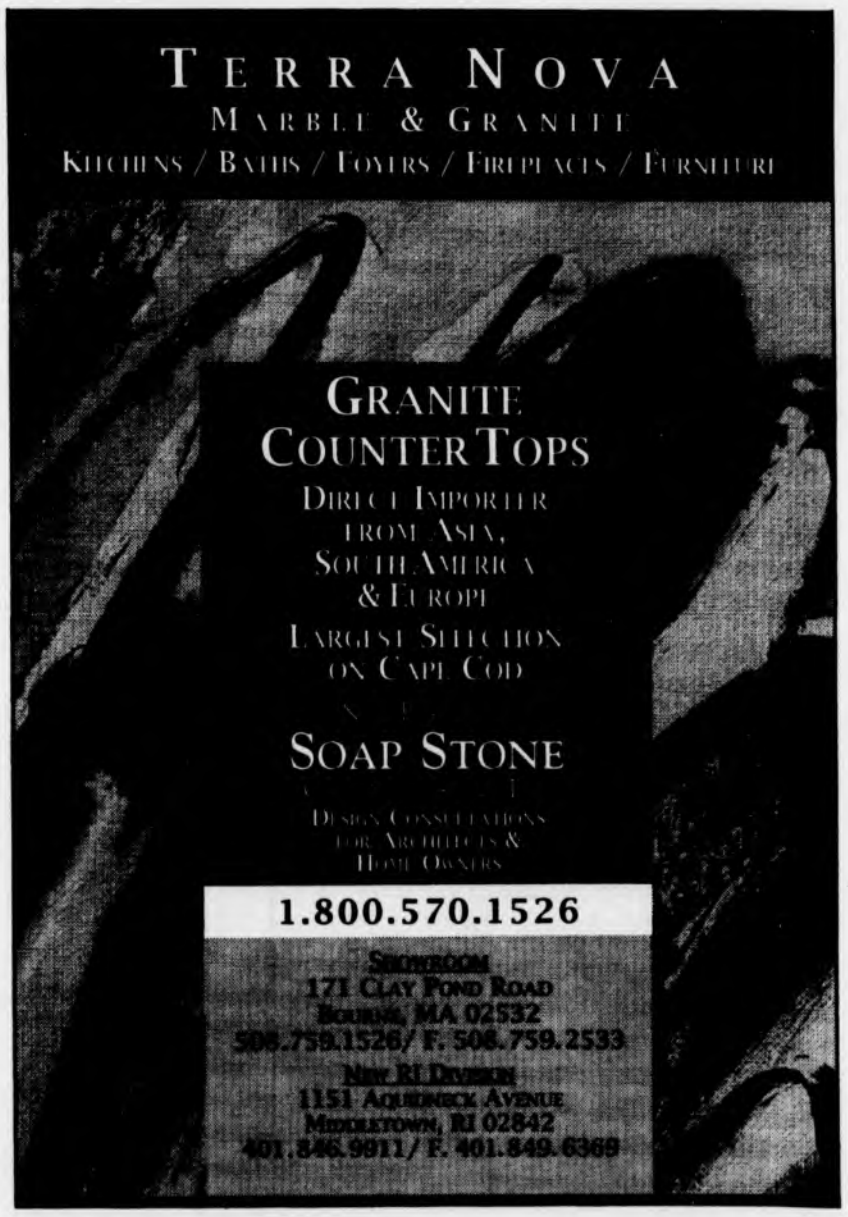
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Luncheon during house tour

South Shore Community Center will host a luncheon in conjunction with the Community Garden Club of Cohasset's "Home For The Holidays" tour. Lunch will be served at the Community Center on the day of the tour, Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch will consist of a delicious soup, half sandwich, drink and coffee or tea, all for $5. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Dec. 5. Luncheon tickets and "Home For The Holiday" tour tickets are available at the South Shore Community Center's office, 3 North Main St., Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Home tour tickets are $15 in advance, and $20 on the day of the tour. For more information, call 383-0088.

Lights to encircle Paragon carousel

As the days grow shorter and the nights longer the Friends of the Paragon Carousel are again planning to encircle the former Paragon Park Carousel on Nantasket Beach with hundreds of lights in the enduring spirit of winter holiday spirit and in celebration of the continuing effort to keep the Carousel at Nantasket Beach. Begun three years ago as part of the grass-roots effort to keep the Carousel from being auctioned off by its previous owners, the Carousel of Lights will this year extend through Jan. 6, the 12th night of Christmas.

For every $5 donation received during this time period the Friends will light another light bulb on one of the multiple strands of lights which have been strung around the Carousel. As donations grow, so too will the circle of lights around the Carousel until, as in the past two years, the Carousel is completely encircled in lights.

Sponsorship of a light or lights may be made in the donor's name or in the name of a loved one. All donors or honorees will be published in a Carousel Donors list.

In addition to the Carousel of Lights, the Friends have recently launched a major capital campaign to retire the debt incurred when the Friends purchased the Carousel in April of 1996.

Donations should be sent to Friends of the Paragon Carousel "Carousel of Lights," P.O. Box 100, Hull 02045.

Masonic awareness night

Konohasset Lodge, A.F. & A.M., will hold a Masonic awareness event Friday evening, Dec. 5, at the Masonic building, 7 Brook St.

This informative program will be held at 7:30 p.m. with several guest speakers. The topic will describe "What it means to be a Mason" today. The Lodge hopes those who are interested in learning more about freemasonry will attend. Questions and discussion will follow.

The Lodge also extends an invitation to a light supper, reservations required as room is limited. For more information about this event as well as making your reservation, please call event chairman Robert N. MacNeill, 383-1760. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the event will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Black nativity trip slated

The Cohasset Metco Committee is sponsoring a matinee trip to Black Nativity Sunday, Dec. 21. This joyful Christmas musical is a gospel rendition of the birth of the Christ Child and a cultural gem not to be missed.

The National Center of Afro-American Artists is presenting its 28th season of Langston Hughes' gospel song play Black Nativity at Tremont Temple's Converse Hall, 88 Tremont St., Boston. This year, Deer Hill School fourth-grade Metco student Manasseh Remy and his younger brother Emyr are both members of the Black Nativity cast.

Bus transportation will be provided to and from this joyful Christmas musical free of charge. There will be a central location in Boston where the Cohasset bus will stop to pick up Boston families en route to Tremont Temple. The bus will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 2 p.m. for the 3:30 p.m. matinee performance and return to Cohasset before 7 p.m.

Tickets are $25 per person and should be reserved as soon as possible by calling PSO Reps. Connie Afshar at 383-6006, or Jean Hajjar at 383-9917.

Churches to help the homeless

The First Parish in Cohasset enthusiastically applauds the partnership St. Stephen's Church has with Habitat for Humanity to sponsor the building of a home in Quincy Point. In support of St. Stephen's commitment to raise $50,000 as sponsor, First Parish, which provides a homeshare apartment in its Parish House, will donate the proceeds from its annual Christmas concert. The concert will be held Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. in the Meeting House on the Common.

This will be the 19th Christmas concert for First Parish, each one of which has raised funds, now totaling almost $30,000, for worthy causes such as The Quincy Crisis Center, Rosie's Place, DOVE and Wellspring Multi-Services. As before, the concert will feature the Unicorn Singers, directed by Margo Euler. This year they will present "A Spanish Christmas," featuring carols from many Spanish-speaking countries. A highlight will be "Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest," by the acclaimed American composer Conrad Sousa, with accompaniment by guitar, keyboard and marimba. The program will also include a collection of a cappella dance carols with exciting percussion, as well as familiar Spanish carols for all to sing together.

To become a patron requires a gift of $40 or more, which brings two tickets by return mail or to pick up at the First Parish office at 23 North Main St., 383-1100. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Advance tickets at $8 are on sale at the First Parish office. Tickets at the Meeting House door Sunday, Dec. 14, will be $10.

'Making peace with the holidays'

The holiday season is now upon us. For many, these are joyous days of celebration. Yet for some of us, this natural time of reflection can easily become filled with anxiety and even depression. If you feel prone to this type of quiet sadness, or even just need a few moments to regroup, First Parish of Cohasset would like to offer you an opportunity to recapture some inner peace.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m., The Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox will be holding a very special service for those of us in search of a little extra quiet time; a time to reflect on the past, to find solace in present, even a time to envision a more fulfilling future.

This time of year can be difficult and, during her time in Middleboro, Tarbox discovered that this kind of service can provide a welcome break from the hectic pace most of us feel forced to keep up during the holidays. It can also simply be a calming, healing moment to savor as we end one year and begin another.

Please join the church next Tuesday evening for what is hoped will be an annual tradition at First Parish.

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NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that KAREN L. WOOLF of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executrix named in the will without surety on the bond.
If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on December 17, 1997.
In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this fourth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

Cohasset Mariner, 12/4/97

IT'S HAPPENING

METCO holiday wreath sale

The Cohasset METCO committee is selling balsam holiday wreaths as a fund-raiser this year. The wreaths are double-faced and are standard door size (22"). The wreaths will be supplied by growers who furnish fashionable nurseries, yet will cost only $10 each.

The holiday wreaths will be pre-ordered. All order forms and checks should be returned to the secretaries of Osgood and Deer Hill schools or to METCO coordinator Yvonne Jones at Cohasset High School before Friday, Dec. 5. The wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Cohasset High School gym Saturday, Dec. 6 (the first day of recreation basketball) from noon to 4 p.m. Decorative handmade bows will be available on that day as well.

Last year's first annual wreath sale made more than $1,500 which funded the METCO scholarship for graduating seniors.

Symphony Yuletide concert

Hingham Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of its new director, Jin Kim, will present its annual Yuletide Concert at Old Ship Church, Sunday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. The program includes the familiar "Nutcracker" Suite of Tchaikovsky, Bizet's "L'Arlesienne" Suite No. 1, Respighi's "Ancient Airs and Dances," and arias from Bach's Christmas Oratorio, with soloists Deborah van Renterghem and Shanel Nand, sopranos, and Scott Toperzer, baritone. Tickets are $10 in advance or $12 at the door for adults, and $5 for children and students. They are available at the Hingham Public Library or by calling 749-4936 or 749-1657.

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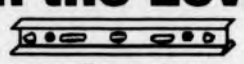
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5:37 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:54 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:14 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:32 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:38 a.m., MV Stop, Pond St.
1[illegible].m., property (lost), Elm St.
1:3[illegible] p.m., medical aid, Stagecoach Way.
2:58 p.m., open door/window, Old Pasture Rd.
4:43 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:07 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
5:25 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
5:41 p.m., medical aid, Parker Ave.
6:06 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
7:27 p.m., suspicious person, Beechwood St.
9:03 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:44 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:32 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:41 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:14 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

10:26 p.m., fire, structure, Scituate HQ.
11:30 a.m., officer wanted, Atlantic Ave.
12:41 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
1:08 p.m., officer wanted, S. Main St.
5:42 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
7:55 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
10:02 p.m., disturbance gathering, Government Island.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

8:00 a.m., larceny, Lamberts Ln.
8:30 a.m., property (found), Lamberts Lane.
9:18 a.m., parking violation, Border St.
11:23 a.m., medical aid, S. Main St.
1:55 p.m., general services, Elm St.
2:22 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:32 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:33 p.m., suspicious person, Brook St.
2:42 p.m., medical aid, Tad Ln.
4:55 p.m., missing person, Forest Ave.
5:09 p.m., suspicious (other), King St.
5:20 p.m., medical aid, South Main St..
5:35 p.m., medical aid, Bound Brook Lane.
7:26 p.m., suspicious (other), King St.
7:47 p.m., transport, King St.
8:56 p.m., property damage, Joy Place.
10:40 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.
11:04 p.m., transport, HQ.

Thursday, Nov. 27

12:07 a.m., disturbance gathering, Elm St.
7:17 a.m., medical aid, King St.
7:44 a.m., assist other agency, Pleasant St.
9:34 a.m., general services, Pleasant St.
10:13 a.m., tree down, Border St.
12:12 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
2:30 p.m., fire, structure, Diab Lane.
7:33 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
7:43 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
7:59 p.m., suspicious (other), Heather Dr.
8:39 p.m., general services, Pleasant St.
8:50 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
11:09 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:14 p.m., open door/window, Sohier St.

Friday, Nov. 28

7:34 a.m., vandalism, Joy Place.
9:36 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
11:47 a.m., medical aid, Church St.
11:48 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
1:38 p.m., suspicious person, Spring St.
4:33 p.m., assist citizen, Beechwood St.
4:40 p.m., info, directions, HQ.
6:07 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:06 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
7:52 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:05 p.m., transport, N. Main St.
8:07 p.m., officer wanted, Joy Place.
8:35 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
8:49 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.
9:01 p.m., medical aid, Brewster Rd.
9:10 p.m., general services, Bewechwood St., 16-year-old juvenile in protective custody.
9:17 p.m.., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
9:49 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
10:31 p.m., burglary, breaking & entering, Pine Ridge Rd.
11:47 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.

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Student director tackles musical 'Annie'

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Brian Krupczak and Katie Roche stepped on stage this week, but mostly to talk over character motivation and walk through one of the big scenes in the musical "Annie."

It's the scene when that somewhat cold captain of industry dubbed Daddy Warbucks comes up with a hug, and it should be the heart of the production— perhaps even a scene that stops a show as heartwarming as "Annie."

Yet, according to teen director Ron Nicynski, it's also a scene that is so often misplayed, it can seem weirdly pointless to an audience.

Nicynski, 17, is not about to let the actors or the audience miss the point of the scene when the Cohasset Plays By the Sea production of "Annie" is mounted next month.

> ***"It's not like working with a 17-year old. He's very focused. He's very professional."***
> — DANCE TEACHER JANET CAMPBELL.

The Cohasset High student will direct a cast of 90 in the Jan. 16, 17 and 18 performances of the show, and his enthusiasm for the stage was mighty evident this week during a Monday night rehearsal at the Cohasset High auditorium. Part of the excitement Monday was sparked by sharing ideas about the characters with the cast.

For instance, Brian, 14, had some good ideas about the way Warbucks should be played.

"We've seen him strong, cruel. We've seen him with an attitude," the director reminded the actor.

"I'm going to make him more compassionate by the end of the play," Brian promised. "I'm going to make him more understanding."

As Brian worked over the song in which Warbucks confesses something has been missing in his life, in spite of his success, both his co-star Katie, 11, and Nicynski explored the character's feelings, practically word by word.

"Maybe, he's feeling a little empty," Katie offered.

Then it was time for the action as the Nicynski directs Brian to look at Katie and take her hand. After a few practice box steps in a waltz, dance teacher Janet Campbell stepped in and took over the choreography.

Though Nicynski blocks out the small dance scenes, he relies on Campbell for the big numbers and frequently tells the choreographer the look he wants.

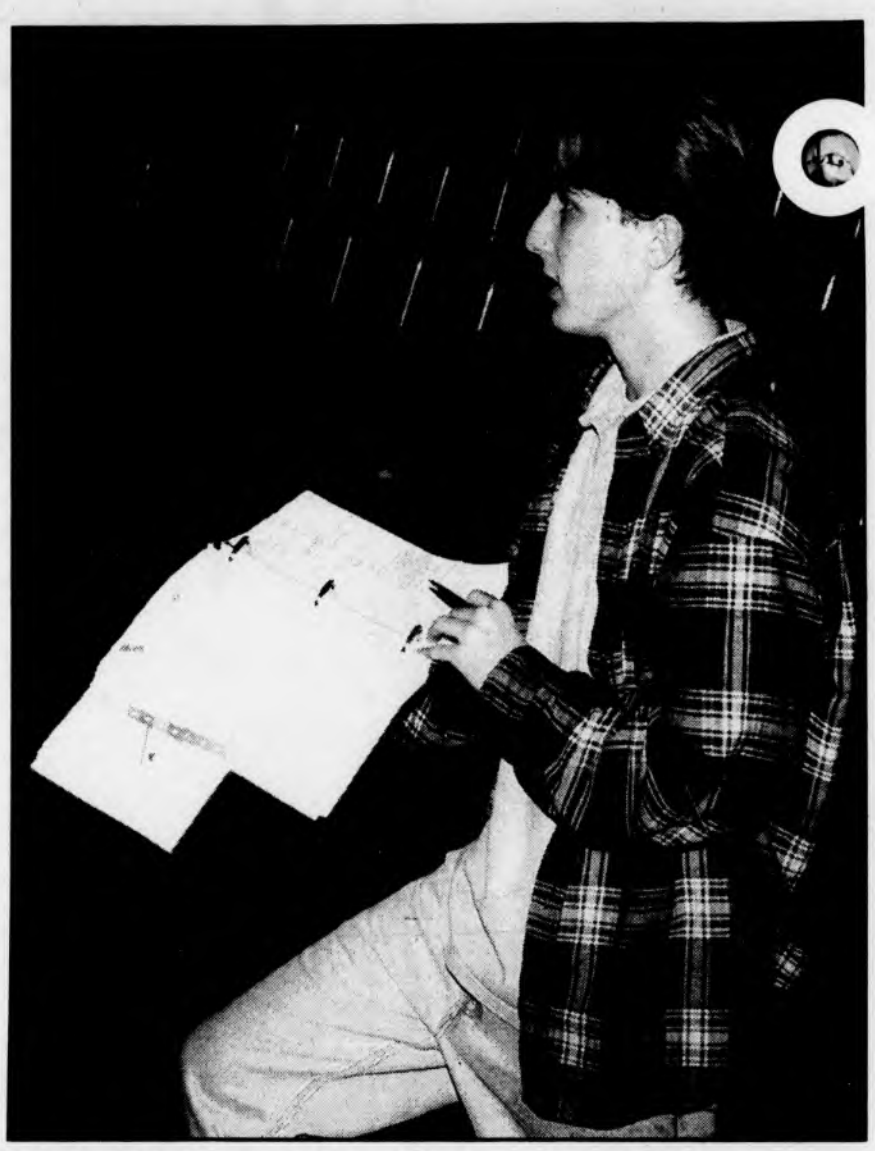
"This is the feeling. This is the attitude," he explained, going over the run of emotions that has the characters both up and down in the scene.

Campbell said working with Nicynski was not like anything she expected.

"It's not like working with a 17-year old," Campbell said. "He's very focused. He's very professional."

While Nicynski worked with the lead and the co-star on the fine points, another group of budding actresses and dancers practiced their steps backstage. Though they are not yet stars, some won bigger parts than they expected, and some will tread the boards for the very first time.

"All of them have talent," the director said. "I just have to tap into their talents and let them shine in their own way."



Student director Ron Nicynski is hard at work during a rehearsal of 'Annie' being produced by Cohasset Plays by the Sea.

Fred Robertson photo

Musical to feature 'real' Sandy

W.C. Fields said never work with kids or dogs, but Ron Nicynski is ignoring the comic's advice. In addition to the Cohasset youngsters in the play, there is also a dog to play "Sandy." "The audience loves it when there's a dog in the show," the director said, and "Annie" star Katie Roche has no doubt putting this dog in the show is the right thing to do. Ironically, "Sandy" will be played by a dog whose name is also "Sandy," and the dog has plenty of talent, Katie said.

"If you say 'Kisses,' it gives you kisses," she explained.

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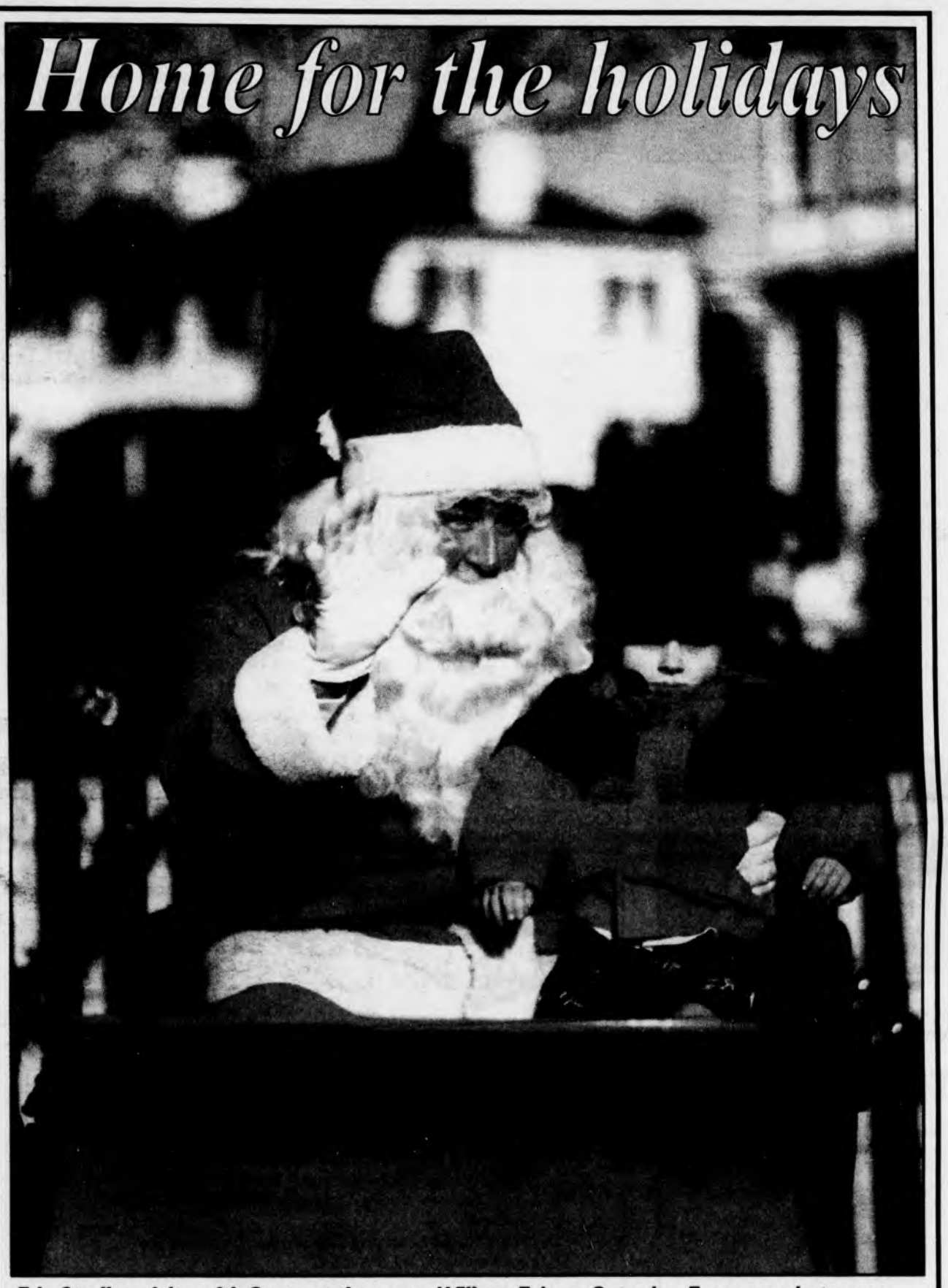
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Home for the holidays



Eric Studley visits with Santa at the annual Village Fair on Saturday. For more photos see page 11.

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Village Fair kicks off the season

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

Over the years, Cohasset has celebrated its Village Fair on the town common, a joint benefit for Cohasset churches and other local non-profit organizations. This Saturday marked the 57th year. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the three churches around the common hosted benefits, as well as the town hall, which housed the wreath sale for The Nativity of the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church located on Jerusalem Road.

Kerri Luise, a volunteer from the Greek Church, was in charge of selling the 100-plus hand-made wreaths and said that business had been brisk and they were down to only about a dozen wreaths inside the town hall by about 1 p.m. There was a jumble sale and large bake sale set up where authentic Greek pastries could be purchased.

At St. Stephen's Church a wide assortment of delectable baked goods, all baked by church members, were being offered for sale. A very talented pianist played seasonal hymns, while shoppers mulled through

FAIR PAGE 15

Homeowners outraged over septic district

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Planning board member Robert Sturdy did not mince words when he addressed the sewer commissioners Tuesday night. Holding a battered wallet in one upturned palm, Sturdy accused the town of hanging "136 households out to dry." Then he went even further and compared the state of Massachusetts to Nazi Germany.

Sturdy was not the only angry man in the Town Hall. He and the 65 other homeowners who packed the auditorium were upset because they found out last month they soon could be facing septic system repair bills mounting as high as $70,000 plus regular expenses every seven years to have their septic systems inspected.

In all, 136 homeowners recently found out their property's septic system or cesspool has been tagged for special inspections and monitoring in an on-site wastewater management district.

Tuesday, as fingers were jabbed and pointed in numerous directions, it was nonetheless hard to find out exactly who to blame.

"Maybe itís time to say to hell with the Statehouse," Sturdy shouted as he struggled to pin down exactly which agency and individuals decided 136 property owners in Cohasset had to be in such a district.

SEPTIC PAGE 14

Monument plans sail by selectmen

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 150 years ago two young assistant lightkeepers lost their lives when the original Minot Light toppled in a ferocious gale.

And now thanks to the undying effort of a beloved local lobsterman., there will be a monument dedicated to the two Cohasset men on Government Island.

The circular, 12-foot-in diameter compass rose, which is the brainchild of Herb Jason, 85, will feature a three-foot high polished block granite stone that will be inscribed with a rendering of the lighthouse and the story of what happened that fateful night.

Selectmen approved Jason's plan this week over the objections of the Cohasset Historical Commission and the Government Island Study Committee. Both those groups thought installing a memorial plaque on the side of the Minot Light Replica would be a fitting tribute to the two men.. They were also concerned that Jason's plan was too grand for the town park which has limited open space.

"There is tremendous symmetry in that little park," said Robert M. Davenport of the GISC. "We ought to be careful what we put in there. There is not a lot of space."

But they were out-manned Monday when Jason — accompanied by friends, relatives, a professional grant writer and schematics of the monument — easily won selectmen over.

"I hate to disagree with the recommendation of two town committees but it seems to me such a fascinating part of the

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Student director tackles musical 'Annie'

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Brian Krupczak and Katie Roche stepped on stage this week, but mostly to talk over character motivation and walk through one of the big scenes in the musical "Annie."

It's the scene when that somewhat cold captain of industry dubbed Daddy Warbucks comes up with a hug, and it should be the heart of the production— perhaps even a scene that stops a show as heartwarming as "Annie."

Yet, according to teen director Ron Nicynski, it's also a scene that is so often misplayed, it can seem weirdly pointless to an audience.

Nicynski, 17, is not about to let the actors or the audience miss the point of the scene when the Cohasset Plays By the Sea production of "Annie" is mounted next month.

> ***"It's not like working with a 17-year old. He's very focused. He's very professional."***
> — DANCE TEACHER JANET CAMPBELL.

The Cohasset High student will direct a cast of 90 in the Jan. 16, 17 and 18 performances of the show, and his enthusiasm for the stage was mighty evident this week during a Monday night rehearsal at the Cohasset High auditorium. Part of the excitement Monday was sparked by sharing ideas about the characters with the cast.

For instance, Brian, 14, had some good ideas about the way Warbucks should be played.

"We've seen him strong, cruel. We've seen him with an attitude," the director reminded the actor.

"I'm going to make him more compassionate by the end of the play," Brian promised. "I'm going to make him more understanding."

As Brian worked over the song in which Warbucks confesses something has been missing in his life, in spite of his success, both his co-star Katie, 11, and Nicynski explored the character's feelings, practically word by word.

"Maybe, he's feeling a little empty," Katie offered.

Then it was time for the action as the Nicynski directs Brian to look at Katie and take her hand. After a few practice box steps in a waltz, dance teacher Janet Campbell stepped in and took over the choreography.

Though Nicynski blocks out the small dance scenes, he relies on Campbell for the big numbers and frequently tells the choreographer the look he wants.

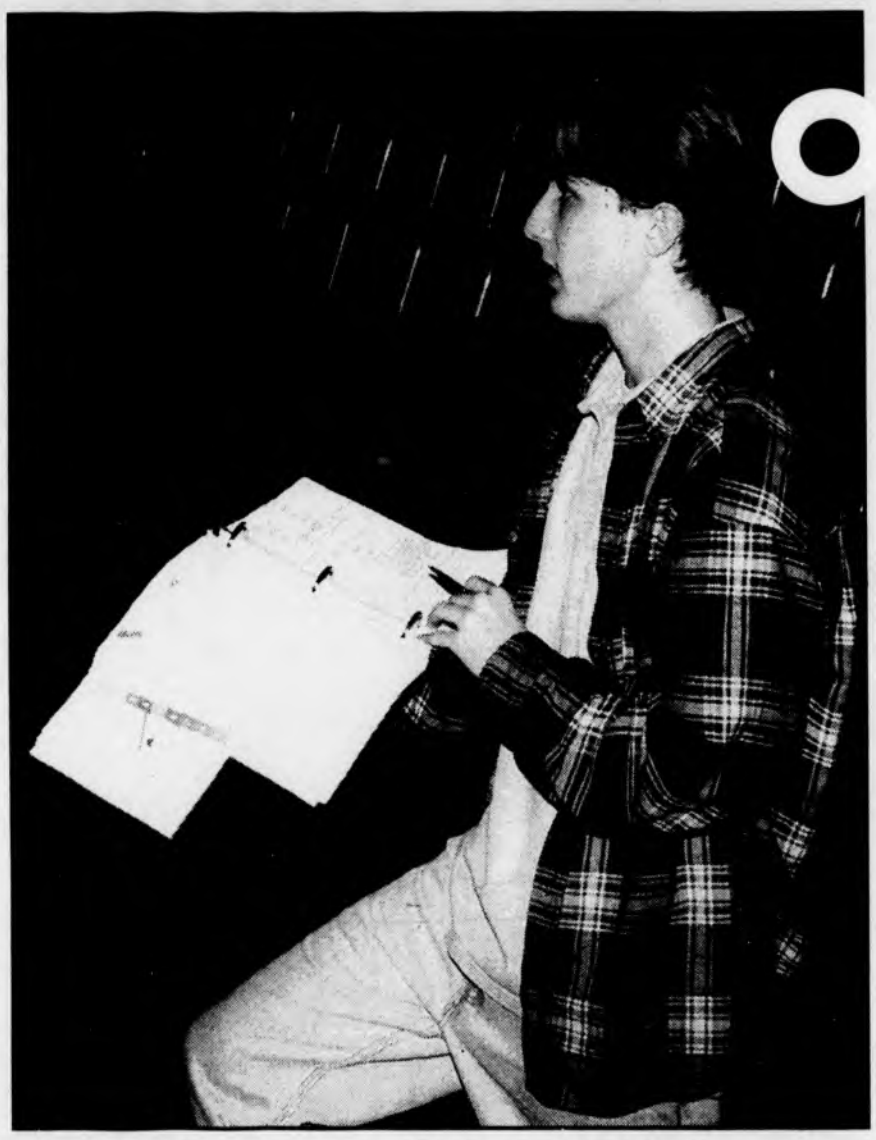
"This is the feeling. This is the attitude," he explained, going over the run of emotions that has the characters both up and down in the scene.

Campbell said working with Nicynski was not like anything she expected.

"It's not like working with a 17-year old," Campbell said. "He's very focused. He's very professional."

While Nicynski worked with the lead and the co-star on the fine points, another group of budding actresses and dancers practiced their steps backstage. Though they are not yet stars, some won bigger parts than they expected, and some will tread the boards for the very first time.

"All of them have talent," the director said. "I just have to tap into their talents and let them shine in their own way."



Student director Ron Nicynski is hard at work during a rehearsal of 'Annie' being produced by Cohasset Plays by the Sea.

Fred Robertson photo

Musical to feature 'real' Sandy

W.C. Fields said never work with kids or dogs, but Ron Nicynski is ignoring the comic's advice. In addition to the Cohasset youngsters in the play, there is also a dog to play "Sandy." "The audience loves it when there's a dog in the show," the director said, and "Annie" star Katie Roche has no doubt putting this dog in the show is the right thing to do. Ironically, "Sandy" will be played by a dog whose name is also "Sandy," and the dog has plenty of talent, Katie said.

"If you say 'Kisses,' it gives you kisses," she explained.

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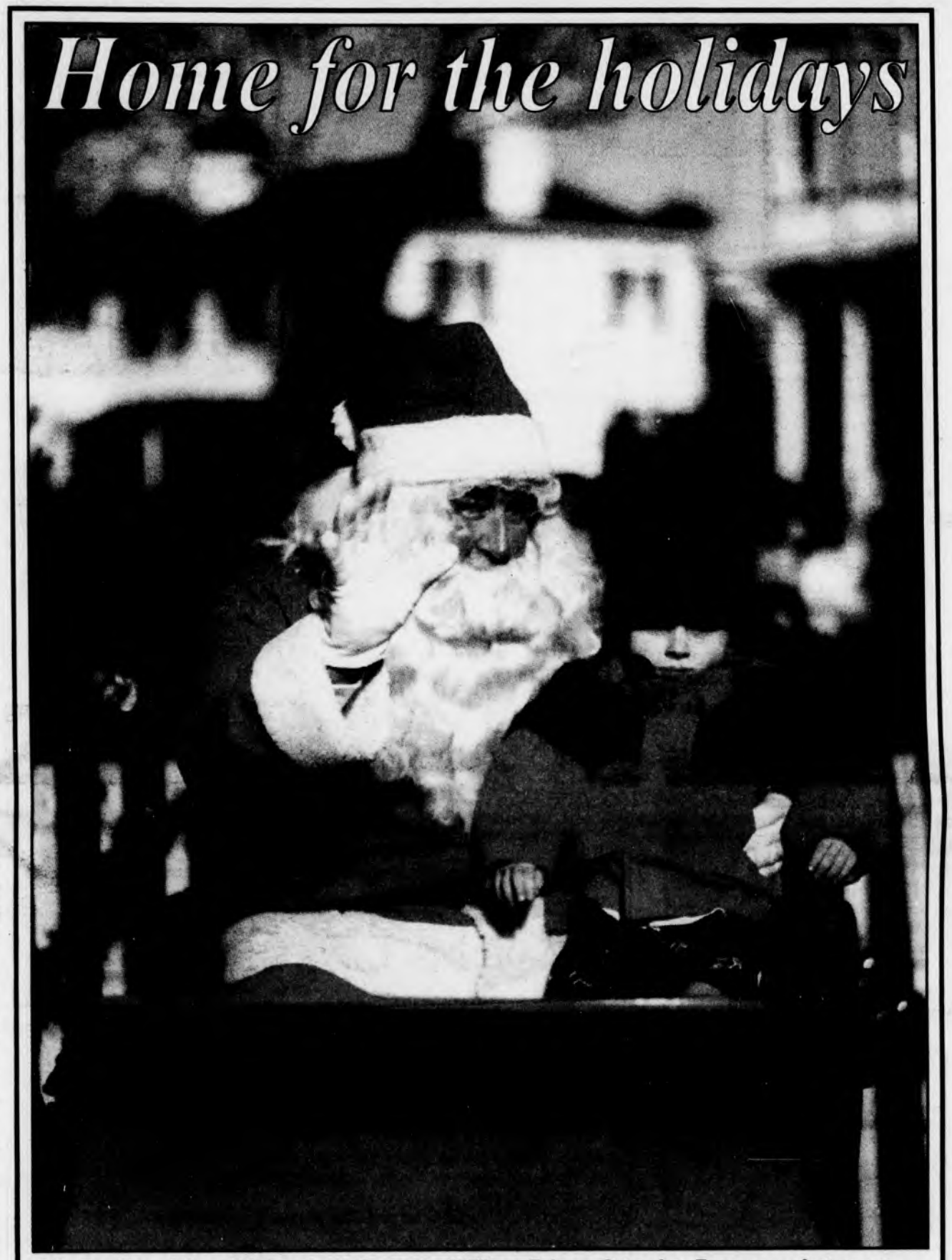
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Eric Studley visits with Santa at the annual Village Fair on Saturday. For more photos see page 11.

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Homeowners outraged over septic district

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Planning board member Robert Sturdy did not mince words when he addressed the sewer commissioners Tuesday night. Holding a battered wallet in one upturned palm, Sturdy accused the town of hanging "136 households out to dry." Then he went even further and compared the state of Massachusetts to Nazi Germany.

Sturdy was not the only angry man in the Town Hall. He and the 65 other homeowners who packed the auditorium were upset because they found out last month they soon could be facing septic system repair bills mounting as high as $70,000 plus regular expenses every seven years to have their septic systems inspected.

In all, 136 homeowners recently found out their property's septic system or cesspool has been tagged for special inspections and monitoring in an on-site wastewater management district.

Tuesday, as fingers were jabbed and pointed in numerous directions, it was nonetheless hard to find out exactly who to blame.

"Maybe itís time to say to hell with the Statehouse," Sturdy shouted as he struggled to pin down exactly which agency and individuals decided 136 property owners in Cohasset had to be in such a district.

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Monument plans sail by selectmen

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 150 years ago two young assistant lightkeepers lost their lives when the original Minot Light toppled in a ferocious gale.

And now thanks to the undying effort of a beloved local lobsterman., there will be a monument dedicated to the two Cohasset men on Government Island.

The circular, 12-foot-in diameter compass rose, which is the brainchild of Herb Jason, 85, will feature a three-foot high polished block granite stone that will be inscribed with a rendering of the lighthouse and the story of what happened that fateful night.

Selectmen approved Jason's plan this week over the objections of the Cohasset Historical Commission and the Government Island Study Committee. Both those groups thought installing a memorial plaque on the side of the Minot Light Replica would be a fitting tribute to the two men.. They were also concerned that Jason's plan was too grand for the town park which has limited open space.

"There is tremendous symmetry in that little park," said Robert M. Davenport of the GISC. "We ought to be careful what we put in there. There is not a lot of space."

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Village Fair kicks off the season

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

Over the years, Cohasset has celebrated its Village Fair on the town common, a joint benefit for Cohasset churches and other local non-profit organizations. This Saturday marked the 57th year. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the three churches around the common hosted benefits, as well as the town hall, which housed the wreath sale for The Nativity of the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church located on Jerusalem Road.

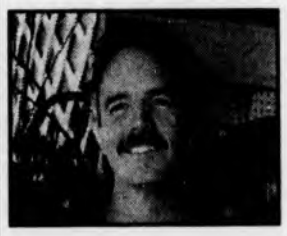
Kerri Luise, a volunteer from the Greek Church, was in charge of selling the 100-plus hand-made wreaths and said that business had been brisk and they were down to only about a dozen wreaths inside the town hall by about 1 p.m. There was a jumble sale and large bake sale set up where authentic Greek pastries could be purchased.

At St. Stephen's Church a wide assortment of delectable baked goods, all baked by church members, were being offered for sale. A very talented pianist played seasonal hymns, while shoppers mulled through

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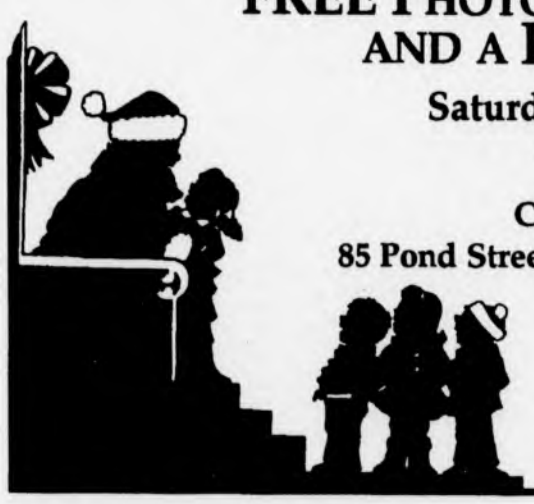


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Teen Center is meeting topic

Members of the Cohasset Teen Center board, the recreation department and teenagers behind the garage project have been rescheduled to meet with selectmen Monday night to discuss future plans.

They were previously scheduled for Dec. 1 but that meeting had to be postponed when the electricity went out at town hall during the meeting.

This week, Selectman Nan Roth said establishing the position of youth director under the auspices of the recreation department might the be best way to coordinate youth activities in town.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said there seemed to be a lot of groups going down parallel paths so some coordination might be necessary.

The existing Teen Center is run by a non-profit organization, Cohasset Youth Resources, Inc.

However, organizers of the new teen center, which is planned for the old DPW garage in the town parking lot, want to form a separate organization.

"We want a fresh canvas," Tony Bramblett said last week at an impromptu meeting outside the selectmen's office after the electricity went out. "We don't want to be under that umbrella."

Unhappy with Mariner editorial

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan criticized last week's Cohasset Mariner editorial which alleged selectmen were breaking the open meeting law by discussing town business after adjourning their regular meeting. He said the editorial was "reaching" and creating controversy where none existed. He also said it was unfair and inappropriate to single out Selectman Diane Sullivan, whom he said made an "honest error" in not posting a meeting of the Greenbush Mitigation Committee in time. State law requires all meetings be posted at the town clerk's office 48 hours in advance. The mitigation meeting in question was not held.

Town meeting warrant is open

Selectmen officially opened the warrant for the March 28 annual town meeting on Monday. Citizen petition articles must be submitted for the annual and special town meeting warrants by Monday Jan. 12.

All other articles must be submitted by Thursday, Jan. 15, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

The annual town election is April 4. The last day to submit nomination papers to the board of registrars to be placed on the election ballot is Thursday, Feb. 12.

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Sun. 14	10:52	11.6	4:38	11:31	10.2	5:16
Mon. 15	11:40	11.5	5:26	——	——	6:03
Tues. 16	12:18	10.0	6:13	12:26	11.2	6:49
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Time and money

Clocking in versus hitting the books for teenagers

By Lesley Mahoney
STAFF WRITER

Between working at the Lincoln Street Mobil Station in Hingham and the Best Buy Warehouse, State Sen. Robert Hedlund racked up enough hours in high school to earn money to buy a car and put himself through college.

But what amounted to more than 32 hours and five days a week, more than five hours a day, and working after 8 p.m. without adult supervision, the Weymouth Republican's work schedule would have been considered illegal under a new legislative bill set to chop the number of hours teenagers can work during the school year.

"Myself and another Hingham High student were responsible for running a gas station from 4 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. We also ran it all weekend. That would have been illegal under this bill," he said.



Cohasset High student Joe Nicynski stocks shelves after school at Buttonwood Books in Shaw's Plaza.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Legislators, educators and business professionals agree Massachusetts' child labor laws allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to work nine hours a day and 48 hours a week during the school year are antiquated and reminiscent of 19th century when children dropped out of school to earn a living, what kinds of changes are called for have been a source of debate.

A bill filed by the state joint committee on commerce and labor sets those changes at maximums of five hours a day and 32 hours a week during the school year. It continues to allow nine hours a day 48 hours of work per week during the summer months.

As it stands, the bill gives more leeway than original proposals put forth last spring by the Massachusetts Attorney General Child Labor Task Force Executive Report which called for limiting the work hours of 16- and 17-year-old employees to four hours a day and 28 hours a week during the school year.

As for 14- and 15-year-old employees, the bill simply brings Massachusetts in line with federal law.

"Thirty-two hours a week and five hours a day is certainly more palatable," said Hedlund, who serves on the joint committee on commerce and labor and awaits the bill's introduction to the Senate ways and means committee — on which he also serves.

> ***"In Cohasset, about two thirds of high school seniors hold part-time jobs that run the gamut from baby-sitting to high-tech jobs and range from eight to 30 hours per week."***
> MARY BABAIAN, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

"As far as the initial proposal, there are no other words to describe it than ridiculous, unrealistic, and unfair. It displayed no common sense," he said.

Other debates — on capital punishment and electric deregulation — put the teen work bill on the back burner this legislative session. However, it sits in the House ways and means committee and is expected to come before the Legislature sometime next session.

"I'm pleased. This bill is a real compromise," said state Rep. Tom O'Brien, D-Kingston, who sits on the commerce and labor committee. "Forty-eight hours was too much but 28 hours was not quite enough."

In Cohasset, about two thirds of high school seniors hold part-time jobs that run the gamut from baby-sitting to high-tech jobs and range from eight to 30 hours per week, said guidance counselor Mary Babaian. While carrying a full course load, some students participate in after-school activities in addition to working part time, she added.

Most students, because they want to continue working, find ways to manage their time appropriately between school work and their jobs, she said.

"It depends on the kid and how well-organized he or she is and how much he or she works," Babaian said.

As for the bill, Babaian said she sees both sides of the issue.

"Sure there are some kids being taken advantage of and they need to be protected," she said "But part of it is that sometimes kids — maybe not in Cohasset or Scituate — but some kids really need to work to help support their families. It's hard to legislate that." While 17-year-old Jeff DeMontigney of Scituate says the bill as it stands does not seem unreasonable, he's not so sure it's up to the state to decide how many hours teenagers can work.

"I think kids should be able to work as many hours as they want as long as they get everything else done and take care of all their responsibilities," said the Scituate High School senior who works between 20 and 30 hours a week at Harbor House of Pizza in Scituate.

Hedlund, likewise, says its not up to government to dictate how many hours teenagers can work.

"It's the primary responsibility of the parents... A piece of paper we pass as law is not necessarily the way to effect change... It's up to the parents and to a certain degree the schools," he said.

Meanwhile, Hedlund says he managed his responsibilities and a full-work week just fine in high school.

"It didn't impact my studies. If anything, it made me a better person. It instilled in me a work ethic and a sense of responsibility. Not coming from a wealthy family, it allowed me to earn money to buy a car and put myself through school," he said.

Unlike Hedlund, however, Jeff said the proposed bill would not affect him because he never works more than five hours a day during the school week and banks the bulk of his hours on the weekends.

"But some people might need to work more. Some people need more money than others. If they need to work 40 hours a week, let them," said Jeff, who is putting

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1996 MEAP Student Questionnaire Results

How many hours per week do you usually work in a part-time job? Exclude vacations.

A. None
B. 10 hours or fewer
C. 11 to 15 hours
D. 16 to 20 hours
E. 21 to 25 hours
F. More than 25 hours

Community:	None	10 or fewer	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	More than 25
State Results:	57%	20%	10%	7%	3%	2%
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Rockland:	53%	22%	14%	10%	1%	0
Scituate:	48%	26%	18%	7%	1%	0
Stoughton:	57%	15%	10%	11%	3%	3%
Weymouth:	52%	19%	13%	9%	4%	2%

* Kingston is part of the Silver Lake Regional School. Results for Kingston cannot be disaggregated from the Silver Lake scores.



Student work hours

14- and 15-year old students

The following table represents a comparison of the current federal law, the current Massachusetts law and the proposed legislation governing the hours 14- and 15-year-olds are permitted to work.

Federal	Massachusetts	Proposed
* between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m	6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
* between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. (June 1 - Labor Day)	6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. (July 1 - Labor Day)	7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (July 1 - Labor Day)
* 3 hours/day (school days)	8 hours/day (school days)	3 hours/day (school days)
* 8 hours (non-school days)	8 hours (non-school days)	8 hours (non-school days)
* 18 hours/week (school weeks)	48 hours/week (school weeks)	18 hours/week (school weeks)
* 40 hours/week (non-school weeks)	48 hours/week (non-school weeks)	40 hours/week (non-school weeks)
* no restriction	6 days/week	5 days/week

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money he earns toward college tuition.

Eileen Goode of Duxbury agrees.

While she works a maximum of 10 1/2 hours a week and five hours a day during the school year at the town library, she knows it's not that way for all teenagers.

"Obviously I don't work close to 32 hours a week, but I think some people really need to work a lot of hours. I think there are situations where teenagers really need to make that money and it's unfair to say the law is in their best interest," Eileen said.

As it stands, the teen work bill includes a hardship waiver amendment to provide for those students who need to work more than 32 hours a week for economic needs.

According to the task force report, between 20 and 30 percent of working teenagers are employed because of economic need. State Rep. Robert Koczera, chairman of the joint commerce and labor committee and a sponsor of the bill, says the particulars of that waiver, have not yet been ironed out.

The New Bedford Democrat sat on the task force before the proposals went to his committee, through which the amendments were added.

Eileen says a hardship waiver is necessary but is suspect of one without details.

"It's a great disservice when bills and laws leave some things vague," she said, adding ambiguity can lead to ineffectiveness.

"People should know — this is what this means," Eileen said.

What employers have to say

From a business perspective, companies that employ teenagers seem to be satisfied with the bill in its amended form.

"We were concerned about a four-hour limit per day. The supermarket industry operates 60 percent by part-time work force... Five hours is a little easier," said Brian Houghton, vice president of the Massachusetts Food Association. "The amended version is certainly viewed more favorably by (the association's) members."

"I try to keep in touch with the parents. The employee's first priority is school and I ask parents to let me know when their kids are slacking off."

LARRY FLYNN, OWNER OF FLYNN'S GROCERY AND DELI IN SCITUATE

He said, in any case, that the law as it stands allowing 16 - and 17-year-old employees to work 48 hours a week when school is in session is "antiquated" and calls for some sort of change.

"We all agreed something had to be done," he said.

But Houghton said one potential problem with the bill is the actual hours. Currently and under the bill, 16- and 17-year-old employees are allowed to work between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. on nights followed by a school day.

"Part of the problem is that supermarkets do a lot of stocking in the evening to get ready for the next day," said Houghton, pointing to restaurants and racetracks that are allowed to schedule that age bracket until midnight.

Joseph Spinale, who manages Burger King in Kingston, thinks the teen work bill is a good idea.

"I think these are very fair guidelines. Kids shouldn't work 40 hours a week anyway. For even the few individuals who really need to work more, 32 hours is certainly manageable," he said.

Through scheduling, Spinale said he already complies with the proposed law. "Most of the teenagers who work for me work less than the maximum the proposed law allows. Usually no one works more than a couple of nights a week from 5 to 8 or 9 p.m.," he said.

Spinale, a Duxbury resident, has three children of his own employed by Burger King — Susan, 18, is an employee; Joseph, 19, is an hourly manager; and Norma, 21, is an assistant manager.

"With all of my kids, the hours they work had a lot to do with their report cards. As long as they were making the grade, if they wanted to work three or four nights a week, I'd allow them to," he said.

Out of all his children, Joseph was the only one who sometimes exceeded a 32-hour work week while in school. But Spinale points out that was through Duxbury High School's work-study program.

"I try to keep in touch with the parents. The employee's first priority is school and I ask parents to let me know when their kids are slacking off," he said.

Larry Flynn, who owns Flynn's Grocery and Deli in Scituate and Flynn's Quick Pick in Norwell, says the legislation as it stand would not affect his business. He says he does not currently employ anyone under the age of 16 and the teenagers he employs work no more than four hours a day or more than 21 hours a week.

Making the grade

On the school side, Marshfield High School teacher Maryann Cohan applauds the bill as a much-needed measure.

"I think it's a good idea to reduce the number of hours teenagers can work. I've seen it as a problem for certain teenagers. They confuse their priorities," said Cohan, who said she will not allow her children, now 2 and 9, to work while in school. "As the hours go up, school work really takes a back seat," said Donna Brown, a guidance counselor at Silver Lake Regional High School. John McEwan, principal of Silver Lake Regional High School, said the teen work bill is a great idea.

"It's one of the best things you could do for education. The trouble is the ones who really work the most are the ones who can afford to work the least (academically)," he said.

Brown says academics aren't the only things that suffer.

"Work is fine. Some students work like little Trojans over the weekend... But for the ones that work two or three days during the school week, that's the end of extra help, of programs at the library, bands and sports," she said.

Cohan, a Scituate resident, points out that not all students who work a great deal are necessarily "problem students."

"Some are either trying to help out their family, save money for things they want, or get experience in a field. That's valid," she said. "As much as I hate to say it, some 16-and 17-year-olds actually do have to support themselves right down to having a place to live. It happens."

Joseph O'Neil, guidance director at Duxbury High School, sees things in a similar light.

"I'm not talking about a car or spring break. I'm talking about clothes and books," said O'Neil, who worked in high school and whose children worked between 20 and 24 hours while in high school.

But Brown says, more often than not, students — when pressed — tell her they're working to pay for a car or car insurance. "Unfortunately, some kids need to work. But not a lot," she said. Gail Roycroft, head guidance counselor at Marshfield High School also points out that it's more difficult for a student to work in the wake of Education Reform of 1993's time and learning requirements that have eliminated study halls.

"Coming home after work at 10 p.m. to do homework... if you have to do so much within certain time frames, it can get a bit crazy," she said.

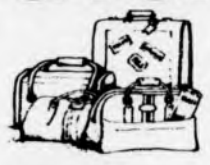
About 10 years ago, Laurence Steinberg of the University of Wisconsin — now at Temple University — and Ellen Greenberg of the University of California studied the effects of work on high school students. In the September 1986 publication of The Harvard Education Letter, they concluded that if work consumes more than 14 hours a week for sophomores and more than 19 hours a week for seniors, grades fall dramatically.

New Bedford Rep. Koczera said the bill also works to involve more people when it comes to looking out for a student's well-being.

"You need to include employers and educators with the parents to oversee what's in the best interest of the student," he said.

The bill includes streamlining the permitting process for working teenagers age 14 through 17. That process is centralized at the schools.

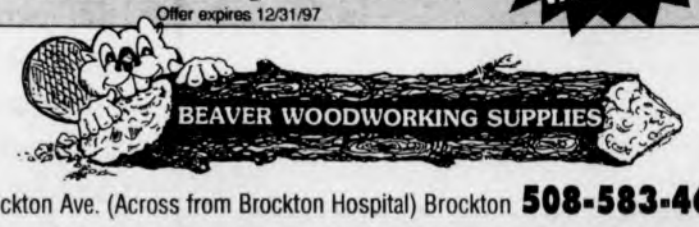
"It's recognizing the role of the parent, the obligation of the employer and the responsibility that is going to school officials to know what's going on with the student in the classroom. If a kid is falling asleep in class, it's the responsibility of the officials to know what activities the young adults are engaged in," he said.

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Greenbush plans still floated

MBTA says water concerns irrelevant

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

A press spokesman for the MBTA confirmed Wednesday the transit authority is moving ahead with the Greenbush line, despite recent news a section of their track in Cohasset might end up under water.

The new information, which the town's engineer Domenic Tutela developed, indicated that the federal emergency management agency's maps (which the T has been using as one basis for its design plans) grossly underestimated the high water levels around Sohier Street.

Specifically, in a storm of strength comparable to those that have buffeted Cohasset during three of the past four years, the Greenbush tracks along Sohier Street would be submerged.

Tutela confirmed Wednesday the T was dealing with the new data somewhat skeptically which was also "about as we expected." Last week, for instance, when the town's mitigation board met with T environmental project manager Andrew Brennan, the T's key man was quizzed about his readiness to accept damage to trains and MBTA infrastructure.

> *"I don't think the T has done its homework."*
> —PETER PRATT.

While Brennan stopped short of dismissing Tutela's findings, he appeared to indicate he was still relying on studies compiled by T engineers Sverdrup Civil, Inc. Sverdrup has not yet allowed the Greenbush line would definitely impact the flood control problem, and Tutela said as of Wednesday the T still maintained the impact had not been proven.

Moreover, Brian Pedro for the T said the transit authority is on schedule with its environmental impact study, though he acknowledged parts of the design could change after the Army Corps of Engineers completes its review. The Greenbush line is the last spur of a three-tiered plan to restore commuter rail service to the South Shore. Earlier this fall, the Plymouth and Middleboro lines were opened.

Meantime, engineers for the T and the town of Cohasset continued to hash over technical details, with an eye to synchronizing separate state and local construction projects.

The engineer said he believed the transit authority would be cooperative with town officials as long as the town had the facts and could prove its points. Also Wednesday, Tutela said, the transit authority's engineers attended another working session on the James Brook flood issue and this time, they presented a counter proposal to deal with the upper part of the watershed.

Both sides met for a second time Wednesday after the Mariner went to press to go over the timing on the T's plan to bring back the Greenbush train and the town's James Brook flood control project.

Yet, though the dialogue is ongoing, some members of the Greenbush mitigation board appeared earlier this week to be divided over questions about the T's intentions in Cohasset. Both Thomas Gruber and Michael Dick agreed the situation has undoubtedly changed since Tutela completed an hydraulic study of the James Brook watershed.

But while Gruber said the T may just be slow to digest new information about the flood plain where the transit authority plans to build a section of track, Dick said the important questions are far more serious.

According to Dick, who is the Conservation Commission's appointed representative to the mitigation board, the Greenbush restoration could ultimately prevent Cohasset from dealing with its flood control problems in the James Brook watershed.

"Their project has great potential for preventing the town from completing the flood impact mitigation it needs to do," said Dick who added he will be studying the results of the Wednesday meeting for signs the T is willing to cooperate and act in the town's best interests.

In contrast, Gruber took a more optimistic view than his colleague and held out hope that the T might eventually become Cohasset's partner in the flood mitigation project.

Gruber said it was understandable the T would be slow to commit funds to the flood mitigation effort until it had been proven the train made the flooding worse than it was before.

But Gruber said the T was faced with but three realistic choices, due to the Tutela findings and could either work with Cohasset on the flood project, raise the rail bed or change the design criteria, risking damage in a flood.

Their best alternative, Gruber reasoned, would be to become a partner in the flood project.

Finally, former selectman Peter Pratt, who wrote the grant proposal for the James Brook flood control project, said Brennan missed the point when he said the T might tolerate some flooding in their infrastructure.

"I don't think the T has done its homework," Pratt said.

Pratt also said though the T might initially try to downplay Tutela's work on the water levels in the flood plain, ultimately the information would be a factor.

"The FEMA maps are not all that accurate," Pratt said. "But that was clearly something the T had not figured out."

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-9900 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.



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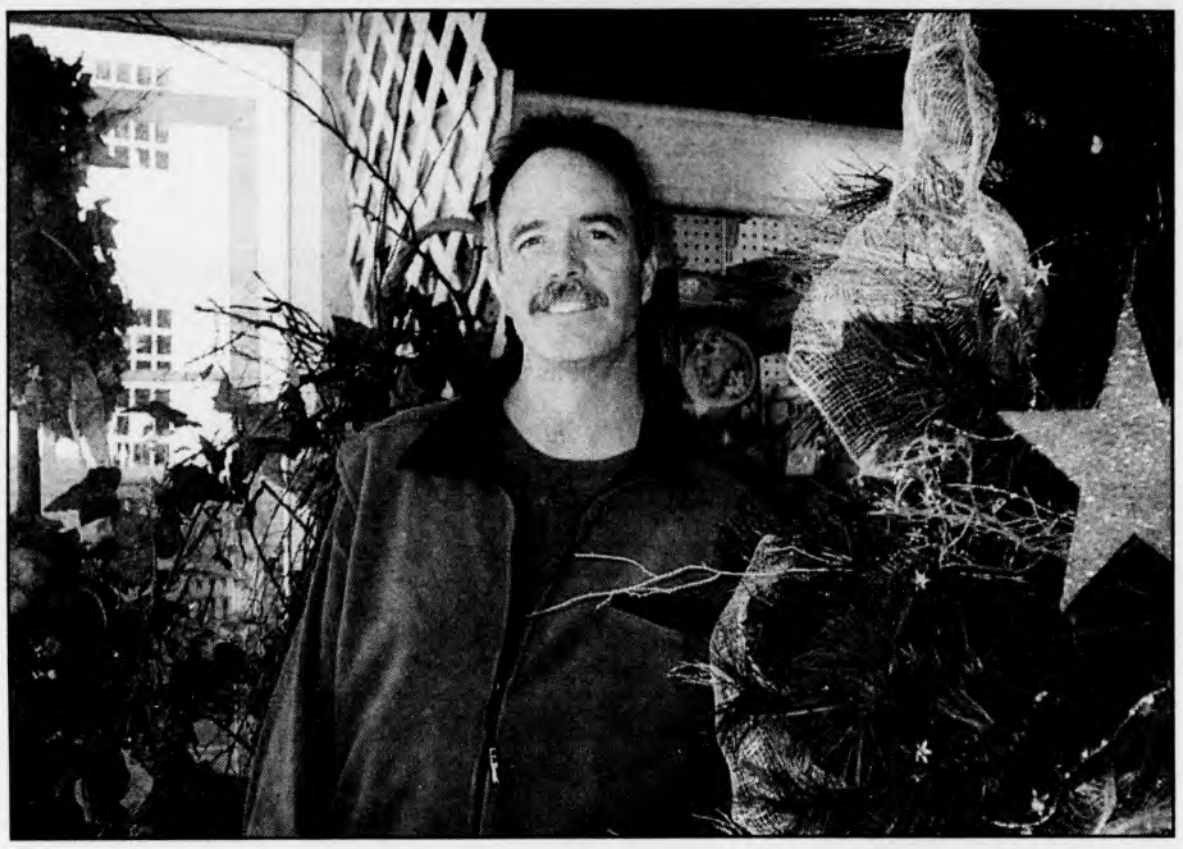
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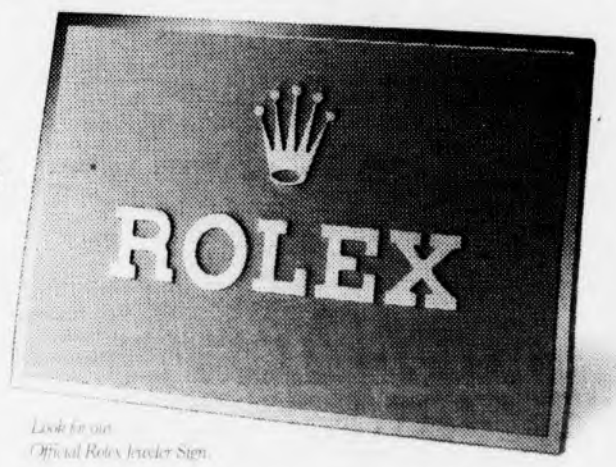
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Fire department overtime continues to surge

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The fire department spent $15,475.13 in overtime in November, according to Fire Chief Roger Lincoln's Dec. 2 overtime report.

The figure includes: $4,655.56 in call backs, $7,840.63 in sick leave; $1,392.08 in training; $424.15 to call back a fire-fighter mechanic; and $1,162.71 for administrative leave to cover the captain's shift while he served as acting chief while Lincoln was on vacation.

Lincoln explained training overtime costs were incurred when the department's two new fire-fighters had to be accompanied for safety reasons by two experienced fire-fighters to the Barnstable Fire Training Academy where the fire-fighters trained in "live fire" conditions.

Two veteran fire-fighters also recently had surgery and are on extended sick leave. Other fire-fighters are called in to cover those shifts, accounting for the high amount of overtime attributed to sick leave.

Call-backs occur whenever the ambulance leaves town, Lincoln said.

"When the ambulance makes a transport to the hospital we lose 50 percent of our on-duty manpower," he said. That means only two men are left in town to cover any other incident so other off-duty fire-fighters are called back to cover which increases the amount of overtime used.

Lincoln explained the "mechanic" overtime amount was due to the fire-fighter mechanic being called back to fix a mechanical problem when he was not scheduled to work .

The town appropriated $120,182 for fire department overtime for fiscal year 1998 which began July 1.

As of Dec. 1, there was $34,498.74 remaining in the account.

"We're in pretty rough shape," Lincoln said about the depletion in the overtime account. "I plan to go back to see if we can get more money to see us through the end of the year."

Lincoln explained that a unique set of circumstances have made this year's high overtime usage unusual.

The town hired two new fire-fighters to replace two who retired. But the bureaucratic red tape at the state level extended the time it took to bring the new firefighters on line. That coupled with two veteran fire-fighters needing surgery has exacerbated the overtime situation, Lincoln said.

He said it costs $1,000 a week to cover a vacancy in the department.

"Now that two men are on extended leave, we lost everything we gained by putting the new men on shift," he said.

Last month selectmen asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to track fire department overtime on a weekly basis because they were alarmed at the rate it was being used.

This week, Selectman Merle Brown said overtime money "is flowing like water."

Haddad said two fire-fighters out on long-term sick leave is a circumstance that is "out of our control."

Nevertheless Haddad said the fire department overtime budget would need an infusion of $40,000 to $50,000 before the close of the fiscal year.

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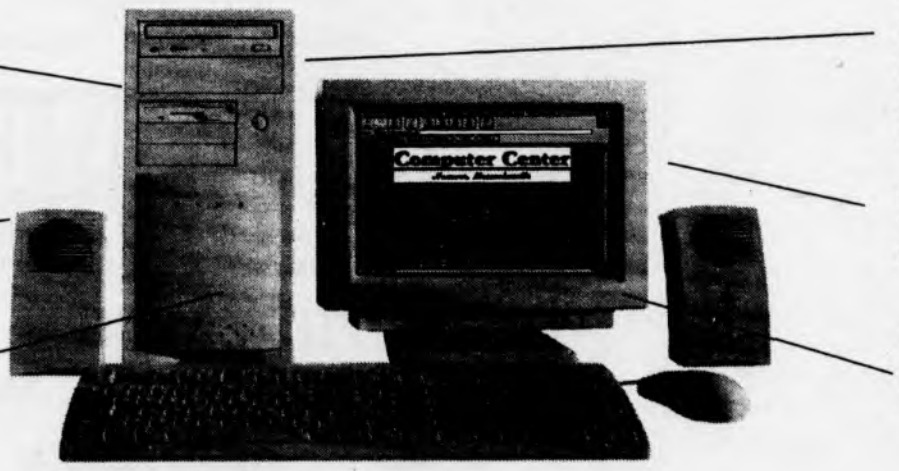
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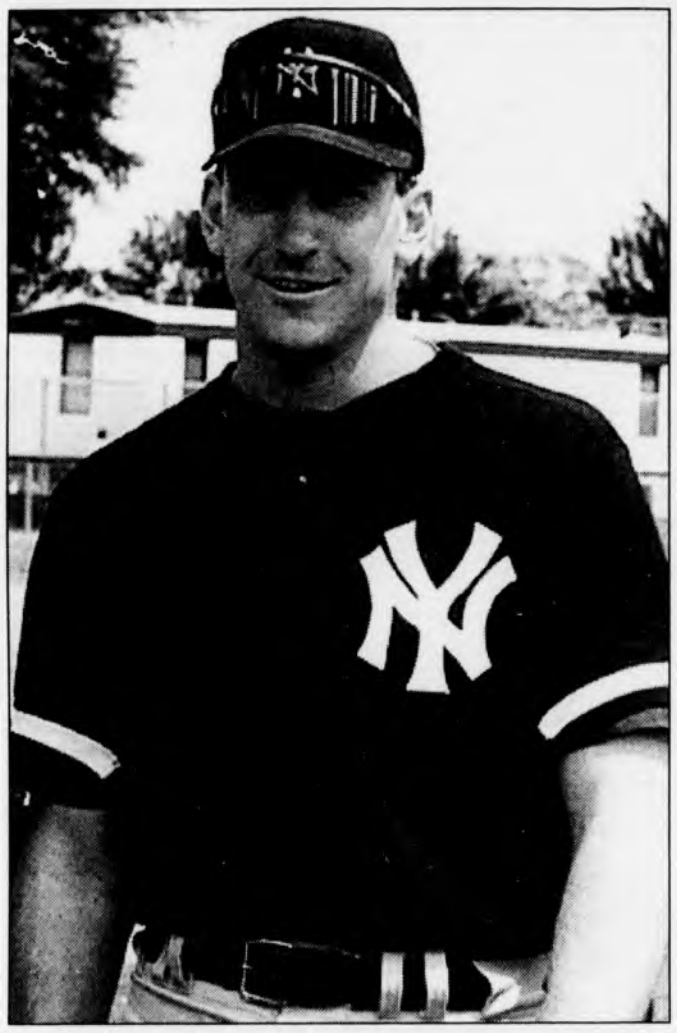
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about Kenny Greer and his baseball prowess, if not, let us fill you in! Ken went to Hull High School and went on to attend UMass/Amherst where he was drafted by the New York Yankees in the 10th round of the 1988 baseball draft. He then went on to play for 10 years with the Yankees, Mets, Giants, Pirates and Orioles. Kenny spent parts of two seasons in the major leagues with the Mets and the Giants. Now Ken looks to extend his baseball career through coaching. He teams up with his brother Kevin of Weymouth and Danny McHugh of Hingham to bring baseball back to the South Shore. Kenny, Kevin and Danny head the coaching staff at Bases-Loaded Training Center, located in Hingham in the South Shore Sports Center (55 Recreation Park Dr.). Ken lives in Cohasset with his wife Abby (Adams), and we wish him all the best in his latest venture — with his knowledge and abilities, we know he has a winning team!

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Let us begin by giving a huge Cohasset welcome to Morgan Hurley Fechter, the daughter of Linda and Michael Fechter! Morgan was born Nov. 7 and she weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces. Two sets of grandparents are bursting their buttons with pride; Cooky and Larry Glass of Vermont, and Fred and Joanne Fechter of Buffalo, N.Y. What a wonderful Christmas it will be for all of them this year, we sure wish you all a happy one!

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SPENT TERM ABROAD

Kendra D. Gray, the daughter of G.A. David and Katherine R. Gray of Nichols Road and a CHS grad (Class of '95), is currently spending a term abroad from her studies at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., where she is a junior majoring in economics. Currently, she is attending the American University in Bulgaria in the town of Blagoevgrad, located 60 miles southwest of Sofia, the capital city. Founded in 1991, the AUBG attracts 700 students primarily from southeast Europe including Bulgaria, Romania, Albania, Georgia, Moldova and Macedonia. Classes are given in English by a faculty that is two-thirds American. While in Europe, Kendra has found the time to visit the Black Sea, Athens and the Greek Islands, and parts of western Turkey including Istanbul. She arrived in Bulgaria in mid-August and returns home to Cohasset for the holidays Dec. 17. Hopefully we will get lots of news from her then, she must be full of great stories to tell! Welcome home, Kendra!

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Now that the season is in full swing, be sure to run to Flemings and get yourself (or someone who means a lot to you) one of the Minot Light Ornaments — they are so very special to look at, and there is a bonus that goes with your purchase! Two dollars from the sale of the ornament goes to the Cohasset Historical Society. So, everyone benefits from this! Do go quickly, they are in high demand — and be sure to look around while you are there; never have you seen so many unique items in one little shop! Truly exceptional.

SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

The Second Congregational Church is going to perform something special for you this Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m. "Sounds of Christmas", a collection of traditional and contemporary songs and hymns, will be sung by the sanctuary choir, directed by Robert Leavitt, minister of music. Typically sung about 10 days before the holidays, the songs are intended to evoke the spirit of Christmas. Selections will be "A Star," "Unless You Consider the Child," "Soft Winds Over Bethlehem," "Love Came Down," "Candlelight Carol," "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt," "Still, Still, Still," "Were You There on that Christmas Night," "The Snow Lay on the Ground," "Whisper Whisper," "Glory to the Lamb," and "Hurry, Hurry to Bethlehem." The program is expected to last about an hour.

WORD FROM HAWAII

My sister, Ricki (Troy) Aikau, sends word from Hawaii that she is a grandmother again (this makes number 7). Ricki's son, Zane, and his wife had a baby girl Oct. 23.

Zane and Lorelei named their little girl Ashley Zayne 'Auli' ikolomanu Aikau-Osurman. Needless to say, I am not going to have the name engraved on her baby mug! We do send congrats to Zane and Lori, and to Ashley's big brother, Trevor!

CALL WITH NEWS

That's the news for this week, let me in on your's, okay? Give me a call, or drop a note in my mailbox!

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This recipe is a real "keeper," and the kiddos will love to help you make these. Gail Huston gave this "way back then," and everyone still asks for them — they are lovely decorated for Christmas.

Gail's Favorite Molasses Cookies

1 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 cup molasses
1 egg
4 teaspoons soda
2/3 cup hot water
1 tablespoon vanilla
5 cups all purpose flour
1-1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar
1-1/2 teaspoons ginger
1-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cloves
3/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Melt shortening, add sugar and mix. Add molasses and beaten egg. Dissolve soda in hot water and add with vanilla. Sift and mix together the flour, cream of tartar, spices and salt. Add to cookie mixture and mix thoroughly. Chill dough one hour or overnight in refrigerator. Roll 1/4" thick and cut with cookie cutters. Bake about six to eight minutes.

Yields: five dozen cookies.

Frosting for these cookies is a basic one, very light and airy rather than creamy. It is a firm frosting that holds up well.

Royal Icing

2 egg whites (1/4 cup)
3 cups confectioners sugar
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon salt

Combine the egg whites, sugar, lemon juice and salt in a mixing bowl. Beat at high speed for several minutes, until the mixture holds soft peaks.

OBITUARIES

Peter J. O'Loughlin Jr.

Peter J. O'Loughlin Jr. of Ponte Vedro Beach, Fla., formerly of Cohasset, died Dec. 5.

Mr. O'Loughlin was an attorney, retired from Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company of Middleboro.

He was a former member of the Mass. Bar and Boston Bar Associations, Bosox Club, Cohasset Tennis and Squash Club, Cohasset Gridiron Club, Cohasset Sailing Club, and the Hingham Civic Music Theatre. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 74, Sons of Italy Lodge 1850, and the George H. Mealy American Legion Post 118.

Besides his wife, Diana M. (Ubaldini), Mr. O'Loughlin leaves a daughter, Linda Anne of Jacksonville, Fla; and a brother, Paul T. of Brevard, N.C.

A funeral was held at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, in Cohasset, followed by a Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Cohasset.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mr. O'Loughlin's memory may be made to the Norwell Visiting Nurses Association, 637 Main St., Norwell, MA 02061 or the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA.

Chamber of Commerce holiday party

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce would like to invite all town officials, committee members, and residents to the Chamber of Commerce holiday party. This annual event will be held Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Chart House. A $5 donation will be appreciated. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided along with a cash bar and music. We will also have a raffle to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry. Come and join the Cohasset business community in a celebration of the holiday season.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

A great way to fly

I'm a convert.

If I have anything to say about it — Logan Airport and my car have forever parted company.

With two boys returning to college (one via car, one by plane) after the Thanksgiving weekend, we were organized at my house for a change.

So with a little extra time to spare and warnings that the airport was a mob scene, my younger son and I decided to test Harbor Express — the airport water shuttle that departs from the Quincy shipyard.

We called first to check the schedule which is hourly on weekends (it runs about every half hour during the week).

Parking just off the rotary at the foot of the Fore River Bridge is a snap. The boat terminal is warm and comfortable and includes restrooms. I bought a "companion fare" ticket at $10 (1/2 the round-trip price) so I could figure out how to get back.

The 25-minute catamaran trip was like floating on air. There are seats and tables, plenty of room for luggage and a snack bar. While skimming along the water, we enjoyed spectacular views the Boston skyline and harbor front. (That surely beats "white-knuckling it" while driving on the Southeast Expressway).

Shuttle buses awaited our arrival at the dock and took us directly to the our airline terminal.

Coming back, the buses with "water shuttle" clearly spelled out on their sides, run every ten minutes. The waiting area is the same as for the other airport shuttle buses, so it is not difficult to find the bus stop because there's always a crowd there. The bus took me back to the dock which is equipped with an enclosed, heated pavilion.

The catamaran trip back includes a brief stop at Long Wharf in Boston where we picked up more riders. Then it was back to Quincy.

Daily parking is free at Harbor Express.

We have frequented the Braintree Logan Express bus shuttle a lot as an alternative to driving to the airport. To me the trip down 3A to the Quincy shipyard is far more pleasant than tackling the nightmarish South Shore Plaza exit off 128 to get to the Braintree Logan Express which is located behind the Sheraton Tara.

I believe in sharing good news and spreading the word.

So when an ashen faced co-worker came in yesterday morning after barely surviving driving her husband to the airport, I gave her my Harbor Express schedule and a pep talk about the service.

The only drawback I can see with the airport shuttle is that not enough people are taking advantage of it. There were plenty of empty seats on board.

By the way, you can also get to the airport via Hingham commuter boats which take you to Rowes Wharf. From there the water taxi shuttles you to the same airport dock that Harbor Express uses.

So next time you and a plane have a rendezvous, try going by boat.

You'll like flying a lot better because you'll be relaxed when you get to the airport.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS



Social Awareness Group members Elizabeth Ingber, Jessie Zerendow, Maggie O'Connor, Rob Buckley, Grace Gardner, Whitney Cook, Josh Flanagan, Megan Conley, Agnes Dailly, Jen Chastain, and Megan Connolly help clean up at the Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham.

Social awareness group praised

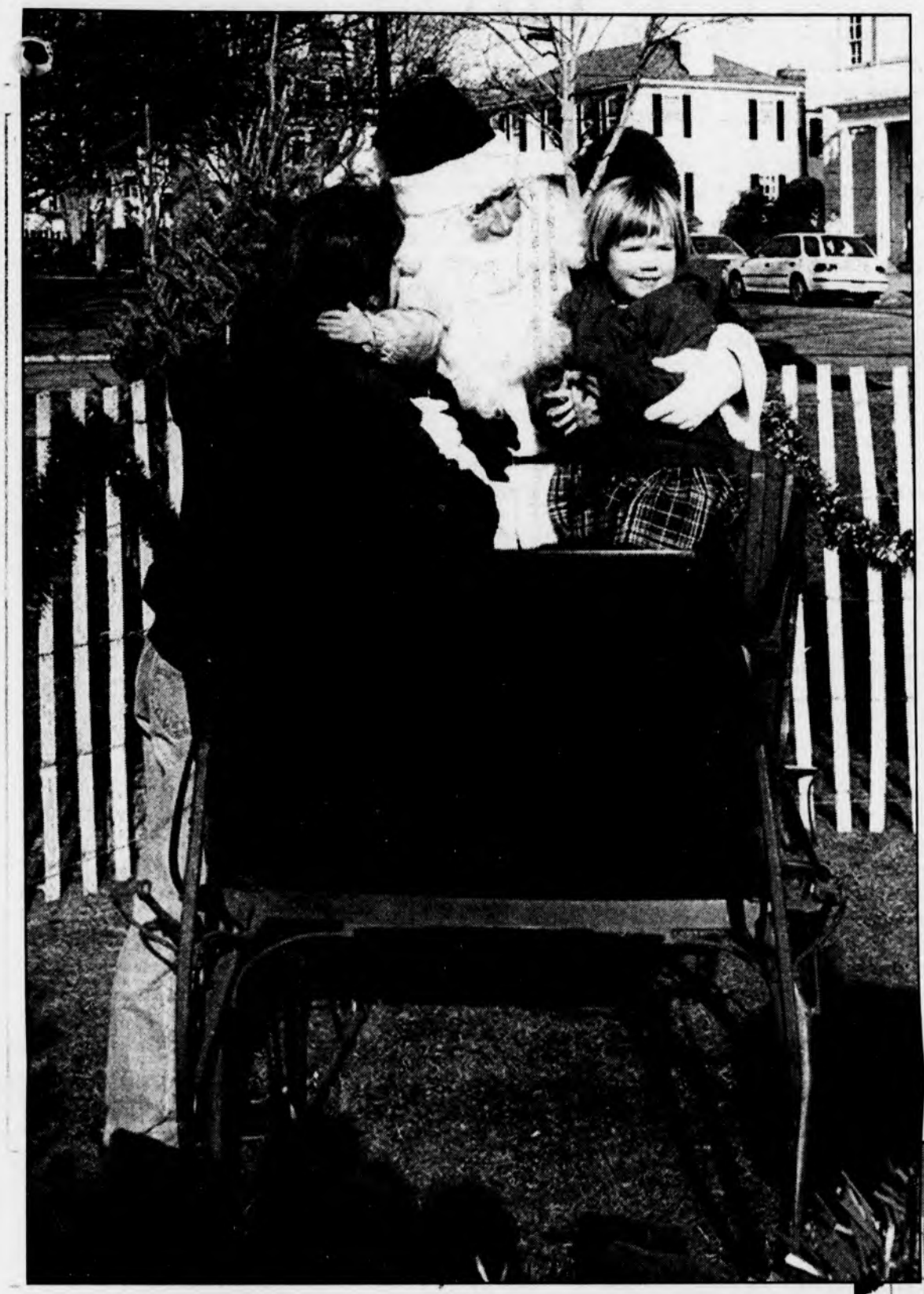
To the Editor:

I'm writing to recognize and thank the Cohasset High School Social Awareness Group for their work at the Mary Martha Learning Center, a residence and educational center in Hingham for homeless women and their children. Earlier this month, on a cold damp Saturday, 11 members of the group spent the morning cleaning up the yard and painting an inside hallway. The enthusiasm and energy displayed by each person was terrific! Hats off to the following students: Elizabeth Ingber, Jessie Zerendow, Maggie O'Connor, Rob Buckley, Grace Gardner, Whitney Cook, Josh Flanagan, Megan Conley, Agnes Dailly (an AFS student from France), Jen Chastain and Megan Connolly.

Cindy Kuppens
49 Red Gate Lane

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'Tis the season for the Village Fair











CLOCKWISE—At the Unitarian Parish House Christmas tree sale, Mike Bliss and Jeff Watson stand next to the last eight-foot tree at the Village Fair. The chowder was popular fare in the town hall at the annual Village Fair. Fair-goers wait in line to have pictures with Santa. A special Village Fair road sign directs people where to go. Jodee Doyle, at right, helps Jane and Ben Wilks with their Christmas tree which the bought at the Village Fair on Saturday. Devon Coleman gets a helping hand from mom Joan while Brittany Coleman and Santa pose for a picture.

Staff photos/Doug McFadd

LETTERS

Spotlight on the Lobster Lab

To the Editor:

For whatever reason The Boston Globe has taken an interest in who and what is behind the opposition to the Lobster Lab, a little more scrutiny and exposure won't be amiss.

The usual naysayers whose hobby seems to be jumping up at town meetings with absurd amendments or quibbles, probably don't have much effect, being well-known and largely discounted. (Maybe they shouldn't be discounted; two are now on the Advisory Committee). A few voters are hung up on a mantra that "we didn't buy the property for that purpose, so I can't stretch my mind to consider the benefits of the proposed lab to students of the future." Well, maybe it's a good thing everyone isn't blessed with soaring imagination; we need a few with their feet firmly planted in the mud and their eyes on their feet, to keep us from overbuilding, upping the tax rate, or indulging in cultural activity that might interfere with boat-trailer parking.

But what's really behind the determined animosity of some selectmen? Why, when the Lightkeepers met with the selectmen a year ago to discuss the lab, did Michael Sullivan launch into wild diatribe about the temerity of the Lightkeepers in taking on such a project? Who fed him the distorted "information" about the operating costs and expenses for Bancroft Hall? Why did Nan Roth create a blizzard of questions, the answers to which were self-evident in the material previously provided? Why the statement that "the lab is a good idea, but it should be done by a new organization rather than the Lightkeepers?" (Why oppose a seasoned group with a track record and existing legal non-profit status, when such qualities are very important in approaching foundations and other large donors?)

Why are the Selectmen implying that the operating expenses will be difficult to recover from foundations and other sources, but requiring the lab to share its revenues with the town? Even in the remote chance that the lab turns up something patentable and of value, it's not likely that the revenue would make much of a dent in operating expenses. Seems as if somebody has got some principle in mind that hasn't been tempered with common sense. The town should confine itself to being the lessor, and not attempt to be a partner in the enterprise.

Why is the new Request for Proposals far more demanding than the previous one? (Even that was more demanding than RFP's issued by the town in response to previous good intentions by citizen groups). One can argue that it's because we now have a town manager and are more business-like, but we need be sure that "being business-like" isn't misused to serve the private agendas of selectmen etc. Let's keep our priorities straight. It's more important to encourage good works by our volunteers than to smother them with bureaucratic pettifoggery.

Good citizens shouldn't leave it to reporters to ask all the questions: there's plenty to go around.

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On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church (next to Cohasset Town Hall), the task force has invited John Loupos (of Jade Forest on Route 3A) to present his thoughts on the connection between the practice of Tai Chi and wellness. He will then spend the rest of the workshop introducing some of the attitudes and movements of Tai Chi.

Future workshops will feature area physical therapist and Reiki master Marcia Hood (March 19, 7:30 p.m.), author and artist Joan Drescher (April 9, 7:30 p.m.) who will share art as healing therapy; and a Healing Fair with four to six practitioners conducting simultaneous 30-minute demonstrations, is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. A 10-week course entitled "Eight Weeks to Wellness," based on Dr. Andrew Weil's book, "Spontaneous Healing," is planned for late April through June. The events are free and open to the public. Call 383-0345 for directions or further information.

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At the forum, Paula Bresler, executive director of the Massachusetts Healthcare Purchaser Group, will present the results of a comprehensive employer survey on the performance of for-profit and not-for-profit health plans operating in Massachusetts.

In addition, Jim Klocke of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce will discuss a report examining the criteria Boston-area businesses use when selecting and evaluating the performance of employee health plans.

The South Shore Business Partnership for Health was formed to help regional businesses address their pressing health care concerns through educational forums and networking opportunities. Forums are presented in conjunction with South Shore Hospital and the South Shore Chamber of Commerce.



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There are now more than 60 lights shining on our Memory Tree. We have room for lots more. We will be adding lights to the tree each week through the month of December.

ARCHANGEL

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This is an excellent opportunity to learn the basics regarding Medicaid applications. Even if a family is not contemplating nursing home care for their patient, it is never too early to learn your options for planning for the future if nursing home care becomes necessary.

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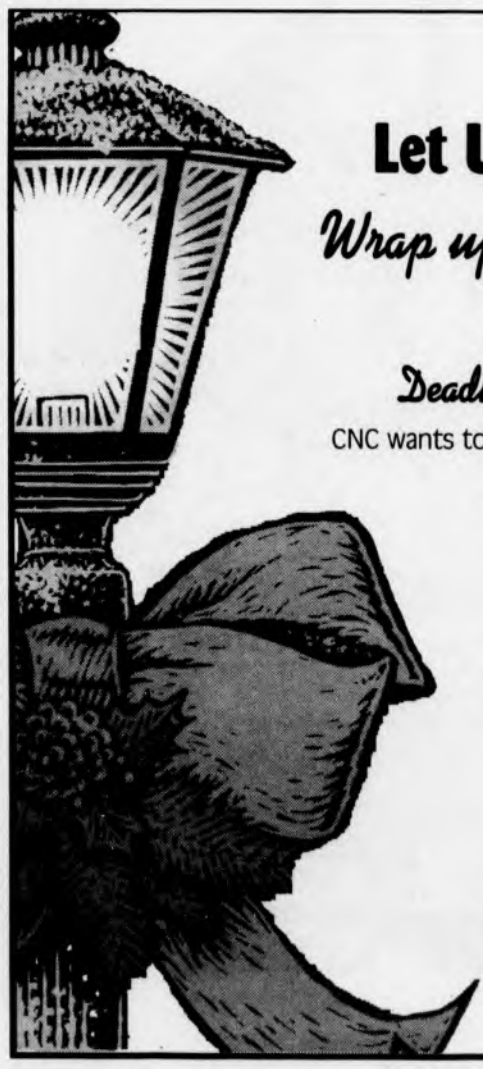
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Homeowners outraged over septic district

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The experimental districts are widely perceived as a perpetual cycle of onerous Title 5 inspections and have even been ridiculed as ithe sewer police."Though started about 20 years ago to deal with failing septic systems and cesspools, the district concept never really caught on with the public and has only recently won the cautious backing of some inside the state environmental protection agency.

In Cohasset, two districts are soon to be implemented by the health board, following a settlement negotiated by the sewer commission which was under pressure from the state, Guild said. (After nearly 20 years of fighting with the Attorney General's office over Cohasset's minor wastewater permit violations, the sewer commission earlier this year inked a deal and settled a consent judgment. It originally called for sewers to be laid throughout the town.)

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Ironically, the return to the sewer question moved the board back to the starting point ó back to dealing with the scenario it had previously been instructed to avoid. Though the state initially had pushed for a town-wide sewer system in Cohasset, numerous town meetings voted it down. Ultimately, the sewer commission and the state arrived at the compromise solution of naming the two wastewater districts in a portion of the area that was not to be sewered. Specifically, the two districts were formed to allow the health board to inspect and monitor septic systems in parts of town deemed environmentally sensitive, such as Lily Pond which is the source of the public water supply.

Tuesday, the commissioner repeated his earlier opinion that the settlement was good overall for the town, though it did place a burden on a small number of households.

But Guild was shouted down by residents, as opposition continued to mount to the settlement, which previously caused an uproar when it was announced to residents at a health board meeting last month.

As they vowed at the previous health board forum, a citizens group has formed and hired a lawyer, Stephen Marcus, to challenge the sewer commission and the authorities who are forcing the districts on the homeowners.

If necessary, Marcus said, the question will go back before a special town meeting. Moreover, the citizens group demanded they be allowed to connect to the sewer system, rather than be forced into the septic district.

Though more than half of citizens group left the auditorium before the meeting was adjourned, slamming doors and sometimes heaping verbal abuse on the sewer board., their plight seemed to soften the sewer boardís earlier position. Also, the commissioner seemed to back off earlier statements that sewers were not a viable option in two areas slated to become on-site wastewater management districts.

As engineer Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering Associates put it, "Sewers are always an option."

Nonetheless, Guild stopped short of saying he would favor extending sewer lines to the sensitive Lily Pond area or to the other planned district, dubbed the Triangle, at the intersections of Nichols and Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue. Moreover, he reiterated his earlier statements that the decision to build more sewer mains would ultimately depend on the question of the plantís capacity as well as cost.

Guild has previously said it would be very expensive to lay sewer mains in the areas where ledge is a factor.

The statements from Guild and Coughlin came near the close of a 2 1/2 hour session which at times resembled a shouting match.

Public input sought on superintendent search

School committee members agree that conducting public forums to brainstorm on what they should be looking for in a new superintendent is a good idea.

"We're in the process of hiring a CEO for 1/2 the town," committee member Ralph Kidder said. "(The superintendent) has over 100 employess and three levels of customers — students, parents and the community at large. And the school department commands 1/2 the town's resources.

"While as the board of directors, we make the final decision. It seems to me the shareholders ought to have some say," Kidder said.

After considerable discussion last week, the committee agreed that the forums should be conducted early in the process but they haven't determined if they should be inclusive or held separately for students, teachers and the community at large.

They will decide at their Dec. 18 meeting how to proceed and if hiring a consultant is necessary.

Ray Kasperowicz of South Main Street urged the school committee just to get on with it.

"There is no need to mystify the process," he said.

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Village Fair kicks off the holiday season

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the jumble sale consisting of merchandise gathered from the parishioners, which consisted largely of books arranged by interest, and crafts. There was also the ever-popular Secret Room where children could go to purchase inexpensive gifts from 50 cents to $1 for every member of their family. The policy was "no parents allowed," however, there were teenagers to assist the excited shoppers, and all proceeds went to the benefit of the Appalachian Service Project (ASP).

Santa Claus could be found in his sleigh about 50 yards from the duck pond with a line of youngsters waiting to climb upon his lap to assure him that they had been very nice and not naughty over the course of the last year. Some came equipped with a list of presents they were hoping to receive and they were assured that he would have his elves, who were already working overtime back at the North Pole, get on it right away. He said he had a smooth trip from his toy workshop and that he was looking forward to taking a long break after the holiday season and maybe heading out to the Florida Keys. His reindeer, after drinking thirstily from the duck pond, had wandered to the back of the town hall where they spent the rest of their time grazing.

The proceeds from the sale of the pictures taken with Santa will go to Cohasset's part in the ASP, which sends as many as 80 local teens and adults to Appalachia each year to work on homes for the needy.

By Santa's side was Janet Hoyler playing a series of trumpet solos including "Jingle Bells," "O' Holy Night," "O' Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night."

The First Unitarian Church Parish House had its annual jumble sale and Swedish coffee shop, which supplied more than 600 cinnamon buns to hungry townspeople. Pre-ordered Christmas trees that had been freshly cut were supplied by The Carver Family Tree Farm in Montpelier, Vt.

Outside St. Stephen's Church, Habitat for Humanity volunteers were holding a fund-raiser for a home being built in Quincy. All proceeds will be used in the construction of the home. By 1 p.m., they had raised more than $400.

Besides the crafts sale, the highlight at the Second Congregational Church was the annual "Chowdah Bar." Tasty, hot New England clam chowder could be purchased for $2.50 a bowl or $7 a quart. John Campbell said they started with 50 gallons and it looked like it would be all gone by 3 p.m. The largest sale of the day was a hungry customer who purchased two gallons.

A good time was had by all in attendance on the crisp, late fall day and there are already plans in the works for next year's fair.

By the end of the day, Santa had some trouble prying himself out of his sled and his lap was obviously quite sore, but after harnessing up his reindeer before taking off, he was heard saying "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"



Derek Ingemi and his family are going to be the recipients of a house in Quincy built by Habitat for Humanity. Here townspeople donate money and sign 2x4s to be used in the construction. With Ingemi behind the counter are Ann Whealer and David Bigley.

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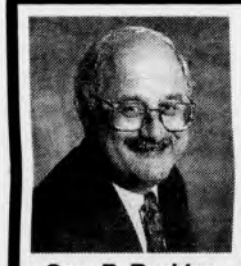
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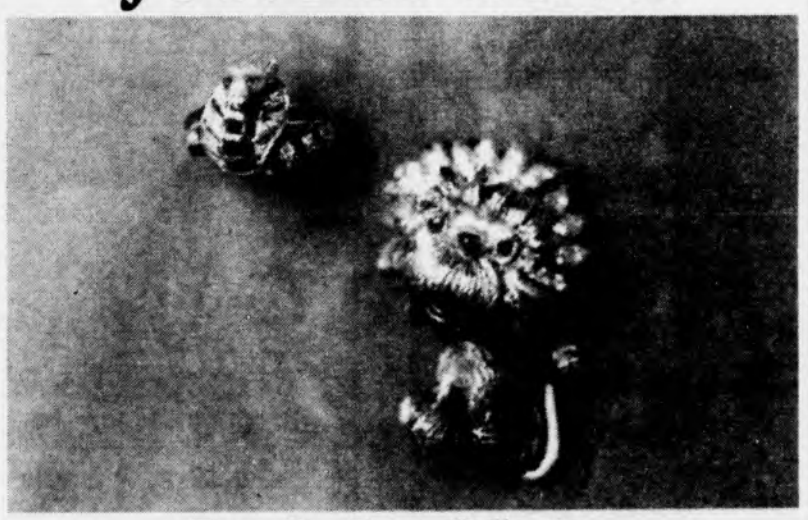
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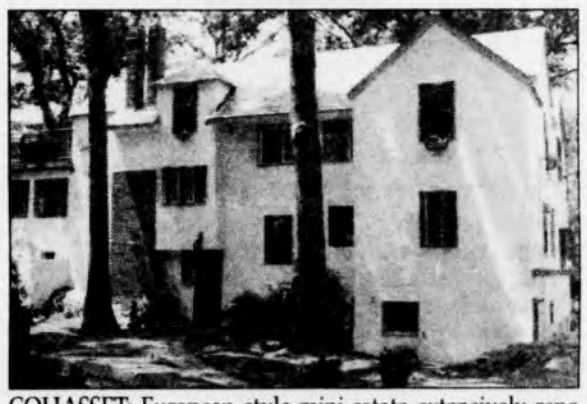
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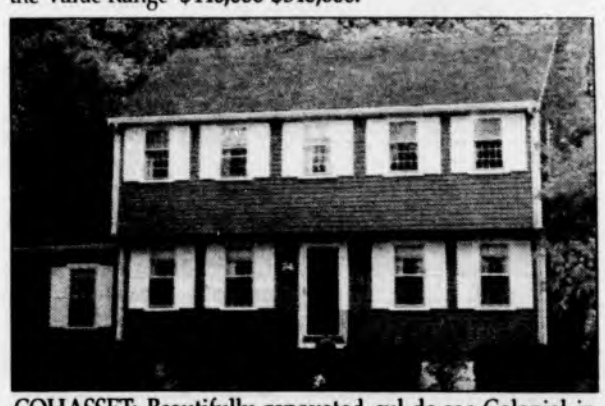
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Anti-landfill group tries to keep town SAFE

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT



John McNabb, who is a member of SAFE, worries about possible landfill seepage into Lily Pond.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

What is the greatest threat to Cohasset's water drinking supply in Lily Pond? Acid rain? E. coli bacteria? According to members of the anti-landfill group, Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), it is the Cohasset Heights Landfill.

SAFE exists for the sole purpose of bringing the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill to a grinding halt. SAFE members cite dozens of documented violations committed by CHL, from wetlands contamination to illegal dumping in unpermitted areas, as evidence that the landfill is a health threat to residents.

But what are the roots of SAFE and who are its members?

The group has grown from a core membership of 10 to 12 people to a list of 700 to 800 people who have donated money to the group, sent letters to DEP or publicly opposed CHL in some way.

The roots of SAFE extend back to the late 1980s and a precursor group called Concerned Citizens for Cohasset.

Prior to winning election to the health board, Alix White was a founding member of SAFE. White was also a member of Concerned Citizens for Cohasset.

As White recalls, Concerned Citizens formed out of concern for some of the activities of CHL and its proposal to expand Area V of the landfill. Concerned Citizens successfully lobbied the state to require CHL to perform an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) detailing the scope of the project and preliminary information about potential environmental impacts.

Eventually, the state required CHL to perform a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to provide detailed information about the environmental impact of the landfill and the proposed expansion.

White and other concerned citizens believed the expansion would be detrimental to the health of residents. CHL sits upland from Lily Pond well within the watershed for the town's water supply. Any rainwater that runs down the landfill has the potential to carry contaminants from CHL to Lily Pond.

But CHL has maintained that the expansion would not pose any adverse effects to the environment. CHL has also produced several expert witnesses to support its position.

Members of Concerned Citizens believed that CHL's record of violations proved that it didn't care about any alleged adverse effects from the landfill. The only viable option seemed to be preventing CHL from expanding, and monitoring its actions to find future violations.

Former selectman Martha Gjestsby asked McNabb to attend a meeting of Concerned Citizens in the high school as a professional advisor. McNabb had worked at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from 1983 to 1989 as a legislative liaison for the commissioner's office.

"I was a lobbyist for the DEP, working on legislation related to solid waste, water supplies, wetlands and other environmental issues," McNabb said. "Martha asked me to come to a meeting and help people write comments for the EIR."

McNabb said at that time he was new to the whole battle against CHL. It soon became obvious to members at the meeting that a group was needed to monitor CHL.

Group members also believed they needed a more organized front to prevent CHL from expanding. In 1991, SAFE was formed with 10 or 12 members.

Some of the founding members of SAFE included former selectmen Peter Pratt and Gjestsby, White, attorney Kevin O' Donnell and McNabb.

O'Donnell joined the group in 1991 after he received a flier inquiring about a bad smell around town. The flier implied that CHL was the source of the smell, and asked residents to attend an informational meeting.

O'Donnell had noticed a foul smell near Route 3A, and decided to attend the meeting.

The fliers came from White who passed out the informational sheets on an egg delivery route she ran in town.

He was shocked to learn that the smell came from the landfill, and even more shocked to find out there was a landfill off Route 3A at all.

Around the time O'Donnell moved to Cohasset in the 1970's the press grabbed hold of a story about an entire New York community built on top of a toxic waste site. The community was Love Canal and O'Donnell wanted to make sure he moved his wife and four children to an environmentally safe town.

After some research, O'Donnell chose Cohasset. Ironically, O'Donnell lives less than a mile from CHL. "I was so disappointed to find out about the landfill," O

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Donnell said. "I was amazed it was even there because no one ever mentioned it."

O' Donnell joined what would become SAFE, and lent his 11 years of legal expertise as an attorney to the group. Now O'Donnell lobbies hard to expose violations at CHL and to shut down the landfill.

Acting as an attorney for SAFE supporting the town, O'Donnell has invested thousands of hours in an attempt to close down CHL. It's a fight he feels is well worth the cost in time even though he receives no payment for legal services.

Along with McNabb, O'Donnell is currently one of the two most active members in the group.

"What really hooked me was that one night CHL was defending itself at town hall and they brought in an odor expert who said what we smelled was not from the dump but from a restaurant with bad drainage pipes," O'Donnell said. "They had this expert telling us this, and I just knew he was lying." All the members of SAFE seem to agree on one thing, CHL is bad for the health of residents.

It has been a long and difficult route for the group. McNabb said it has been a real struggle trying to keep people interested through the EIR process, site assignment hearings and other efforts by CHL to expand both services and its size.

In 1991, SAFE faced its first big challenge when Barry tried to use the landfill to accept sludge from the state. The group won that battle.

Then SAFE fought the Area V expansion, forcing several revisions of the EIR. And while MEPA eventually approved the EIR, the health board ultimately rejected the expansion.

O'Donnell said he is disappointed that the state has not responded more aggressively to CHL's violations. In 1995, MEPA approved CHL's EIR for the Area V expansion just three days before the state imposed an indefinite moratorium on landfilling in Massachusetts.

And McNabb is disappointed that the health board has not signed off on a closure agreement for CHL to pay $14 million to close the landfill when it reaches maximum capacity.

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Despite these disagreements, some public officials agree that without SAFE, many of CHL's violations never would have been discovered.

"I think they're doing a great job," White said.

White resigned as president of SAFE in 1993 when she was elected to the health board to prevent any conflict of interest.

More recently, SAFE has participated in court hearings on CHL's Superior Court appeal of the health board's decision. SAFE is also fighting the proposed vertical expansion by CHL to raise the maximum height of the landfill from 190 feet to 205 or 210 feet.

Last month, McNabb discovered that CHL illegally dumped refuse in an unpermitted area beginning in 1988. According to McNabb, Barry showed up at a health board meeting and admitted he had filled in Area IV-B.

And CHL attorney Anton Moehrke said in a previous conversation with the Mariner that any dumping in Area IV-B was unintentional.

"Clean water is the bottom line," McNabb said. "CHL is one-mile uphill from Lily Pond and it has been proven that the landfill has damaged wetlands and contaminated both surface and ground water. We've never found any contamination in Lily Pond, but the longer it's there the greater the chance of contamination."

Moehrke has maintained on several past occasions that the company will respond to any environmental problems at the landfill quickly and in accordance with all laws.

And to its credit, CHL has cleaned up wetlands and other areas after violations and other problems have been discovered.

But O'Donnell and other members of SAFE agree that the best thing for the health and safety of the town would be for CHL to close down.

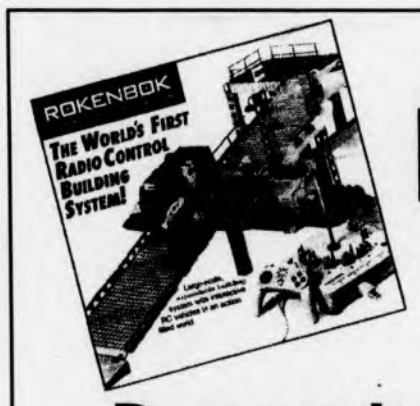
"We want Paul Barry to remove the illegal dumping from Area IV-B," O'Donnell said. "And we want to shut him down because of the numerous violations and improper operation. At the site assignment hearings we documented how dangerous he runs this facility and his disregard for the citizens of Cohasset."

Whether SAFE actually succeeds in convincing the town to shut down the landfill is a question for the future. O'Donnell believes there is a good chance the town will shut down the landfill, especially with the recent discovery of illegal dumping in Area IV-B.

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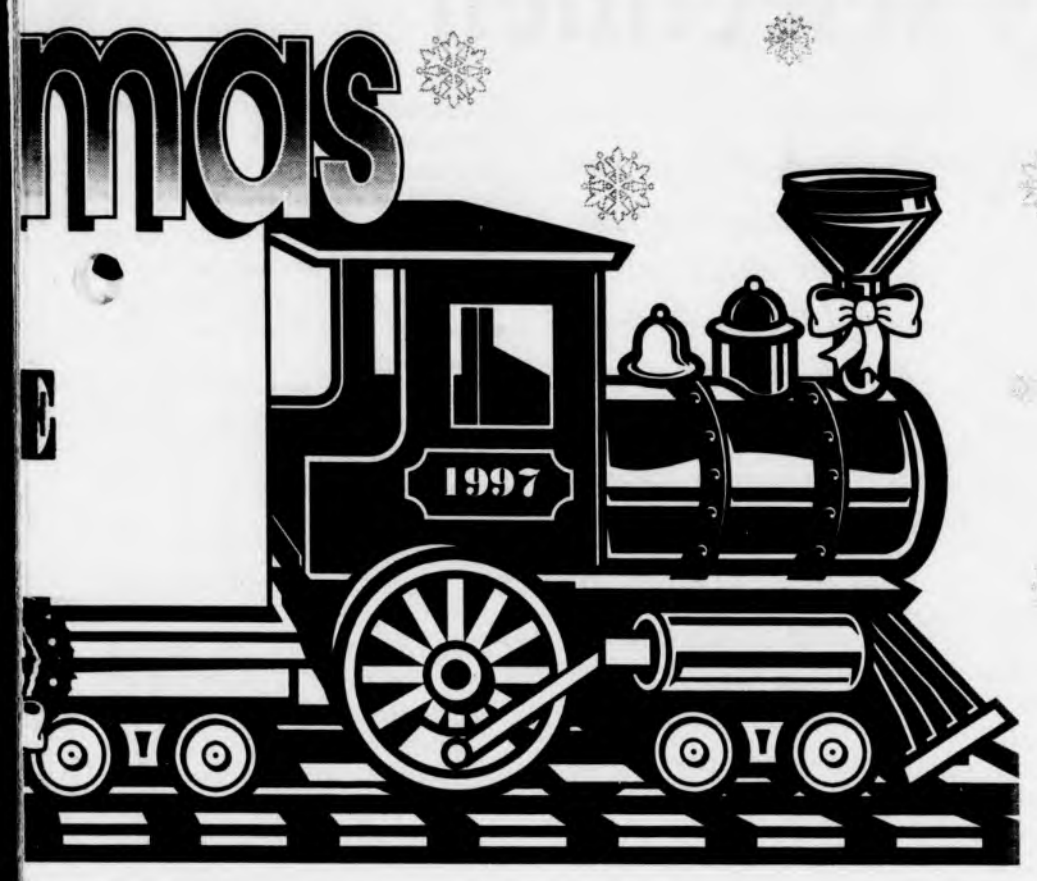
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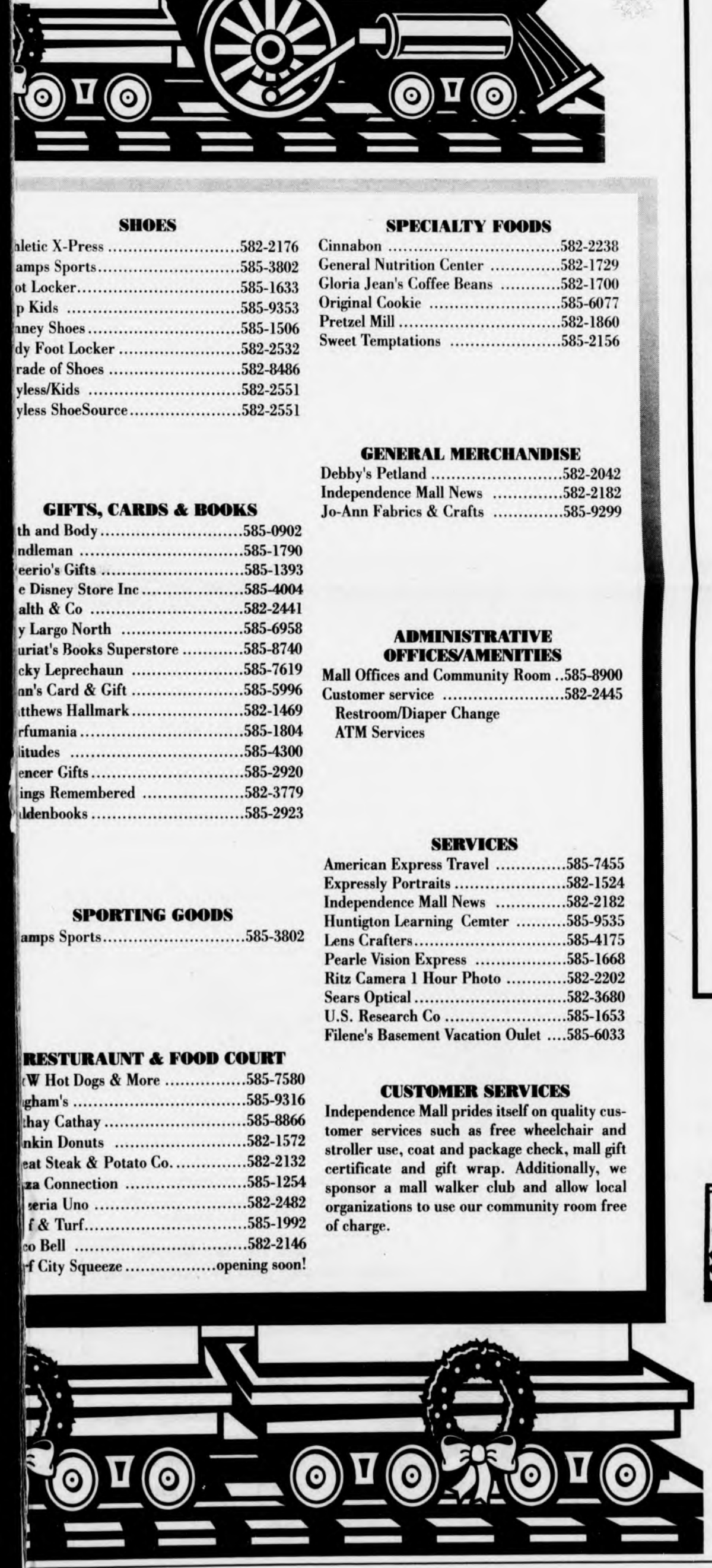
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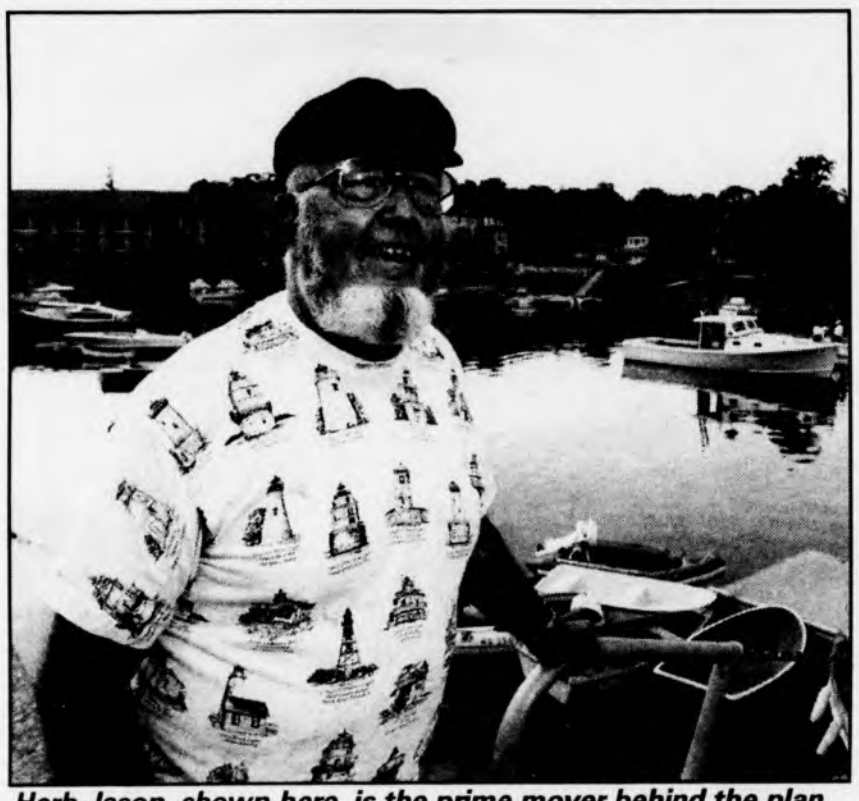


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Monument plans sail by selectmen



Herb Jason, shown here, is the prime mover behind the plan to memorialize the two assistant lightkeepers who lost their lives on the first Minot Light.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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town's history is adding not taking away (from Government Island)," Selectman Ronnie McMorris said. "I admire the work and time that went into this. It's a great idea."

Assistant lightkeepers Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson perished when the first Minot Light toppled in a gale in April 1851.

Jason said Wilson and Antoine continued to perform their duties in the midst of hurricane-force winds in the unsafe lighthouse, which was built on stilts so the water could pass through.

But the sea surge caused the waves to reach the lightkeepers quarters weakening and finally toppling the lighthouse.

In a recent letter to the editor, Jason said the town of Cohasset has always remembered those who gave their lives for their country, but somehow the town has forgotten two of its bravest men.

The project's total cost is estimated at about $50,000 which will be raised through private donations and events such as a TV auction and a mystery dinner theater. Organizers say they have $15,700 in cash and commitments for labor.

"Honoring those boys has been on my mind for years," Jason wrote. "I think they deserve more than a little plaque."

This week, Jason quickly silenced any critics worried about the monument taking up too much space.

"Is 12 feet too much for two boys who lost their lives while doing their duty?" he asked.

Joseph McElroy of Windy Hill Road who was the force behind the Lightkeepers Residence renovation project on Government Island put his weight behind the proposal.

He said he is amazed how few people know about the first lighthouse and the two men who lost their lives.

"That very significant piece of maritime history tends to be lost," he said.

McElroy also put to rest the suggestion that in lieu of this project, the names of all Cohasset fishermen lost at sea over the years be listed on a monument at Government Island.

The retired Army lieutenant colonel pointed out that the town has learned from the World War II Veterans Memorial that trying to accurately include all names on a monument can be difficult. (Names of those who served in the occupational forces and some other WWII veterans were not included on the memorial, an oversight which the town is trying to correct).

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The monument will have a four-foot deep foundation of crushed stone topped by one foot of reinforced concrete. An additional six inches on top of that will be concrete, granite and cobblestone which will comprise the ground-level compass rose and provide the base for the-1/2 ton granite stone.

"We wanted something that will last forever," Jason said about the construction.

Plans are to locate the memorial on a grassy area to the right of the templates. Wigmore Pierson, the sole historical commission member to support the project, said organizers are "flexible in terms of exact placement of the monument."

Fund-raising will take about 18 months and construction three months, said William Taylor, grant consultant for the project.

Jason said the compass will be created out of expensive, tapestry brick.

"This will be very unique and beautiful, just like the boys it represents," he said.

At the suggestion of Davenport, selectmen will ask the Design Review Board to look over Jason's plans.

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CHS ices varsity hockey program

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset High School will not be skating a varsity hockey team this season. A small turnout of players has forced the school to field only a sub-varsity hockey this winter.

Since Cohasset's absence from the South Shore League leaves the league with a void to be filled, the SSL is looking for a team to replace Cohasset.

Head coach Dennis Walsh noted the school will return to varsity hockey next year and will most likely be in a new conference due to a major realignment of leagues that will take place in 1998.

Said Walsh, "It was impossible for us to play a varsity schedule this season, since only three seniors, two juniors and no goalie turned out for practice.

"We have a lot of eighth-graders, but since the split, we can't play the eighth-graders on the varsity team."

In the past, the eighth-graders attended one school, along with the high school players. The town now has a separate intermediate school, which keeps the youngsters from playing varsity sports,

As a result, Cohasset will go with just a junior varsity hockey program this winter while it awaits help from the eighth-graders.

Greg Figueiredo, an outstanding ninth-grade hockey player, according to Walsh, will not play for the Cohasset team this year since he is playing junior hockey in Bridgewater.

Coach Walsh doubts if Greg will ever play for a Cohasset High hockey team.

Upon learning of the change in the hockey program this season, two of the seniors who had turned out, elected not to play sub varsity hockey this season.

One senior, Adam Donovan, will play with the sub-varsity along with his sister Caitlin Donovan, a sophomore, who plays defense. Caitlin played with the varsity team last year.

Freshman Danny Williams will be trying his hand at goalie, a position he has never played, according to the coach. Danny's brother Jeremy was the varsity goalie last season. Danny volunteered to give it a shot, according to Walsh.

Two brothers who will be playing on the same line are Brad Powell and Heath Heinz.

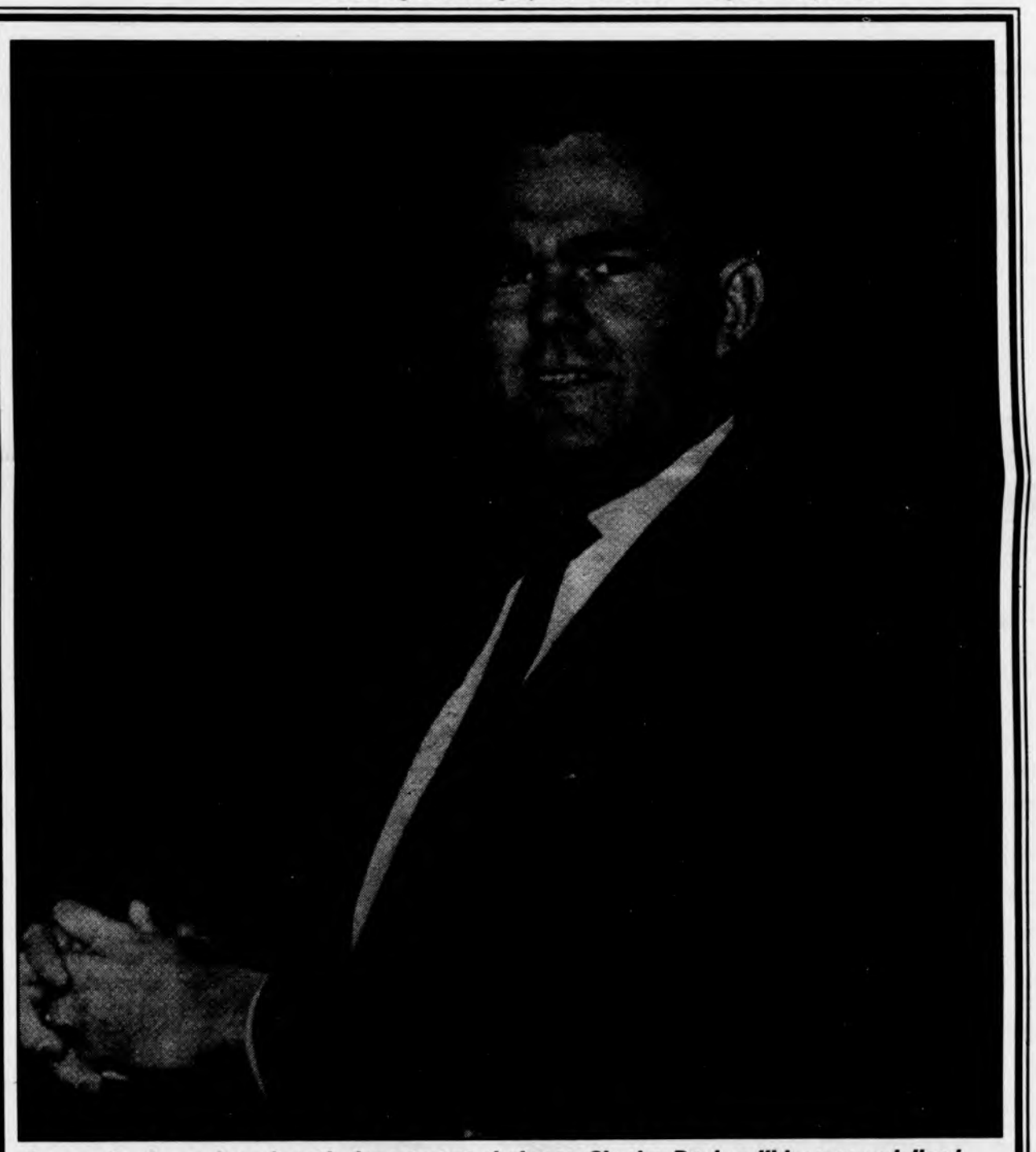
Also playing on the team are Ryan Hubiley, Andy Curn, Billy Good and Teddy Goss.

Coach Walsh noted that a number of other youngsters will be on the team, and he will let those names out at a later date.

The JV hockey team plans to open its season Monday, Dec. 22, at Pembroke.

Coach Walsh noted this is not

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Former track coach and math department chairman Charles Davis will be memorialized this spring when the running track at Alumni Field is named in his honor. Davis, shown here in the yearbook that the Class of 1964 dedicated to him, was a teacher at the high school from 1961 until his untimely death in 1985.

CHS track to be named for beloved teacher, coach

By Jason Bouffard
CORRESPONDENT
AND
David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset runners will soon find themselves sprinting along the Charlie Davis Memorial Track at Alumni Field and those who knew him couldn't be happier with the honor.

The school committee backed a proposal to dedicate the new track to the former Cohasset High School math department chairman and track coach.

Davis began at Cohasset in 1961 and was a highly respected track coach among his peers. He went on to become the head of the math department at CHS and was named as a dean of track coaches after consistently fielding highly

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Despite smaller enrollment, Skippers keep chugging along

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Recently, the Cohasset Skippers like many athletic teams have been subject to many changes.

This year, a new league has been instituted, although it is only a transitory phase in preparation for next year's final destination. Also, middle school athletes, that is seventh- and eighth-graders, have been forbidden to participate on teams with high schoolers.

In a school as small as Cohasset, this has an effect on the teams.

Despite these adjustments, and having the smallest enrollment of any school, aside from currently developing Mashpee High, in the Pilgrim Conference, which includes 28 other teams, the Skippers have done quite well for themselves.

Cohasset athletic director Clark Chatterton offered some surprising statistics. Presently, the Cohasset Middle School/High School has 47 teams.

"No school I know of has more teams, and we're the smallest school by eons. I think that we are a Division 6 size school playing Division 4 size teams. As a result, some of our kids aren't fairly evaluated. Very few schools with less than 300 kids (Cohasset has 290 in grades 9-12) have both soccer and football teams.

"We have one of the best wrestling teams in the state, even though it's one of the smallest," he added. "Our baseball team can bang heads with anybody and we've had a tradition of success with our boys' basketball program. Not that winning is the bottom line, but lacrosse beat big schools last year. If we hadn't lost four or five kids to private schools, we would have been the best team in the state, period."

Indeed, in light of its size, Cohasset has had startling success.

In the South Shore League, CHS has by far the smallest enrollment; Hull is next with 370, *80 more kids than Cohasset.*

Traditionally, Hull has had success in few sports other than football. From there, Norwell is a big jump with 490 students in grades 9-12 and Rockland is the SSL's largest with 660 in those four classes. Next year, Rockland and East Bridgewater (634) will both join Duxbury, Hingham, Middleboro and Scituate in the Patriot League. Cohasset will compete with Abington, Norton, Carver, Hanover, Norwell and Hull.

With the loss of the junior high to a middle school, sports at Cohasset High will be damaged; the effects have already been seen this fall. Field hockey was the only team which qualified for the state tourney.

While most seventh- and eighth-graders do not make the varsity teams, they do bolster the JV rosters, which in turn can offer mid- or late-season support to varsity teams.

Furthermore, the seventh- and eighth-graders tend to progress more quickly, in an athletic sense, if playing at a higher level, junior varsity for instance.

In the past few years, the gymnastics, baseball and tennis teams have all relied heavily on junior high students to help their squads, students who would now not be allowed to play on these teams.

Even worse than sub-par records, several teams are being slashed. Girls' junior varsity basketball has recently been eliminated, and the boys' JV squad is questionable.

The boys' basketball program went from having 55 try out last

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competitive teams throughout the 60s and 70s.

He died suddenly in 1985 from a blood clot in his leg that surfaced after an injury.

The tentative plans are to hold a special ceremony sometime during the Spring track season with members of Davis' family to officially dedicate the running track. "I can still remember getting the late-night phone call from a mutual friend that he had passed away," said long-time friend Curtis Collins, the principal of Cohasset High School. "I was just in shock. I didn't want to believe it was happening."

Collins and Davis both resided in Marshfield, another fact which worked to forge their friendship.

"He was this lovable, burly bear of a guy," remembered Collins. "Charlie was just a great guy and a marvelous teacher in the classroom. He had a great sense of humor but those kids learned in his classroom. You couldn't have asked for a better teacher." For CHS science teacher James Franey, the bond with Davis goes deep. They were best friends, attended Abington High School together and were the best man at each others wedding.

As well, they began their teaching career at CHS together in 1961.

"He had already been hired for the math position when he called me up and said the school was also in the market for a science teacher," Franey remembered. "Here I still am 37 years later."

Franey said his friend was "a great big Teddy Bear of a guy" who looked at each track team as his adopted children. In fact, said Franey, the only reason he stopped coaching at the high school was so that he could watch his own children at their track meets. "He loved kids and loved coaching them just as much," said Franey. "This was what he was meant to do."

Several other friends and supporters attended the recent school committee meeting to offer words in favor of the fitting dedication, including Collins, who told members of his memories of Davis.

The two were friends and coworkers throughout their careers, and both began teaching in Cohasset around the same time, Collins said. Davis' popularity prompted Collins to dub the track squad "Charlie's Traveling Circus" — he always attracted a crowd.

"Back then we used the town green for track meets, so each day during cross-country and the track and field seasons you'd undoubtedly find Charlie loading up his big truck after school with all the equipment to bring down to the field," remembered Collins. "There'd also more than likely be a group of kids hanging off the truck as well."

Collins said that connection with the kids was what made him as popular a coach and teacher as he was. "He had an unbelievable relationship with the kids," Collins added. "He had the ability to reach out and get that unique student to come out for the team or to excel within the classroom. "Charlie had the ability to reach these kids," said Collins. "He could get these kids to come out for sports who in a normal situation would not do so."

Whatever Davis did, it seemed to work just fine. His teams were always competitive and had more than their share of undefeated seasons while he was at the coaching reigns.

Cohasset Athletic Director Clark Chatterton coached alongside Davis.

"He was beloved and at all times a true gentlemen," said Chatterton. "Charlie was a man of great integrity who did a great deal of good for Cohasset High School. "There are a lot of people still here at the high school who worked side-by-side with Charlie who are extremely happy to see that we have decided to honor his memory in this fashion. It's very deserving."

He truly did have an impact on the students, even early in his teaching career. The Class of 1964 dedicated their yearbook in his honor. "You came to Cohasset High School as a teacher of mathematics but soon you made your influence felt well beyond the classroom," they wrote in the dedication. "Your face, lightened by a ready smile, quickly became familiar to everyone. As track coach and advisor to the pep club, you have clearly shown a strong interest in the student body.

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The program is designed for five consecutive Thursdays, through Feb. 5, however, travel and snow conditions can lengthen the program.

For further information, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-6791. To register, you will need to come to the office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

New Year's sports festival jamboree

The South Shore Sports Center will hold it's first New Year's Sports Festival Jamboree the week of Monday, Dec. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. on Rinks 2 and 3.

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year to 31 this season. Hockey, gymnastics and softball are also both on the endangered species list.

Despite all of these obstacles, Cohasset continues to foster a tradition of success. The boys' basketball team looks strong for this season and the girls promise to surprise some people. Lacrosse will be as strong as ever, boasting Jamie Buick as one of the elite players in the state and the baseball team is on the rise.

Maybe Chatterton put it best. "I'm proud of our kids; they're great athletes, they're smart athletes, they're good kids."

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the first time a Cohasset team had to drop a varsity sport and go with just a junior varsity team.

Said Walsh, "It happened once in football. The school is small, not enough kids turned out to give the squad a reasonable representation. The school waited a year and then went on with the varsity program."

Walsh feels that with the juniors, sophomores and freshmen players that he has this year, along with the eighth-graders who will be coming up next season, Cohasset should be able to dress up a pretty decent squad in 1998-99. Walsh also announced that sometime during the season, his junior varsity team will play the South Boston High varsity team to give his youngsters some experience playing an older group.

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Junior lacrosse program looking for a few good coaches

Thanks to phenomenal growth in popularity and interest, the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse Club is in need of additional coaches for the Spring 1998 season. No lacrosse experience is necessary.

The reason the team can take coaches without experience is the structure of its league, the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse Association, the largest youth league in the country. The league allows communities to have more than one entry, and then allows multiple teams to be scheduled so that they always play in the same place — either home or away together — on the same day.

"We have grown to the point where there is a good chance we will want to field two teams this year," said Chuck Jaffe, who runs the junior program in Cohasset. "If we get volunteers with no experience, I can act as head coach for both teams. If we get someone with lacrosse experience, we each can coach one team. We need a helping hand more than we need an experienced hand."

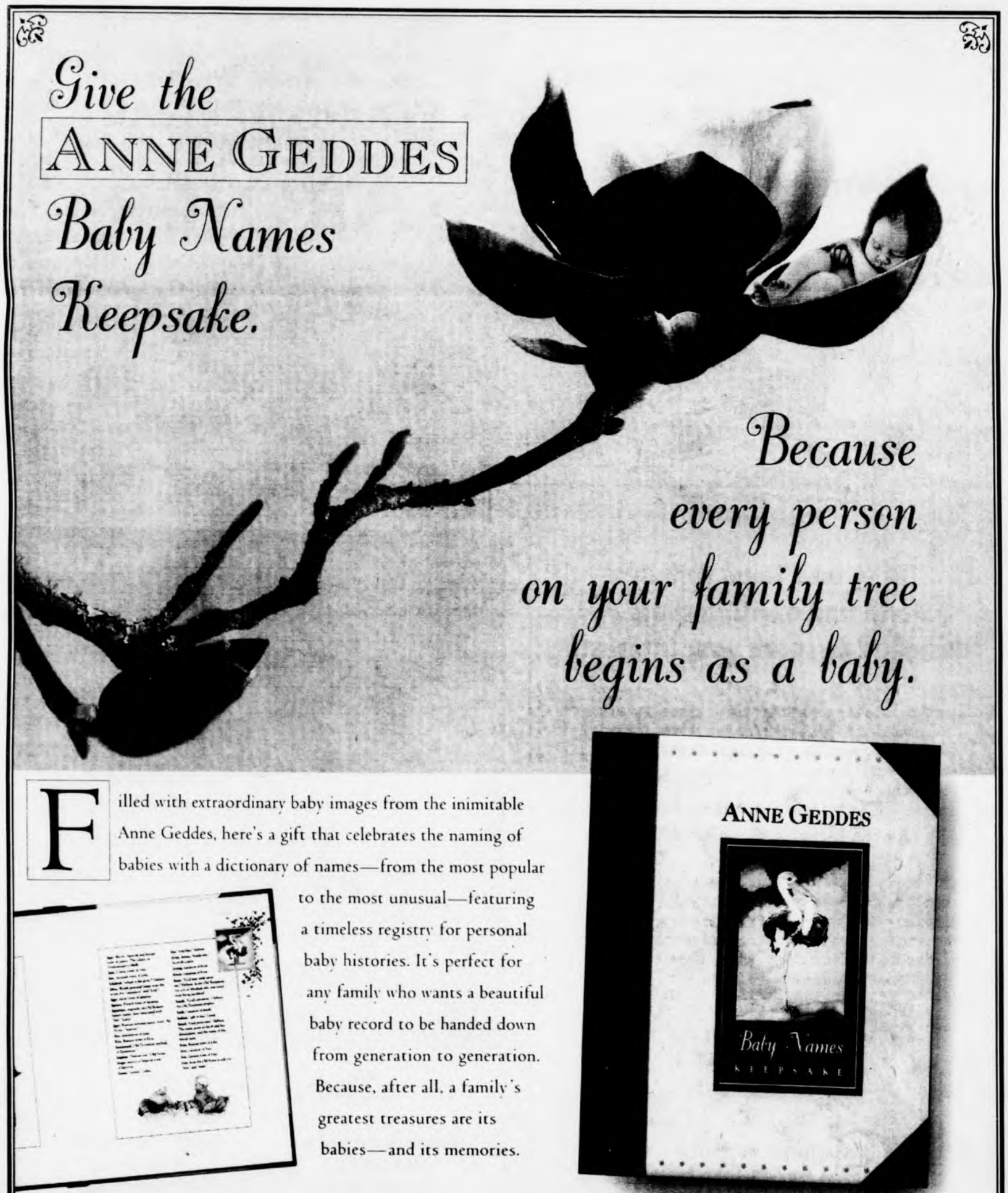
Jaffe explains that the biggest need is for a coach to assist during practices, when the only way to install an offense or defense is in small groups of players. "The rest of the kids should be doing drills or installing the same offense at the other end of the field, but that's not possible without a second or possibly a third coach," he says.

Last year, the Cohasset junior lacrosse team had 30 players, a high number within the Mass Bay youth teams. This year, thanks to a successful summer camp and increased awareness and interest, Jaffe expects closer to 40 children in grades 5 and 6 to sign up. Without at least one additional coach, Jaffe says he might have no choice but to limit the program to a single team of 30 players signed up on a first-come, first-served basis.

With sign-up set for December and the league needing notification of Cohasset's intention to field a second team by January, the program needs to hear from volunteers now. The Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League also holds a winter coaches clinic that volunteers may want to attend.

For this spring, Jaffe plans to practice the junior lacrosse program at or after 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Games are Sunday afternoons. Practice begins as weather permits in march, and the season ends Father's Day weekend in June.

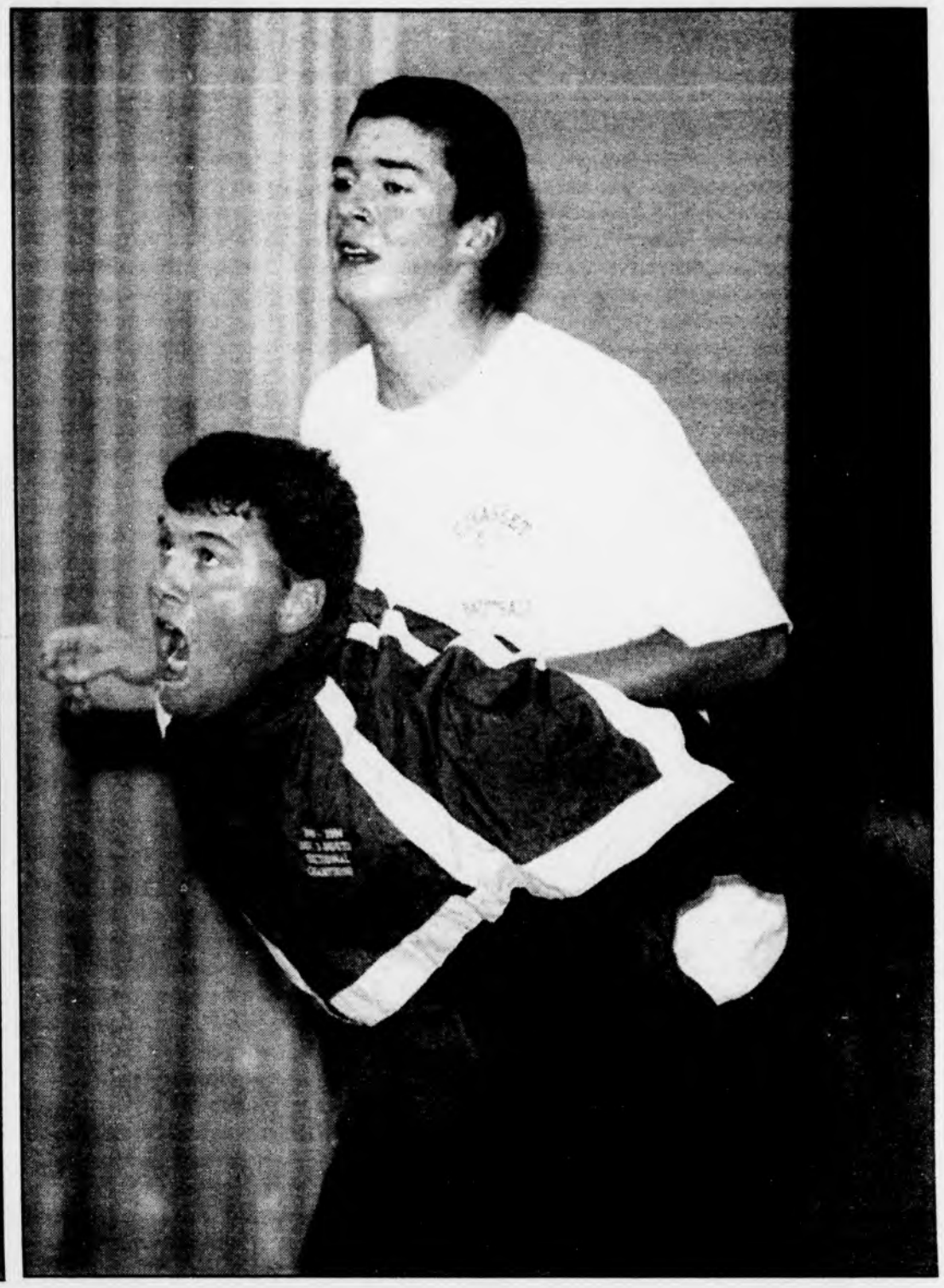
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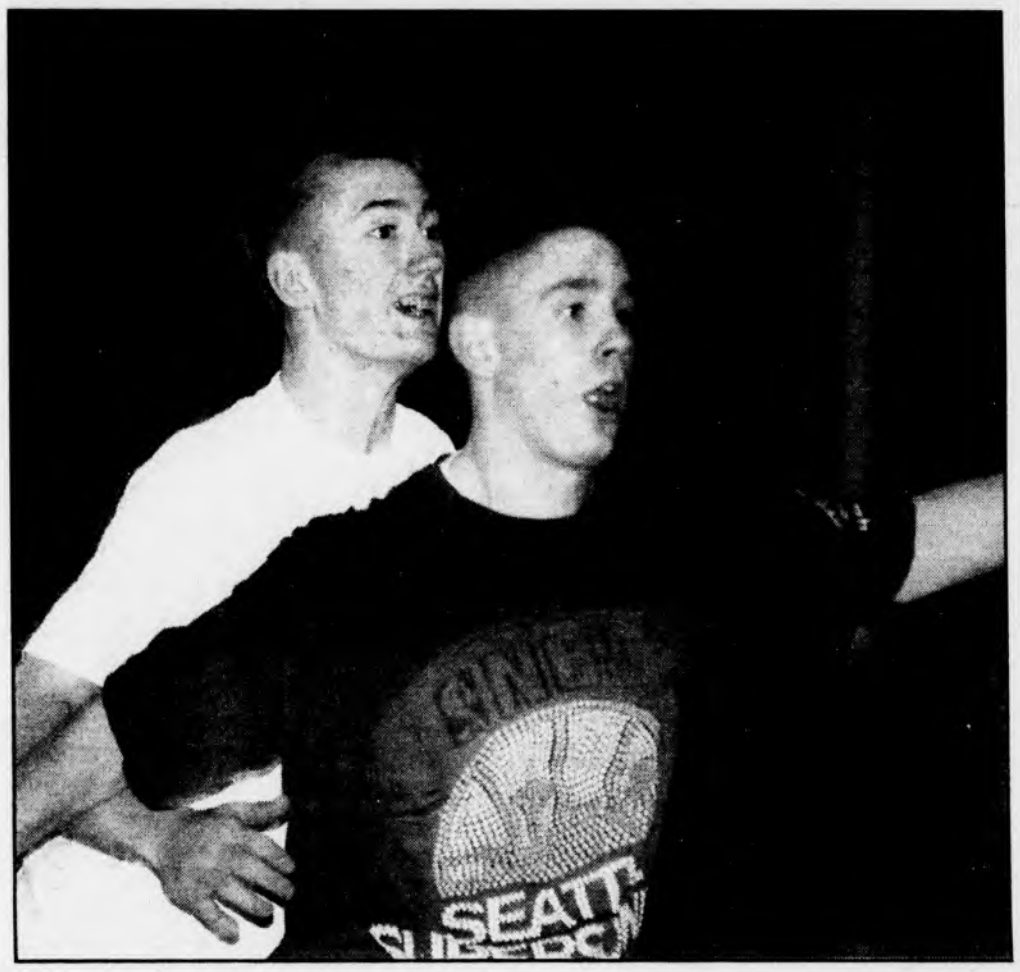


Back in action...

RIGHT—, Head coach Ron Ford blocks out Craig Parker in a rebounding drill. BELOW—, senior co-captains Pat Hurley and Paul Michael Quinn battle for position. The CHS boys basketball team swung back into action this week.

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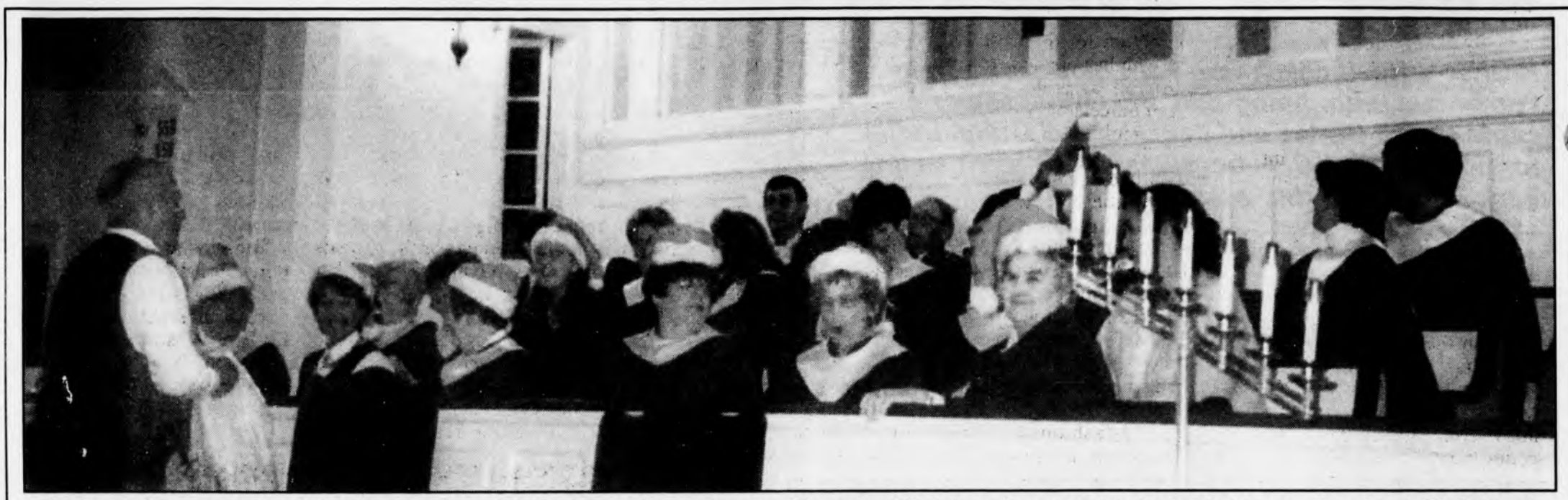
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The Second Congregational Church sanctuary choir begins a rehearsal for the "Sounds of Christmas," a concert to be held at 4 p.m., Dec. 14, at 43 Highland Ave.

Holiday face painting at Teen Center

Holiday face painting will be offered by local artist Laurie Micarelli at the Cohasset Teen Center, 24 S. Main St., Friday, Dec. 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. The cost is $2 per child. They will also have balloons for sale for 50 cents each. For more information, call Cathy at 383-2492.

Black nativity trip slated

The Cohasset Metco Committee is sponsoring a matinee trip to Black Nativity Sunday, Dec. 21. This joyful Christmas musical is a gospel rendition of the birth of the Christ Child and a cultural gem not to be missed.

The National Center of Afro-American Artists is presenting its 28th season of Langston Hughes' gospel song play Black Nativity at Tremont Temple's Converse Hall, 88 Tremont St., Boston. This year, Deer Hill School fourth-grade Metco student Manasseh Remy and his younger brother Emyr are both members of the Black Nativity cast.

Bus transportation will be provided to and from this joyful Christmas musical free of charge. There will be a central location in Boston where the Cohasset bus will stop to pick up Boston families en route to Tremont Temple. The bus will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 2 p.m. for the 3:30 p.m. matinee performance and return to Cohasset before 7 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person and should be reserved as soon as possible by calling PSO Reps. Connie Afshar at 383-6006, or Jean Hajjar at 383-9917.

Children's illustrator to sign

Artist and illustrator Anna Vojtech will sign copies of her book, "Song of the Camels: A Christmas Poem," written by the late Elizabeth Coatsworth, Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset.

In lush, luminous oil paintings, Vojtech interprets a Christmas poem by Coatsworth, one of America's foremost children's poets, to create a most unusual version of the Nativity. Haunting and evocative, this is the story of the first Christmas told from the perspective of the wise men's camels as they follow the star across the desert to Bethlehem. Elegant, exotic in words and pictures, this is a Christmas book to ponder and treasure. Call Buttonwood at 383-2665 to reserve your copy.

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Cohasset woman's art takes a new direction

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Local craftswoman Ro Fitzpatrick has a treasure chest in her studio that is curiously unlike most others. Unlike most who keep a treasure chest, Fitzpatrick has shelved the valuables on the outside, not the inside of the box.

The valuables here are her paintings of flowers and topiaries, in the Bavarian folk art style that has been dubbed Bauernmalerei. The style features flowers arranged in meticulous formal patterns of intersecting triangles and represents a new direction for the Cohasset woman who has previously won recognition as a decorative painter of porcelain.

Fitzpatrick's longstanding venture is Ro-Berries, which produces hand-painted blueberry and cranberry china. The business is a team effort with husband Butch who does the casting and the firing in two kilns, burning the porcelain and the glaze to full maturity. The result is dishwasher, oven and microwave-proof creations that range from delicate creamers and pitchers with tiny stems to rugged old-fashioned cookie jars. Moreover, all the work is done in a studio converted from a barn and guarded by a cat named "Miss Lucie."

In the studio Fitzpatrick is able to work on 300 pieces of clay at a time with the pieces set up on a track —basically two tables arranged galley style. Bottles of colorful paints in baby pink and burgundy are bundled in racks around the worktable. Above it are shelves upon shelves of unfinished wood pieces, slated for the future Bauernmalerei creations.

"I look up at the wood while I'm working and decide what I want to put on it," she allowed.

The finished items are sold at two nearby outlets —Cape Cod Crafters in Hyannis (508) 775-1069 and Painted Daisies in East Sandwich (508) 375-0713.

Fitzpatrick, who previously operated the Cohasset Clay House in the village, was originally a teacher who started painting on porcelain in 1974 and then worked almost 10 years before she attempted to sell her work at the major crafts shows. A show at the Hartford Civic Center was her first, and Fitzpatrick lost some sleep over the fear she might be throwing money away foolishly when she found out the rent on a little booth at the exposition cost several hundred dollars.

"I worried people wouldn't even look at my stuff," she said.

As it turned out, however, her cares were needless.

"We were busy all weekend," she said. "We knew we were on our way then."

Today, she is proud she did things the right way, though success took years of hard work and putting in some 16 hour days. Ro-Berries is now considered a collectible. Moreover, the number of people on the mailing list has climbed above 2,000.



Ro Fitzpatrick looks over one of her hand-painted creations.
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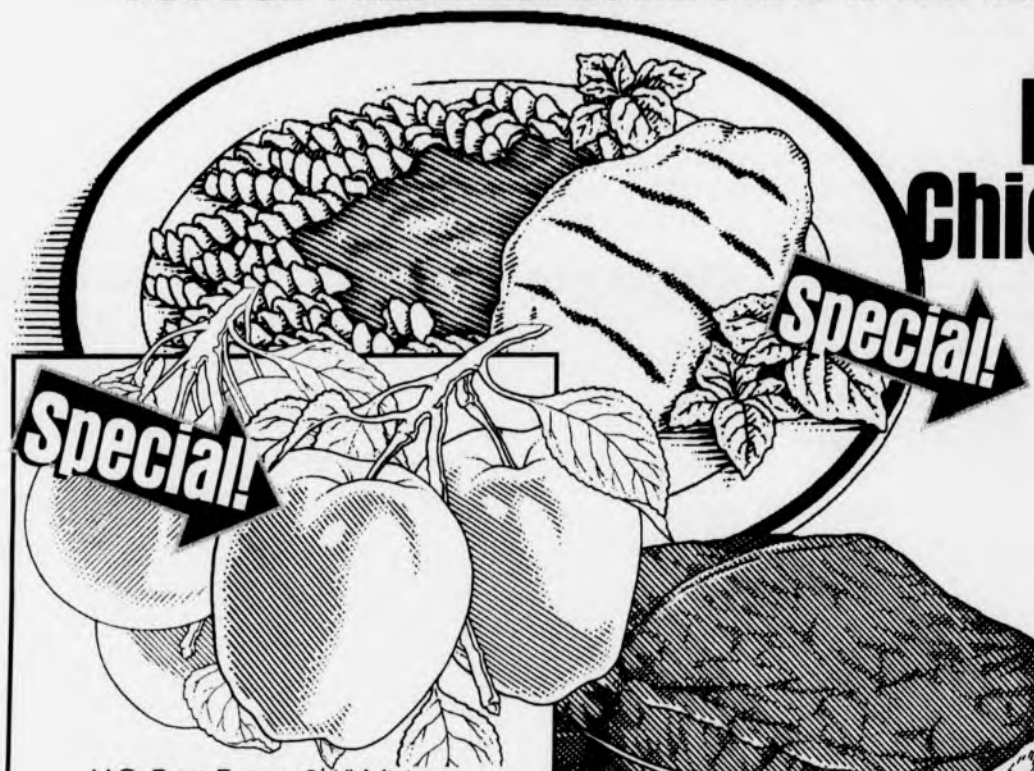
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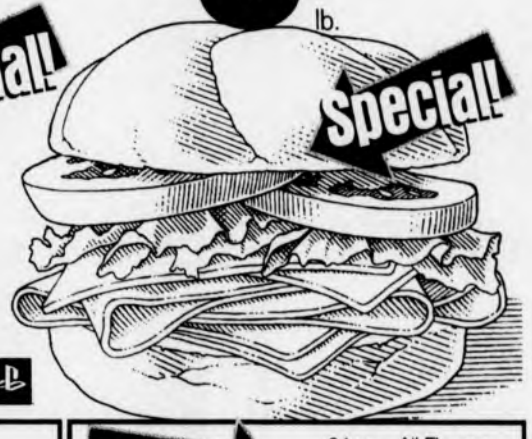
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Cohasset library story hour

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New investment service at library

Beginning this month, "Value Line Investment Survey Expanded Edition" is available at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This service reports on 1,800 additional stocks, beyond the 1,700 stocks covered in the basic Value Line Investment Survey, also available at the library. These two services publish each week, giving summaries, ratings and various "screens" on a group of stocks. These two services are paid for by the Mercie Vinal Nichols Fund, a library trust fund.

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- A selection of magazines (current issue may be borrowed for one day, back issues for a week) including: Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine, Money Magazine, Mutual Funds Magazine, Fortune and Worth.

Brooks Kelly exhibit at library

Award-winning South Shore artist Brooks Kelly currently has on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library a selection of his paintings, in cooperation with the South Shore Art Center.

A native of this area, Kelly was educated in Plymouth and Barnstable public schools. He attended Carnegie Institute of Technology, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design.

His exhibit of acrylic paintings at the Cohasset Library will continue through Dec. 31. All of the artwork is for sale.

Teen helps uncover remains of Tyrannosaur

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Instead of backpacking through Europe or taking a Mediterranean cruise over the summer, lifelong Cohasset resident Robert Morgan III embarked on an adventure through the ages to prehistoric times.

Morgan, a sixteen-year-old junior at Boston College High School, traveled to Fort Peck, Montana, last summer to crawl around in the dirt eight hours a day, six days a week in 100-degree, unshaded temperatures.

> ***"It was like everything I've read about science, only I finally got to do it myself."***
> – ROBERT MORGAN.

But this was no ordinary dirt. The two excavation sites Morgan worked on with a team of paleontologists once served as the stomping grounds for some of the largest reptiles to ever roam the earth.

"It was hard work, but it pays off. You find some really exciting things," Morgan said of delving into and exploring the Mesozoic (225 to 65 million years ago — the age of the dinosaurs) layer of the earth.

The excitement level grew as the dig continued and the claw and pelvis of a Tyrannosaurus turned up — the largest to be discovered in North America.

"The most exciting thing was finding the bones and seeing what no person in millions of years had seen," he recalled. "And we were the first ones to see it."

After scouting out the hillsides — undisturbed by human beings — they found bone fragments protruding from the dirt.

Using shovels, brushes and pick-like tools called awls, Morgan and the crew of about a dozen - including scientists, teachers and two college students — surveyed the two sites, uncovered fossils, encased the specimens in protective plaster casts and transported them to the lab for further study.

On the days when he worked in the lab, Morgan cleaned and reconstructed bones with clay and putty.

"It was like everything I've read about science, only I finally got to do it myself," he said.

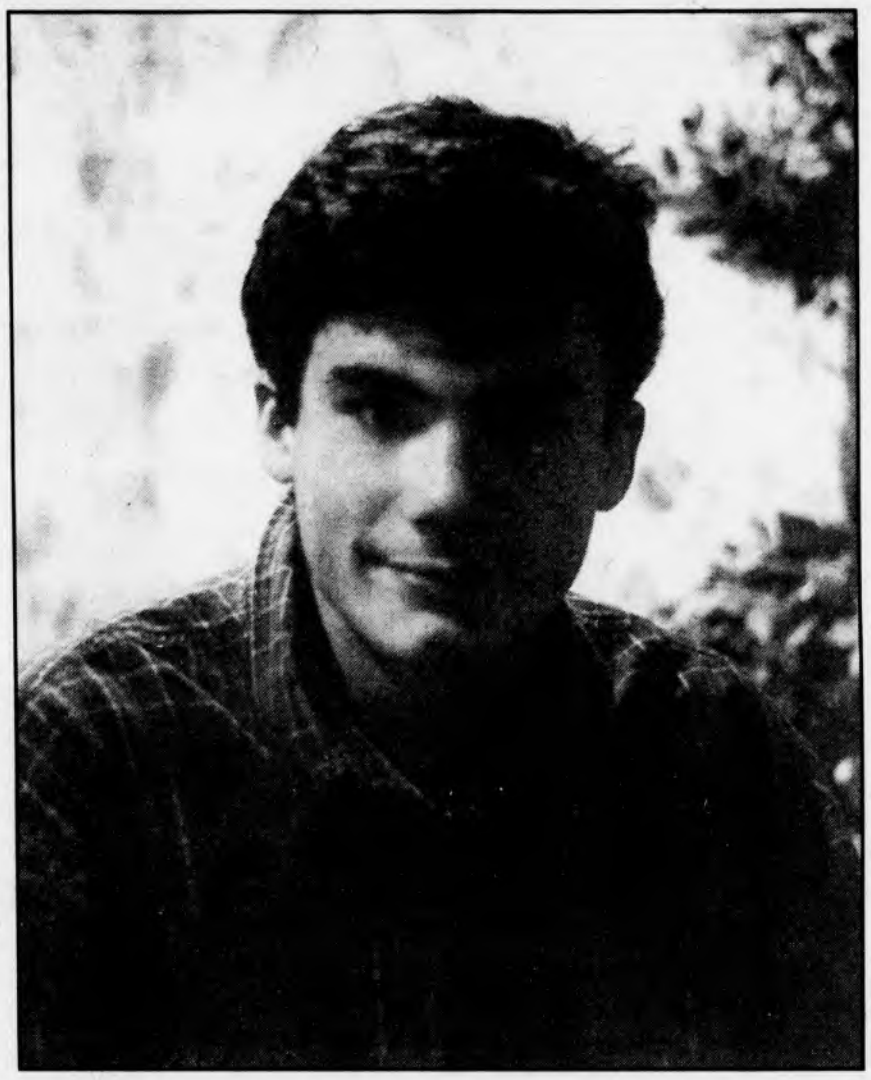
Morgan, a member of the cross country and wrestling teams at his school, could have spent the $1,600 he raised for the trip from June 29 to July 11 countless other ways. But participating in a paleontological excavation had always appealed to him, he said.

"I've always been interested in that," he said. "Now I have a better understanding of how a scientific excavation works. I'm glad I did it."

A teacher at his school introduced him to the Earthwatch Institute, a Watertown-based science group under the direction of Notre Dame Paleontologist Keith Rigby. He worked as a dishwasher at Anastos' Corner in Hull to be able to afford the trip.

After Morgan left, other crews uncovered and identified what they believe comprises about 90 percent of the Tyrannosaur's skeleton - but not with 100 percent ease.

Thefts of artifacts and damage to the sites hindered the excavation somewhat. Earthwatch had to call in the FBI to relocate the stolen government property and guard the sites from further vandalism and burglary.



Robert Morgan, 16, of Cohasset helped uncover the remains of a dinosaur last summer in Montana.

Jen Horan photo

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POLICE LOG

Friday, Nov. 28
7:34 a.m., vandalism, Joy Place.
9:36 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
11:47 a.m., medical aid, Church St.
11:48 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
1:38 p.m., suspicious person, Spring St.
4:33 p.m., assist citizen, Beechwood St.
4:40 p.m., info, directions, HQ.
6:07 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:06 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
7:52 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:05 p.m., transport, N. Main St.
8:07 p.m., officer wanted, Joy Place.
8:35 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
8:49 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.
9:01 p.m., medical aid, Brewster Rd.
9:10 p.m., general services, Bewechwood St., 16-year-old juvenile in protective custody.
9:17 p.m.., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
9:49 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
10:31 p.m., burglary, breaking & entering, Pine Ridge Rd.
11:47 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.

Saturday, Nov. 29
12:16 a.m., general services, Highland Ave.
3:28 a.m., officer wanted, Bancroft Rd.
11:34 a.m., general services, Government Island.
12:28 p.m., medical aid, Cedar St.
2:05 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
5:18 p.m., info, general, King St.
7:25 p.m., disturbance family, Beech wood St.
9:05 p.m., MV stop, Route 3A/Pond St.
11:14 p.m., MV stop, Route 3A/Pond St.

Sunday, Nov. 30
12:22 a.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
3:27 a.m., fire, structure, Atlantic House Court.
3:50 a.m., fire, structure, Atlantic House Court.
7:10a .m., property (found), Atlantic Ave.
9:53 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.
10:10 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.
1:02 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
3:21 p.m., animal complaint, Locust Rd.
5:59 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
8:57 p.m., info, general, Rust Way.

Monday, Dec. 1
12:10 a.m., suspicious person, Route 3A north of Beechwood.
12:32 a.m., suspicious (other), Margin St.
11:17 a.m., vandalism, Highland Ave.
11:42 a.m., MV stop, 3A by Beechwood St.
12:09 p.m., MV accident, 3A at Beech wood St.
1:16 p.m., larceny, Forest Notch.
8:05 p.m., suspicious (other), N. Main St.

Tuesday, Dec. 2
4:59 p.m., MV stop, Border St.
5:04 p.m., MV stop, King St.
5:41 p.m., suspicious person, Pine Ridge Rd.
9:02 p.m., burglary (B&E), White Head Rd.
9:31 p.m., general services, Highland Ave.

Wednesday, Dec. 3
6:35 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
7:11 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
7:33 a.m., B&E to an automobile, Grace Dr.
7:45 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
10:10 a.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.
10:56 a.m., assist other agency, Forest Ave.
11:07 a.m., message delivery, Pond St.
11:39 a.m., medical aid, Pond St.
12:52 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
1:02 p.m., B&E to an automobile, Hull St.
1:29 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
1:40 p.m., suspicious auto, Castle Rd.
2:15 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:27 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
2:39 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
5:04 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
5:17 p.m., parking violation, Ledgewood Dr.
5:33 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:53 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
7:19 p.m., investigation, HQ. Arrested: McDowell, Brandon L., 186 S. Main St., DOB: 9/21/80, charges: receiving stolen property over $250.
8:17 p.m., general services, S. Main St.

Thursday, Dec. 4
12:46 a.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
12:59 a.m., disabled auto, Atlantic Ave.
1:58 a.m., general services, Arrowood Road.
6:53 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Rd.
7:21 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
12:14 p.m., officer wanted, Border St.
12:39 p.m., parking violation, Border St.
2:32 p.m., MV violations, Border St.
3:10 p.m., general services, Beechwood St.
3:50 p.m., assist citizen, HQ.
5:36 p.m., assist citizen, S. Main St.
5:46 p.m., medical aid, Black Rock Road.
6:06 p.m., officer wanted, Brook St.
7:20 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
8:29 p.m., property (recovered), HQ.
8:41 p.m., fire, structure, Surry Dr.
10:47 p.m., assist citizen, Elm St.
1:34 a.m., general services, Sandy Beach.

Friday, Dec. 5
5:14 a.m., medical aid, Ledgewood Dr.
5:37 a.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
6:05 a.m., medical aid, King St.
10:22 a.m., general services, Beechwood St.
10:35 a.m., medical aid, Tilden Rd.
11:15 a.m., MV accident, First Parish Rd.
3:09 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
4:33 p.m., MV stop, King St.
4:48 p.m., general services, Jerusalem Rd. before Red Gate Lane.
4:55 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.
6:03 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.
7:21 p.m. MV stop, Beechwood by Ball Park .

Arrested: Jason, Robert A., 31 Rockland House Road, Hull; DOB: 11/5/60; charges: illegal possession of a Class B substance, subsequent offense; possession of a Class B substance (cocaine) with intent to distribute; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws; trafficking in cocaine.

Arrested: Harris Kathleen E., 843 Nantasket Ave. #11, Hull; DOB: 5/22/75; charges: illegal possession of a Class B substance; possession of a Class B substance (cocaine) with intent to distribute; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws; trafficking in cocaine.

11:49 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

Police make drug bust

A three-month long investigation paid off last week, when police arrested two Hull residents on drug charges.

Police have charged Robert A. Jason, 37, and Kathleen Harris, 22, with four counts each of drug violations including possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. They were arraigned on the charges Monday.

Police Officer Gregory Lennon, the lead investigating officer, said police found 24 bags or about 17.3 grams of cocaine in the 1996 Toyota pickup after stopping Jason and Harris at about 7:20 p.m., last Friday on Beechwood Street near the ballpark. The cocaine had a street value of about $1450.

Lennon said the drug bust followed a joint investigation among Cohasset Police, the South Shore Drug Task Force out of Weymouth, the Community Drug Action Response Team (CDART) of the Norfolk County District Attorney's office and the state police.

Also assisting were Cohasset Officers William Quigley, Jeffrey Treanor, Thomas DaSilva and Sgt. John Conte.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said the arrest should send a message.

"If you're dealing drugs in Cohasset, sooner or later you'll hear from us," he said.

Ferocious cat corners baby-sitter

Civilian dispatcher David Weeks said he had one of the more unusual 911 calls last week.

He said an adult baby-sitter called to report she was cornered by the family's extremely agitated cat.

"The lady called to say she was being held in an upstairs bedroom by a ferocious cat outside the door," Weeks said.

"I could hear the cat in the background," he said.

Weeks said officers Jeffrey Treanor and Thomas DaSilva responded to the scene. The cat tore up Treanor's boots but the officers were able to secure it in a back room and reunite the children with the baby-sitter.

The next day the cat's owner came into the station with scones and cookies and offered to pay for Treanor's boots, Weeks said.

Apparently the cat didn't like strangers and was trying to be protective.

"He was angry and protective and was behaving more like a dog," Weeks said.

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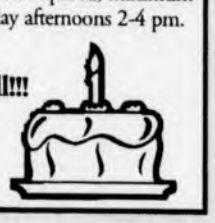
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Police log ten arrests last month

Police Chief Brian Noonan said November was a relatively quiet month for the department.

"During the month there were ten arrests," Noonan said in his monthly status report. "Six were for outstanding warrants, three for operating under the influence of liquor, and one for protective custody."

During November, there was one incidence of breaking and entering reported at a residence.

The Cohasset Emergency Dispatch Center received 92, 911 calls last month.

Noonan said he was pleased with progress on the design of the Beechwood/Route 3A intersection.

"In October, I wrote a letter to Mr. Thomas Broderick, chief engineer for Mass Highway where I cited a number of concerns I had with the redesign of the Route 3A and Beechwood Street intersection. On Nov. 28, I received his reply and am pleased to say he has agreed to implement many of the changes we have suggested," Noonan said.

He said he met with the Drug & Alcohol Committee on Nov. 12 and explained some new department programs to combat the use of drugs and alcohol.

He said Officer Clifton Jones represented the police at the Traffic Committee Meeting, Nov. 20.

The chief said he is supportive of the traffic committee's efforts to rewrite the town's Traffic Rules and Orders which were originally drafted in 1946.

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Hagerty parking lot plans unveiled for selectmen

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

In a year or so, the town could have a new gravel parking lot at the Hagerty Property off Parker Avenue.

That's what engineer John Modzelewski, consultant for the project, told selectmen this week.

He will refine the drainage and grading plans by the first of the year and start the permit process which can take a year or more.

Permits are required by the Army Corps of Engineers and a variance is needed from the Zoning Board of Appeals because work will be done below the high tide level. A state waterways permit is also necessary, Modzelewski said.

The parking lot, which will be raised about two feet above its current level, will consist of 1-1/2 inches of crushed stone rolled into gravel for a relatively hard surface.

Plans are for 28 spaces including seven long spaces for cars with boat trailers. Rip-rap will be added along the water and a grassy area between the parking lot and the rip-rap will eventually include picnic tables. Plans also include a new dock next to the boat ramp and a walkway over to Government Island.

Selectmen asked the Hagerty Property Committee for an update on its progress this week on plans for a passive recreational park and parking area for the 2.2 acre site which the town bought 4-1/2 years ago.

Modzelewski explained the parking lot, which will be raised about two feet above its current level, will consist of 1-1/2 inches of crushed stone rolled into gravel for a relatively hard surface.

The grassy area between the parking lot and the water will vary from eight to 20 feet wide.

Estimates for the work are from $150,000 to $200,000. Modzelewski. said some of the items could be optional which would bring the price down.

Selectmen thought there might be federal or state grants available but were concerned that accepting grant money might mean the town has to open up the boat ramp to non-residents.

Hagerty Property Committee member Veneta Roebuck told town meeting in October that the committee, which as dwindled from 15 to about eight memb[illegible] has held 125 meetings in the four years. She explained group had to deal with demolis[illegible] ing the factory buildings, finding a use for the old boat house and trying to grapple with the Hagerty house, which at one time they considered leasing out or moving across Parker Avenue to a private marina.

Plans are now for the Hagerty House to be leased for use as a Lobster Lab, a marine educational center.

Before the town bought the site, the Hagerty property was home to Cohasset Colonials, a furniture kit manufacturing company, which is now located on Beal Street in Hingham.

Dean Morrissey at Christopher Gallery

The Christopher Gallery will host a personal appearance by artist and author Dean Morrissey Dec. 13. Dean Morrissey will be at the gallery for a book signing and drawing demonstration from noon to 2 p.m. to celebrate the release of his new book "The Great Kettles — A Tale of Time."

There will be an open house and reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

The young and the young at heart will be enchanted by the luminous artwork of Dean Morrissey, whose style is reminiscent of the old masters. Art collectors are always fascinated by his unique ability to transform common objects into radiant images that seem to glow from within his resplendent paintings and the unlimited possibilities they suggest appeal to the child in everyone.

A native of Boston, Morrissey lives on the South Shore with his wife and young son. He has worked as an award-winning illustrator for more than a decade, creating book covers to portray the stories of others. As evidenced by the incredible detail in his dazzling paintings, he is a master storyteller himself. Morrissey created both the original art and story for his critically acclaimed first book, and best-selling children's classic, "Ship of Dreams," published by Harry N. Abrams. His new book, "The Great Kettles — A Tale of Time," traces the continuing adventures of little Joey, the fictional hero of his tale.

For more information and to reserve your personalized copy of either book, call the Christopher Gallery at (800) 383-1801.

Winter walk in the wilderness

A winter walk in the Hingham/Cohasset wilderness Saturday morning, Dec. 13, will be led by Phil Swanson and Katherine Morrison of the Hingham Land Conservation Trust. All wishing to attend should meet at the summit of Turkey Hill at 10 a.m.



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Health board eyes smokeless town

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The government clamp down against cigarette smoking picked up more steam at the local health board meeting Tuesday. This time, the target was restaurants and lounges, and this newest no-smoking proposal from the Tobacco Control Program turned out to be unexpectedly strict.

If town meeting voters go along with the proposed changes, the community stands to become the first on the South Shore to uphold a total smoking ban in eateries and lounges.

That could mean as soon as this spring, smokers who light up over dinner or drinks here could be taking heat from authorities.

Nonetheless, even though health board members decided to go ahead with the harsh wording and the total ban, pending a review by the town's lawyer, they did leave open the possibility the amended bylaw could be watered down significantly. That could include exemptions from the no-smoking regulations for lounges and bars.

"If you want to allow smoking in the bars, you should do two things," said health agent Joseph Godzik, citing the need for a separation between the bar

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Stores look to future

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

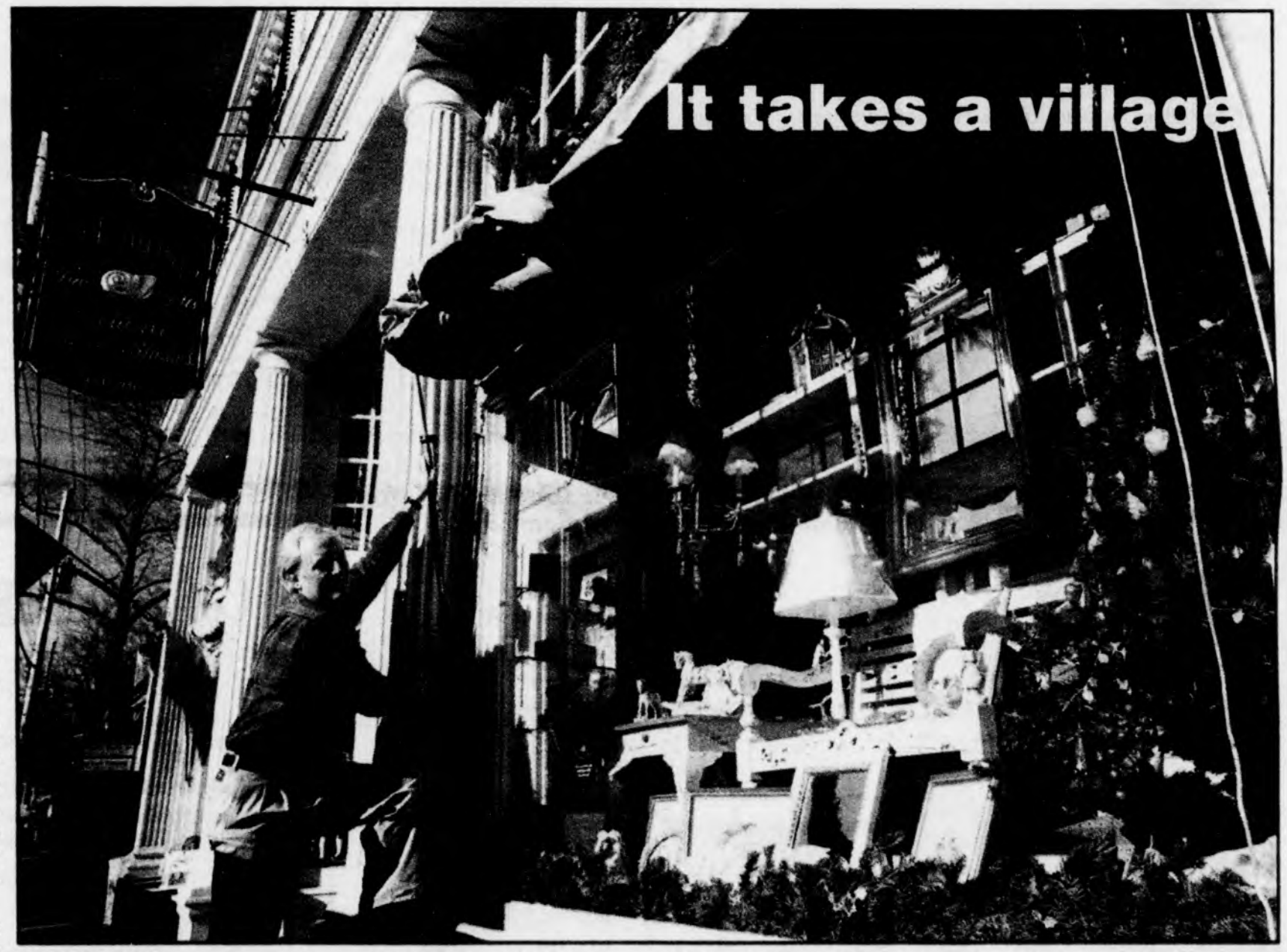
Business is good in Cohasset Village these days.

The owners of The Silver Spoon restaurant want to expand, but cannot find a suitable space in the Village. The Red Lion Inn is under new management with plans to finally re-open sometime between next spring and next June. And voters at the fall special town meeting appropriated $10,000 in seed money to construct a new sidewalk in front of St. Stephen's Church.

Some say the Village looks good in the present day, and its future is bright. But there remains much to be done to make sure the good times remain. Business leaders are optimistic that the town will finally step in and help revitalize the Village.

"In talking with merchants here and there in the Village, folks seem to be pretty happy although

MERCHANTS, PAGE 6



Frank Smith lowers the awning at Fleming's on Elm Street, one of many village businesses that are dressed up for the holidays and upbeat about the future.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Student of English architecture puts talent to work

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

When the Osgood students and teachers move into new quarters next September, students will enjoy school in a brand new building that has gone up under the painstaking supervision of a man who previously has built numerous schools in England.

It might be said Simon Tempest is uniquely qualified to build a school.

On the construction dig at the Cohasset Elementary School, Tempest acts as the surrogate eyes and ears of town officials.

But Tempest, who's officially been dubbed the project representative here, takes on a bit more responsibility than the ordinary clerk of the works. In fact, unlike other site supervisors, he is also an architect who has built schools before.

Schools in England, that is.

Though American born, Tempest grew up in Great Britain, with the steeples of Oxford University towering over his childhood home. Practically every day of his boyhood, he walked over cobblestone streets and little stone bridges where poets and statesmen traveled before him. Later, studying architecture in London, amid the brilliant churches and public buildings constructed in the 17th Century by Christopher Wren, Tempest also spent some of his student days living in Mayfair — the section of the city noted for its Georgian architecture and white Portland

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COHASSET WEEK

Nomination papers available soon

Nomination papers for the annual town election April 4 will be available Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the town clerk's office. In order to hold an elected office you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available:

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Wednesday, March 18, is the last day to register for the annual town meeting and the annual town election. Registration forms are available at the town clerk's office, the Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before the deadline.

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Ambulance billing update

The fire department billed for 29 ambulance transports last month for a total amount due of $10,725.27. During the same period the town collected $8,271.43 for ambulance service, although some of that amount may be applied to prior month's bills.

So far this fiscal year, which started July 1, the town is due $55,701.44 for ambulance service and has collected $44,505.66, some of which may apply to bills from prior fiscal years.

Bumper pads sought for floats

Hamilton Tewksbury of the Government Island Study Committee has suggested the sailing club install "bumpers" between their floats and the old "oil house," a small brick building, on Government Island.

Tewksbury said the sailing club has placed floats on three sides of the historic oil house and tied them together so when the tide is high, they float and bump the three sides of the structure.

"It's possible to cause damage to the brick walls of the oil house," he said.

Haddad sent a copy of Tewksbury's letter to the harbormaster and asked him to respond.

Upcoming town government meetings are noted

The following meetings have been posted at town hall:

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18, Jan. 8 & 22;

Drug & Alcohol Committee, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 14;

Osgood School Reuse Committee, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 13;

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., Jan. 13;

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18 in room 10 at the high school;

Traffic Study Committee, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18;

Water Commission, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18;

Zoning Board of Appeals, 8 p.m., Jan. 7.

All meetings are at town hall unless otherwise noted. For exact room locations check the bulletin board in the vestibule at town hall the day of the meeting.

Cohasset Council on Aging to receive grant

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, announced recently that the Executive Office of Elder Affairs will soon be mailing a grant award notice to the Cohasset Council on Aging. Preliminary figures for this grant award were released earlier this year, however, during the legislative process, funding was increased for the Councils on Aging. This increased has made available $3.70 per elder, with an available minimum of $2,000 regardless of community size.

Sen. Hedlund has worked to secure funding for the Councils on Aging in all eight towns within his district. The Cohasset Council on Aging will receive a grant in the amount of $5,002 for the purposes of employing a part-time Nutrition Site Manager, expanding outreach activities and producing a brochure and funding dues.

"The Cohasset Council on Aging is an important part of the community. This grant will do much to improve the services and resources of this organization," Hedlund said.

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Area code deadline reprieve on line

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Telephone users have been given another brief respite from making the transition to new area codes.

"The urgency has been pushed off a bit," said DPU Executive Director Timothy J. Shevlin Jr. "A lot of people were concerned about the timing, especially alarm companies and small retailers who thought the change could cause a loss of business over the holidays."

On Nov. 20, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) decided to extend the permissive dialing period for an additional month, from Dec. 31 to Feb. 1, 1998. (Initially, the permissive dialing period was due to expire Dec. 1.) That means customers can use either the new or old area code of the telephone number they are dialing and it will go through.

In September, two new area codes were assigned in eastern Massachusetts in response to the growing demand for communication services in the state.

"While changes are going on in the system, the urgency isn't so apparent to customers," Shevlin said.

The DPU mainly based its decision to move the transition date forward on the fact that alarm companies needed more time to accomplish the reprogramming of customers' equipment.

"These companies need to individually program alarm equipment in customers' homes (i.e., respirators), and they need a long lead time," Shevlin said.

The DPU considered the issue to be a public safety concern, because customer service representatives need to physically go into homes, while some companies can reprogram changes throughout their systems automatically.

The DPU is also allowing for optional 10- or 11-digit dialing for local calls between area codes so customers can continue dialing them as they have been doing in the past.

"These changes should make implementation of the new area codes friendlier and safer for consumers," said acting DPU chair Janet Gail Besser.

There will be a two-month transition period from Feb. 1-April 1 during which Bell Atlantic will phase in mandatory dialing. That will be followed by a one-month mandatory dialing/announcement period from April 1-May 1.

During that time, Bell Atlantic will phase in mandatory dialing, but some communities will be transitioned earlier than others.

During that period, consumers should use the new area codes to complete calls. If they fail to do so, an announcement will instruct them to do that. The announcement period has been shortened by one month from the earlier plan. In an effort to compensate for this change, the DPU is requiring Bell Atlantic to expand its consumer education efforts.

> ***"Expanded education should make this transition process as easy as any major change can possibly be."***
> —DPU CHAIR JANET GAIL BESSER.

"Abiding by the Feb. 1 date is recommended, because customers could be caught short if they aren't aware of when their individual community will be changed over to the new mandatory period," Shevlin said.

Bell Atlantic was require to submit its expanded plan to the DPU by Dec. 5 for approval. The education initiative will be implemented by Bell Atlantic from Jan. 1-May 1.

"Expanded education should make this transition process as easy as any major change can possibly be," Besser said.

Also beginning Feb. 1, the DPU ordered Bell Atlantic to allow consumers to dial local calls between area codes using either 10 or 11 digits. Consumers have used 11-digit dialing for these calls for the past four years, but in September, the DPU initially required a new 10-digit dialing method for those calls.

The DPU reversed its decision in an effort to alleviate confusion among consumers due to the introduction of the new 10-digit dialing pattern at the same time they would be adjusting to the new area codes.

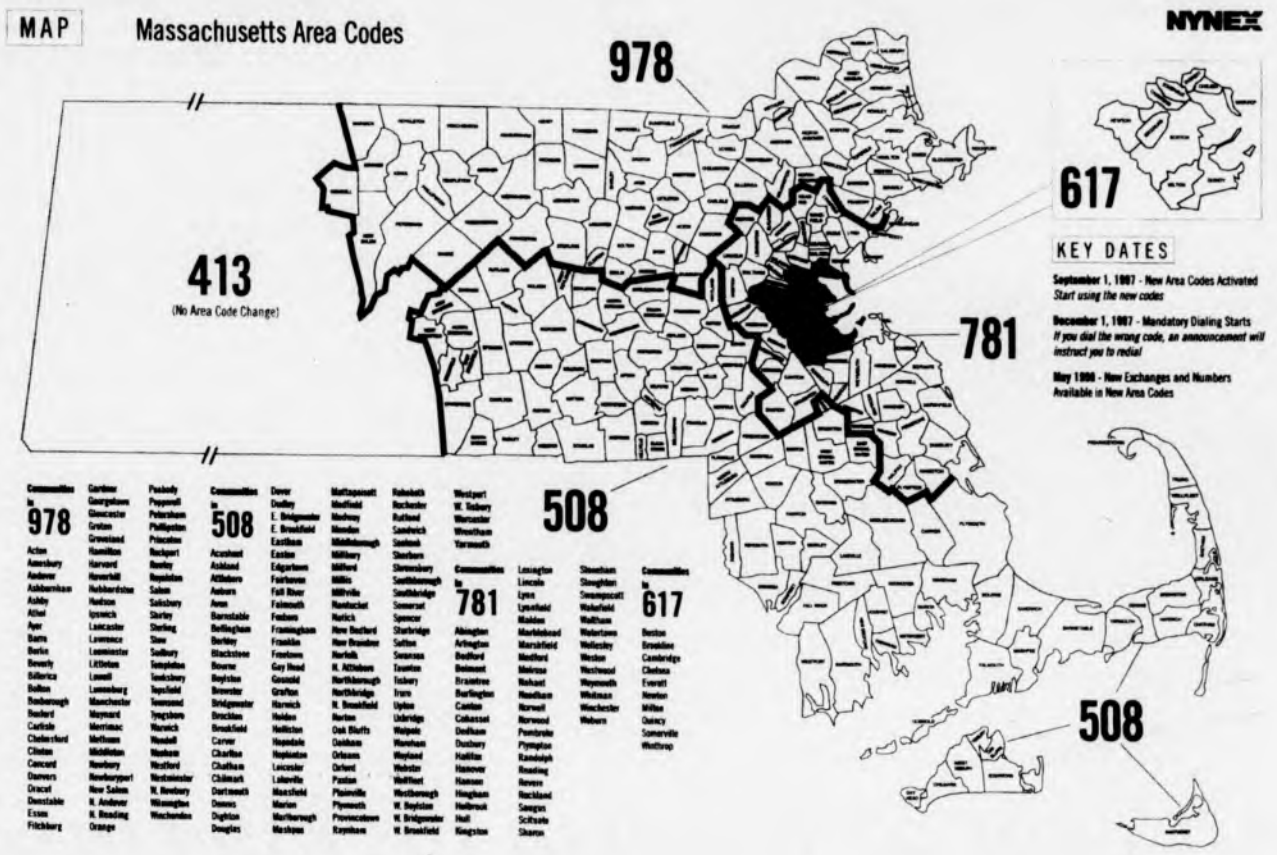
That means customers can dial a number either with or without a "1" and the call will go through whether or not the "1" is needed.

However, if a customer doesn't dial the mandatory toll indicator of "1" when it is required, the call won't go through with the 10 digits (area code and 7-digit phone number). A recording will come on and the caller will be requested to dial the number again using a "1."

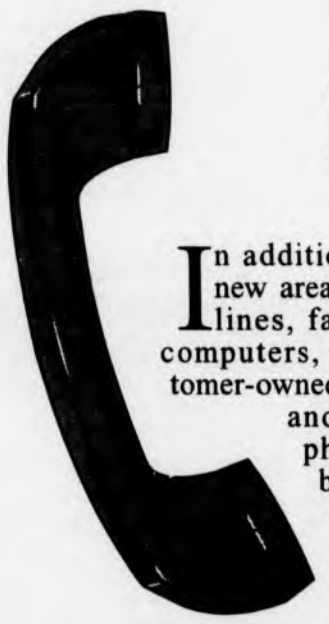
According to Shevlin, the DPU has determined a "1" should be required for a toll call.

"We want customers to be sensitized to the fact that they are making a toll call and the meter is running," said Shevlin.

For further information, consumers may call NYNEX at 1 (800) 203-7967.



Don't get hung up with new area code changes



In addition to dialing new area codes, voice lines, fax machines, computers, pagers, customer-owned pay phones, and cellular phones should be adjusted according to the new telephone exchanges where necessary. Friends and business associates should also be notified, and Medical alert and PBX systems should be adjusted.

Bell Atlantic offers the following information:

¥ For local calls within the same area code, dial the 7-digit telephone number;

¥ For local calls to a different area code, dial the area code plus the 7-digit telephone number (it is not necessary to dial a "1" when making local calls to another area code);

¥ For calls to anywhere outside the local calling area, dial 1 plus the area code plus the 7-digit telephone number;

¥ The new area codes do not affect rates or local calling areas Ñ a local call is still a local call and a toll call is still a toll call; and

¥ Cities and towns in the (413) area remain unchanged.

South Shore communities whose area code has been switched from (617) to (781) include:

Abington, Braintree, Canton, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Randolph, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

In all, about half the customers in Eastern Massachusetts will change the area code portion of their phone numbers as a result of the recent change in area codes.

Bell Atlantic recommends companies announce/publish their new area code through recorded messages, classified advertising, Internet sites, signage and other promotional materials.

Stationery, business cards, invoices, purchase orders, brochures, catalogues, promotional materials, checks, company directories, labels, product packaging and internal records should also be changed to include the new area codes.

Brendon Potter, owner of Potter Insurance Agency on Downer Avenue in Hingham, said his company hasn't done "anything major" yet.

"We've kind of let it slide because (the DPU) keeps amending the deadline when customers will be required to use the new area code," he said.

The timing has been an issue.

"We want to be sure the deadline has been finalized before throwing out our old stationary and changing our address stamps," Potter said. "We want to be sure the new system is up and running first."

Many people are still confused about how to dial and find themselves redialing frequently.

"I expect to have a call go through on the second or third try," Potter said. "The big thing in talking to people is they don't know what number or area code to dial anymore."

Linda Bourbeau, office manager for Alexander Mortgage Corporation in Hingham said the transition has been easy in some ways, but not in others for her company.

"Some of the simple clerical duties such as changing the letterhead and area codes in the company's files have been easy," she said.

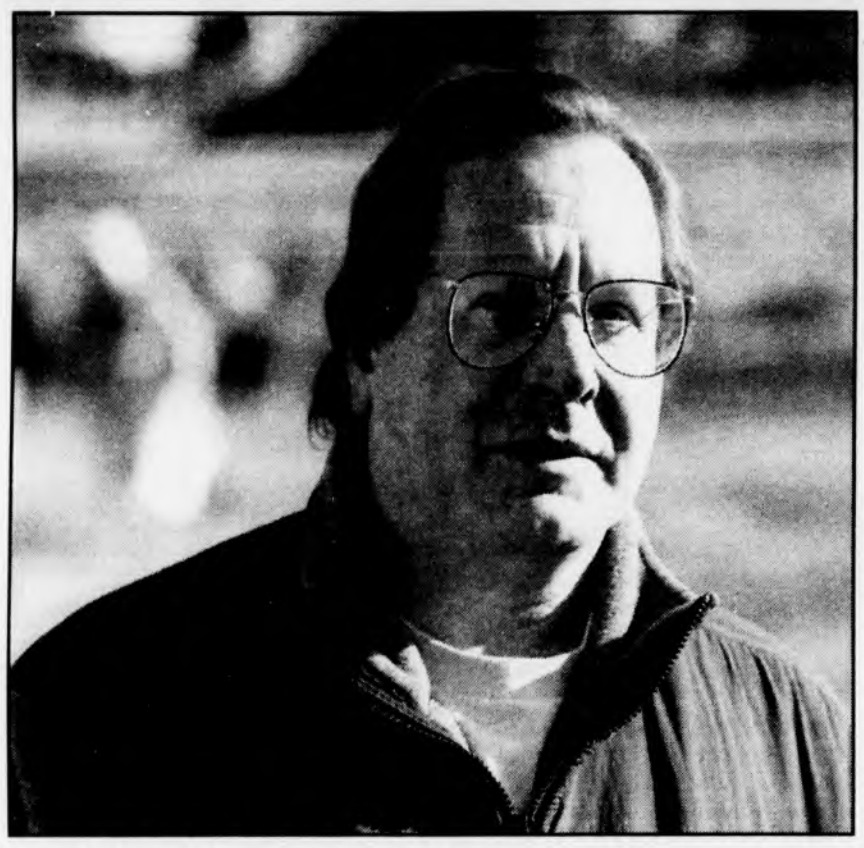
However, in dealing with companies in other states, such as Georgia and Virginia, for example, the issue becomes more complex.

"We've given people in other states our new area code, but they can't reach us. They just keep getting a fast busy signal," said Bourbeau. "We give clients the company's new area code, but we notify them it might not work. That way they can reach us by dialing the old one."

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Customers should still dial "911" to reach emergency services.

More information is available at the Bell Atlantic web site at www.nynex.com/areacode. Bell Atlantic has already sent out mailings with the new area codes listed.



Simon Tempest, who is clerk of the works for the project, at the site where the new school is being constructed.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Tempest, new school project score good marks

By Margo Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Having architect Simon Tempest handle the duties of the clerk of the works has so far worked out successfully, according to schools superintendent Stephen Hart.

"We've been very pleased with his work," the superintendent said. "He's very committed to the project."

Construction, Tempest said, is on the "fast track" with a completion date slated for July, with the punch lists, the paving and the curbing to be finished up by mid-August. It's an ambitious project, but along with the practical benefits of having an extra architect on site, Tempest provides an extra dividend due to his insights about the overall design of the school building.

"A lot of architects want a building to be a statement," he said. "I suppose it should be a statement that education is paramount."

Nonetheless, Tempest said the new school mostly reflects Cohasset.

"It's a very simple building, a straight forward building with very good material and it fits in the local vernacular," he said.

Ironically, the new school has been designed to look smaller than it really is with the roof somewhat concealed under a series of small pitched slopes built off projections over the teachers' rooms and above the roof line. The slopes are something of a compromise. Tempest said it wasn't practical to put a pitched roof on such a big building. (The school is actually two stories high in the front but only one level in the back to look like a natural part of the surrounding scene.)

To break up the bulk, the architect called for wide overhanging eaves to create a shadow line over the building, he said.

The exterior is red brick with a band of cream brick also to break up the mass.

"It's a pretty good design," he said and suggested the simple exterior combined with an exciting interior layout and use of color is the best way to do a school to create an exciting classroom. The colors call for pale pastels and "really bright banners" made from a material like the rugged silk used in parachutes.

One room other schools might not have is called the Roman forum. It is a stepped area that leads from the entrance to the second floor area under the skylight, he said.

"The forum is lined with wood paneling," Tempest said, noting it might be used as a place for puppet shows or storytelling. It is next to the library on the second floor, a spacious room with a nice layout featuring radial book stacks.

The school was designed by Boston architect Earl Flansberg. The project architect is William Warren, and the project manager is Sid Bowen.

But Tempest is basically the eyes and ears of the town, seeing that the work is performed correctly and inspecting the quality of the materials.

Student of English architecture puts talent to work

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stone-faced houses banked with window boxes flowing over with flowers.

That all turned out to be good training for his current role in Cohasset. Moreover, once he came to work in America, Tempest found while his English upbringing had given him a somewhat distinct point of view on the issues of town planning and the construction of municipal buildings, it was a point of view very compatible with Cohasset,

Tempest believes cities and towns should be designed like Cohasset —on a human scale, as is also the case in London.

"It's hard to build in England," Tempest said, citing strict planning laws and numerous design reviews. Though not against development altogether, the architect thinks communities benefit by cracking down on new construction projects.

"In England there are very strong planning laws," he said. "You benefit from that."

Specifically, Tempest said new builders are required, through a process of numerous design reviews, to keep the new project consistent with the surrounding architecture — a level of consistency the architect called "building in the vernacular."

Though the laws here are not yet tough enough, Tempest sees towns like Cohasset moving in the right direction.

"We build all of these horrible shopping malls," he said. "But people really want something like Cohasset. It's the mainstream America which I love."

Tempest said though there is a trend to design more buildings on a human scale (such as Seaside on the Florida West Coast and a Disney venture) people in Cohasset have some of the best in American architecture already.

"It's pretty nice here," he said about the quality of the architecture.

Tempest said his dream project would be his own house.

"I just want something very simple," he said. "Actually, it is already designed. It's a large space with lots of books, big fireplaces and it's functional."

But Tempest acknowledged he is slightly baffled Americans want to build in a particular style.

"In England, we already have that," he said.



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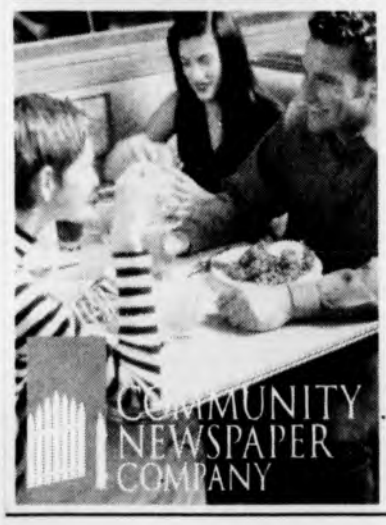


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Committee to tackle youth center concept

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A new youth center, including activities for teenagers, could fall under the auspices of the recreation director.

Selectmen agreed this week to set up a committee consisting of four students and four adults, with recreation director Jack Worley as the coordinator, to examine the possibilty of establishing a youth center.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact the selectmen's office by Jan. 5.

Adding $15,000 to $20,000 to the recreation budget to hire an assistant for Worley was also put on the table.

The idea for the committee sprung from selectmen's view that there are too many groups in town operating separately.

The exisiting Teen Center, proposed teen center in the former DPW garage, and plans for a skateboard park are examples, they said.

"They are all good ideas," Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said. "But they are all tapping fund-raising resouces which are being tapped out."

The current teen center, which is staffed with a part-time director and attracts only about 10 young teens one night on the weekend, costs $800 to $1,000 to operate including insurance costs. Board members of Cohasset Youth Resources, Inc., which runs the teen center, said they would like to consider turning the center over to the town.

Selectmen would like the see the DPW garage turned into a teen center for both junior high and high school kids.

Anthony Bramblett, a high school student who provided the impetus behind the garage proposal, was at first very reluctant to join forces.

"We're really ready to move forward and to tie it up in all this bureaucracy really halts the momentum here," he said.

Sullivan said getting the town involved might actually create momentum for the project.

Joseph McElroy of Windy Hill Road suggested enough money be budgeted in the next fiscal year for an assistant to Worley.

Worley was enthusiastic about the youth center concept but cautious about the new duties it would require.

"From an administrative point of view, yes certainly I could do it," he said. "But to micro-manage every little thing, no."

Hingham Police Officer Michael Peraino, who is that town's DARE officer, was on hand and described the Hingham recreation program for teens that is held after school from 3 to 6 p.m. and attracts 30 to 40 kids a day.

Selectmen asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to do an assessment on the Independence Building, which is currently used as the teen center, should the town decide to sell it.

Quonset huts septic plan accepted

There is good news about the Quonset huts at 432 South Main St. Long known as the ugliest buildings in Cohasset, they're are step closer to becoming history.

Tuesday, the plan to raze them and build five condos on the site cleared a hurdle at the health board when the majority of the panel accepted a condo system septic plan with minor conditions.

However, Chairwoman Alix White took a stand against the septic plan. Previously, White has questioned the move to construct a shared system without the reserve area that would be required on a new septic system construction. (This system was deemed an upgrade, due to the previous septic system for the huts.)

The owner of the huts is attorney Noel Collins. After the structures are demolished, Collins has plans to build five condo units in three buildings — one building with a single unit and two with two units. The homes will be New England style Colonials in the price range from $350,000 to $400,000.

Getting back to spiritual basics

The Task Force on Spirituality and Healing of the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset has scheduled their third workshop for the general public under the heading of "Pathways to Healing III." At their most recent gathering (Jan. 22), "Pathways to Healing II," Dr. Bruce Indek, a local chiropractor, presented a talk on "Universal Innate Healing Energies," helping us understand some of the basic inter-connections involved in natural and spiritual healing practices. Then, Charles Mangat-Ray ("Raj"), a local, retired yoga master, led through four specific yoga breathing techniques aimed at benefits in circulation, diet control and energy.

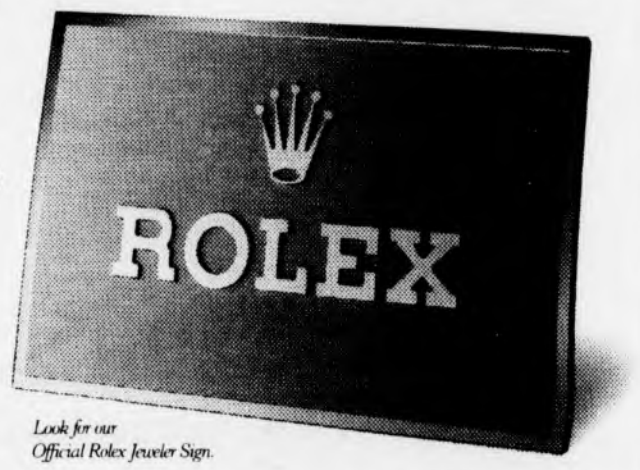
On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church (next to Cohasset Town Hall), the task force has invited John Loupos (of Jade Forest on Route 3A) to present his thoughts on the connection between the practice of Tai Chi and wellness. He will then spend the rest of the workshop introducing some of the attitudes and movements of Tai Chi.

Future workshops will feature area physical therapist and Reiki master Marcia Hood (March 19, 7:30 p.m.), author and artist Joan Drescher (April 9, 7:30 p.m.) who will share art as healing therapy; and a Healing Fair with four to six practitioners conducting simultaneous 30-minute demonstrations, is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. A 10-week course entitled "Eight Weeks to Wellness," based on Dr. Andrew Weil's book, "Spontaneous Healing," is planned for late April through June. The events are free and open to the public. Call 383-0345 for directions or further information.

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Merchants look to promising future

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there is still a lot of room for improvement," said Dean Rizzo of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. "The owners of Village Winery and Circa are pleasantly surprised with the Village. It's nice to see new businesses that bring a great presence to the Village."

Rizzo said the Village is looking much better now than a few years ago when empty storefronts seemed the rule rather than the exception. Now there are only one or two empty stores, and some businesses are even lamenting the lack of decent space.

"I would like to expand to accommodate a larger seating area," said Denise Bismore, owner of Silver Spoons Restaurant. "I had planned to expand into another Village location, but it didn't work out. Now I'm waiting for something else to open."

Bismore said business is very good and she could do even better with a larger seating area. Silver Spoons has outgrown both its seating area and kitchen space, Bismore said.

Bismore said the outlook for the Village is good, thanks in part to the efforts of the chamber of commerce. She cited the farmer's market as one of the chamber's initiatives that has attracted more business to the Village.

Still, Bismore thinks there is a lot more that could be done to improve the Village. She suggested the town try to attract a movie theater or more small shops to bring potential customers to the Village.

Frank Smith of Fleming's is also enjoying a booming business, thanks to a good holiday shopping season and a little specialization.

"It's been non-stop since Thanksgiving," Smith said.

Established in 1931, Fleming's has been in the Village for the past 15 years. Smith attributes his success to a silver re-plating business that attracts a lot of people from Boston and the suburbs.

"I saw the handwriting on the wall a few years ago," Smith said. The Village is a jewel, but it's not a visitors destination on the South Shore. I feel strongly that businesses can survive here, but they must be different somehow."

Room to Improve

Smith also sees a lot of room for improvement. He wishes the town would become active in decorating the Village for the holidays to make it more hospitable to foot traffic.

"Even some wreaths would be nice," Smith said.

Smith did have praise for plans by the town to develop a master plan to revitalize the Village in the future.

And other smaller events are adding to the optimistic outlook of Village merchants.

Rizzo said one of the key elements missing from the Village is more hotel rooms to attract tourists and visitors who spend money in town.

The Red Lion Inn is once again under new management committed to reopening the historic business as a rustic New England Inn.

Currently, the bar is open daily for drinks and a limited food menu.

New manager Joe Dooley said the Red Lion Inn will open no later than next June with expanded rooms, a larger staff, a modern kitchen and a full service restaurant.

"We get at least 10 calls a day from people asking us if we're going to re-open," Dooley said. "I've been letting people know we're going to do it right. In the past, it's been run like a rooming house instead of a hotel."

Rizzo said the addition of new hotel rooms to the Village is key to revitalizing the area.

"Certainly if there's going to be a revitalization, we need to bring in people from outside to make it work," Rizzo said. "Cohasset is a lot like the quaint, popular villages filled with bed and breakfasts and inns that are located all along the coast of Nova Scotia."

Merchants agree that more steps need to be taken to make the Village more attractive to consumers and visitors. Better parking, public toilet facilities, and improved sidewalks are some of the improvements needed to help the Village flourish.

"It's hard for merchants in a small town like Cohasset," Rizzo said. "Businesses need to hang in there and establish a following. But it's very difficult because they are drawing business from a very small population and the Village is not a thoroughfare."

Town needs to ante up

But these improvements can be done only by the town. And to improve the Village, the town is going to have to spend some money.

Town meeting voters decided to spend $10,000 commissioning an engineering study for the downtown sidewalk, making Cohasset eligible for a $125,000 state grant.

And Rizzo is optimistic about the new Cohasset Village Task Force created by selectmen Monday night.

"The town cares and is willing to help out," Rizzo said. "This is a nice example of a partnership between the town and the business community. If the town shows a commitment, the merchants will respond."

The task force will draw members from other town committees to examine issues related to the Village.

Members of the task force include selectmen Nan Roth and Ronnie McMorris, Jackie Dormitzer of the Village Renaissance Committee, Dean Rizzo and Jim Sandell of the Village Revitalization Committee, Josiah Stevenson of the design review board, and citizens-at-large Betsy Mallard and Timothy O' Brien.

Selectmen must still appoint a member from the historical commission. The planning board declined to appoint a representative to the task force.

The task force's first job will be to examine architects' proposals for the downtown sidewalk.

There are other reasons for optimism. The Village charrette conducted last year is laying the groundwork for a master plan of improvements to rebuild the Village.

The task force will also help the town apply for a grant to commission a study of the viability of linking the Village to the harbor.

"The task force needs definable and reasonable goals, effective leadership, and a common vision," Rizzo said. "Our hope is that we can transform the Village in as few as five to seven years with new sidewalks, improved road patterns, well-lit municipal parking and pedestrian walkways."

Rizzo said he hopes the task force can accomplish the formidable goal of putting Cohasset Village on the map and telling the world that it's here and ready for business.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-9900 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

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Osgood eyed for use as possible new library

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Just last week selectmen wondered what the options be forthcoming for the 70-year-old school due to close in June and planned to ask the Osgood School Reuse Committee for an update.

But Monday, part of their question was answered with one of the first public expressions of interest in the venerable old building. Osgood will shut its doors in June because next fall it is being replaced by a new elementary school which is now under construction behind the Deer Hill School.

The library has tentative interest in using a portion of Osgood, said library trustees chairman Patience Towle, who stressed any plans are very preliminary.

Specifically, she said the library is interested in possibly relocating to the 12,900 square foot original section of the school built in 1929 which has no interior load-bearing walls. A large, undivided open space is preferable in a library because it requires less staffing, Towle explained.

With only nine spaces, parking at the library is limited. Adding an addition to the Paul Pratt library would also be problematical. Towle said the library could not expand out the back or to either side. A room could be added to the third floor but then an elevator would be required taking up more needed space.

"We really can't add on," she said. "We've always tried to stay within the building. No one doesn't love it and think it does wonderful things as a library."

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library built in 1903 is 8,000 square feet and with the advent of computers is getting more cramped.

"Perhaps reference books will become obsolete in the 21st century," Towle said. "But at the moment we need both computers and reference books."

Towle said the trustees have watched Duxbury turn an old school into a library.

"We wanted to try to make sure Osgood is not torn down while we get hard facts," she said. Town Manager Mark Haddad advised the trustees to communicate their interest to the selectmen.

"While it's very exciting, it's a long way from having it make sense financially and being the right thing for the library and the town," Towle said.

"We just felt it was our responsibility to look at the possibility before the building got away."

She said if the move is feasible, the library would seek grants and private funding but some money would have to come from the town.

Towle envisions the two Osgood additions, built in 1929 and 1949 being used for other activities, such as a teen/recreation center, day-care center or even senior housing.

Long-time library director closes chapter

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

After 29 years as director of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Richard Hayes has decided to retire.

In a Dec. 10 letter to the library trustees and town manager, Hayes said it was time to move on.

"It is time for me to move on to new challenges," he said.

"It is time for you to enjoy the opportunities and ideas and enthusiasm a new library director can bring to your library. As you embark on a new long-range planning process, and as you develop the next phases of information and technology and public library service, it is timely that you engage in new leadership to assist you," Hayes said.

Library trustee Sheila Evans is heading the search committee which includes three other trustees. Town Manager Mark Haddad has the authority to appoint the new director but said he will consider the recommendations of the library trustees.

Trustees chairman Patience Towle said the job is part administrator, part program director.

"It's a good job and I hope we have a lot of applicants," she said.

Hayes, 62, is making about $52,000 and manages four full-time and two part-time staff. The library is open 53 hours a week. The proposed FY99 library operating budget is $307,000 plus $13,400 for capital expenses such as replacing the phone system, buying computer desks and painting.

Towle said trustees don't know what the new director's salary range will be until they see the pool of applicants.

She praised Hayes and said he will be missed.

"He brought many hidden talents to the job," she said.

Selectman Merle Brown said Hayes will be a huge loss to the town.

"He is a great person," he said.

Hayes, a Scituate resident, said he has enjoyed his time in Cohasset.

"I've enjoyed my years here," said Hayes in a telephone intervew. "Cohasset is a library supported town.

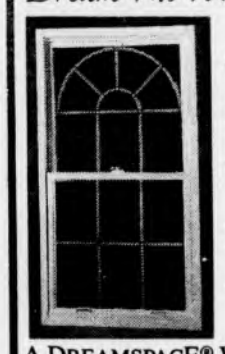
"It was hard making the decision to leave but there are other things we want to do."

He said both his parents, who are in their 90s, are in good health, so he'd like to spend time with them.

"I may do like Bill Clinton and get a dog," said Hayes, noting that having an animal is difficult when both husband and wife work.

Hayes and his wife, who teaches at South Shore Vo-Tech, may eventually relocate to the Blue Ridge Mountains, which he describes as one of the most beautiful parts of the country.

"We're going to travel and who knows, we may see a nice 20 acres on a side of a mountain we'd like to live on," he said.

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There are so many people looking forward to all of the festivities taking place from now until the first of the year — especially those with youngsters who are awaiting Santa and all of those longed-for gifts that he has promised! I can tell you one thing, these children and their anticipation are pale in comparison to the Zerendow family, now let me tell you why! Alexix Zerendow is coming home Dec. 22, after being gone since the beginning of September. After spending all summer learning the Russian language, Alexix left for Moscow where she spent a semester taking all of her classes using the Russian language only! Can you just imagine the stories that she will be able to tell when she returns? Or the experiences that she will remember forever? Hopefully she will be in touch with us to tell us all about her learning experiences! Alexix is a junior at Union College, and a CHS grad.

THANKS TO ALL

Congratulations go to all of the hard workers who helped to make the annual Christmas fair such a big success, everyone had such a fun time and they are still talking about it! It is great to see all of the churches together as one to put on a town-loved event such as that! A true New England event, and if you went by, it looked like a Norman Rockwell scene! We are lucky, aren't we?

SPLENDID HOUSE TOUR

Speaking of hard work that really paid off, the Community Garden Club of Cohasset really outdid themselves last week with their holiday house tour, it was a smashing event that everyone raved about! When I say everyone, I'm not kidding, they sold more than 900 tickets! That is what happens when you build a reputation for being the best at what you are doing — they are and they proved it! You should all be proud of yourselves!

A REAL JEWEL

I received a wonderful catalogue in the mail recently, containing pictures of fine antique and estate jewelry. It was from "Nelson Rarities," located in Portland, Maine, and it is exquisite! After "drooling" over all of the gems, I read the introduction — Nelson Rarities was founded by Andrew Nelson, who as a fine arts major at Harvard University, recognized the beauty and value of antique and estate jewelry. As business increased he recruited fellow Harvard graduate Malcolm Logan and most recently David Johanson. Today Nelson Rarities is known worldwide as a purveyor of rare gems and fine jewelry. If you are wondering why this is being told, did you happen to see a familiar name? Yes, Malcolm Logan! Polly Logan's son! Isn't it great to know that he is doing so well, and is living in Maine! And, wow, do they have beautiful and unique items! Polly would probably fill you in on more details if you are interested, she must be thrilled and proud of Malcolm!



Does anyone know the individual names of players on this Cohasset High baseball team? If so, David Chandler whose uncle, David Franklin Richards is seated next to the post with his glove on, would like to know.

AL LIVINGSTON WILL BE MISSED

It is hard to believe that Al Livingston passed away, he was such a fine man! Even though he had been living in Florida for some time, he was a "Cohassetite" through and through, a handsome man and fine husband, and loyal friend. He will be missed!

PROUD OF NEIGHBOR

We on Red Gate Lane are so proud of our neighbor, Margaux Yeager! Not only is she a fine young lady with a sparkling personality, she made the honor roll for the first semester at CHS. Congratulations to you, Margaux, glad that all of your hard work paid off!

TEAM MEMBERS NAMES SOUGHT

Knowing that we have a bunch of sleuths in our town, here is a mission for you! David K. Chandler, 32 Allen Rd., Presque Isle, Maine 04769-5276 writes: "I have enclosed a computer-scanned copy of a photo that was taken of the baseball team at Cohasset High around the

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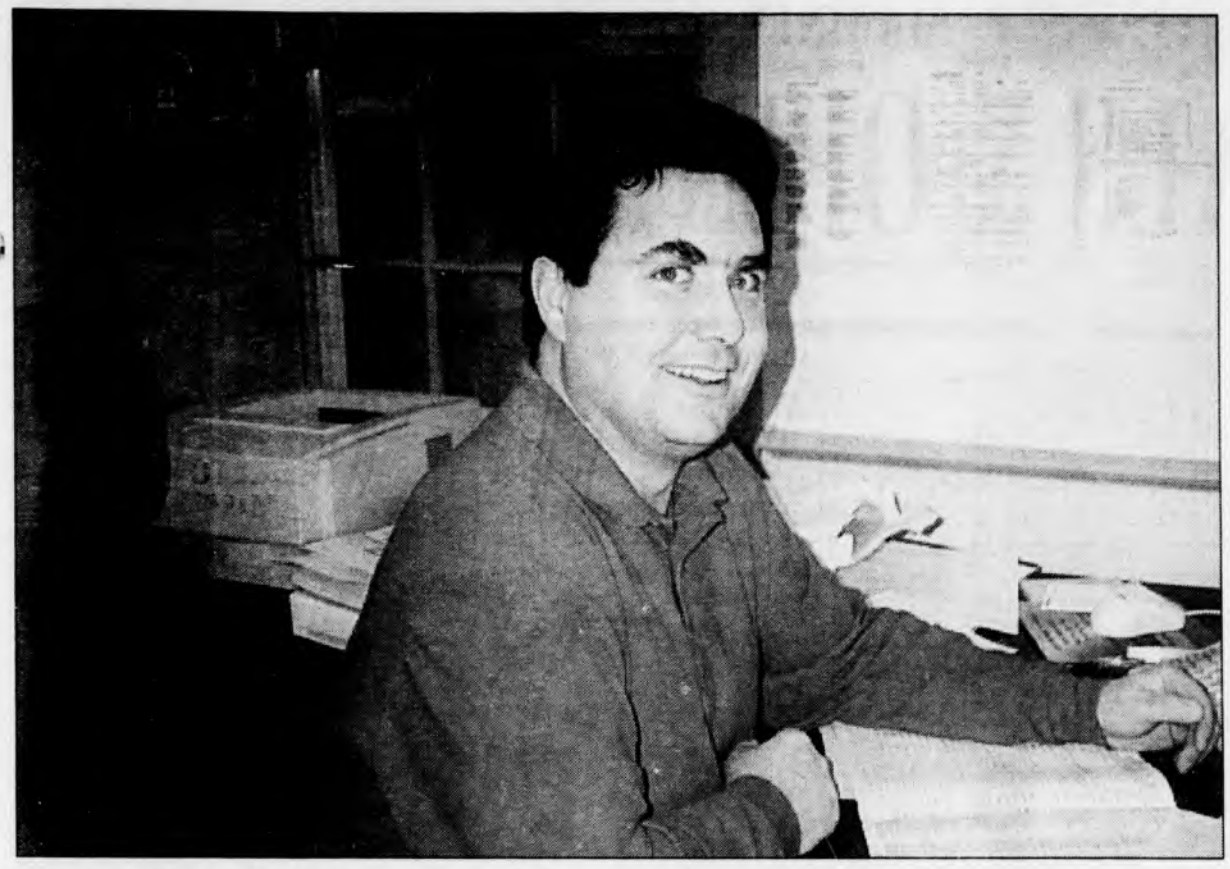
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Biggest worry: That I'll be able to give my two children the best bringing up possible.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite TV show: "Friends."

Favorite movie: All the James Bond movies.

Favorite book: Any good non-fiction book.

Favorite junk food: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Locking myself out of the house last winter when I was dressed only in shorts and a T-shirt.

Person you'd most like to meet: Bill Gates.

Pet peeve: Messiness.

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years of 1907 to 1911. The photo shows my uncle David Franklin Richards seated next to the post on the right side, he has his glove on, also with two fingers in the glove." Mr. Chandler would like to find out the remainder of the team members' names as well as the coach's name. He knows that David died at age 18, but no one seems to know of what. He also knows that David played the cornet and he was told that he was very good at this endeavor. Okay, you have the photo, you have the facts — if you know any information that might help, please drop Mr. Chandler a note at the address provided above. And, thanks for your help!

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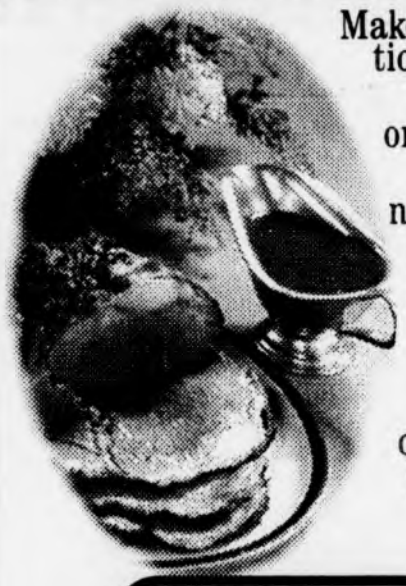
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A walk on the wild side

About 40 local citizens gave themselves an early Christmas gift on Saturday. They took an hour or so out of their busy lives in the midst of this busy season to meet atop Turkey Hill for a winter walk. The walk was conducted by local conservationist Phil Swanson of Hingham and Katherine Morrison of the Hingham Land Conservation Trust. It was billed as a winter walk in the wilderness and didn't disappoint the hearty bunch who rekindled the spirit by communing with nature.

After absorbing the spectacular view of Boston and the North Shore and learning how Turkey Hill, a coastal drumlin was formed by a glacier, we headed down the mile-long Thayer trail where we shared knowledge about flora and fauna, named trees and birds, and even heard a few wild turkey stories.

Richard Rizotto of Hingham talked about the flock of 22 hens and two tom turkeys that arrived in his back yard the day after Thanksgiving.

And Conley Ford of Scituate recalled how his mother boiled the roots of the sassafrass tree to make tea when he grew up in Tennessee.

Ms. Morrison said the walk is great for birders who have reported spotting bobolinks and dozens of bluebirds.

And another woman described her research project with the Cornell Ornithology Lab through which she documented thrushes she observed in the Whitney/Thayer Woods .

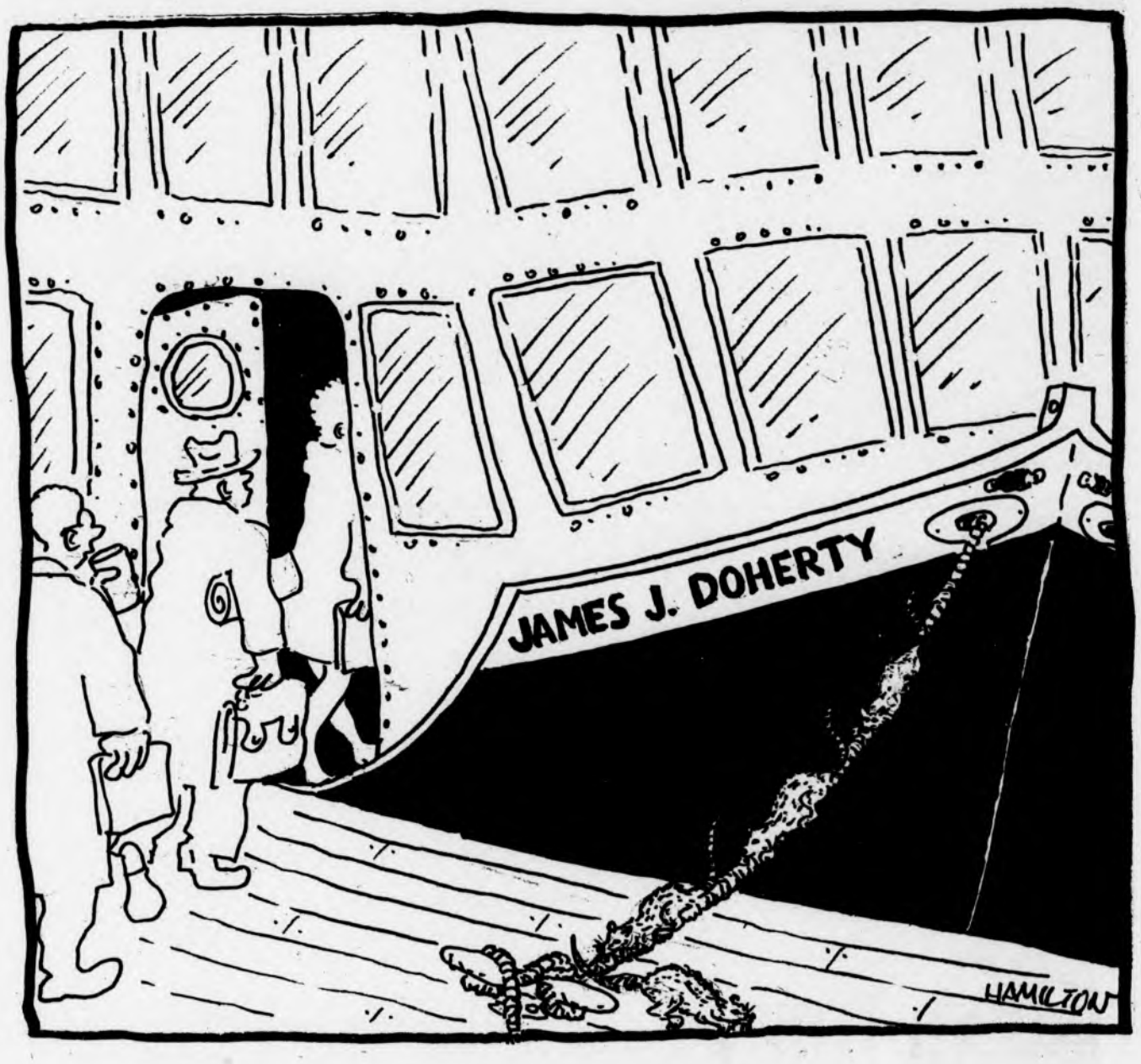
The walk took us through the woods into a holly grove, then along an abandoned railroad spur, and finally back up Turkey Hill again.

It was a great way to spend a morning.

As Mr. Swanson said, the best thing about walks are the nice people you meet.

So if you find the stress of the season is too much with you, give yourself a break. And you don't have to wait for the next walk to enjoy Turkey Hill — which opened to the public recently. It costs nothing. Parking is available atop Turkey Hill off Leavitt Street or off Route 3A near the Hingham/Cohasset line.

—Mary Ford
Editor



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If I have to put all my trash in one bag, I won't be able to lift it. If I use more than one bag a week, it'll cost me about $200 a year, which is a hardship on a fixed income.

Please consider the elderly, and often fragile, sector.

Camille Blain Long
166 Linden Dr.

Smaller bags will be available

Dear Ms. Long:

Sorry I have taken so long to get back to you, time just seems to fly by.

Regarding your question: Has the Recycling Committee thought of the elderly with the "Pay-As-You-Throw trash disposal system? I must answer "Very much so." One of the things Pay-As-You-Throw does is just what it says. You pay for only what you throw away. It is a known fact that the elderly have much less trash than a family of four or more. Therefore, it should cost much less to dispose of their trash.

We have set the program up to allow those who have garbage and can not, or don't choose to compost, to bring garbage in a small-size bag, such as the bag bread comes in, any time the Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF) is open without charge. We will be offering two different-size bags; a 30-gallon bag for $1 each, and a 15-gallon bag for $.50 each.

For the first six months of the program we will give a free bag for every bag a person buys. This incentive is to give people time to get familiar with the Pay-As-You-Throw system.

As I sit here writing to you, I have been thinking about what items, other than garbage, is thrown away as trash. Common items that I can readily think of are: tissue paper, plastic wrap (such as wrapped around meats), the plastic tubs butter or margarine comes in (my wife reuses these as storage containers), the absorbent base pads put under wrapped meat, the plastic or wax liners of boxes, paper towels, plastic cap on milk and juice containers, gift wrappings (ribbons, paper, etc.), Q-tips and tooth paste tubes. Less frequently disposed items are light bulbs and broken dishes. There may be more items in the same type of material, but do not have much weight to them.

I have a trash compactor in my kitchen (garbage goes into our composting bin, except for animal products (meat scraps, etc.) which I place in a small plastic bag. It takes about three months to fill the compactor and when filled, it weighs less than 10 pounds. I am not suggesting that everyone go out and buy a compactor; I am merely pointing out that with proper recycling over a three-month period there is not much weight to my trash. However, I would also like to point out that Dick, Leo or George would be more than happy to help anyone who needs a hand with their trash or recylables.

It is very important for people to be aware that it costs $85 a ton to dispose of our trash. Last year we transported around 2,800 tons of trash to Semass. That is a cost of $238,000. That, plus paying the workers, we have a budget of more than $300,000 to operate the RTF.

The Recycling Committee has worked very hard over the years to find a market and a process to recycle all the things we do. We feel we have reached as far as we can. However, if other things do become recyclable in the future, we will be sure to put them on the list.

The Pay-As-You-Throw system is not something new. It is currently working in more than 75 cities and towns in the state and many states throughout the country. Everywhere that the Pay-As-You-Throw system has been put in place, it has reduced the quantity of trash by a large amount. If we could reduce our trash by only 15 percent, it would cut the tonnage from the 2,800 tons down to 2,380 tons; a savings to the town of $35,700. Most people we have talked to in other towns feel this is a very conservative figure even with all the recycling we do.

I have enclosed a flyer the Recycling Committee developed to explain the Pay-As-You-Throw system. We thank you for taking the time to write to us and hope that the above explanation will help you see that Pay-As-You-Throw is the fairest and most equitable way for all of us.

REMEMBER THE 3 R'S
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The Recycling Committee
Merle Brown Secretary

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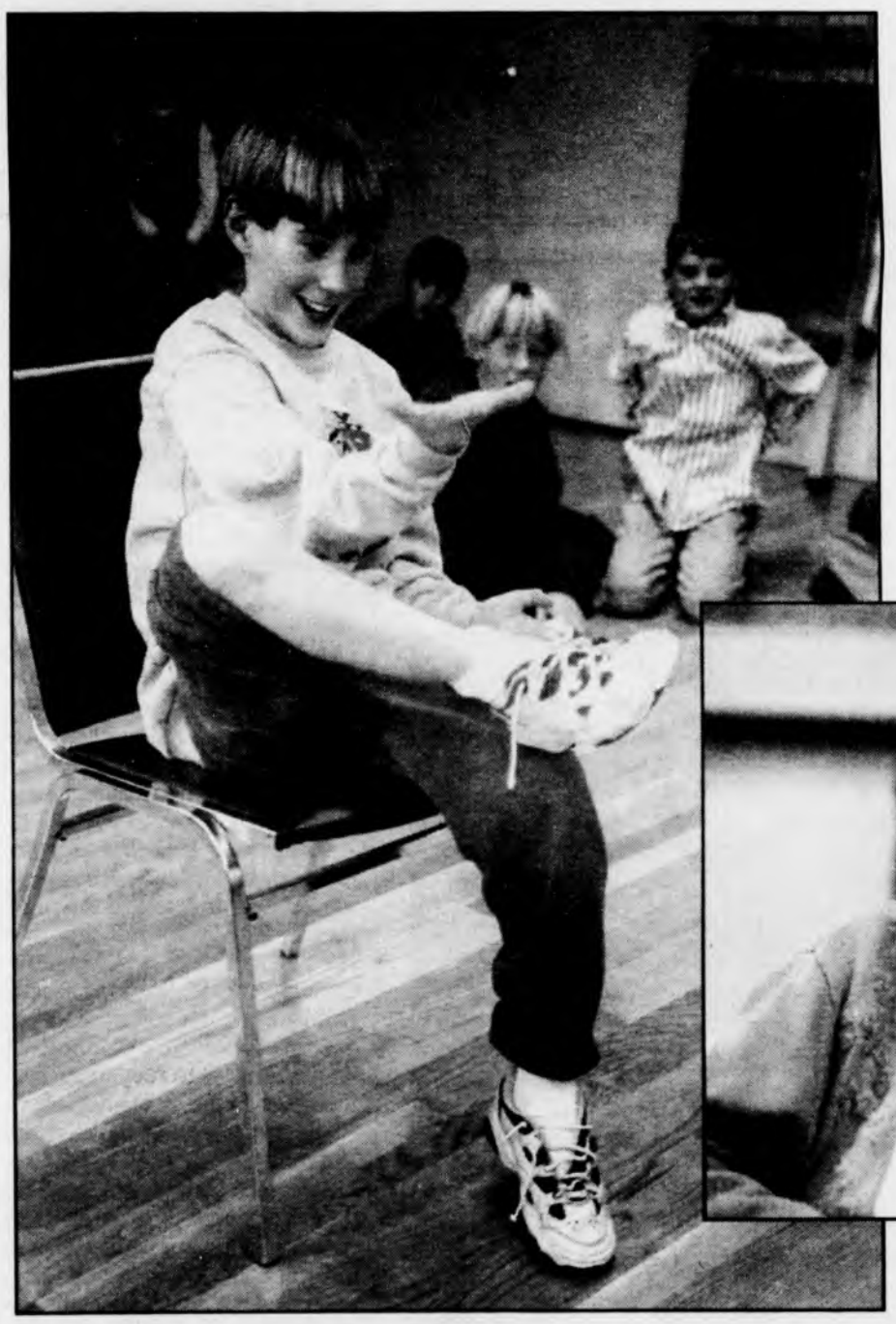
Third-grade talent shines for Cohasset seniors



Charles Miller performs his comedy shtick that had seniors and his classmates in stitches during the talent show.



Robin Earle proudly displays his finished snowflake at Ms. Owen's third-grade talent show performed at the senior center last week.



Myles Collins-Wooley makes a coin disappear in the talent show. The Deer Hill third-grade class visited the senior center for the talent show and had lunch.



Dorothy Lincoln and Tilly Nardo watch third-graders perform.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman



Mary Amdrachio watches Davis Brown cut out a decorative snowflake at the intergenerational event.

LETTERS

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Helping hand with Jingle Bell Walk

To the Editor:

On behalf of the South Shore Community Center, we would like to express our appreciation to the many merchants who lent a helping hand to our Fourth Jingle Bell Walk.

We had a beautiful day, downtown was decorated with red and green balloons, the bells were ringing from St. Stephen's Church, Mr. and Mrs. Claus and helpers arrived at Government Island by boat, and everyone got into the holiday spirit.

This year we added a turkey trot. The winners in the 3- and 4-year-old class were Jay Salerno and Alysa Jacobs; the winners in the 5- to 7-year-old class were Jonathan Wade and Katie Muir; and the winners in the 7- to 10-year-old class were Sam Brigham and Cally Ernst.

A special thanks to the following merchants: Aquarius Sunrooms, Barry Waste, Noble's, Donna Green, Buttonwood Books, Victoria's Pizza, Cohasset Pizza House, Hallmark Properties, Red Lion Inn, Sweet Surprises, Village Wine and Spirits, South Shore Art Center, Hernon's, Tedeschi's, Hunneman Real Estate, Atlantic Valuation Group, Cohasset Food Mart, Cohasset News, Dunkin' Donuts, French Memories, Goodale Insurance, Hingham Institution For Savings, Stop and Shop, Hub Shipping, Coca Cola, Curtis Liquors, The Chart House, Rockland Trust, Nuthin' More Natural, Royal Vending, Village Greenery, RLI Vision, Cohasset Lobster Pound, Fleet Bank, Shaw's, Bank Boston, Fitness First Plus, Bergson's, Pat The Barber, The Children's Exchange, Good Sport, Carousel Antiques, Rudolph Adamo, Texaco, The Village Butcher, Walgreen's, Cards and Shards, Cohasset Hardware, Dramatic Kitchens, Fleming's, Flowers By Joan, Heads-N-Tails, King Jewelers, The Silver Spoon, Dependable Cleaners, Blockbuster Video, CVS, Hancock Paint, Kimball's By The Sea, Papa Gino's and Zinnia's.

We would like to thank all our volunteers. A special thanks to the students from Cohasset High School under the direction of Maureen Duffy and Linda Bolster, the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce Merchant Members, the Council on Elder Affairs, and Cadet Girl Scout Troop 4773, who gave so much of their time to make this event a huge success. Thank you all.

Stephanie Church
Program Director

Marvels at new field

To the Editor:

During this past year I enjoyed marveling at Cohasset High's new Alumni Field. I recall the old tennis courts, large pot holes flanked by the town's gas pump soon to be a sure eye sore. With a dream, hard work, coupled with financing and many generous donations this area was transformed into a spectacular sporting facility.

At a recent football game, I stood on the visiting team's sideline holding a first down marker. It was at this time a guest coach remarked, "this place is beautiful." How fitting a description on this October evening as autumn's colorful foliage pillowed the stadium. Spectators seated in the stands blended evenly against this colorful landscape. Both teams, coaches, officials and cheerleaders were placed within their respective zones while standing on this carpet of green.

This setting was highlighted by the stadium lights displaying our American flag as the patrons sang the "Star Spangled Banner." This moment captured in the minds of those present surely echoed the statement,

"IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME"

In closing, Alumni Field is an example of what this town can accomplish. Most importantly, it truly demonstrates our commitment to Cohasset's athletic program which continues to strive on building sound minds and strong bodies.

Charles E. Santoro
Linden Cir.

Citizen of Year nominations due

Nominations are now being accepted for the Cohasset Mariner's Citizen of the Year Award. This is a continuation of the award begun in 1993 to recognize an individual for outstanding service to the community or for a special achievement.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored the Rev. Gary Ritts, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for his work with the Appalachia Service Project, an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers.

Once again, the Cohasset Mariner invites our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to our community. This is a community award: The Mariner is the means by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make Cohasset a wonderful place to call our home.

The deadline for nominations for the 1997 Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 31. Please see the nomination form on page 31.

Following the close of nominations, a selection panel will review the names submitted and select the 1997 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January, 1998.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, fire-fighter, police officer, or other municipal worker, a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has given freely of his or her time and energy for a worthy Cohasset project or cause. This year's recipient will be the fifth person honored as Citizen of the Year, joining past year recipients:

1993: Gerard T. Keating, "Mr. Cohasset," for his more than half-century of contributions to his community, including chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharisitic minister, usher at St. Anthony's church and more.

1994: Joseph D. Buckley, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the health-care system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council on Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little League, Sunday School and more.

1995: Dr. Robert T. Sceery, for his more than 40 years of dedicated services as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to get the town sewered. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mind on important issues.

1996: The Rev. Gary Ritts, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good in this town through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home repair and home building ministry serving central Applachia.

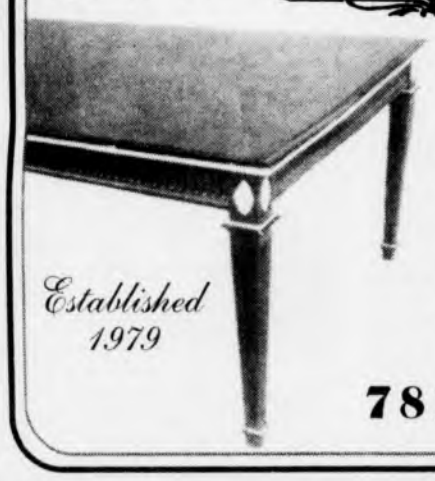
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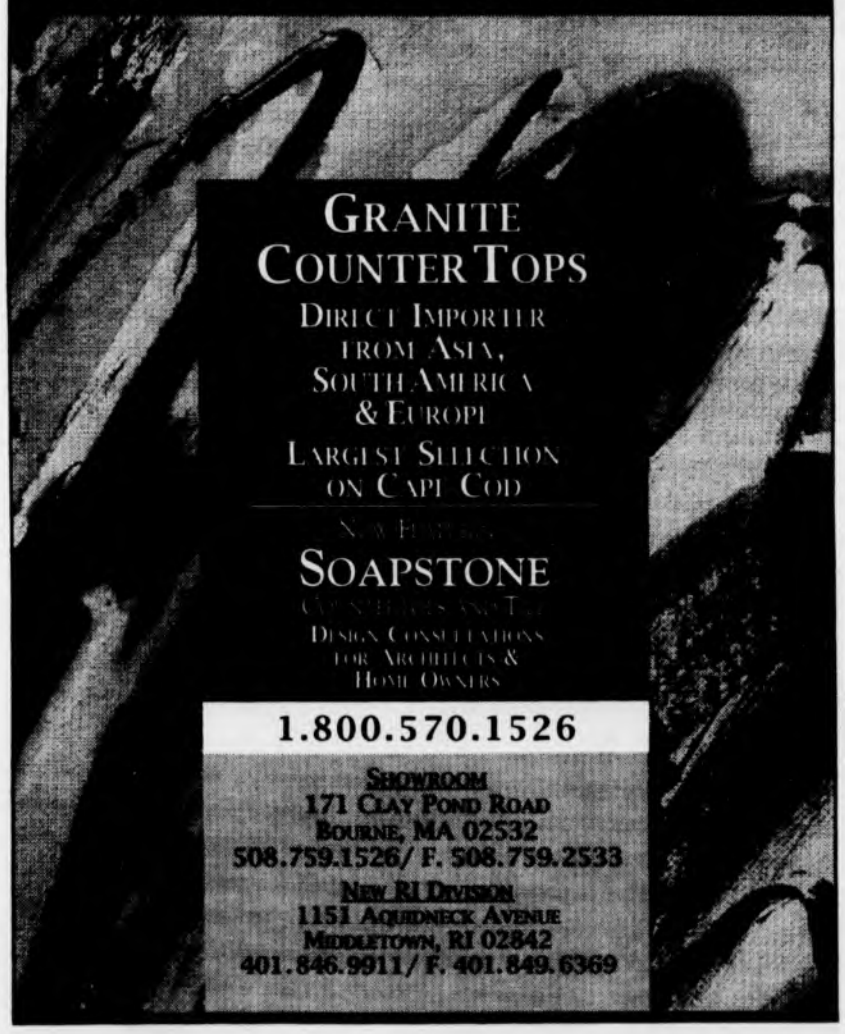


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Stories of victims are told with a purpose

MADD group meets in Quincy

By Robert Ziff
CORRESPONDENT

The Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Victim Impact Forum at the Quincy City Hospital on Monday, Dec. 15, from 7 to 8 p.m. was held with the hope that if the stories told were enough to stop just one person from driving after drinking, then perhaps their loved ones would not have been killed in vain.

MADD was founded in California in 1980 by Candy Lightner whose daughter Carey was killed while riding her bike to a friend's house by William Busch, a drunk driver. Busch spent less than three months in jail, got out, hit another girl in almost the same location and moved to Wisconsin where he received two additional drunk driving convictions. Today there are more than 400 MADD chapters in the USA including one in Plymouth County, one in Boston and similar programs in Australia, Canada and Great Britain.

Last year during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons there were 1,868 alcohol related traffic fatalities in the Unites States. Two out of five Americans are expected to be involved in an alcohol related traffic accident within their lifetime.

MADD's mission is to put an end to drunk driving and help victims of this violent crime. This is accomplished by educating the public by speaking in schools, health fairs, holding candlelight vigils and awareness programs like Red Ribbon Campaigns and KISS, Kids Involved in a Safe Summer. MADD works with legislators to enact better laws that include mandatory minimum sentences for repeat offenders to aid as a deterrent to those that drink and drive.

For the past 15 years, two speakers, Denise and Joe, have been talking at MADD meetings in the area telling their tragic story. On January 21, 1982, Denise and Joe's oldest child and only son, Richard, left their South Shore home and met with his friend, Eddy, who had a paper route. While walking along the roadside they were struck from behind throwing Eddy to the side knocking him into a snow bank while sending Richard sailing 60 feet in front of the car.

The driver was stuck in a snow bank and by the time Eddy approached, the man was trying desperately to dislodge his automobile while putting on a pair of sunglasses to hide his face. Eddy told him that he had hurt his friend very badly but the driver denied hitting anything. Eddy ran to the closest house and called the police. By the time he returned the driver and the car were gone.

Denise arrived at South Shore Hospital to find the doctors giving CPR to her son. His heart had stopped on two occasions on the operating table. By this time her husband, Joe, had arrived from his second job and in the intensive care unit they were allowed to visit with their unconscious son whose head had swollen to twice its normal size.

Denise describes it as if she were in some sort of dream. She was in shock. All she remembers is lights blinking and beeping on the monitors and wires and tubes.

The next day there were no changes and after looking at his CAT scans and brain waves the doctors determined he was brain dead, in a coma with no chance of ever coming out of it.

Five and a half days later Richard's organs failed and he died.

Eddy was taken to the police station where a composite sketch of the driver who had hit them was made. Later that evening the 32-year-old who had previously been through several alcohol programs had driven up on another snow bank in Marshfield. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated and it was found that his blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit. He was held overnight and the next morning was identified as the hit and run suspect. After Richard died, he was charged with manslaughter.

"How do you bury your own child?", Denise asks. "It's not the natural order of life."

She describes the wake and funeral as being a nightmare. "I was in total shock and was reacting like a robot. I couldn't even cry and I don't remember too much about it. I felt like the whole world had grinded to a halt."

It took Denise over a year to clean out his room. She was tempted to leave it as it was, turning it into a shrine but knew that was not the solution. What to do with all of his things?

"All I could do for the first year was go through the motions," says Denise. "I didn't even what to get out of bed. I would get up, walk by Richard's room and vomit. It was extreme emotional and physical grief and my marriage with my husband was suffering because of it. One of my daughters started getting sick and acting out and it was determined she was suffering from a delayed reaction to her brother's death. The murder of our son almost destroyed our entire family. It affected everyone."

For two years Denise and Joe were called to court and Denise says it was difficult seeing him standing in the corridors, talking with his family and his lawyer and not being able to talk to him, to tell him what he did to their family. He ended up giving up his right to a jury trial and the judge reduced the charge to vehicular homicide and leaving the scene of an accident and sentenced him to two and a half years in prison for each of the two offenses. He was released after doing 30 months.

Besides his son Richard, Joe lost his grandmother and grandfather to a drunk driving accident when he was three.

And when he was 17 fi, his mother and father had driven to Watertown to pick up one of his sisters. At a bar in Watertown his father had a few drinks, or "celebrated" as he liked to call it, before driving home. On the way home they were all killed in a single car accident.

There were nine remaining children in their family who were split up from Watertown to Texas. His aunt, uncle and one of his cousins who were looking after two of his siblings were all killed by a drunken police officer while driving home, bringing the total number of his immediate family who have been killed in alcohol related accidents to nine.

Joe describes his life as containing only 15 years of happiness, the years that his son lived. When his son was in the hospital, Joe said that it felt as though the doctors had reached inside of him and pulled out his will to live. "It was as if I had been thrown into the twilight zone. It destroyed my life. My son and I used to enjoy fishing and other sports and to this day I have a lot of trouble doing anything like that, watching a football or basketball game on TV."

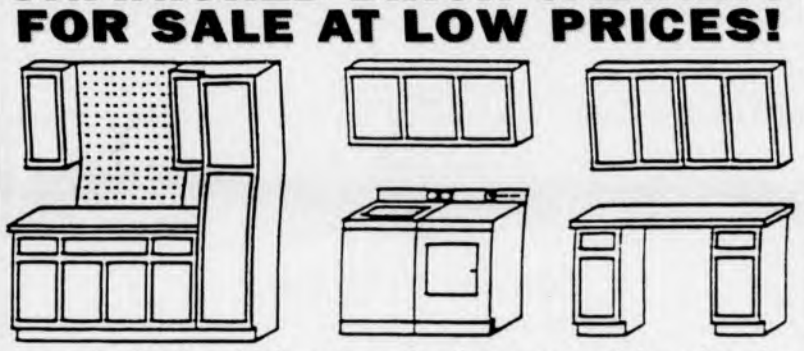
Joe recalled meeting another MADD member by the name of Jim, who at the age of 22 married his high school sweetheart. Now at the age of 27 Jim is a quadriplegic who is only able to move his wheelchair around with controls that he operates with his mouth. His three-year-old daughter is able to climb up the metal frame of the chair onto his lap and ask him when he will be able to get out his chair and play. "It's like living in hell and I'm only thankful that my wife wasn't with me," Jim had said.

The tree that he hit was only three inches in diameter. Jim is expected to live for the next 35 to 40 years in his condition.

If these stories are able to stop one person from drinking and driving then the program is worth it. For information about meeting schedules and membership please call the Plymouth County Chapter of MADD in Kingston at (781) 585-1888.

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Health board eyes smokeless town

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and restaurant and separate ventilation systems.

Yet, according to Susan Cronin of the Tobacco Control Program, similar total smoking bans have succeeded in other Massachusetts cities and towns, such as Brookline, with no adverse impact on the restaurant business. However, the National Restaurant Association has opposed the no-smoking regulations.

"They've done surveys in Brookline," Cronin said. "They did not suffer; 25 percent of the United States smokes, 75 percent of us do not. We've got to think in those terms."

Cronin was before the health board Tuesday to go over the results of her survey on smoking in restaurants. (As reported previously, most people who responded did not believe smoking was an issue. However, the numbers did turn up 29 people — 46 percent of the sample — who confirmed they would go out to eat more often if the establishments were totally smoke-free. The random survey went out to 148 Cohasset residents, and 63 people returned the questionnaire.)

Undoubtedly, if the board goes ahead with the strict new no-smoking rules, it could well have few opponents and might even find the majority of Cohasset restaurant owners and managers lined up in the anti-smoking corner. Meantime, the restaurant professionals will be invited to air their views at an upcoming public hearing.

Under the town's existing restaurant bylaw, Cohasset eateries are required to be 75 percent smoke-free. Many have voluntarily gone 100 percent smoke-free, though some of those establishments, such as Kimball's By the Sea, also maintain smoking lounges where full meals are served and there is no non-smoking section.

The amended law would end that practice and put teeth in the old regulation, with the ultimate goal to stamp out the tobacco habit in all public places, health agent Joseph Godzik said previously.

Finally, both Godzik and Cronin said protecting the health of the people who eat in restaurants is not the primary objective of the anti-smoking measure because the people who suffer most from second-hand smoke are restaurant employees, such as waitresses.

Newtonville sewer hits snag

The thorny problem of establishing sewer service for Newtonville residents has hit a new and unexpected legal snag. According to the health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik Tuesday, a question has now been raised about the legality of putting the residents on the sewer pipeline without an OK from town meeting voters first.

The news put another twist in a tale of frustration for the Newtonville nieghborhood who have been plagued by septic system woes and a bureaucratic Catch-22 since Title V regulations were tightened. This fall, however, they organized and campaigned to get sewers, overcoming resistance from the sewer commissioners who initially said extra customers could have an adverse impact on the wastewater treatment plant's capacity.

But after the health board declared a state of emergency, a compromise was reached to sewer at least four of the houses found to be in Title V failure.

Now, the compromise appears to be in legal jeopardy.

"Town counsel's feeling is this is an extension of the sewer district," Godzik said, and stressed the question hinged on a technicality, since hooking up Newtonville actually would not require a new main or a change in the infrastructure. The area is close to an existing main in Stockbridge Road as well as a new main coming to Atlantic Avenue.

Ironically, Godzik also said, if the Newtonville connection is ultimately deemed to be an extension, the decision could mean a small windfall for the homeowners, since they would be eligible for 50 percent funding for their expenses hooking up to the sewer pipe. Normally, the property owner assumes the whole of the connection cost.

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Lights encircle Paragon carousel

The Friends of the Paragon Carousel are again encircled the former Paragon Park Carousel on Nantasket Beach with hundreds of lights in the enduring spirit of winter holiday spirit and in celebration of the continuing effort to keep the Carousel at Nantasket Beach. Begun three years ago as part of the grass-roots effort to keep the Carousel from being auctioned off by its previous owners, the Carousel of Lights will this year extend through Jan. 6, the 12th night of Christmas.

For every $5 donation received during this time period the Friends will light another light bulb on one of the multiple strands of lights which have been strung around the Carousel. As donations grow, so too will the circle of lights around the Carousel until, as in the past two years, the Carousel is completely encircled in lights.

Sponsorship of a light or lights may be made in the donor's name or in the name of a loved one. All donors or honorees will be published in a Carousel Donors list.

In addition to the Carousel of Lights, the Friends have recently launched a major capital campaign to retire the debt incurred when the Friends purchased the Carousel in April of 1996.

Donations should be sent to Friends of the Paragon Carousel "Carousel of Lights," P.O. Box 100, Hull 02045.

Rival commuter boats launch lax safety salvos

T boat threatens rival with lawsuit

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Last week's fire caused momentary sparks in the commuter boat war between the MBTA-subsidized Harbor Cruises —on whose ship the fire occurred — and William Spence's Massachusetts Bay Lines.

But with recent claims and counter claims of safety violations between the two competing carriers, the real blaze continues to smolder below the surface.

"Anyone can have a fire in their house, and anyone can have a fire in their boat," Spence said about the incident last week on a rival vessel where 38 passengers were evacuated safely.

Last July, the MBTA awarded a five-year contract to the low bidder, Harbor Cruises, to operate subsidized commuter boat service from Hingham to Boston. The loser in the bid round, Boston Harbor Commuter Services, subsequently leased two boats to Mass. Bay Lines which hired two BHCS crews and launched the Hingham Commuterboat to compete during peak times with Harbor Cruises.

The competition between the carriers to attract commuters by staying on schedule and through amenities such as airline-style seats has been fierce.

Harbor Cruises recently threatened Mass. Bay Lines with legal action if it doesn't stop running its expanded service from Hewitt's Cove to Boston.

Spence's attorney fired off a reply reminding Harbor Cruises that Mass. Bay Lines' right to operate out of Hingham is guaranteed by an act of the state Legislature.

What really rubs Spence, however, is Harbor Cruises' claim that he is running an unsafe operation.

An attorney for Harbor Cruises, Herman Snyder of the Boston law firm Hinkley, Allen & Snyder, wrote to Spence saying failure of Mass. Bay Lines to cease its "unauthorized" operations will result in serious financial damage to Harbor Cruises and will cause a public safety hazard.

Snyder said the docks at Rowes Wharf and Hewitt's Cove are already congested and Mass. Bay Lines' additional service further congests the docking facilities and adversely affects the safety of the commuting public.

Through his attorneys, Devin & Drohan of Hingham, Spence alleges that Harbor Cruises' vessels collided with each other, hit docks and gangways, have faulty exit doors and break speed limits.

"The point is what happened (fire) Wednesday can happen to anyone's house or boat," Spence said. "But Harbor Cruises has a history of less than desirable maintenance and activity. I am concerned. I don't like to knock neighbors but it's been six months."

Spence also accused a Harbor Cruises vessel of violating a direct Coast Guard command by traveling through the safety zone of an inbound liquefied natural gas tanker, an allegation vigorously denied by Harbor Cruises.

"In our eyes, the Coast Guard is an arbiter on maritime safety issues, not Mass. Bay Lines," said Jane Daly, a partner at Harbor Cruises. "As far as we know, the Coast Guard has no safety issues with us at all."

While the Coast Guard is monitoring commuter boat traffic, a spokesman said there is no evidence on hand to support the allegations.

"So far we haven't found any actionable negligence," said Coast Guard Lt. Richard King.

King said the Coast Guard has people riding the commuter boats at random and even has assigned a special officer to field questions and address specific concerns about commuter boats. The Coast Guard also inspects all commuter boats and passed the John Doherty, the vessel where the fire broke out, in September.

King conceded that the docks are crowded but shouldn't present a safety concern if carriers follow "the rules of the road."

"I've ridden a number of vessels myself and there is some congestion at either end of the run," he said.

But a permanent solution to the crowded dock area at Hewitts Cove, which is in the Hingham Shipyard, may be a while in coming.

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund knows firsthand the docks have been inadequate for some time.

The Weymouth Republican recalled chartering a boat before the increase in commuter boats where the guests, who included elderly citizens, had to climb through one boat to get to another.

"It's cramped down there," Hedlund said.

Hedlund explained the MBTA recently learned the Americans With Disabilities Act may make alterations at the dock more complicated.

"We're talking elevator," Hedlund said.

Also, the T wants to see what the shipyard redevelopment plans are before making improvements and may consider building a new dock dedicated to the subsidized operation.

Hedlund pointed out the two competing commuter boat companies have been slinging mud at each other since June.

"But I don't agree with a lawsuit," he said. "I will use my office to defend Spence's right to operate."

Spence, who has been in business 33 years, insists safety is his first concern.

"It's not sour grapes. I don't know what else to do at this point," he said about what he sees as Harbor Cruises' poor safety record.

"I get a letter telling me how unsafe I am. That just gets ya."

No cause yet for commuter boat fire

A week after the early morning fire on a commuter boat out of Hingham, officials still have no answer on what caused the mishap.

But despite the setback, Harbor Cruises — owner of the vessel where the fire occurred — said the passengers have been understanding and the fire hasn't affected their numbers.

Jane Daly, a partner with the company, said another vessel the Matthew Hughes was called into service to replace the John Doherty where the fire occurred.

"I have been so heartened and buoyed by the response of the passengers," Daly said. "Overall, they were understanding and supportive.

"I've seen the same faces (on board)," she said.

The fire broke out in an engine room of the John Doherty during the 6 a.m. run from Hingham on Dec. 10.

There were no injuries and all 38 passengers were evacuated safely.

Lt. Paul King said passengers the Coast Guard has talked to have painted a good picture of the way the crew handled the situation.

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Creative gift ideas for last-minute shoppers

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Though the number of shopping days before the holidays have dwindled, there is plenty of time yet to pick up a few stocking stuffers produced by local artists and craftsmen. Such gifts promise a few of the comforts of home in a small package. Moreover, the price tags should come as something of a relief, especially for harried shoppers with pinched wallets.

For starters, five dollars buys a collectible from a Duxbury studio where artist Phil Fontaine has produced miniature wood models of familiar South Shore landmarks. As might be expected, the Cohasset and Hingham real estate is a little on the dear end of the price scale which tops out at $35. Fontaineís stock includes Cohassetís Red Lion Inn (priced at $12) and First Parish Church, while Hinghamites can pick up a handcrafted replica of the Hingham Congregational Church. *(Both churches cost about $18. from S&P Studio at (617) 934-9134.)*

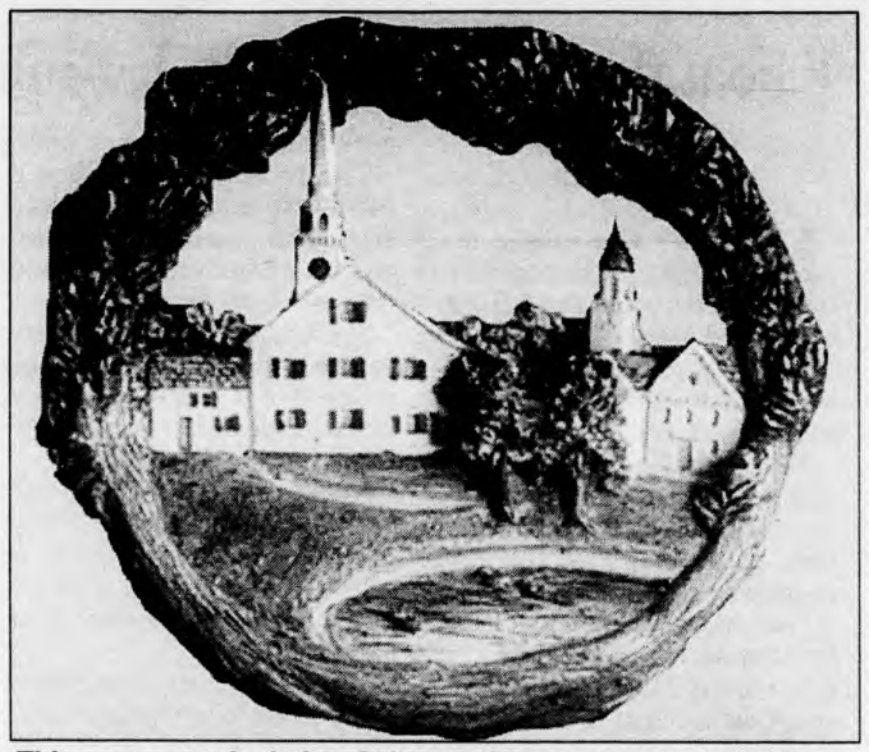
Some additional familiar scenes come in the form of Christmas ornaments. Hestia of Marblehead has Cohasset and Hingham scenery in four-inch relief sculptures to be dangled from a Christmas tree or displayed on a stand. *(The Cohasset town common is sold at Cards & Shards at (781) 383-6317. Bowl and Board at (781) 749-5451 has a collage of the Hingham harbor. Itís new this year.)*

A few Christmas ornaments eclipse the tree and perhaps deserve to stay out on display all year. For one example, a Canton woman, Linda Woodhouse of Enchanted Ornaments sells clear glass balls with unique designs made of dried flowers and "bits and bobs of memorabilia" inside. The 3-1/4 inch ornament retails for $6.95 and can be hung on a tree or on a stand. Woodhouse started the ornaments using flowers from her garden, but she will customize a design per special requests, such as a memento of weddings or showers. Her favorites use flowers, tiny seashells and seed pearls. *(Already-made ornaments can be found at McManus Country Gardens on Neponset Street and Creative Happenings, both in Norwood, and The Craft Barn at the Silver City Galleria in Taunton.)*

For under five dollars, holiday cooks can stock up on cranberry goodies at the New England Country Cupboard in Weymouth. An 11 oz. jar of the New England Style Cranberry Chutney and the Hot Pepperberry Jelly each sell for $4.50. The store also offers affordable chocolate covered sweetened dried cranberries for noshing after dessert. *(New England Country Cupboard on 139 Rockway Street in Weymouth is also at (781) 337-8391.)*

Though it might be gilding the lily to serve cranberry food on a handpainted cranberry dish, Ro-Berries of Cohasset offers about every type of China platter, as well as cups, saucers, and cookie jars, with a handpainted cranberry or blueberry motif. Despite the delicate appearance, the products are oven, dishwasher and microwave-safe. *(Prices vary depending on the item. Ro-Berriesí merchandise is sold at Painted Daisies in East Sandwich at (508) 375-0713 and at Cape Cod Crafters in Hyannis at (508) 775-1067.)*

Since some holiday foodónamely the bagelóhas proved dangerous in slippery fingers, a Canton couple has come up with a safe bagel cutter. Sailing under the logo ìNever fear bagels again,î the company, which is based in Stoughton, sells a bagel slicing board priced under $20. Bergers bagel boards are made of a marble look-alike material dubbed corain. They also can be popped in the dishwasher. The small board retails for $19.95.



This ornament depicting Cohasset Common was created by Hestia Products, Inc. In Marblehead.

If the comforts of home pall after a while, some nearby artists also have goods to sate a taste for the unusual. For something old, Morningstar Studio in Plymouth offers scrimshaw bookmarks made of the recycled top layers of ivory piano keys. For something very new, Bonnie Dulude's business card "bags" (about the size and shape of a business card case) are wearable art that can be strung over a shoulder to dress up a plain jacket, though Dulude also shows them with denim shirts. Dulude's company, Pastiche of North Andover, also produces triangular-shaped amulet purses, made from painted silk and machine-embroidered with metallic thread. The process, she said, is similar to drawing or painting but with a sewing machine instead of a pen or brush. Some of the bags, purses and brooches suggest the Victorian look, but "almost everyone enjoys it," Dulude said. *(Pastiche of 303 Pleasant St. is at (508) 686-3243.)*

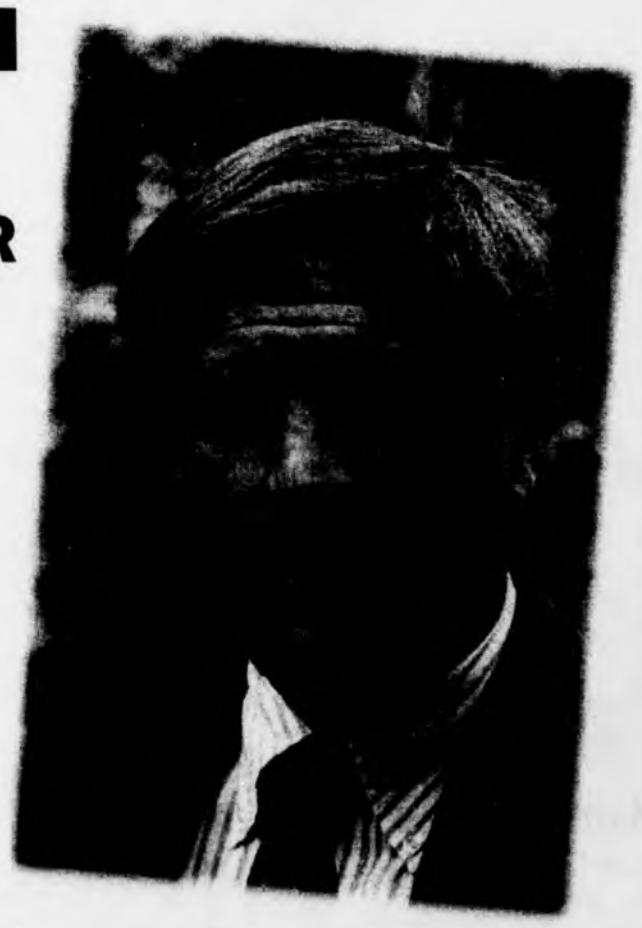
Finally, stressed-out shoppers with $20 left can reward themselves after the holidays are over with aroma therapy. Though not yet Kmart fare, aromatic herbal compresses have been stocked at craft show tables for a couple of years, according to Heather Stambovsky of Springfield who sold some at the Boston Bay Expo earlier this month and said they're good to keeps hands and feet warm. Gram's Little Helper looks like an old-fashioned bean bag in a calico sack and country colors, but it can be popped in the microwave (2 minutes on high) or the freezer for an aromatic heating pad or cold pack. *(They're $19.95 a bag from A.W.K. Enterprises, Apple Alley, Milford, PA 18337.)*

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Skippers begin drive for SSL title

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Although last week's report that basketball participation had fallen by 23 players was erroneous, the program has experienced some drop-off. However, that is not to say that the 1997-1998 Cohasset Skippers boys' basketball team will fail to bring another South Shore League banner to the Hot Sullivan Gym.

The team is optimistic about their season. Senior Andy Hamilton said that Cohasset was "looking to go far in the state tournament this year" and promised a "full-court, fast breaking team."

Coach Ron Ford was more restrained about his team's prospects this season.

"If we play hard, we'll be in every game, but we have to overachieve every night we go out there. Paul-Michael Quintin is phenomenal, one of the best players in the league this year. He'll be chasing a thousand points this year, and he'd be the first one we've had since I've been here, maybe the first one since Bryan Edwards."

Ford pointed to Rockland and Carver as the South Shore League's two strongest teams, and placed Cohasset in "the second tier, if all goes well." With a tough schedule, the Skippers will find themselves up against powerhouses like Nauset, Harwich, Dover, Avon and Scituate in non-league action.

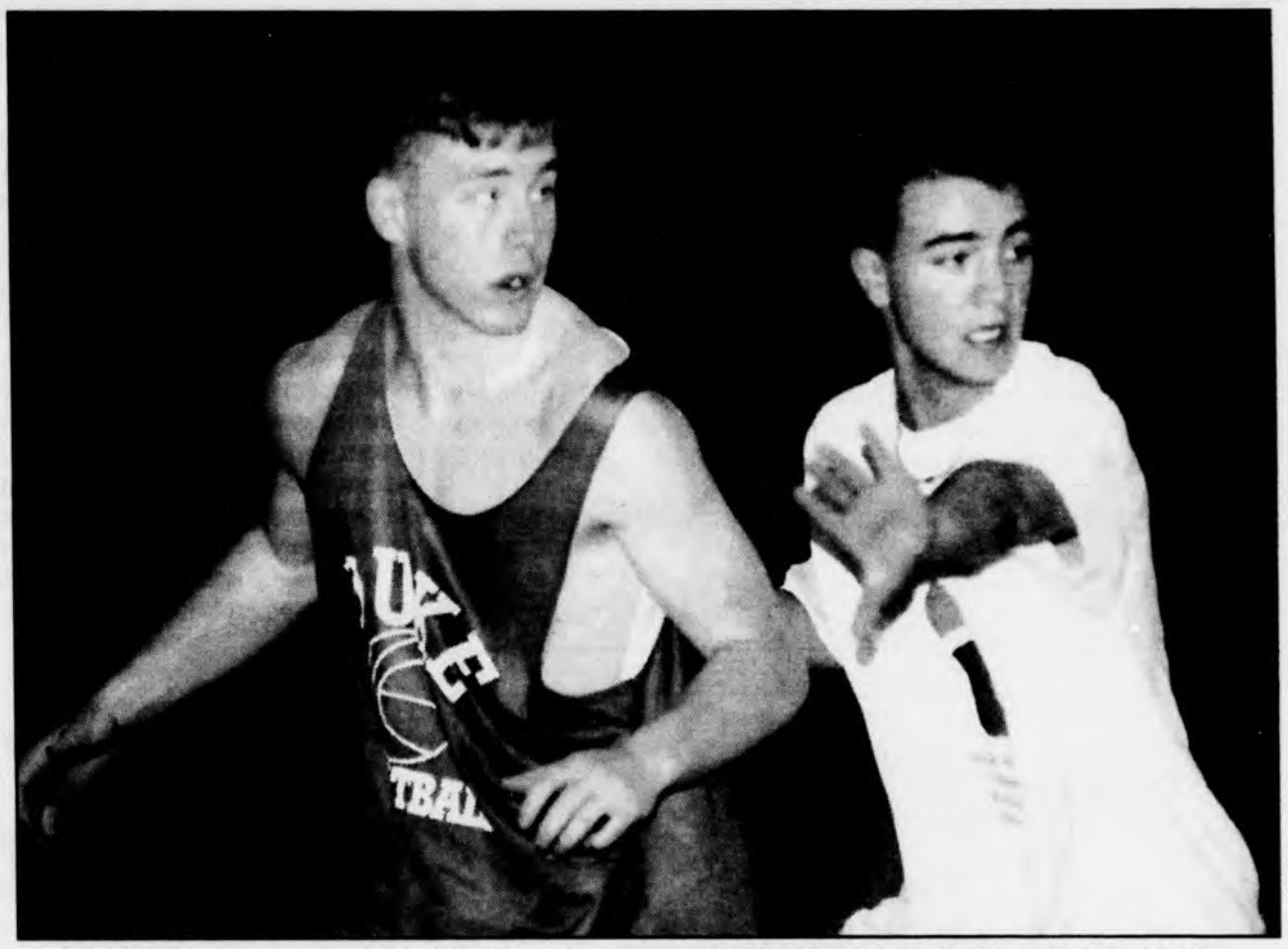
It's awfully tempting to draw a parallel between this year's edition of the Boston Celtics and the current boys' varsity basketball squad at Cohasset High. Both teams are defensively talented, with long-range weapons as well. However, even more accurate would be a comparison to the 1995-1996 Kentucky Wildcats. The similarities are many.

Personnel — Both the former NCAA champions and the reigning South Shore League titleholders are comprised of undersized, quick, aggressive players who bring to a game their open-throttle intensity. Tri-captain Pat Hurley's versatile talents, driving skill, and rebounding capabilities are not unlike Wildcats/Celtics forward Antoine Walker.

Tri-captain Paul-Michael Quintin could be compared to Wildcats/Celtics scoring machine Ron Mercer. With an uncanny ability to net three-pointers and an indefensible pull-up jumper, Quintin can light it up, as he did with 38 points and an astonishing 12 rebounds in the season opener.

Hard-working swingman Hamilton will be called upon to hit the boards this year. With a frame hardened by a season playing fullback for the gridiron Skippers, "Hammer" will need to bang down in the post with taller players, and bring his hard-nosed style to the team's pressing defense.

Tri-captain Justin McNamara will play the point in Cohasset's three man backcourt. With a lightning first step, good floor vision, and a beautiful hang-in-the-air-longer-than-you jumper, Mac is a worthy successor to a string of talented point guards who have played under coach Ford.



Justin McNamara covers Andy Hamilton in a practice drill. CHS basketball coach Ron Ford is counting on these two among others to come through with a strong season for the Skippers.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Eric Wenmark is the fifth starter on the squad and also a hard-working swingman. Another rebounder who can drain the trey, Wenmark opened the season's scoring with a triple-double against Norton on Monday.

The team's sixth senior is Raishaun Barboza, who should also be an inside presence. Ford will use the lanky Barboza as a rebounder and to defend the opposing team's big men in the post.

Junior guard Jamie DeMichele is the first man off the bench for the Skippers. Quick as a jackrabbit, DeMichele is superb in the open floor and a remarkable finisher. Also able to fill it from beyond the arc, when DeMichele gets hot, he usually controls the game.

Paul Hussey is another junior guard. Hussey, a transfer from North Quincy High, will see time both on JV and varsity. Armed with a solid jump shot, Hussey should be a pleasant addition to the squad.

Classmate Ben Roine is a proto-

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Local sports shop owner gets into the holiday spirit

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Pastimes collectibles owner Elliot Goldberg of Cohasset will be making a lot of people happy this holiday season.

Goldberg will be holding a raffle Dec. 24 to decide who will get the chance to buy the new Beanie Baby bear "Princess." The bear, which is purple with a white embroidered rose and satin ribbon around its neck, was created to honor Princess Diana who was killed in a car crash in August.

To make it fair for all his customers, Goldberg is selling raffle tickets for $10 each. Twelve names will then be picked and the winners will be able to purchase a bear for $6. Money from the raffle will be donated to the Jimmy Fund, while a percentage of the Beanie Baby sales are earmarked for the Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

Stores, Goldberg said, were limited to purchasing just 12 of the Diana bears because Ty, the company which manufactures the hot-selling stuffed animals, didn't get permission to go ahead with the bears until just recently.

For Goldberg, there was no real question which charity he would donate the raffle ticket money to.

"The Jimmy Fund has always been my charity of choice," he said. "I used to go around collecting in my neighborhood in Dorchester as a kid. When I saw there would be a big demand for the bear, I decided to hold the raffle."

Goldberg wanted to avoid having one customer come into the store and possibly buy all 12 of the bears.

Beanie Baby collectors have been known to buy the popular animals by the armload, often shelling out big money for the "retired" collectibles that are no longer being made. Goldberg, though, wants to assure people that everybody will have a fair shot at buying the bear and no exceptions will be made.

"My own wife wants one and I told her I couldn't get her one until the second wave comes in," he said with a laugh.

Goldberg has been selling Beanie Babies for nearly two years and hasn't seen any decline in the product's popularity. "If it's not the number-one toy it has got to be near the top of the list," he said.

He predicts the bear will become hugely popular and has already seen signs that indicate the product is in big demand.

"These bears are in huge demand," he said. "People are already trying to sell them on the Internet for as much as $200."

Goldberg said he was "very surprised" when he heard the Diana bear was being produced but believes it is for a worthy cause. He also likes the opportunity to help out the Jimmy Fund at the same time.

"It's a great organization and it has been for years."

Grapplers gear up for increased competition

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

So, you lead your team to a 16-4 record, finish eighth place in all of Division III and one of your wrestlers, Kevin Duffy, takes the state title in the 135-lb weight class.

What do you do for an encore? According to CHS wrestling coach Torin Sweeney, you schedule tougher opponents and aim for higher goals.

Adding to their growing reputation as the lil' Division III team that could, Sweeney believes that what lies before his squad is one of the toughest schedules in the history of the school's wrestling program.

And he wouldn't have it any other way.

"The only way to get better is to put yourself up against the better teams," said Sweeney. "I didn't want to see the team just sit back and relax after we did as well as we did last season."

If it was a challenge that he wanted to give his team, it looks like he may have succeeded. Opponents for the CHS squad in the upcoming season include six Division I schools and four out of the five top finishers from Division III last year.

Last season the grapplers finished eighth out of the 43 teams that competed in the Division III state finals, their best year since 1993 and the fourth time that they had taken a top ten finish in the 90s.

"I think that if we don't get a top five finish in Division III this

WRESTLING, PAGE 19

Basketball program needs your help

The Winter Recreational Basketball Program is in desperate need of a Division Coordinator for the grades 4-6 Basketball program held Saturdays at Cohasset High School.

Roy Davis has directed and coordinated this program during the past 5 years, but no longer has the available time. Roy has indicated that he will work with the new coordinator(s) this year.

Bill Grimm will continue to coordinate the grades 1-3 program at Deer Hill School as he has volunteered to do during the past 4 years.

Interested parents should call Jack Worley at Cohasset Recreation Department, 383-6791, right away.

The Recreation Commission and Basketball Boosters Club are indebted to Roy Davis for the tremendous job he has done during the past 5 years with the Basketball Programs.

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typical Pitino-style player. Fast, aggressive, and willing to fire up a shot from virtually anywhere inside the Mason-Dixon line, Roine figures to see some solid minutes as an off guard.

Alex "Big Daddy" Russell is the fourth and final junior on the team. Although he is sidelined until after Christmas with an injury suffered while playing tackle on the football team, Big Daddy will bring his bulk into the low post after the holidays and try to wipe the boards clean.

Craig Parker is the team's sole sophomore and also its tallest player. Standing 6' 3", he is a big man who can run the floor and grab rebounds. Around for another two years after this season, "Bacon" should figure largely in the Skippers' plans.

Finally, the team has one freshman, guard Daniel Trowers. Trowers is making the jump from freshman hoops to varsity this year, skipping the junior varsity level. Raw but explosive, Trowers will bring some additional speed to the up tempo style of play employed by Cohasset this year.

Style of play — Without a dominant big man, both Kentucky and Cohasset rebound by a committee and run the fast break. Coach Rick Pitino's style has always been to swarm forward on defense and fall back on offense, his teams often relying on the three pointer, antithetical to the traditional doctrines of falling back of defense and attacking the basket. The Pitino philosophy places a premium on conditioning, as players have to hold up for four quarters of, basically, foul-line to foul-line sprints.

Coach Ford has adopted Pitino's style to fit his team. Lacking the big men which his teams have had for the past five years, Ford has adjusted accordingly. What worked in Kentucky, and what appears to be working for the Skippers.

Head coach — The similarities between the two programs do not end with players and the style of play; the head coaches share a few traits as well. Pitino and Ford are both relatively young men in an old man's business. Both give special attention to their sideline attire and neither would be caught dead with a hair out of place.

Pitino has made a habit out of rescuing teams from the cellar and bringing them to the highest level. He resurrected BU's program, carried a once-dismal Providence team to the Final Four, led the New York Knicks to the verge of the NBA championship, saved a probation-stricken Kentucky program, and has now begun to, hopefully, restore winning as a tradition to the once proud Boston Celtics.

While his resume is not quite as long, Ford has coached the Skippers from a mediocre South Shore League team to within one game of the state finals two years in a row.

His teams contend with the best in the state in non-league tournaments.

As baseball coach, he took the Skippers to the state tournament for the first time in 24 years.

He was also a darn good junior high girls' soccer coach.

And, now, both share the style of play that will get the Skipper-Dome rockin' and leave his exhausted players curled up in the fetal position after each game of fun 'n gun basketball.

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New Year's sports festival jamboree

The South Shore Sports Center will hold it's first New Year's Sports Festival Jamboree the week of Monday, Dec. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. on Rinks 2 and 3.

The Jamboree is a multi sport camp and tournament with skills competitions, games and clinics. Sports include baseball, basketball, flag football, hockey (street/roller), kickball, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball.

The program will be directed by Ted Carroll. Ted has been at the Sports Center since 1985 serving as both the director of basketball and hockey programs.

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WATD hands out post-season honors

Radio station WATD-95.9 FM in Marshfield recently put a stamp of approval on the end of another successful high school football season with their annual gridiron banquet honoring the top players and coaches that set themselves apart from the pack this year.

The reception was held this year at the Sheraton Hotel in Plymouth. Guest speakers included former honorees Jeff Reale and Mike McSherry. Both gentlemen had fine football careers at Rockland High School and have gone on to gridiron success at the college level.

The following players and coaches were honored at the event.

Atlantic Coast League

•Player of the Year- Nate Ross, Whitman-Hanson

•Coach of the Year- Don Dellorco, Duxbury

•Distinguished Players- David Fontes, Scituate and David Seger, Duxbury

Old Colony League

•Player of the Year- Jon Bond, Silver Lake

•Coach of the Year- Dan Buron, Bridgewater-Raynham and Jeff Knight, Silver Lake

•Distinguished Players- Matt Colburn, Barnstable; Doug Bessette, Bridgewater-Raynham;

Marquisse Silva, Silver Lake and Andre Mendes, Silver Lake

South Shore League

•Players of the Year- Mike Kenny, Hanover; Bobby Flynn, Rockland and Brian Doherty, Norwell

•Coach of the Year- Jim Sullivan, Norwell

•Distonguished Player- Brian Fabrizio, Norwell

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year I will be a little bit disappointed," said Sweeney. "This is a strong team but the one thing we have to avoid is injuries. We're not really a deep team, so even one injury could throw everything off."

While only fielding a varsity team this season, Sweeney was excited about the fact that a wrestling team has been put together for kids in the middle school.

"The earlier they learn the basics, the better wrestlers they are going to be," said Sweeney. "A program like this can only be beneficial to their development in the sport."

While the program has been active before, the twist this year is that the squad will have a schedule of seven or eight matches this season against other local squads.

"I think this will continue to be a great feeder program for the varsity team for years to come," said Sweeney.

Hopefully, he added, the younger kids will stick with the team through to the point where they are members of this varsity squad.

"Wrestling is some times a tough sell," said Sweeney. "It's not a glamour sport and there is a lot of work that goes into the training. But once a kid gets hooked in, they almost always stick around and go the distance."

Some of those who have stuck around include the following:

•103 lb. Freshman Craig Sheerin

•112 lb. Freshman Tim Figueirido and sophomore Chris Pratt

•119 lb. Eighth grader Dan Littauer

•125 lb. Junior co-captain Mike Baird

•130 lb. Freshman Dan Duffy

•135 lb. Sophomore Liam O'Donnell

•140 lb. Jordan Fiore

•145 lb. Ben Litteaur

•152 lb. Mike Rossi

•160 lb. Junior Justin Golden

•172 lb. Junior co-captain Luke Caldwell

•189 lb. Sophomore Joe Cardone

•215 lb. J.P. Laugelle

The team does not have a wrestler to fill the heavyweight category.

With no seniors on the team, Sweeney said it will be up to a strong core of juniors to step up and lead this team.

"I'm putting a lot on their shoulders," said Sweeney. "They've been through the ringer before, so they know what to expect during the season and what's going to happen once we get to the state tourney.

"We are young, but I think we've got a strong team to work with this season."

Larson races to the top

Emily Larson, the daughter of Don and Mary Larson of Cohasset, has completed another successful year of showing her horse, Keep in Touch.

Beginning with the Florida circuit, Emily was Children's Hunter Champion competing against some of the best horses in the country.

She continued to be successful throughout the show season, ending it by competing in the Mass. Mini Finals.

Emily rides at River Wind Farm in Pembroke, Mass. Under the instruction of Carl Catani and Abigail Greer.

Sports Fax 837-4540

Sign-up for Santa Claus hockey tournament

Applications are being accepted for the 25th annual Santa Claus Hockey Tournament Dec. 26-31 at the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham.

The tournament is for AHA Mite A and Squirt A hockey teams. All teams are guaranteed four games. Trophies are awarded to all participants.

Please call 749-6660 for information.

Blue Hills lessons still open

Blue Hills ski lessons begin Thursday, Jan. 8; however immediate registration is required. Ski lessons are for children and teens, ages 7 and over.

The cost for the five-week, 2-3/4 hour lessons is $110, and if equipment rental is necessary, $155. The fee includes lessons and transportation and equipment rentals for the five weeks. ($155).

The bus will leave from Town Hall parking lot at 3:20 p.m. sharp and returns to Town Hall at about 7 p.m. each Thursday.

The program is designed for five consecutive Thursdays, through Feb. 5, however, travel and snow conditions can lengthen the program.

For further information, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-6791. To register, you will need to come to the office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

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Food for thought: "There are 4 stages of a man's life: 1. When he believes in Santa Claus, 2. When he doesn't believe in Santa Claus, 3. When he is Santa Claus, 4. When he looks like Santa Claus.

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For Your Health

Take the season's stress out of your holidays!

By Esther Csapo Rastegari, RN, M.Ed.
CORRESPONDENT

Do you feel you have too much to do, and not enough time? Are you getting sick a lot and having problems sleeping? Stress. It's everywhere and everyone is talking about how bad it is for us. In fact, it's one more thing we need to worry about: the stress of stress. It has become somewhat of an umbrella term, primarily referring to anything we don't like that in some way upsets us.

Although we associate stress with an unpleasant event or feeling, many wonderful times in our lives are — at least for our bodies — very stressful: marriage, a new relationship, the birth of a baby. We think of stress as the bane of the modern world, but what about the caveman, out searching for food? Out of the bushes, a few feet away, an enormous animal rears up and roars. Now that's stress! The human needs to make a decision: Does he stay and fight, or flee as fast as his bare feet can take him?

Therein lies the essence of the purpose of stress. It sets off a cascade of physiological sequences to prepare the individual for the task at hand. The adrenaline (epinephrine) is produced and sent throughout the body. His heart rate increases, his breathing becomes faster and more shallow. He becomes more alert, able to smell, hear and see more acutely. Blood is pumped into his muscles to prepare for the physical battle or for the race to safety. Blood is diverted from areas not as important at the time, such as the stomach. It's a great plan if you are truly faced with danger. It is what enables the ordinary person to accomplish extraordinary feats, such as lifting a car off someone trapped underneath. But when the danger is less imminent, such as the boss's reaction to our being late again this week, the stress reaction takes its toll. Our bodies go through the same sequence of events, only to have the body's chemicals raging inside without any way of discharging them. Our body has mustered a defense plan for the imminent attack, only there is no attack. When we are stressed, this preparation of "fight or flight" discussed more than 50 years ago by Dr. Hans Selye, is played out several times a day, every day. The result is physical and psychological disruption, a body that is ill, worn out and exhausted.

The more we learn about stress, the more we understand the role stress plays in making us sick. Virtually all illnesses are made worse through stress, and many diseases are stress-induced (such as high blood pressure). If we can learn to get a better handle on stress, we can be healthier human beings. Sounds great, but how do we accomplish this? Much is in perception. Our feeling of being in control is very much related to stress. When a situation presents itself, if we feel that we are in control of things, there is much less perceived stress than if we feel a victim of the situation. Financial stress, stress in relationships, stress at work, insufficient time, all play a part in our daily lives. We cannot avoid stress, for we cannot control the world around us, but we can learn to manage it differently.

The holiday season is a stressful one for many people. Our regular schedule of work and family/friends commitments is hectic enough. Add to that the additional planning, time and money involved with shopping, wrapping, mailings, trips and family visits... Dealing with stress means learning to set priorities, choosing what you can do something about, and practicing techniques to deal better with those situations over which you have little or no control. Hopefully, some of the following ideas can help reduce your holiday stress, others may need to be placed on your New Year Resolutions List for the next holiday season!

Time. We all have the same number of hours in a day and days in a week, but some of us seem to get more done than others. Time management techniques can benefit us all. Planning is a key factor: Make a list of what you have left to get done before your holiday. Be specific about events you need to attend, who you need to shop for and what to get them. With only about a week left to get everything done for this year's holidays, make a calendar with only the days left on a separate piece of paper. With calendar in hand, write down the events already scheduled, to see what time is still available to you. Decide with family members which events are most important to attend. There is always more going on than we can realistically take part in. Mark your trip to the post office (keeping in mind anything mailed will take several days to get there). Any gift that needs to be sent has a higher priority in terms of being bought than one that will be given out locally. Next year, start marking your calendar early. While it may be too late now for many catalogue or online purchases to arrive in time, think about it for next year. Any gift that can be delivered without your going out to choose it, stand in line to pay for it, wrap it and mail it, has special time-saving advantages. If you have "down time," such as when watching TV, or sitting at the doctor's, or riding the train, use it to write cards, affix postage, or to get more organized. Keep a list of to whom you send cards, so that next year you can address them with return address early on and write them as you have time. If you have a number of people to whom you send detailed letters to catch up on the year's events, consider a "newsletter" of sorts, in which you write all the news you would share with everyone. This can be inserted into the card, which you can then personalize. If you have a computer, you can even have a file started early in the year, in which you write about important events as they happen and are up-to-date by the time the 1998 holiday season rolls around.

Finances. Financial stress is certainly year-round for many people. The holidays can add to that. This is when a budget is really important. Decide on what you can afford — without paying for it for the next 12 months! Include the cost of wrapping and mailing gifts, as well as additional entertaining costs. Even regular household costs are increased with extra usage of electricity and gas. From the whom-to-buy-for list you already generated under "time management," decide how much you can afford to spend on each gift. Homemade gifts are always welcomed for their thoughtfulness and personal touch. Remind yourself of the true meaning of the holidays, which sometimes can get lost in the hectic nature of the season. A box of seashells sent to a friend as a reminder of long walks taken together by the beach will mean far more than an expensive store-bought present.

Stress-reducing techniques. Stress takes its toll on our bodies, and we respond by tensing our muscles, taking short, shallow breaths and being prepared to fend off a mighty beast. If you already engage in regular exercise, this is not the time to slack off, for this is when you need it most.

Exercise allows our bodies to "let off steam" in a physical way. While time is of the essence right now, try to squeeze in a few minutes several times a day to get up and take a brief walk. If at home, get out and walk around the block, taking in deep breaths as you go. If indoors because of work or weather, get up and walk up and down a flight of stairs, or even around the office, doing some deep breathing as you go. Just a five-minute break can help to clear your head, refresh you a little and make you more productive. Even if you stay seated, stop working periodically. Breathe in through your nose, imagine filling your stomach with air. Imagine the air bringing energy to every cell in your body. Exhale through your mouth, pulling your stomach towards your back. To take a mini-vacation, close your eyes and imagine yourself somewhere beautiful. See what is around you. Taking a deep breath, smell the air, the trees or the flowers. Listen for sounds of the wind, or the ocean, or birds chirping. Touch the flowers, feel the sand in-between your toes. Using as many of your senses as possible in your imagined location helps the relaxation process.

Meditation is another good tool to help you relax. Sit comfortably in a place where you won't be disturbed for about 15 minutes. Close your eyes and pay attention to your breathing. It will probably be shallow and a bit fast. Take a few deep breaths — breathing in through your nose, filling your abdomen with air, then slowly letting the air out through your mouth and gently pulling your stomach toward your back. Pick a letter of the alphabet and start to repeat it to yourself over and over. As thoughts enter your head, gently push them aside by returning to saying your letter. It takes awhile to get the hang of it, as we are so used to thinking *about* something. It is hard to think of nothing, and yet remain focused. When you feel ready, stop saying your letter, but keep your eyes closed and take a few more deep breaths. They should come a bit more naturally at this point. Slowly open your eyes and readjust to your surroundings. Gradually get up from your seated position.

When practiced on a daily basis, the benefits of the meditation and relaxation help to lower blood pressure and counteract the damage to the cardiovascular and immune systems being done by stress.

We can use our senses of smell, touch, and hearing to help reduce our stress. Aromatherapy uses the scents of essential oils such as lavender, geranium and sandalwood to bring about a feeling of relaxation.

A book on aromatherapy along with a small basket of essential oils make a thoughtful gift for a friend or for yourself!

Touch is a basic need of all human beings. Massage has been found to be not only very relaxing, but healing as well. Massaging your feet with scented lotion can be a way of taking care of yourself during this hectic season, as well as throughout the year. Listening to soft, peaceful music is also very relaxing; a personal favorite: "When it's time for letting go: music to heal the heart" (Serenity). Music without a regular beat or that is unfamiliar can be very soothing, as it allows the mind to relax a bit more.

Those New Year's Resolutions

- I will buy a weekly planner and start being more organized.
- I will actually use my weekly planner.
- I will learn to say "no" to requests made of me if saying "yes" means not doing a good job and feeling overwhelmed.
- I will plan my time so as not to always feel rushed.
- I will try relaxing exercise like yoga (The American Yoga Association Beginner's Manual is a terrific at-home, pace-yourself yoga guide of 30 weeks of "classes" that virtually anyone, no matter how out-of-shape, can start with week 1, and stay there as long as needed). Of course, classes with instructors are good, too!
- Taking care of myself doesn't mean thinking only of myself. It includes getting enough rest, eating food my body needs when my body needs it, and engaging in relaxation activities so that I can feel my best to do what I have to do.

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Registration for junior lacrosse scheduled for Dec. 20

Registration for the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse spring season will be held Saturday, Dec. 20, from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School.

The Junior Lacrosse program, starting its third year, is open to boys and girls currently in the fifth- and sixth-grade. Registration is $75, which includes a uniform, practice jersey and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes a subscription to a new magazine especially designed for kids.

The Cohasset junior lacrosse program is part of the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth program. In general, games are played Sunday afternoons. Practices currently are scheduled for late afternoon Mondays and Fridays. The team will begin practicing in early March, games start in April and the season concludes with the MBYLL Jamboree in mid-June.

"We do realize that conflicts come up," says Jaffe. "That's not a problem so long as a kid can be there often enough to learn our offense and defense, and is responsible in telling us when he can't attend practices or games. "

Lacrosse is a contact sport; both practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass. Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all players must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces. Hockey equipment is allowed, although Jaffe warns that hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick.

Because of the popularity of the program, there is a strong possibility that Cohasset will field two teams this spring. "If 36 kids sign up — and we had 30 last year — we definitely will have two teams this spring," says coach Chuck Jaffe. "We appear to have coaches lined up to help us grow the program, which will really help our players develop. The kids will get more repetitions in practice and, with two teams, a lot more playing time. That just makes the games more fun."

Jaffe also notes that while the team welcomes girls, it does not play girls' lacrosse, which is not full contact, is played under different rules and with slightly different equipment. "There are many girls playing in the MBYLL," he said, "but they do have an adjustment to make when they get older and start playing girls' lacrosse."

There will be more information on the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program available at the Dec. 20 sign-up. If you have an age-eligible child and can not attend the registration session, call Jaffe at 383-9858.

Blue Hills snowboard lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept a limited number of registrations for Blue Hills snowboard lessons for children ages 10 through 18.

Registration will be held at the recreation office Thursday, Dec. 18, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The cost for five 1 3/4 hour lessons and transportation is $160 per person which includes board rental for the five-week session. Should boots also have to be rented, the fee is $175 for the five-week session.

This program begins Thursday, Jan. 8. Bus leaves town hall at 3:20 p.m. and returns to town hall at about 6:45 p.m.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-6791 with any questions.

Rowers compete in New England championships

Cold temperatures, freezing rain and snow showers couldn't dampen the enthusiasm and spirits of a group of Cohasset students who participated in the annual "Icebreaker New England Rowing Championships," held in Boston last month.

These Cohasset High School students comprise the Cohasset Open Water Rowing Team, coached by Cohasset High School teacher Jack Buckley of Hull.

Under Mr. Buckley's direction, these students row three afternoons per week for up to 11 months each year. The year culminates with the "Icebreaker Championship," when teams from Maine, New York, Connecticut, Boston, Charlestown, Hull, Hingham and Cohasset compete in about 12 sprints.

Team members rotate in groups of six rowers and a coxswain through the sprint events. All teams rotate using several English-made "Seilly Isle Pilot Gigs" as assigned by the race committee.

This year, the Cohasset rowers competed in four sprints finishing third overall.

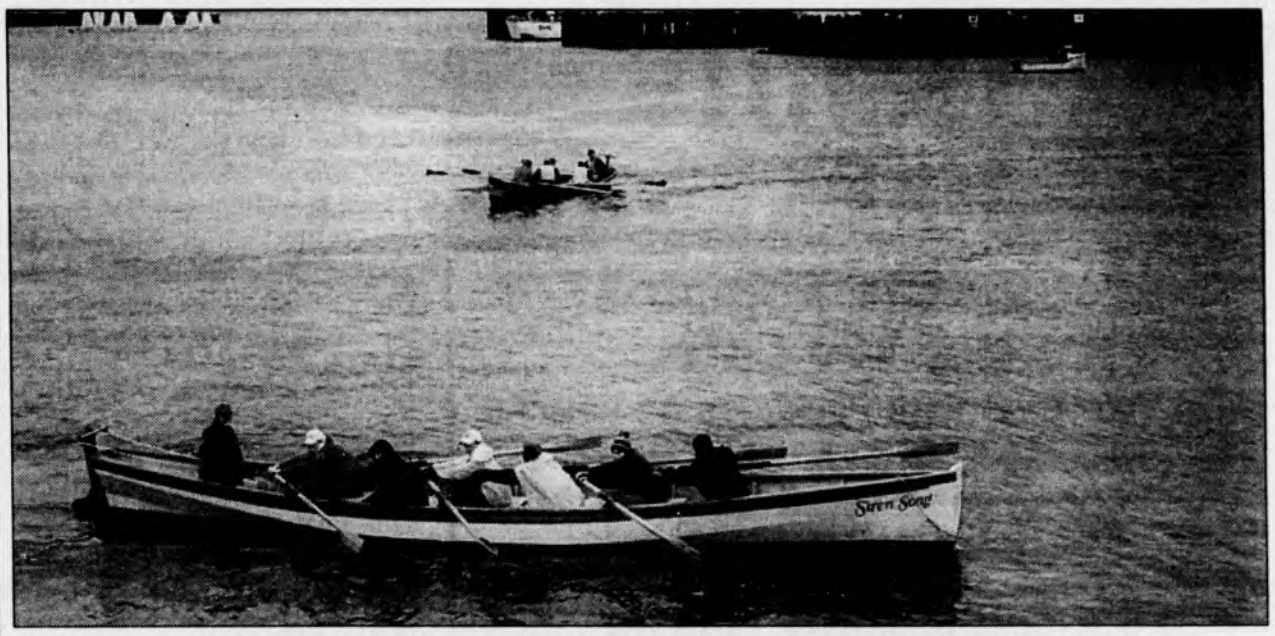
The team was also scheduled to compete in the Nautical Mile Sprint. This last event was canceled due to the inclement weather.

Cohasset Rowers participating in the Icebreaker this year included: Seniors: Janet Hoyler and Justin Green; Sophomores: Jen Barnes, Mareth Collins-Wooley, Liz Hassen, Lindy Morde, Matt Pilczak, Joe Nicynski and Brian Tracey; and, Freshman Elizabeth "Bea" Rankin.

Each rower was awarded the "Key to the Harbor" and a T-shirt. Congratulations to this committed group of young people and their coach for their dedication to rowing and their commitment to keeping the Maritime History of Cohasset alive!

The Icebreaker Championships are organized and sponsored by the Hull Lifesaving Museum.

Feb. 7, 1998, the Cohasset Open Water Rowing Team will sponsor a "Row-a-thon" to raise money to purchase two "Concept II" Ergometers to enhance their training.



Cohasset rows the Pilot Gig "Mariner." Rowers are from left to right: Coxswain Liz Hassen, Janet Hoyler, Brian Tracey, Joe Nicynski, Matt Pilczak, Lindy Morde and Jen Barnes.

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Dec. 19 At Carver
23 Bye
29 Scituate (at Hingham) 6 p.m.
30 Randolph/Hingham 6/8 p.m.
Jan. 5 Abington
7 At Norwell 3:30/5 p.m.
9 Rockland
13 Hanover
16 At Hull
20 At Norton 3:30/5 p.m.
23 E. Bridgewater
26 Carver 3:30/5 p.m.
28 Bye
30 At Abington
Feb. 3 Norwell 3:30/5 p.m.
6 At Rockland
9 At Hanover
11 Hull
J.V. 5 p.m. Varsity 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Dec. 19 Carver
23 At Nauset 4:30/6 p.m.
27 Scituate 7 p.m.
29 Avon/Dover-ShervornTBA
Jan. 5 At Abington
7 Norwell
9 At Rockland
13 At Hanover
16 Hull
20 Norton
23 At E. Bridgewater
26 At Carver
28 Harwich 4:30/6 p.m.
30 Abington
Feb. 3 At Norwell
6 Rockland
9 Hanover
11 At Hull
16 At Marshfield 5/6:30 p.m.
18 Marshfield 5/6:30 p.m.
Freshmen 3:30 p.m. JV 5 p.m. Varsity 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

WRESTLING
Dec. 20 Canton, Dedham, King Phillip 10 a.m.
23 At Carver vs. Duxbury, Can. 3:30 p.m.
29-30 At Marshfield Tourney11 a.m.
31 At Marshfield Jr.High/J.V. Tourney 10 a.m.
Jan. 3 Quabin, Tynsboro, Lynnfield 10 a.m.
7 At Norwell 7 p.m.
10 At Whitman-Hanson Tourn.10 a.m.
14 At Rockland 7 p.m.
18 Sharon, Scituate, Rockland 3:30 p.m.
21 Carver 7 p.m.
24 Cohasset Tourney 10 a.m.
28 Hanover 7 p.m.
30 Hingham 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 At Bridgewater-Raynham 7 p.m.
5 Rockland, Wellesely, Midd.4 p.m.
9 Foxboro 3:30 p.m.
13-14 At TBA, Div. III, South Sec. 2 p.m.
20-21 At TBA, Div. III, State Tour. 3 p.m.
28 TBA, all states 10 a.m.
Mar.5-7 TBA, New England Tourn.TBA

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Dec. 23 At Oliver Ames
Jan. 7 At Sharon 3:30 p.m.
10 At Nantucket 2 p.m.
13 At Nauset 4 p.m.
15 At Middleboro 4 p.m.
22 At Duxbury 3:30 p.m.
29 At North Quincy 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 At Sandwich 4 p.m
5 At Taunton 4 p.m.
12 Pilgrim Conference
13 Pilgrim Conference
20 S. Section
21 S. Section
27 States
28 States

GYMNASTICS
Dec. 22 Duxbury 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5 At Scituate 5:30 p.m.
10 Notre Dame 10 a.m.
12 At Carver 7:30 p.m.
14 Hanover 7:30 p.m.
26 At Hanover 7:15 p.m.
29 Scituate and Carver 5:30 p.m.
31 Thayer 3 p.m.
Feb. 4 All league at Carver 7:30 p.m.
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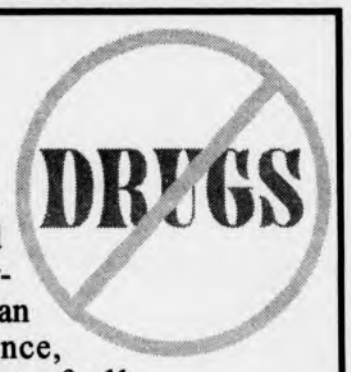
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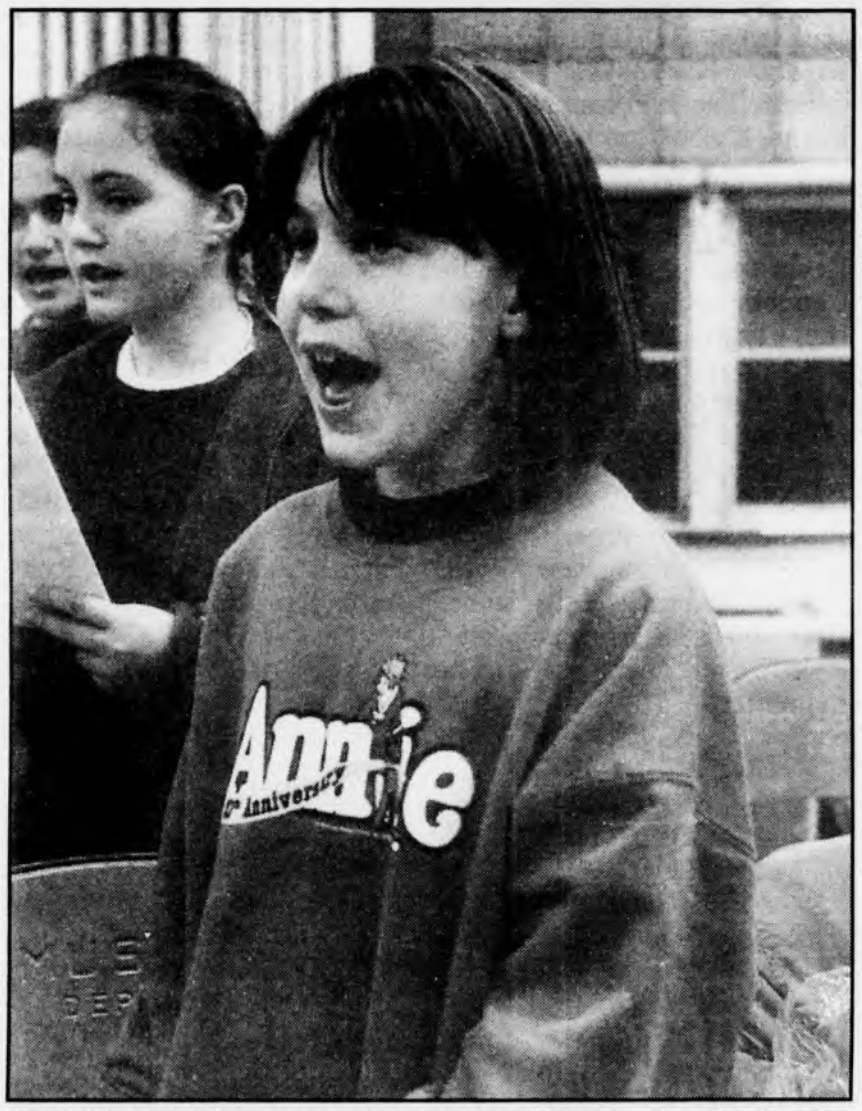
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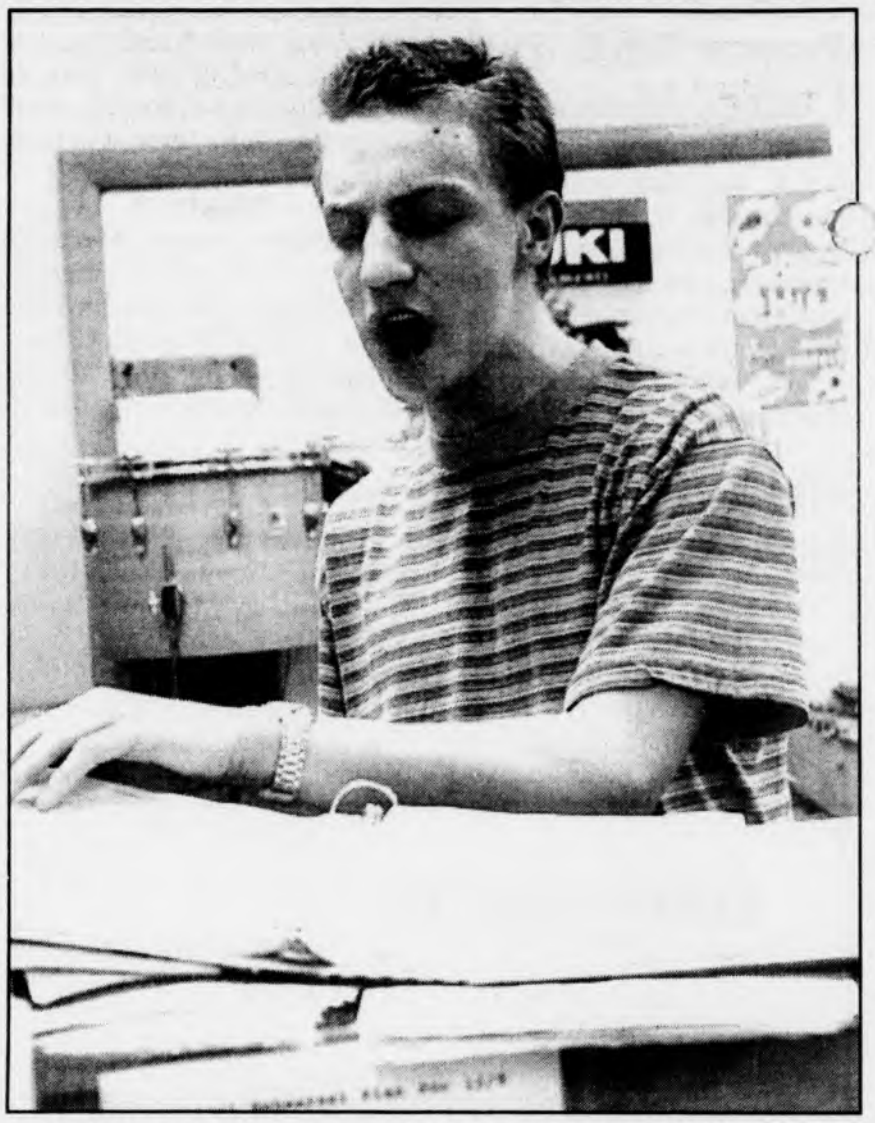
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Young Annie actors upbeat about upcoming show

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER



Katie Roche, 11, gave up winter sports this year to play Annie.


Brian Krupczak, 14, rehearses for his role as Daddy Warbucks in the upcoming Cohasset Plays by the Sea production of 'Annie.'

Brian Krupczak, 14, of Aaron River Road, enjoys playing running back on the Cohasset High School football team. He says that "even though the team hasn't had a lot of wins lately, we're still a good team and we'll be back."

This sense of team spirit and optimism carries into his attitude about another team he plays with — the Cohasset Plays By the Sea Drama Club cast and crew of "Annie."

Cast as Daddy Warbucks, Brian feels confident that the production rehearsals will produce good performances of "Annie" next month when it goes on stage at Cohasset High School.

"When the leads rehearse, it feels professional. Everyone knows what they have to do, and they basically get down and do it. Pretty straight forward. The little kids get rambunctious though, and then it has to get strict, but otherwise, it's going pretty fast. Good group of actors."

Brian's football and basketball schedules have been a challenge to balance with the "Annie" rehearsals, but since he's been involved in drama on and off while growing up, balancing it all is something that Brian takes in stride.

"I like acting. I was in the summer production of 'Once Upon A Time' this past year when Ronnie (Nicynski) approached me and asked me to audition for 'Daddy Warbucks.' I told him about my football schedule and he agreed to work around it with me if I joined the production."

Brian enjoys playing serious roles as opposed to those with humor.

"I think I'm personally more of a serious person. I like the character of Daddy Warbucks because he's big, rich, powerful and demands respect."

Brian said that director Ron Nicynski makes them analyze their characters in order to help them ease into them.

"Warbucks is a Republican. That is forefront in my mind when I am rehearsing my entrance, exit and lines."

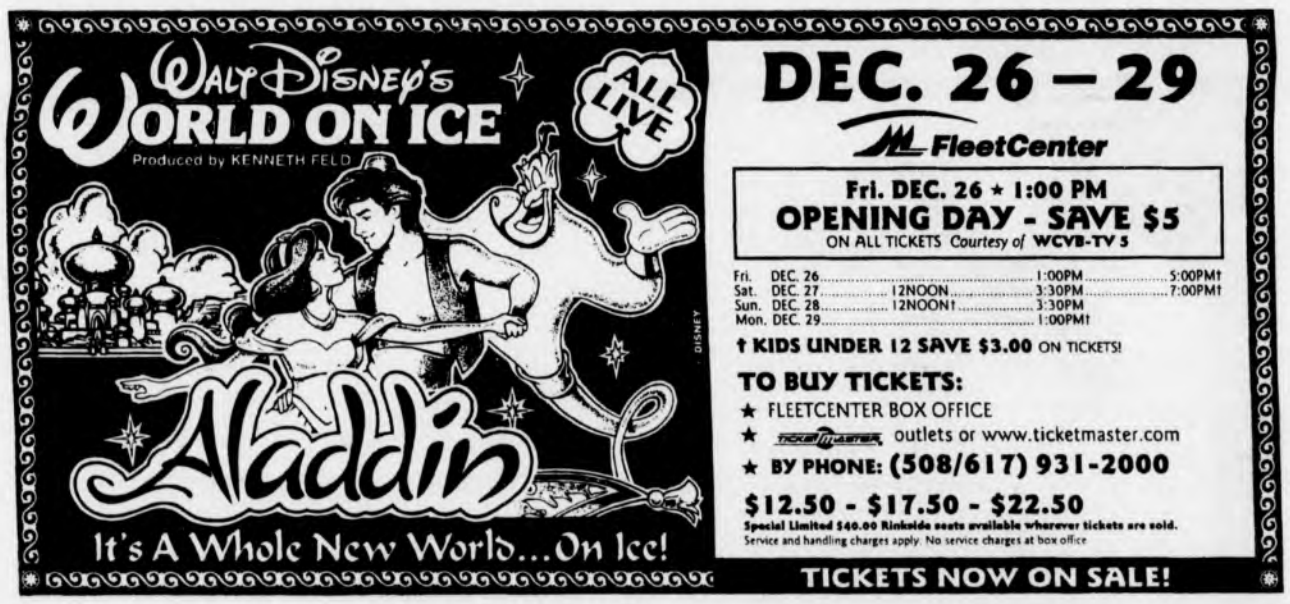
Brian Krupczak was also in the chorus of "Mikado," a Cohasset High School production last year.

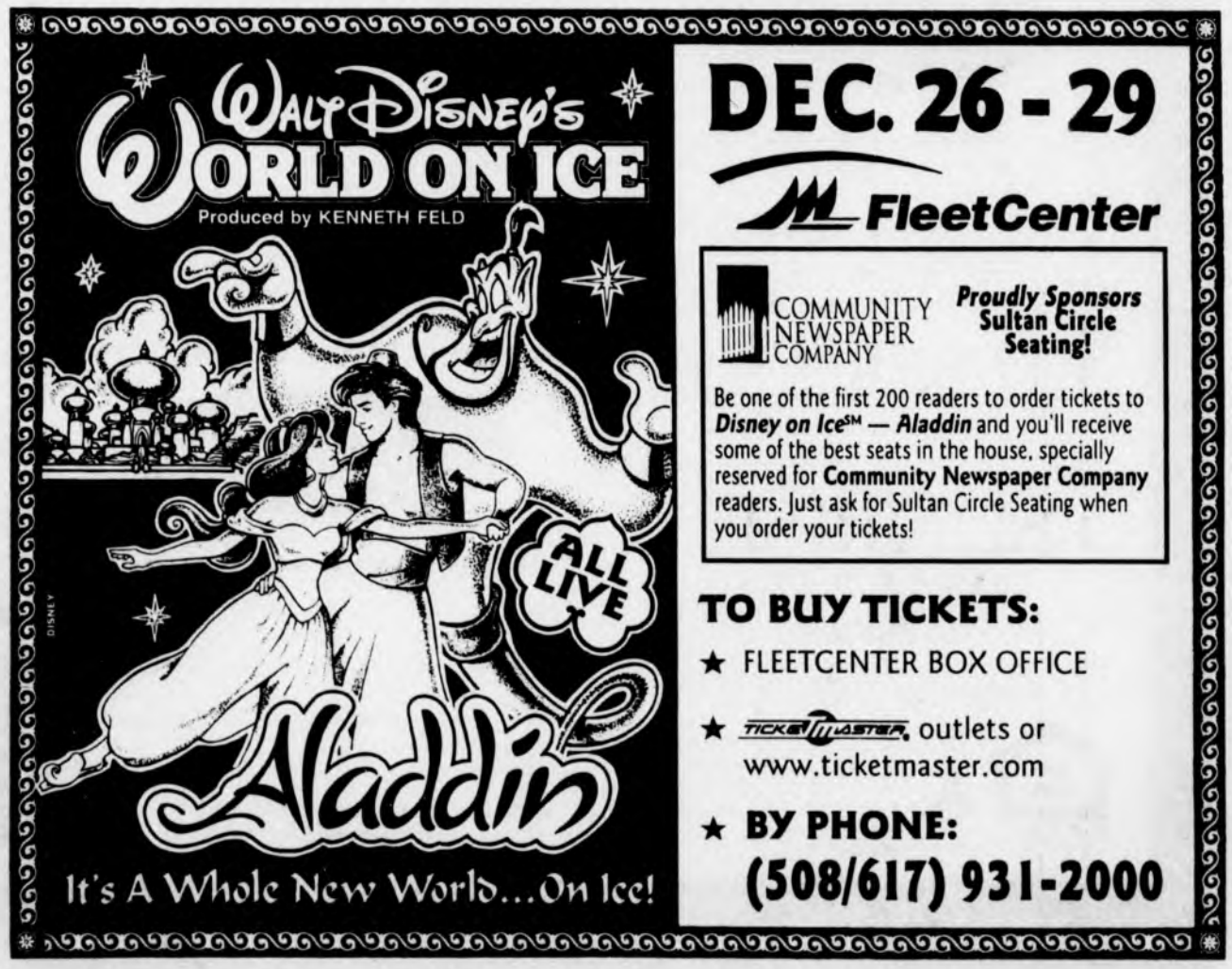
"I believe they're planning on producing it again next year and if that's so, I'll try out again for it. It was very well done. "

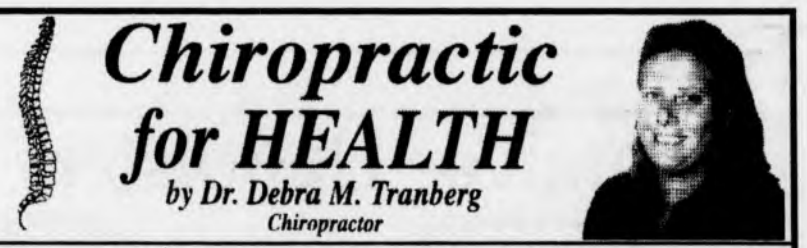
Brian's advice to others thinking about getting involved in drama is to be prepared to sacrifice your time.

"It's worth it, though," he added. "You learn a lot and it's a

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Please help children in need

Until Dec. 23, C.H.S. will have a toy drive. The toys collected will be donated to the Toys for Tots, Mary Martha's Learning Center and Rosie's Place. Any unwrapped gifts are greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the main entrance of C.H.S.

Auditions for Neil Simon play

Hull Performing Arts is proud to announce auditions for "They're Playing Our Song" book by Neil Simon, music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Carole Bayer Sager. The show will be directed by David Clinton and the musical director is Derelyn Kahler.

The original cast of "They're Playing Our Song" included Robert Klein and Lucie Arnaz in her Broadway debut. This romantic musical tells the story of Vernon Gersch, a composer, and Sonia Walsh, a lyricist. The two team up to write love songs. In order to learn more about each other, they go to dinner and begin to fall in love. But Sonia has an old relationship to work out...

Vernon's and Sonia's alter egos are acted out by other characters on the stage. Their thoughts and feelings are played out by these characters so that we learn the inner workings of the hearts and minds.

David Clinton will be directing "They're Playing Our Song." Clinton has appeared in many HPA productions including "Two by Two," "A Thurber Carnival," and "I Take This Man." In 1994, he made his directorial debut with "1959 Pink Thunderbird," in which he directed Lone Star. Clinton has also acted as musician, stage manager and set hand. He is the president of Hull Performing Arts and a longtime member of the HPA Board of Directors.

Auditions will be held Monday, Jan. 12, and Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave. in Hull. Please bring a prepared piece of music (doesn't have to be from the show). Call (617) 925-9086 for directions and other information.

Hull Performing Arts is a nonprofit, tax-exempt community theater based in the beautiful seaside Town of Hull.

Consignment shop for the holidays

Cashmere men's sweaters, Scottish tweed jackets, designer party dresses, Royal Copenhagen Christmas plates, and a Victorian Wedgwood cameo necklace are among the treasures at the Cohasset Consignment Shop, Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset.

South Shore shoppers can avoid the traffic and holiday crowds and come to the new shop Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., manager Andy Merrill announced.

Collectors will want to view Royal Copenhagen Christmas plates 1964-1985, English village Wade England of weighted porcelain, Reed & Barton tea service and tray, Ralph Lauren sweaters, designer jewelry including Victorian Wedgwood cameo necklace, sterling silver pins, bracelets and earrings as well as an eclectic collection of cookbooks, glassware, scarves, hand-knit mittens, fur jackets and mink coats.

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Young Annie actors upbeat

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lot of fun."

Katie Roche, cast as Annie, agrees.

Katie is learning a great deal in rehearsal. She said it takes up a lot of time, but "nothing is ever accomplished in a week, if it's going to be good."

Wise words coming from an 11-year-old seventh-grader.

"I gave up my winter sport to be in Annie, but I don't feel bad about that because playing Annie is not an opportunity I'll have every year. I can always play winter sports."

The role of Annie was tough in the beginning for Katie because she wasn't familiar with the character. She now considers the character a part of her life, a part of herself for as long as she plays the part.

Katie, who lives on Black Horse Lane, moved to Cohasset from England when she was 8 years old. She said she's been acting "her whole life."

"I was in the production 'Cats' and 'Beauty and the Beast.' I was also a munchkin in the CPBS production last year of "The Wizard of Oz."

Katie said that she had hoped for a larger role than munchkin last year, but in the end, was glad her role was a smaller one.

"Having a big role is a lot of work and I really didn't want to do it last year."

Katie said this year it's different. Doing the work is not something she has minded, she said. She was ready.

Katie was also quick to praise director Ron Nicynski.

"Ronnie isn't like any other director I've worked with. He helps you by not telling you exactly what to do. You have to figure that out for yourself," she said, "and that's cool."

Katie's other interests are horses, singing, dancing, and field hockey, her fall sport.

Her advice to kids thinking about trying drama? "Try hard," she said.

Tickets available for 'Annie'

Cohasset Plays by the Sea presents Annie Friday, Jan. 16 and Saturday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m. at Cohasset High School.

Tickets are $5 in advance and $6 at the door and are available at The Children's Exchange, Cohasset Village, or call Gitte Shea, 383-2384.

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Ann Kelly wins raffle

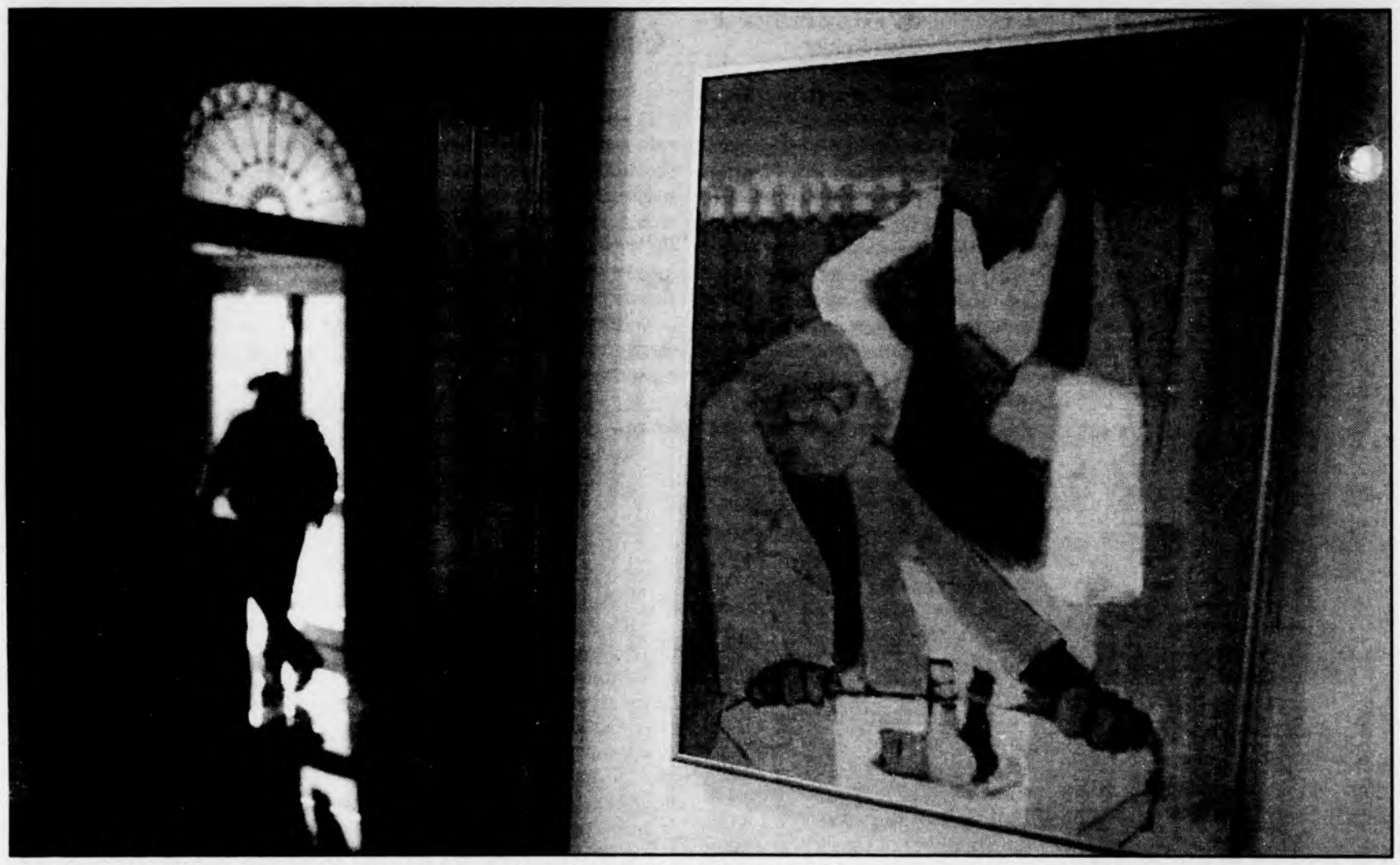
Ann Kelly of Fair Oaks Lane was the winner of the beautiful watercolor prototype of the mural in the children's room at the Paul Pratt Library, raffled at the Village Fair by the Friends of the Library. The painting is by award-winning South Shore artist Becky Haletky. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the library.

Brooks Kelly exhibit at library

Award-winning South Shore artist Brooks Kelly currently has on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library a selection of his paintings, in cooperation with the South Shore Art Center.

A native of this area, Kelly was educated in Plymouth and Barnstable public schools. He attended Carnegie Institute of Technology, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design.

His exhibit of acrylic paintings at the Cohasset Library will continue through Dec. 31. All of the artwork is for sale.



Brooks Kelly's "Une Cravate" hangs on the wall at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library as part of his exhibit running through the end of this month.

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Cohasset library story hour

Registration for the preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are being accepted. 1. Story hours will be held Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., beginning Jan. 8 and 9. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3-1/2 to participate. To register, call the children's room at 383-1348.

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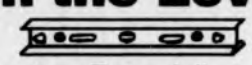
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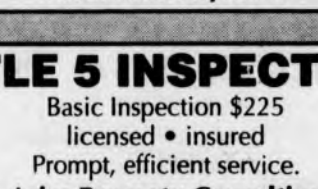
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11:24 a.m., MV violations, Highland Ave.
11:50 a.m., MV violations, Highland Ave.
11:51 a.m., assist citizen, Square.
1:09 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
[illegible] p.m., suspicious (other), Hull St.
[illegible] p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
5:24 p.m., medical aid, Ripley Rd.
7:21 p.m., MV violations, Government Island.
7:54 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd. by Red Gate Lane.
8:16 p.m., animal complaint, Sohier St.
10:47 p.m., suspicious (other), the Wolf Pit.
Arrested: Delaney, Alicia D., 45 A Hull St., DOB: 11/23/80; charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage;
Arrested: Metcalf, Laura R., 155 Nantasket Ave. Hull, charges: minor trans]porting/carrying alcoholic beverage;
Arrested: 15-year-old juvenile; charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage.

Sunday, Dec. 7

1:01 a.m., noise complaint, Elm St.
2:02 p.m., noise complaint, Elm St.
8:30 a.m., assist motorist, Bates Ln.
9:48 a.m., traffic safety inspection, 3A at Beechwood St.
10:01 a.m., animal complaint, area of 66 Spring St.
10:43 a.m., property (found), the Square.
11:11 a.m., MV accident, N. Main by Forest Ave.
12:08 p.m., assist other police department, Doane St.
1:00 p.m., property (lost), the Square.
1:28 p.m., assist motorist, Jerusalem Rd.
2:21 p.m., suspicious auto, end of Doane St. by Wompatuck.
10:35 p.m., suspicious (other), N. Main St.

Monday, Dec. 8

7:11 p.m., medical aid, Parkingway.
7:48 p.m., suspicious auto, Beach St.
8:34 p.m., info, general, CJC Hwy.
8:46 p.m., assist other agency, Hammond Ave.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

1:34 a.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
2:37 a.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
7:15 a.m., animal complaint, River Rd.
7:35 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
9:30 a.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.
9:40 a.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
12:03 p.m., noise complaint, Otis Ave.
1:58 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
2:30 p.m., general services, Rust Way.
2:33 p.m., general services, Sohier St.
2:46 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
3:21 p.m., disturbance, Pleasant St.
4:58 p.m., animal complaint, Beechwood St.
5:10 p.m., parking violation, Border St.
5:12 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:33 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:46 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
8:57 p.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.
9:30 p.m., MV violations, Border St.
9:31 p.m., MV violations, Border St.
10:22 p.m., officer wanted, Elm Ct.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

12:43 a.m., animal complaint, Oak St.
1:52 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:36 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:47 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:02 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:21 a.m., MV stop, Mobil Mart lot.
7:40 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
8:48 a.m., MV violations, Elm St.
10:48 a.m., MV violations, Jerusalem Rd.
11:03 a.m., MV violations, Otis Ave.
11:05 a.m., Escort, Sparrell Funeral Home to Woodside.
12:24 p.m., fire, investigation, Black Horse Lane.
1:51 p.m., general services, Government Island.
2:06 p.m., investigation, Pond St.
3:15 p.m., open door/window, Jerusalem Rd.
3:24 p.m., assist citizen, Spring St.
4:14 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
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Vivaldi 'Gloria' at First Parish

The inspiring music of Vivaldi's "Gloria" will be performed in its entirety, using full orchestra, in First Parish Meeting House on the Common Sunday, Dec. 21, at 10:30 a.m.. The senior choirs from the First Parish in Cohasset Unitarian Universalist and the Second Parish in Hingham Unitarian Universalist will be accompanied by the Hingham High School Chamber Players. The chorus numbers close to 45 singers in an exciting new approach to the holiday season by both congregations. The program was presented at Second Parish Sunday, Dec. 14.

The players, under the direction of Jane Hallet of Hingham, numbers 16 highly-trained string players. In addition to strings, the "Gloria" is scored for continuo and oboe. The cello continuo part will be played by Elizabeth Olson of Hingham, and the oboe parts by Sally Davenport of Hingham. Soloists for the performances are all members of their respective choirs, and include: Dorothy Pitt and Elizabeth Morrell of the Hingham Parish, and from First Parish, Jean Scammell, Diana Rousseau, Jane Forrer, Mary Ann Cushing and Anny Newman. Organist is Mark Slawson of Second Parish, and the conductor, Carolyn Curtis of First Parish. The public is invited to attend.

Christmas worship at St. Stephen's

The Christmas Eve Family Holy Communion service at St. Stephen's is Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. The Jubilee and Saint Gregory children's choirs will sing. The star of Bethlehem will be lit on the church tower.

The Festal Holy Communion Service of Christmas Eve will begin at 11 p.m. preceded by a special program of Christmas music to start at 10:30 p.m. The Saint Stephen's adult choir with music director, Dr. G. Fredrick Guzasky, will offer music such as "Hallelujah, Amen," by Handel, and "The Snow Lay on the Ground," by Leo Sowerby. The traditional story from the Gospel of Luke is read from the King James Bible. Candlelight illuminates the singing of "Silent Night." The beautiful bells of the church carillon will ring out the music of Christmas into the night.

Worship on Christmas Day will be at 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship as usual is at 8 and 10 a.m.

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Some question if school budget makes the grade

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Town Manager Mark Haddad defended his budget Monday in the face of school board criticism he has not done enough for education.

Haddad said he earmarked a $469,000 increase for education, and the total amounts to more than 70 percent of all the revenues from new growth.

ìI think I put together a sound budget that meets the needs of the town and does not ask the taxpayers to vote for an override,î Haddad said, although he agreed the school board could still ask the selectmen and the town meeting to lift the tax levy limit.

On Thursday, at the school board meeting, the calls for a tax levy override to build up the school departmentís war chest rang out after high school principal Curtis Collins all but doubledared the school board to show leadership and go for a Proposition 2 1/2 override of the tax levy this year. The proposed school department budget is $8.06 million, a 4.9 percent hike over last yearís.

"There's no shame in losing a battle, but there is a shame in not taking up a battle," the principal said.

Collins was before the school committee to detail how $113,000 in budget cuts at the high school would be felt in the classrooms and on the playing fields during the next fiscal year (FY99).

The principal lamented the need for the belt-tightening measures in something of a watershed year when the staff was trying to "nurture" the new middle school and begin block scheduling there. At the high school, he said, teachers would be grappling with a new social studies curriculum and the first year of the "high stakes" tests Massachusetts students must now pass to earn a diploma.

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COHASSET'S WEEK

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Public reading packet available

In an effort to promote communcation, the school department will provide a public reading packet and make if available to local citizens, the school board said last week. The packet, which will be available in the superintendent's office, will contain recent correspondence and other documents. There will also be an index of documents including items such as teacher contracts and school handbooks, so people will know how to access those.

Cohasset Council on Aging to receive grant

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, announced recently that the Executive Office of Elder Affairs will soon be mailing a grant award notice to the Cohasset Council on Aging. Preliminary figures for this grant award were released earlier this year, however, during the legislative process, funding was increased for the Councils on Aging. This increased has made available $3.70 per elder, with an available minimum of $2,000 regardless of community size.

Sen. Hedlund has worked to secure funding for the Councils on Aging in all eight towns within his district. The Cohasset Council on Aging will receive a grant in the amount of $5,002 for the purposes of employing a part-time Nutrition Site Manager, expanding outreach activities and producing a brochure and funding dues. "The Cohasset Council on Aging is an important part of the community. This grant will do much to improve the services and resources of this organization," Hedlund said.

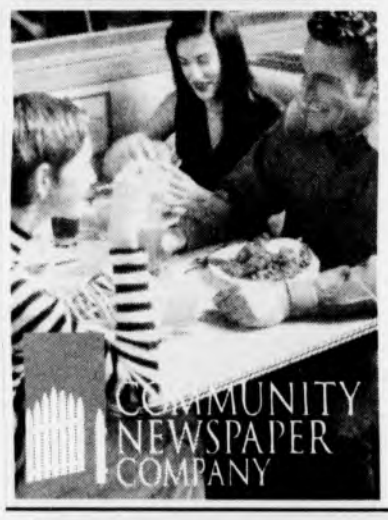
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Sun. 28	9:51	10.5	3:38	10:27	9.3	4:14
Mon. 29	10:34	10.8	4:23	11:10	9.6	4:58
Tues. 30	11:18	11.1	5:08	11:55	9.9	5:42
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Christmas past

A Brownie camera was the best present of all

By Joel Pratt
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Cohasset in the 1940s was beautiful. It is beautiful today as well, but it is not the same. Then towering Elm trees ringed the Common and marched down Elm and South Main Streets. There were even some right in the center of the village. It was smaller then, with less cars and houses and people than today. While many kids had grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins living nearby, few had as many as did I and my Pratt cousins. The extended Pratt — Bates clan was so large that there are still relatives I haven't met.

Daily life was far different in Cohasset in 1947, when I was nine. There were no shopping centers on 3A. Many things came right to our door. White Brothers delivered eggs, milk, butter and cheese. Arnold Erickson raised poultry on his farm on North Main Street and delivered it in his old pickup truck. If you put their cardboard "G" sign in the window, the Gentile's bakery truck would stop with bread, rolls, cupcakes and donuts. The cleaners took pop's soiled shirts and brought them back starched and ironed. Timmy, an old Irishman, lugged canned goods and other groceries into the kitchen from his SS Pierce truck in wonderful collapsible boxes which folded flat when empty. Lincoln Brothers delivered coal to the bin in the basement and the Williams Brothers took away our trash. Doctor Howe made house calls. Everything else we might need could be found in the stores in the village, a short walk from our house on Stevens Lane.

There were very few TVs in 1947. Computers, video games, wireless phones and satellites were the stuff of science fiction. We had comic books, 78 RPM records and AM radio. And we had the outdoors: we hiked to all corners of the town without concern. And people did things together back then. That year, Marion Winsor started a marionette club for kids. Nine or 10 of us made puppets from balsa, cardboard, cloth and paint, then put on shows. We even got our pictures in the Boston papers! My parents joined the Cohasset Dramatic Club: Pop worked on sets and mother on costumes. Pop and a group of his friends worked many evenings at the old Community Center at North Main and Sohier Streets building row boats designed by Dwight Simpson, a Cohasset resident and marine architect.

February brought the biggest snowstorm of my life — and a family tragedy. Great Uncle Lot Bates was a fireman: blizzard or none, he had to get to his shift at the old fire station at Cohasset Harbor. The Beechwood Street crossing tender — there were no automatic signals back then — wasn't there. Lot's car arrived at the crossing at the same instant as the Boston train: it was pushed all the way to Cohasset Station.



Russel took Joel's picture.



Joel took Russel's picture.

Back then, you had to be nine to be a Cub Scout. My birthday present in March was a cub uniform, bought at Sidney Gates' store. Well, part of one. I got a blue cap and shirt and a yellow neckerchief. None of the kids in our den had uniform pants — we just wore dungarees.

In October, the Fire Department showed off its new 1947 Pirsch ladder truck. I watched as pop climbed to the top of the 50-foot ladder. When he got down, he announced to Chief Oliver that he would never again get that far off the ground in a machine. And he never did.

1947 moved inevitably towards its end — and Christmas. A chemistry set was at the top of my list. When our presents were opened on Christmas morning, no chemistry set was among them. Mother said, "Ask your father." Pop said, "You're too young." OK, so no chemistry set. There were other neat gifts though. Electric switches for my train set, a Cub Scout flashlight and ice skates that fit. The skates had my cousin Russell's name in them: for years skates moved from one Pratt family to another as feet grew. Our childless neighbors, the Eatons, gave me another wonderful gift: a "Moto Saw" hand-held jigsaw.

Best of all was a small present which I treasure even now, 50 years later. Our parents gave my sister and I Kodak Brownie cameras.

Today, nine-year-olds routinely use their family's videocams and computerized 35 mm cameras with built-in flashes. Our black-and-white Brownie cameras would look ridiculous to them. No batteries. No electronics. No blinking lights. No color pictures. These were the original point-and-shoot camera: the Brownie had knobs to advance and rewind the film and a button to take the picture. Period. But in 1947, it was an awesome gift. For, you see, my parents didn't own a camera of any kind. Now my sister and I could take pictures and they could not.

Each Brownie came with a roll of Kodak V127 film and a tiny instruction booklet. Operation was simple. There were three don'ts: don't take pictures when it is too dark; don't take pictures when it is too bright and don't take pictures of things that are too close. I wanted to start taking pictures right then and there. Pop said, "Learn to load the film, then you can take my picture." And we did. My first picture shows a very cold pop standing by the back steps with his hands in his pockets.



Joel's first picture: Pop Pratt on Christmas morning, 1947.

Later that day, we went to Aunt Edna's house on the Common. There we discovered that our cousins Russell and Sheldon had also been given Brownies. In fact Uncle Carroll had bought them in Boston for all of us. Soon we kids were told to go outside to play. We took our cameras with us. But what to photograph? We decided to take pictures of each other. I took a picture of Russel. Then Russell took my picture. Then I took Sheldon's picture. Then Sheldon took my picture. Then I took one of Russell and Sheldon. We each took a picture of the flagpole on the Common. And one of the Common pond. To advance the film, you watched the little red window on the back and stopped winding when the next number appeared. Each roll had only eight pictures and they were going fast. When the last picture was taken, you had to rewind the film, remove the camera back and then lick the stickum on the paper tab so it would keep the film from unwinding.

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The day after Christmas I walked to Calls Drugstore to leave my first film to be developed and to buy a new roll. Wow! A roll of film cost almost a buck! Two days later the first pictures were ready and I learned the next hard lesson about cameras. It cost about 2 bucks a roll for the prints! My 15 cents a week allowance wasn't going to support much of a photography habit.

That simple camera lasted many years. Where is it now? I have no idea. But the Brownie and I took many pictures of Cohasset and Cohasset people. I still have every one of them. The camera is gone but the images of my family and the beautiful town where I grew up are with me still to share and enjoy.

Beechwood Street culvert must be replaced

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Every day hundreds of vehicles travel over the Beechwood Street culvert carrying residents to various destinations, from home to work and any place in between. But a recent inspection by the Massachusetts Highway Department revealed that the Beechwood Street culvert is in such poor shape that it should be replaced as soon as possible.

Town officials are racing to secure state funding to pay for a new culvert. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the cost of a new culvert is estimated at about $350,000.

Haddad said he is hopeful that the state will pay that entire cost.

The most important thing for the town to do to secure funding is to get the culvert listed with the Massachusetts Area Planning Council's (MAPC) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

"Getting the culvert listed with the TIP puts it in the pipeline for funding," Haddad said. "The legislature will not even act on a project unless it is listed with the TIP and approved by the Massachusetts Highway Department."

The town must also have the bridge rated by a professional bridge engineer. But in a letter to Mass. Highway, Haddad asked the state to rate the bridge because the town has no money to hire a private inspector.

Haddad said the TIP approval is "pretty well secured," and Mass Highway is considering the project.

State inspectors found heavy corrosion in the corrugated steel pipe arch portion which is used to reinforce the overall strength of the culvert. The roof of the granite slab, which is the part on which cars travel, shows signs of significant settling.

Currently, the culvert can remain open unless it deteriorates further. Haddad said the town is trying to avoid shutting down the culvert, and part of Beechwood Street, thus avoiding a traffic nightmare.

"Beechwood Street is very important, and shutting it down would be a big problem," Haddad said.

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The Beechwood Street culvert highlights a larger problem with bridges across the state.

Many bridges in Massachusetts aren't in very good shape. Approximately one of every six bridges in the state is in such poor shape that it should be repaired, replaced or placed under load restrictions, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

Cohasset is fortunate to have only three bridges, all listed in good shape by state inspectors: Lincoln Street on the Scituate line; Atlantic Avenue, about one-mile north of Beech Street; and Border Street near The Chart House restaurant.

The state does not maintain any of the bridges in Cohasset; all are maintained by the town's highway department.

In contrast, many towns on the South Shore have far more bridges, such as Canton with 33.

But many culverts are not considered to be bridges, and are not listed on the state's inventory.

The state defines bridges as any structure with a span of 20 feet or more. Culverts are smaller structures that span gaps and are generally used to channel water.

In addition, culverts are box structures that have bottoms while bridges are spans with no bottom.

The state bridge repair program provides towns with financial assistance to repair deteriorating bridges, but it must be listed with the state to qualify for funding. This can create some technical problems for culverts, which do not meet the state definition of a bridge.

Funding, however, is available for culverts on the TIP list and approved by Mass. Highway.

State bridge inspectors regularly check local and state controlled structures to help towns avoid expensive inspections and to ensure the safety of the public.

There are more than 4,600 bridges in the state's 351 communities. State inspectors have identified 700 bridges that are structurally deficient. Of those, 260 drew the lowest possible rating from state inspectors.

Fixing all of the state's bridges is an astronomically expensive undertaking. Repairing or replacing all the structurally deficient bridges in the state would cost approximately $1.8 billion, according to state bridge inspectors.

Acting Governor Paul Cellucci is attempting to cope with the problem. Cellucci recently signed a bill that authorizes the state to borrow up to $3.9 billion to repair improve roads and bridges.

The money will be a boon to local communities that own bridges but don't have the funds to make repairs.

"They often don't have the resources to fix their bridges," said Alex Bardow, the state's top bridge engineer. "We try to assist them."

State traffic planners believe that the state will repair or replace all structurally deficient bridges within the next 15 years.

"I truly believe we can eliminate the structurally deficient bridges," Bardow said. "We're using better materials that will last a longer. The commitment is there."

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Committee member McElroy takes stand for override

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

If the schools are getting short changed in this year's spending package, don't bet the newest member of the school board Joseph McElroy is about to coo like a dove. Thursday, McElroy showed something of a hawkish stance as he nipped town officials for not putting enough money in the budget for education spending.

In fact, McElroy was out in favor of an override, if necessary, to shore up flagging school programs and stop projected cuts in athletics.

The school board will take a vote on the budget at the next meeting Jan. 8.

Meantime, McElroy's aggressive pitch for more education spending came as a bit of a surprise since at a previous school board meeting recently he appeared ready to challenge the size of teacher salary increases.

At that time, he noted some teachers will bank 8 and 10 percent raises this year, not the 3.5 percent raise called for in the new union contract, and he asked if no one seemed to be looking at the automatic pay increases educators are awarded as they log more years in the school system and climb up the salary schedule (dubbed 'steps').

But Thursday, McElroy appeared to back off his earlier comments and sounded critical of the Town Manager and the selectmen, instead.

"I havenÕt heard anyone on the school committee suggest the increases"(in teacher salaries) "were out of line," he said .

McElroy spoke up after school committee secretary Ralph Kidder and superintendent Stephen Hart said some recent comments about significant increases in teacher's salaries were misleading. (Both stopped short of naming a source for the statements.)

According to the superintendent, salaries do account for 80 percent of the school department's budget. Though this year's education spending package of $8 million represents an increase over the previous year, the whole 4.9 percent is eaten up in the salary line.

"Obviously, we cannot run the same level-service budget, due to salaries," Hart concluded.

Moreover, Kidder also acknowledged this particular teacher's union contract was going to have a long-term impact on the school budget, as McElroy surmised, though he defended the deal the school board negotiated. He noted the salary increase included hiring new teachers as well as raises for the other teachers.

"At the time we negotiated the teacher's contract," Kidder said, "It was made clear to us the town was going to seek an override." But the override never materialized, Kidder said.

Later, McElroy revisited the salary question and implied town officials were not willing to take a fresh look at the school board's predicament.

"The selectmen and particularly the Town Manager have already positioned themselves in a corner," McElroy charged.

McElroy also said Haddad is not going to support an override and is not willing to build up education spending.

Moreover, the school board's new man charged Haddad, the selectmen and the Advisory Committee all failed to add up the increases spelled out in the current teacher union contract before they came up with a target for this year's education spending package.

Haddad, in an interview Monday said McElroy was right when he said the Town Manager would not back an override but wrong when he blamed the selectmen and the Advisory Committee for the calculations.

"Mr. McElroy has to understand this is the Town Manager's budget," Haddad said. "The selectmen and the Advisory Committee have had no input."

As McElroy teetered on the edge of predicting an unavoidable confrontation between the town and school sides of government over education spending, committee chairwoman Maureen Jerz attempted to draw the discussion to a close. It was then ten oÕclock, and the budget had eaten up more than two hours of the meeting's attention.

Nonetheless, McElroy waved off the Chairwoman's call to move on with the next agenda item and said he was prepared to stay until midnight to "set the tone" for the upcoming budget negotiation since time was running out.

But Jerz said the school board was close to striking a deal with the Town Manager, at least to help pay for this fiscal year's overrun.

"WeÕve got a pretty good discussion going," said Jerz to characterize her talks with Haddad.

McElroy appeared unimpressed. While Jerz glanced up at the ceiling, he went on talking for another 10 minutes, raising questions, challenging figures and "playing devilÕs advocate" over the need for elective courses such as photography. He said he wanted all the arguments and all the figures to be Òunassailable" when the school leadership answered principal Collins" "call to arms," as McElroy out it.

"We ought to go for more money than the guidelines that the Town Manager established,"McElroy said finally. "If that means an override, so be it. I'm as pro-education as anybody sitting up here."

Some question if school budget makes the grade

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Athletics also was subjected to the budget pinch, with some high school sports likely to be discontinued in FY99. Freshmen boys basketball and girls softball are probably out, but some new programs, such as girls lacrosse, will be replacements.

Though overall the axe fell mostly on the high school budget, and not the middle school, Collins said the younger students' sports program would be cut, too. The principal lopped $18,000 off middle school sports, ending the cheerleaders, girls softball, and ice hockey. Collins also eliminated one soccer and one basketball team, thus effectively dismantling the "no team-cuts" policy, new this year at the middle school. The policy meant every youngster who came out for a team was assured of a berth. According to instructor Ronald Ford , perhaps 50 to 75 percent of the 105 student athletes this year would not have played a sport if making the team had been competitive.

Superintendent ordered cuts

Collins said the $113,000 was sliced out of the school budgets to get down to "the number," a reference to the total $4 million the schools superintendent earmarked for the high school. The bottom line, according to schools superintendent Stephen Hart, shows the school funding will not be enough to pay the operating costs even this year, even though the Town Manager has been ready to help the schools with an unexpected $280,000 in costs, primarily for special education tuitions.

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Guest house septic decision sets precedent

Fallout from septic districts not a factor, panel says

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The health board in a recent meeting seemed to be grappling with a dilemma over a question about a new septic system for a guest house.

The request from Gammons Road homeowner William Earon asked the board to rubber stamp a plan to build a new septic system just for a bathroom in his garage. (The new septic system on the drawing board was to be separate from an existing one connected to his main residence.) But though the health board had approved such separate arrangements before, it had not done so recently. In fact, such a situation had not come before its consideration since Title 5 regulations were tightened.

Moreover, approval, if it came, would have to surmount opposition from Earon's neighbors and their lawyer.

> ***"This was part of a much bigger picture. Every homeowner in Cohasset has to understand how valuable their percable land is."***
>
> — HEALTH BOARD CHAIRMAN, ALIX WHITE.

It didn't happen. Instead, the application was withdrawn without prejudice, and the homeowner was advised to go through with a confidential Title 5 inspection of the septic system connected to his main house.

Though on the surface, the complications appeared to be due at least in part to a dispute between the neighbors, health board members said they saw it as something different. Specifically, Chairwoman Alix White said the health board had to anticipate the problems Earon would face, if the septic system connected to his main residence ever failed and if there proved to be no more land left to install a new septic system after the separate system for the garage was installed. So much land in Cohasset is either ledge or clay, White added, there often may be very little room to put a septic system, even on a large lot.

"This was part of a much bigger picture," White said in an interview this weekend. "Every homeowner in Cohasset has to understand how valuable their percable land is."

During the deliberations, White also referred to some misperceptions about two controversial new septic system districts which the state somewhat forced on roughly 130 homeowners, as part of the settlement of a legal judgment against Cohasset. Gammons Road, White said, escaped being included in the special district "by a whisper." Ultimately, Earon found his garage was standing in the long shadow cast by a controversial new environmentally sensitive district nearby.

Nonetheless, the Chairwoman also said the decision would actually benefit Earon. She also said even though the property in question was not officially part of the special district, it probably should have been.

"It's really important to understand this decision" (about which land to include in the special district) "was not based on science but on politics," White said. "It would have been much better and fairer to establish a town-wide policy."

Officially, though the sewer commissioners negotiated the settlement that included the two special districts, the health panel is charged with implementing two environmentally sensitive areas. Both have proved unpopular with residents who feel they have been forced into a perpetual cycle of costly septic system inspections and potentially astronomical repair bills. Last Tuesday, apparently cautioned by the strong tide of public opposition, White suggested the health board would have to do more from now on to explain why they were cautious on the installation of new septic systems in areas that also were environmentally sensitive, but not officially part of the new district.

White also said she was aware of the financial stress on homeowners in the new districts. The Chairwoman was expected to meet Monday with officials from the state Environmental Protection Agency to apply for a grant to finance homeowners' repairs inside the high-priority district.

Though the decision to hold up the approval was a precedent, as health board member Kevin Ulmer acknowledged and would apply to other guest houses in the future, it was overall consistent with the board's policies. The board has consistently been concerned about environmentally sensitive areas, Ulmer said.

After a long discussion and a fruitless search for similar decisions reached after the new Title 5 regulations went into effect, the board clung to a plan to put a hold on the new septic system for the garage pending a Title 5 inspection of the existing system for the main house. Since the property is outside the special district, the homeowner would not be mandated to make repairs if the system failed Title 5.

"I'm not sure I'm being treated all that great here," Earon said, after the board considered an earlier motion that might have required the homeowner to upgrade his existing system if it failed Title 5. "Can we not make any motions?"

Finally, Earon's case was not the only time Tuesday the fallout from the new districts appeared to be something a factor in the health board's deliberations. A proposal from John McNabb of Stop Any Further Expansion (of the Cohasset Heights Landfill) to simplify a town bylaw met a comment from health board member Kevin Ulmer on the public's perception that the new districts could have stood a little more "explaining."

McNabb's amendment, which would have to get an OK from town meeting, would allow the health board to publish summaries of Title 5 legal notices rather than spell out the whole. Ulmer said the summary might be an issue since the homeowners who are in the septic system districts indicated previously through their lawyer they might challenge a town meeting vote which had been based on a similar summary account in the town meeting warrant. The vote was to adopt the two special districts, but the question put before the town meeting allegedly failed to delineate where the special districts were to be located.

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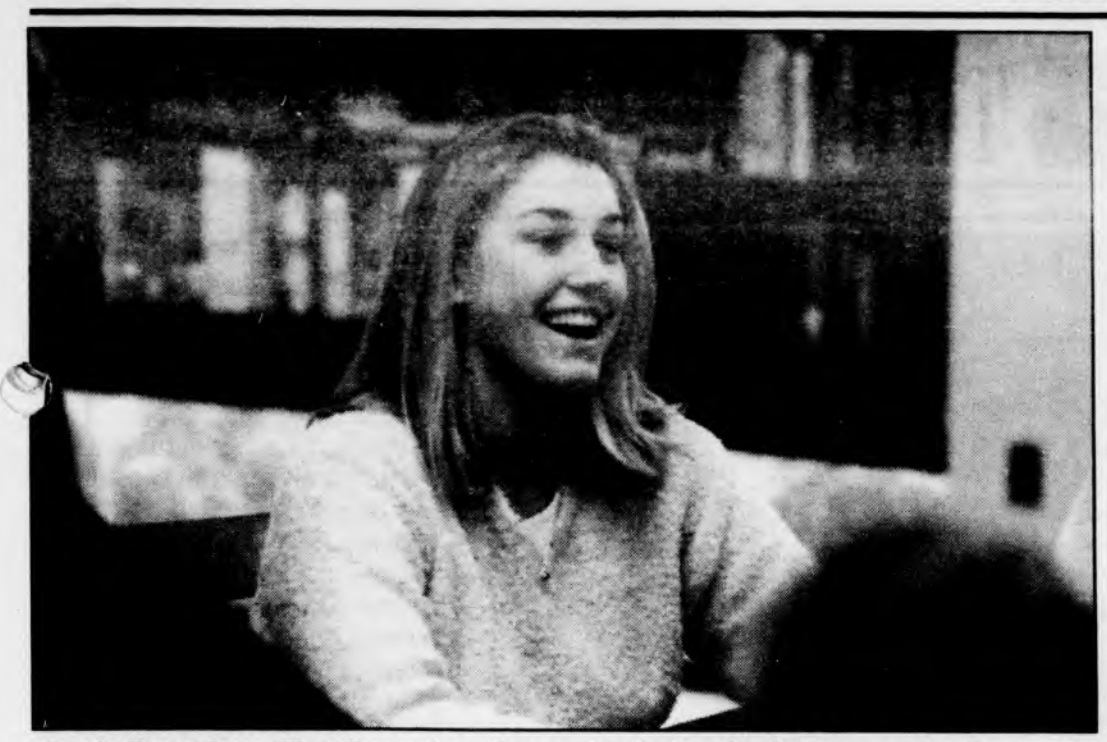
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Jessie Zerendow, 15, talks to her classmates in the Social Awareness Group at Cohasset Middle/High School.

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Megan Waal, 17, at a recent meeting of the Social Awareness Goup.

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Social Awareness Group gathers Toys for Tots

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

For Cohasset High student Josh Flannagan, 18, the holiday spirit has a bit of an Appalachian flavor this year.

Josh joined a number of students over the summer on a trip to Tennessee with the Appalachia Service Project. The youngsters call it ìdoing Appalachia,î and the experience, though it only lasted a week, appeared to have made a difference to Josh. After he came back home and realized he was still reaping the benefits from the experience, he was hooked on helping others enough to join the schoolís Social Awareness Group.

This holiday, Josh was among several students who found a ìmini-Appalachiaî through the toy drive sponsored by the outreach group and the student council.

ìItís kind of interesting to see how other people live,î he said about the summer job when he helped rebuild a deck for a Campbell County family that had few resources. While the volunteers labored in the heat, they talked with the children, and the mother made homemade lemonade for everyone.

ìYou get to know the families real well,î Josh said.

Thursday, as the hours left before the holidays melted down, Josh and some other members of the Cohasset High Social Awareness Group kept the personal touch in the toy drive as they got busy on the cards that will go with those presents. (The club is a student outreach group that promotes awareness of social issues ranging from Amnesty International to charitable organizations).

The scissors were passed around the library table like breadsticks, and the work was speedy and mostly quiet. Tom Leahy, 18, had the tube of glue in one fist and the colored construction paper on the table as he produced a well-designed card with an abstract tree.

He joined the toy drive detail because ìit comforts others,î he said.

ìEveryone has some kind of trouble in their life,î he said. ìBut people can help each other. Itís kind of a unique experience to be part of.î

The Social Awareness Group, spearheaded by Megan Connolly, 17, collected $50 at lunch Thursday to shop for toys, and unwrapped new presents could be dropped off at the school up until Tuesday. The toys will go to needy youngsters at the Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham and Rosieís Place in Boston. The effort has a presence at the school as well as support from the staff and students. On a walk through the halls of Cohasset High this week, it would be hard to overlook the glittering posters that heralded the toy campaign.

ìThere are kids that canít get anything for Christmas,î said Jenny Chastain who said she didnít ask for any presents for herself this year but thought the toy drive was important.

Though most of the group thought it was too obvious why it was important to help, many repeated a similar point of view.

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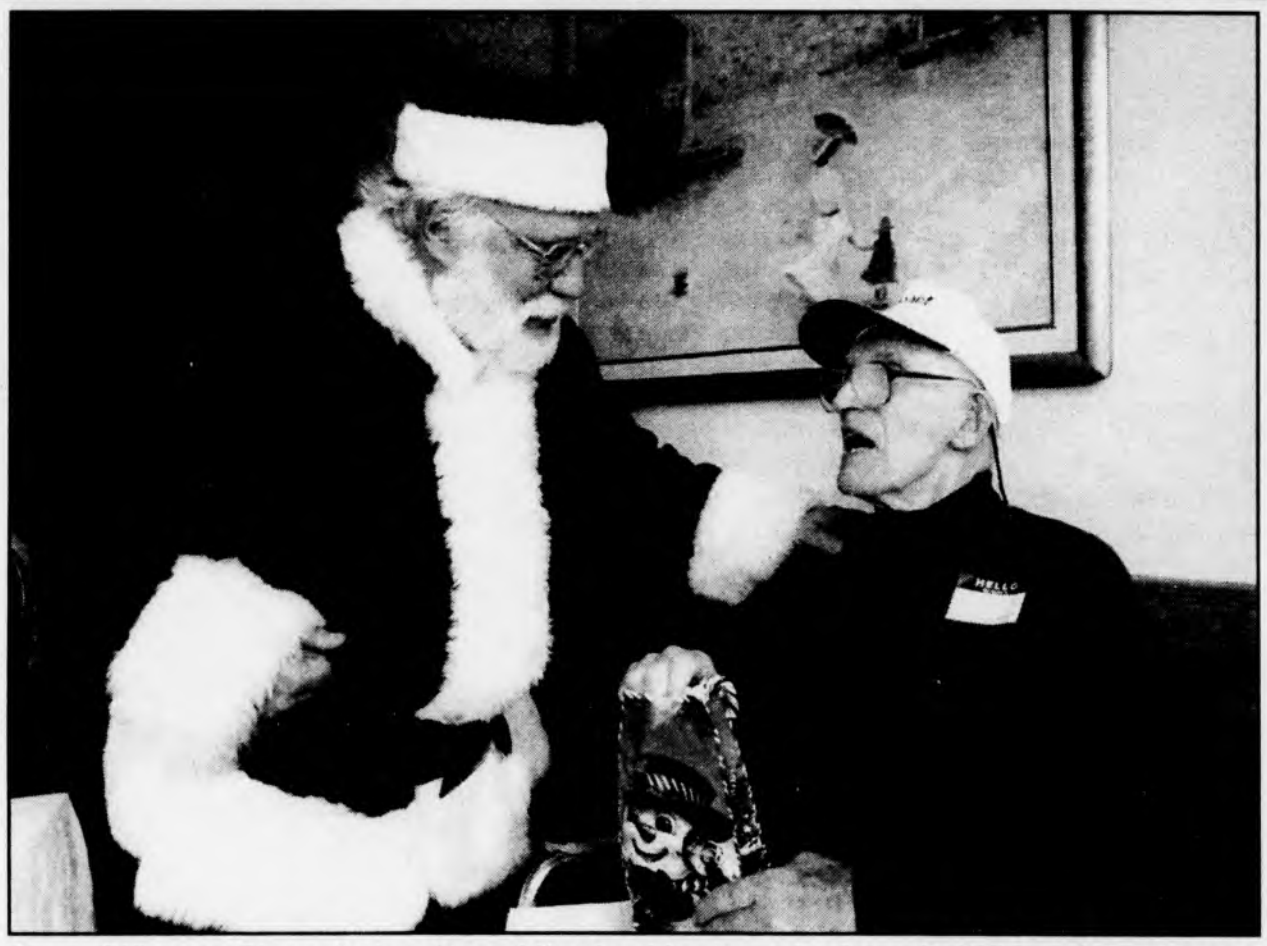
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Sports news from Hamilton College — men's basketball season has begun, off to a rocky start, but gaining momentum with every game. Pete Bishop, a star when he played for the CHS varsity team, is already making a name for himself! Pete is center Jon Schmiegel's backup, and already had a career-high nine points and four offensive rebounds in limited action. You know that we will be hearing more about Pete in the weeks and seasons to come, he is one awesome player!



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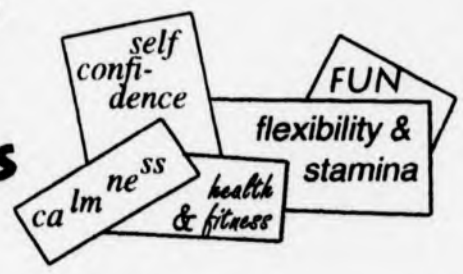
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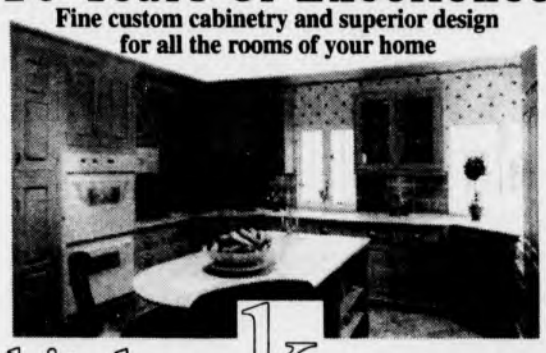
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Sallyann Chatterton

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1 tsp. salt, pepper
1. Cut carrots into 1/2-inch sticks

2. Pierce meat in several places at both ends of the pork roll with sharp knife, 1 inch apart. Stuff a stick in each hole.

3. Dust pork with flour. Heat oil in Dutch oven and brown all over.

4. Add brandy. Simmer 1 minute. Add wine, nutmeg, bay leaves, salt and pepper. Add additional wine, if necessary, so pork is nearly covered.

5. Bring to boil, lower heat; cover. Cook for about 2-1/2 hours, turning occasionally, until pork is tender.

6. Remove pork to warm platter; remove string. Cut pork into thin slices. This dish serves six people.

— Sallyann

AROUND TOWN

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man, and Ray Drew from Virginia Beach, who had been an usher, were unable to attend. Rich's parents from Staten Island and other relatives from Lynn were also able to attend. Patrick Hynes was official photographer, and Matthew Hynes circulated the guest book. Kate's daughter, Katherine, who had just passed the Mass. and New York Bar exams, and Kristine, who is a teacher in Weymouth, attended from Framingham; and Jerry's wife, Darlene, and daughters, Andrea (a senior at Williams' College) and Brianna (a freshman at Trinity College), flew in from Des Moines, Iowa. After the party at Kimball's, guests adjourned to Katherine Stanton's house on Clay Spring Road for more festivities.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

That's the news from here. Hope you and yours have a very merry Christmas with lots of news that you will relay to me for all to hear!!

— Sallyann
383-0560

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Massa-Cadogan

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson of Duxbury announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Cadogan, to Ronald A. Massa Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Massa of Cohasset.

Jennifer is a graduate of Fairfield University with a BS in Management, and the New England Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. She is a registered nurse at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Ron is a graduate of Boston College with a BS in marketing, and is currently an MBA candidate at Suffolk University. He is employed by Ronald A. Massa Associates in Cohasset.

The couple plan to be married in June of 1998.



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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Closed on Christmas

When did the mall start staying open until 11 p.m. Saturday night only to open up again Sunday at 8 a.m. during the holiday season?

Supermarkets are open around the clock.

This must of happened when we weren't looking.

How many remember the days when shopping was restricted to "normal" working hours and Saturdays, except perhaps for a Thursday night or two before Christmas?

Sundays — even in December — were days when we stayed home after church because nothing was open.

Now with so many mothers and fathers working — shops have extended their hours to accommodate our schedules.

We're not complaining. We took advantage of those extra hours and may not have been able to finish our shopping without that flexibility.

A walk through the mall at 10:45 p.m. on Saturday night was amazing. It was alive with people ranging from the harried shopper to the young couple out for an evening.

But gratefully for all of us — just about everything is closed on Christmas.

That means, you, I and all the shopkeepers and workers out there will have a well-deserved day off. Many of us will be hard at work cooking and acting as host to relatives — but at least, we'll be home or at someone else's home.

Christmas is one of the few holidays left when there's almost nothing to do except being together.

For at least a day, the world stops for a while and we get off our treadmills and out of our offices and back into our homes with our families.

Let's keep it that way.

Merry Christmas!

— Mary Ford
Editor

Early deadlines next week

All editorial copy for next week's issue must be arrive at the Cohasset Mariner office at 73 South St. in Hingham by 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 26. Due to the New Year's Day holiday, The Mariner will go to press on Monday, Dec. 29 and will arrive in your mailbox on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

The Cohasset Mariner fax number is 741-2931. For more information, call Mary Ford at 741-2933.

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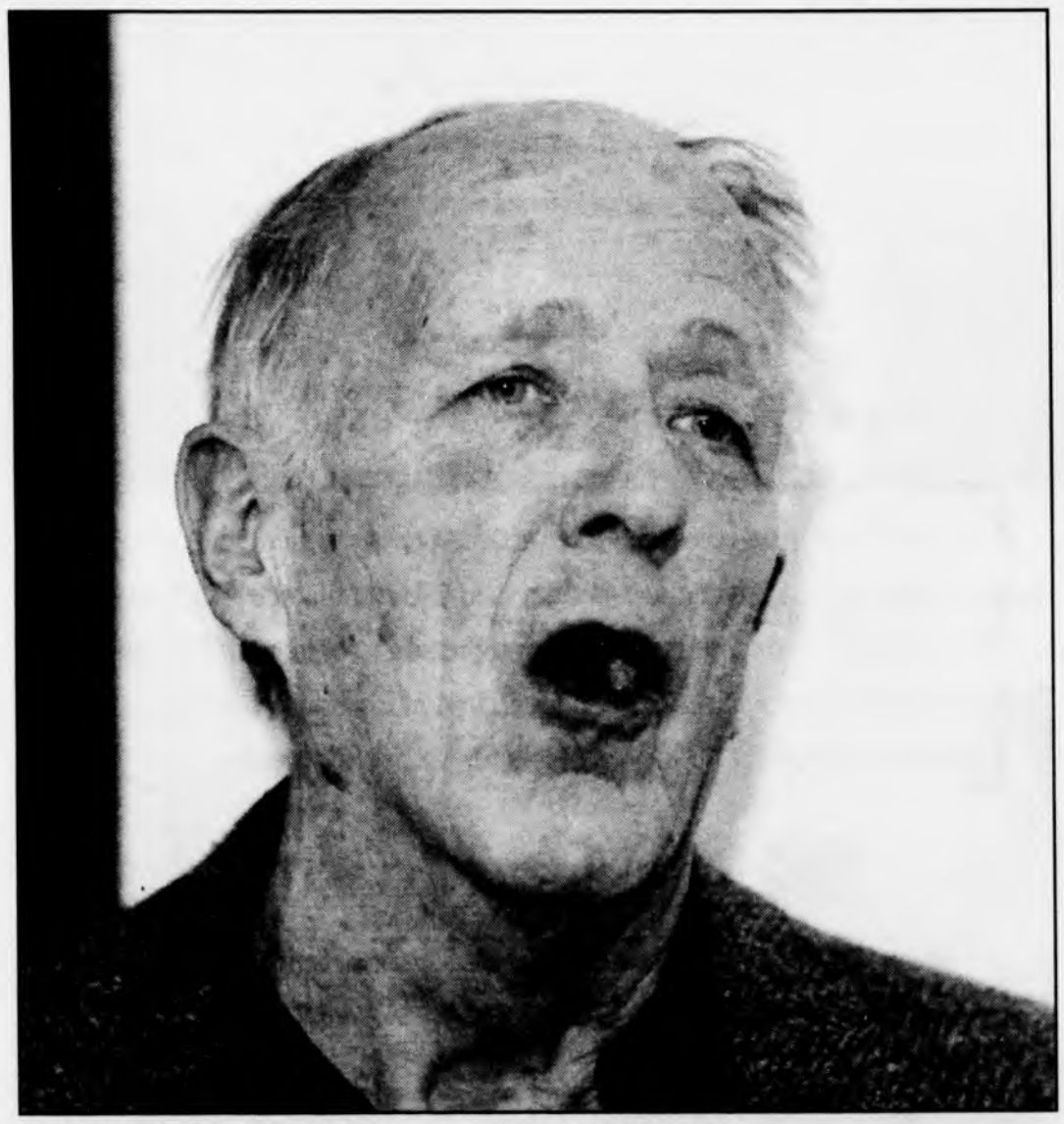
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Wig Pierson, oops, Santa gives Selectman Ronnie McMorris a hug at the Christmas party sponsored by the Council of Elder Affairs last week at Kimball's by the Sea.

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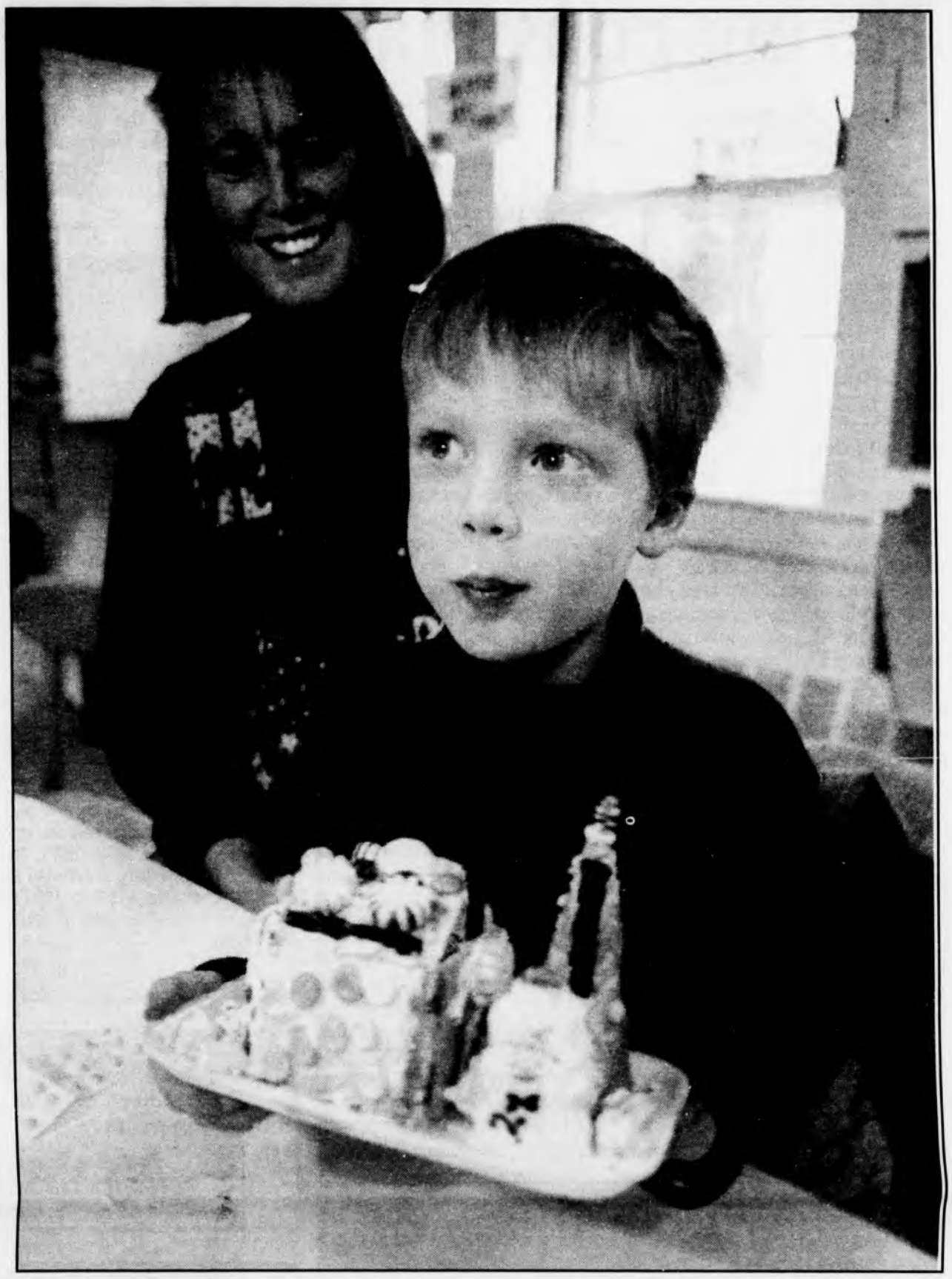


Peter Tolman sings a Christmas carol at the CEA party.

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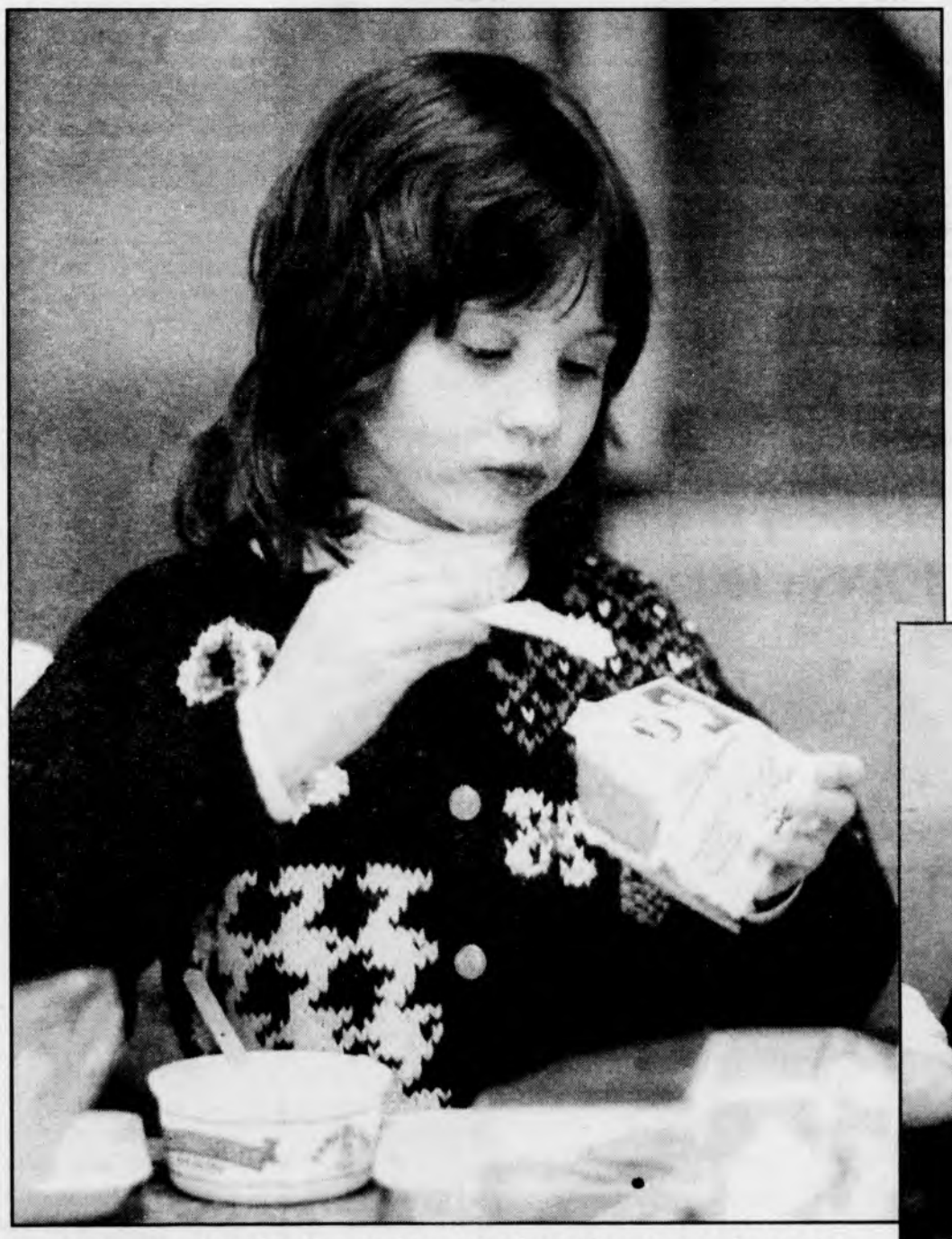
Preschoolers make gingerbread houses



At right, Matthew Durant shows off his elaborately decorated gingerbread house to the delight of his mother, April. The Carriage House nursery school pupils built them as part of their holiday celebrations.

Sue Reagan helps her daughter, Jessica with her house.







Francesca Sadler is more than a little proud of her gingerbread house.



Carli Haggerty slops frosting on her gingerbread house creation at the Carriage House nursery.

Carli samples the frosting on her gingerbread house.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman

Hiring consultant for super search possible

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

As the hunt for a new school superintendent recently got underway, the school board faced up to an important question.

Who should be at the head of the search party?

A consultant would be a good choice, according to school committee secretary Ralph Kidder. Kidder, also the head of the search sub-committee, said Thursday in his view, a paid adviser could serve as an extra set of eyes for the board.

Though ultimately, the final decision on the new chief rests with the five members of the school panel, Kidder said the consultant's main role would be to study the school board's marching orders, then dig through the pile of resumes and flag the best candidates vying for the post. Moreover, since time is short, the extra help could keep the search moving forward, with the goal to thin out the field to the top eight or 10 hopefuls, Kidder said.

So far, three consultants have been recruited for the scouting role, and at least one of them has expressed interest. At their next session January 8, the board is set to hear a proposal from James Hardy of the state association of school committees. (Hardy has told Kidder he would have sufficient time to guide the district through a successful search, if the board has a spec ready by February. The two others consultants have not yet committed.)

The Cohasset school panel is expected to vote on the consultant question after the presentations.

Meantime, work on the new superintendent's profile, dubbed the "spec," was to continue this week with the teacher's association weighing in at a Monday forum.

More forums to hear the public's views start in January after the educators go on the record with their opinions about the challenges that will face the new superintendent and the qualities the leader of the district will need. After the forums wind up, a screening panel will be formed to include representatives from the community. That group will be charged with interviewing the eight to 10 finalists.

The school board is looking for a new chief to replace Superintendent Stephen Hart. Hart is stepping down in July.



As the Cohasset Social Service League celebrates its 85th anniversary, several past presidents gathered in front of the Lilac House, which served as headquarters for the League from 1975-1981, for this photo for the League archives. L-R are Annette Sawchuk (1994-95), Mary Hartwell (1990-91), Ginny Riley (1984-87 & 1992-93), Helen Hooper (1992-93), and Sue Mullett (1979-81). The League, which serves Cohasset residents, thrives today at its headquarters at St. Stephen's.

Lynn Layman photo

Auditions for Neil Simon play

Hull Performing Arts is proud to announce auditions for "They're Playing Our Song" book by Neil Simon, music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Carole Bayer Sager. The show will be directed by David Clinton and the musical director is Derelyn Kahler.

The original cast of "They're Playing Our Song" included Robert Klein and Lucie Arnaz in her Broadway debut. This romantic musical tells the story of Vernon Gersch, a composer, and Sonia Walsh, a lyricist. The two team up to write love songs. In order to learn more about each other, they go to dinner and begin to fall in love. But Sonia has an old relationship to work out...

Vernon's and Sonia's alter egos are acted out by other characters on the stage. Their thoughts and feelings are played out by these characters so that we learn the inner workings of the hearts and minds.

David Clinton will be directing "They're Playing Our Song." Clinton has appeared in many HPA productions including "Two by Two," "A Thurber Carnival," and "I Take This Man." In 1994, he made his directorial debut with "1959 Pink Thunderbird," in which he directed Lone Star. Clinton has also acted as musician, stage manager and set hand. He is the president of Hull Performing Arts and a long-time member of the HPA Board of Directors.

Auditions will be held Monday, Jan. 12, and Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave. in Hull. Please bring a prepared piece of music (doesn't have to be from the show). Call (617) 925-9086 for directions and other information.

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SPORTS

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Skippers look to rebound from early season losses

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

After a hand-wringing 72-70 loss to Norton last Monday, the Cohasset Skippers triumphed over the East Bridgewater Vikings by a score of 60-56 last Wednesday. Led by Paul-Michael Quintin with 22 points and Pat Hurley with 17, Cohasset registered a league win in the increasingly tough South Shore League.

Quintin started the game with a pull-up, baseline jumper and point guard. Justin McNamara knocked down a six-footer. Quintin stole the ball and took it to the hoop for two more. Junior Jamie DeMichele netted a jumper and Cohasset took the lead 8-7.

The Skippers traded buckets with the Vikings for the rest of the half, with Hurley and junior Ben Roine both playing very well. But the highlight of the half came when freshman guard Daniel Trowers took the ball to the hole on a break, dribbled behind his back in traffic, and hit the lay-up for two.

Trailing 25-23 at half-time, the Skippers came out strong to start the second half. Andy Hamilton nailed a three-pointer and Hurley and Quintin both began to heat up for the home team. Hurley and Quintin both attacked the offensive boards with ferocity, earning Cohasset some much-needed points.

Although their record is subpar for the moment, there is no cause for panic. The Skippers' flaws are remediable; their free throw shooting has been lackluster, but will undoubtedly improve.

Coach Ron Ford's squad took the lead for good when Trowers performed some more sleight of hand feats, avoiding defenders with a nifty up and under move, scoring two more, and making the score 47-45. Quintin hit a trey to push Cohasset out in front even more, and Hurley iced the game with two straight buckets, bringing the final score to 60-56.

Last Wednesday night, Cohasset played host again to the Carver Crusaders. Ford has called the Crusaders one of the two best teams in the league this year and they played like it, beating the Skippers 72-62, despite the best efforts of a noisy hometown crowd.

The fist half began well for Cohasset, with Hamilton nailing two triples early on and Roine also pulling a three. McNamara stuck two medium range jumpers, but Carver started to pull away. After leading 15-14, the Skippers started to stumble, trailing 37-26 at the half, in spite of threes by Hamilton and Quintin.

After an official's half-time admonition to the crowd, the second half belonged to DeMichele for the Skippers. The junior was all over the place, starting the scoring with a pull-up jumper. McNamara sank a three and DeMichele followed with a pair of free throws. Quintin sandwiched a Hurley freebie with two treys. DeMichele broke out and went coast-to-coast for two, bringing Cohasset within four, at 46-42.

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Santa Claus tourney drops the puck on Friday

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

A horde of young hockey players will be celebrating Christmas twice this season. They'll be opening their presents on Dec. 25, of course, but they'll close out 1997 in fine fashion with shiny new trophies.

Come Dec. 31, 24 teams of tired, sore Mite and Squirt youth hockey players will unlace their skates for the final time this year. They'll then receive their own individual trophies - each and every one of them.

The 25th annual Santa Claus Tournament, which gets under way on Dec. 26 at Hingham's Pilgrim Arena, will once again make the 7- to 10-year-old players feel as though they are the most important people in the world of hockey.

And who knows. Some of tomorrow's stars may be competing this year. Boston Bruin goaltender Jim Carey and Olympic figure skater Todd Eldredge both were part of the pre-school program when they were first learning to skate and get used to the ice.

However, it's making the children happy that is Hoby Taylor's, the tournament's director, ultimate goal.

"We treat the kids pretty good and have for a lot of years," said Taylor. "The kids skate all day and every team is guaranteed to play in four games. We've been doing it for so long its been going like a well-oiled machine."

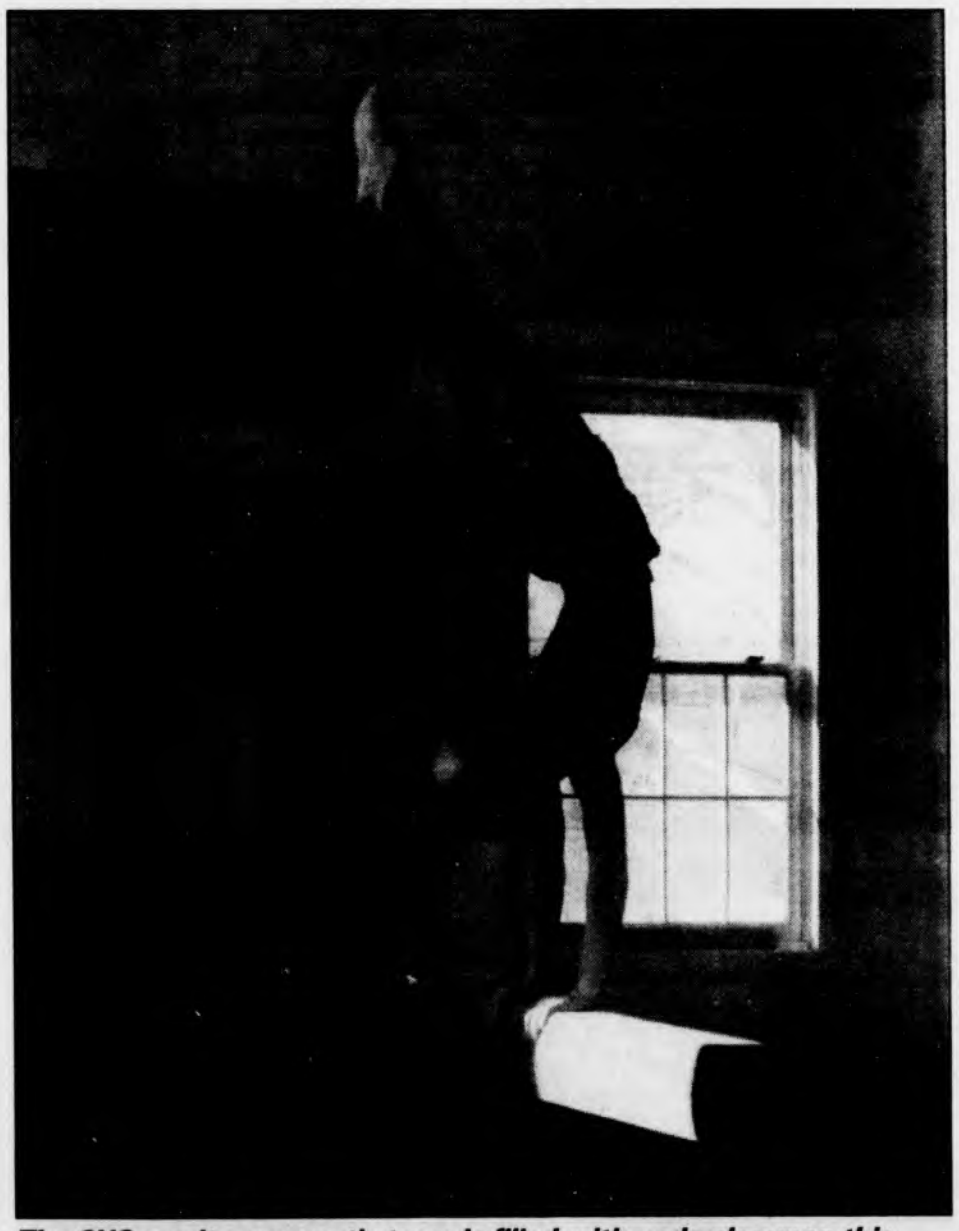
The 24 teams which compete are almost solely from the South Shore, giving the tournament a local flavor. There is sometimes a team or two from the Cape that competes and last year a Needham squad entered the hugely popular tournament, but even then the coaches and players didn't have to travel a great distance for the four-day event.

Taylor, especially likes the final day when the kids are awarded their trophies. The tournament format is such that even if a squad loses all four games it finishes in the runner-up position. And Taylor loves watching the looks on the young kids' faces when they are awarded their trophies.

The tournament has a definite holiday feeling surrounding it, thanks to Hingham's Jim Jamieson, who has been playing Santa Claus for events at the rink for more than 10 years. Jamieson said he gets a kick out of the younger kids who look at him with wide-eyed stares when they meet him.

"On the final day the kids file into the function room near Rink C for their awards," said Jamieson. "I hand them a piece of candy and congratulate them

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The CHS varsity gymnastic team is filled with underclassmen this season. Their next meet is at Scituate on January 5, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Young CHS gymnasts are ready to tumble

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

The only real pressure on the Cohasset High gymnastics team is to, well, avoid putting pressure on themselves. For the first time in four years, the Lady Skippers aren't a clear-cut favorite to capture the South Shore League title.

Instead, head coach Ruthann Ardizzoni wants the girls to concentrate on staying healthy and avoiding injuries.

Ardizzoni likes what she has seen from her young squad so far and is confident the Lady Skippers will be very competitive this season.

"When you have that small amount of kids you can get a lot done in practice," said Ardizzoni, back as head coach after serving as an assistant last season. "This year we're looking to be one of the top-two teams. We see a real good season in front of us, but the threat of injuries is always a concern.

"They would love to be league champions this year. Due to the numbers on any given day, we could have an injury or sickness and that could hurt us."

Caitlin Flint, who sustained a broken toe in a non-gymnastics-related injury, has been working on conditioning and light bar and floor work during practices. Ardizzoni is hoping the talented gymnast will be ready to compete fairly soon.

Co-Captains Carolyn Pratt and Tara Hettstrom are the most experienced members of the squad and will be looked to by Ardizzoni to provide the leadership for the young squad.

She is confident the pair are more than ready to take on the challenge. Hettstrom, an all-star the last three years, is well-respected by her teammates, as is Pratt, the lone senior on the squad.

"Carolyn is a wonderful leader," Ardizzoni said. "The kids really like both her and Tara. If you give them a list of things to do they get them done."

The only downside to Cohasset's season is the drop in numbers from 12 last season to seven this winter. Ardizzoni pointed out, though, that the girls are all business when it comes to practice and entered the season in excellent shape.

"All of these kids are year-round gymnasts," she said. "When the season comes, they're ready to go. We're going to be conservative to start the year. Clean is better and less is better."

Cohasset may not be big in numbers but there's no arguing the talent level is certainly

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Sports Briefs

Blue Hills snowboard lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept a limited number of registrations for Blue Hills snowboard lessons for children ages 10 through 18.

Registration will be held at the recreation office Thursday, Dec. 18, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The cost for five 1 3/4 hour lessons and transportation is $160 per person which includes board rental for the five-week session. Should boots also have to be rented, the fee is $175 for the five-week session.

This program begins Thursday, Jan. 8. Bus leaves town hall at 3:20 p.m. and returns to town hall at about 6:45 p.m.

Call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-6791 with any questions.

Blue Hills lessons still open

Blue Hills ski lessons begin Thursday, Jan. 8; however immediate registration is required. Ski lessons are for children and teens, ages 7 and over.

The cost for the five-week, 2-3/4 hour lessons is $110, and if equipment rental is necessary, $155. The fee includes lessons and transportation and equipment rentals for the five weeks. ($155).

The bus will leave from Town Hall parking lot at 3:20 p.m. sharp and returns to Town Hall at about 7 p.m. each Thursday.

The program is designed for five consecutive Thursdays, through Feb. 5, however, travel and snow conditions can lengthen the program.

For further information, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-6791. To register, you will need to come to the office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

Basketball program needs your help

The Winter Recreational Basketball Program is in desperate need of a Division Coordinator for the grades 4-6 Basketball program held Saturdays at Cohasset High School.

Roy Davis has directed and coordinated this program during the past 5 years, but no longer has the available time. Roy has indicated that he will work with the new coordinator(s) this year.

Bill Grimm will continue to coordinate the grades 1-3 program at Deer Hill School as he has volunteered to do during the past 4 years.

Interested parents should call Jack Worley at Cohasset Recreation Department, 383-6791, right away.

The Recreation Commission and Basketball Boosters Club are indebted to Roy Davis for the tremendous job he has done during the past 5 years with the Basketball Programs.

Hat trick for CHS wrestlers

Cohasset opened their home schedule in a strong fashion on Dec. 20 defeating Canton 58-18, Dedham 37-27 and King Philip 30-3 in a quad-meet.

Liam O'Donnell had three wins and was the star of the day.

Craig Sherrin had two pins.

Chris Pratt had two wins.

Dan Littauer had a win and a pin.

Mike Baird had 2 pins.

Ben Littauer had 2 wins.

Justin Golden had 2 pins.

Luke Caldwell had 2 pins.

Upcoming meets for the Skippers include the annual Marshfield wrestling tournament that runs from Dec. 29 to Dec. 31.

Santa Claus tourney drops the puck on Friday

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and Toby gives each one his trophy. Some of the younger kids sometimes try to get on my lap and tell me what they want for Christmas. Occasionally some wise guys will try to pull my beard off, but the kids are all pretty good.

"I try to learn as many of their names as possible so I can congratulate them personally. It's very tiring playing Santa Claus, but it really is a lot of fun and enjoy it. All the people are very nice."

Jamieson is a big fan of Taylor's and admires the work he puts in on the several special events held at the arena during the year. There is a skating outing for special needs children and several other groups as well. And, like the Christmas Tournament, the children never leave without smiles on their faces.

And at Christmas time, that's just the way it ought to be when it comes to children.

Young gymnasts are ready to tumble

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there. Carlie Carter will undoubtedly get her fair share of points on the uneven bars and returning all-star Kristin Sheerin will pair up with Hettstrom in the all-around against Duxbury.

Kate Grimm, Amanda Watts, Meredith Bixby and Kathryn Coyne round out the squad.

Ardizzoni considers Scituate to be the preseason favorite to capture the league title, but the Lady Sailors aren't as strong as they were last winter after graduating five seniors.

Hanover, too, looks to be another strong squad, though Ardizzoni admits there are a lot of question marks through the league.

"There are a lot of new faces," she said.

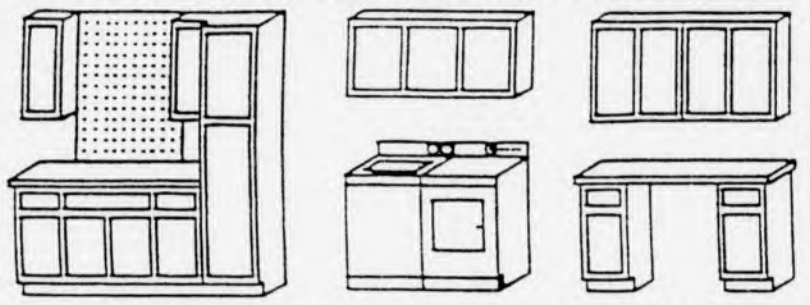
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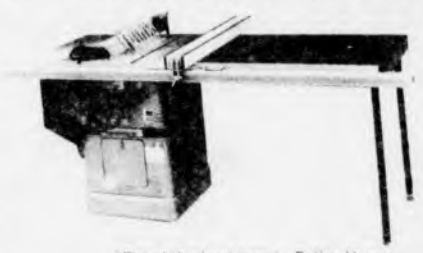
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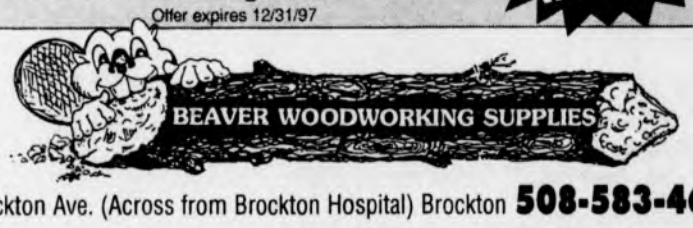
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Skippers look to rebound from early season losses

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A Hurley foul shot, DeMichele pull-up, and Quintin swish from beyond the arc brought the score to 50-48 with 9:12 remaining, but that would be as close as Cohasset would get. Carver reeled off 10 straight points before Hurley picked up a bucket in the paint.

Hurley would score three more from the line, Quintin would add two, Roine would sink one, and DeMichele would cap his performance with two more three-pointers, but it was all for naught, as the Skippers bowed to Carver, dropping Cohasset's record to 1-2.

Although their record is subpar for the moment, there is no cause for panic. The Skippers' flaws are remediable; their free throw shooting has been lackluster, but will undoubtedly improve.

Also, Cohasset's rebounding has been a concern, and that should be addressed after the holidays when inside presence Alex Russell returns from a knee injury. Playing with a new system like the Skippers have been, can be difficult for the first few games, but Cohasset hopes to reap the benefits of their hard work later in the season.

Sports Briefs

New Year's sports festival jamboree

The South Shore Sports Center will hold it's first New Year's Sports Festival Jamboree the week of Monday, Dec. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. on Rinks 2 and 3.

The Jamboree is a multi sport camp and tournament with skills competitions, games and clinics. Sports include baseball, basketball, flag football, hockey (street/roller), kickball, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball.

The program will be directed by Ted Carroll. Ted has been at the Sports Center since 1985 serving as both the director of basketball and hockey programs.

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The jamboree is limited to the first 40 boys or girls aged 9 through 12 registered. The program fee is $95. Application and a $30 deposit is required by Monday, Dec. 15.

Once registered, an information sheet and more specific details will be mailed out to parents prior to the program. Individual equipment for some sports will be required.

For more information, call 383-6791

Youth basketball teams needed for Worcester tournament

Area youth basketball teams are invited to enter the Worcester Shootout which will be held Feb. 14, 15 and 16 at Assumption College in Worcester.

There are openings for girls' and boys' teams in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8.

All teams are guaranteed three games under the tournament's round-robin format. There is also the possibility of two extra games for teams that win their pool.

Most travel teams are eligible, but AAU teams are ineligible unless all players on a team reside in the same city or town.

Reduced-rate hotel accommodations are available for teams staying overnight.

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Entries are accepted on a first-come basis. For more information or to receive registration forms, call (508) 533-2271 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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Beginning this month, the Mariner sports section will have some new features. Some of the changes on tap include:

- **More features on outstanding and unique performers.**
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- **And continuing high school and youth sports coverage.**

However, we will need your help. We are asking youth coaches, JV coaches, varsity coaches and readers to get involved by calling our new Sportsline or faxing in game results every week. 5 p.m. Friday is our deadline.

The **Mariner FAX** number is **781-837-4540**.

Dave McKee, the sports editor for **Pembroke, Kingston, Norwell, Marshfield, Hingham** and **Scituate**, can be reached by calling **1-800-649-6661 ex. 7267**.

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Hospital donor recognition tree has Cohasset roots

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

This time of year, trees often seem to be divided between just two types —the artificial ones that everyone at least pretends they don't like and the much preferred fresh cut balsam, pines and spruces that bear the aroma of Christmas on their branches.

But there's a tree inside the Weymouth South Shore Hospital that undermines those simple distinctions about trees.

It's called the Tree of Life, although it's made out of aluminum, and the contradictions about the tree do not end there. It's strapped in to a wall, but the tree still sparkles and chimes when the wind rustles its metal bark. And though it cost a modest amount to build, it has become a tree that is worth over $11 million. Moreover, it is still growing.

Artists are always trying to touch people, and there are names of 320 people on the leaves of this tree.
– KIRSTEN POUNDER

The tree, according to senior development associate Myrna Walsh, is officially a donor recognition tree which honors people and businesses that have made contributions to the hospital and also memorializes loved ones who have died.

Moreover, Walsh, whose own father's name is embossed on one of the green metal leaves, said the tree has become part of the healing process. Walsh said during the formal ceremony last spring when the tree was officially unveiled, more than 500 people took turns to look inside the tiny hospital foyer where the tree is mounted, and the remarkable thing was the sound of silence as people searched for the name of their family member.

"I had lost sight of what the tree was about," agreed Kirsten Pounder, the Cohasset metals artist who designed the tree of life. Under the pressure of a firm deadline (since the tree had to be ready May 22 for the hospital's 75th anniversary) Pounder said she was hanging the leaves and navigating a scissors lift to reach the higher limbs when an elderly man interrupted her to ask where his wife's name might be.

"He said he felt really honored to have her name on this tree,"



This tree inside South Shore Hospital was designed by Kirsten Pounder, a metals artist from Cohasset.

Pounder recalled. "For me this is one of the best ways to express myself as an artist. Artists are always trying to touch people, and there are names of 320 people on the leaves of this tree."

Pounder, who normally works with small scale sculptures, said the process of building the tree turned out to "be wonderfully smooth when I started to put it together." But she acknowledged she was nervous that it might turn out awful.

The tree was fabricated at the Tallix foundry in New York following Pounder's design. It is 18 feet high and has a nine foot span. To give it depth, Pounder used shape and color, employing a kind of convex ladder for the trunk and bright green color for the leaves.

"It was a little tricky to figure out, but it moves. It's fluid. It needs to look like it's alive."

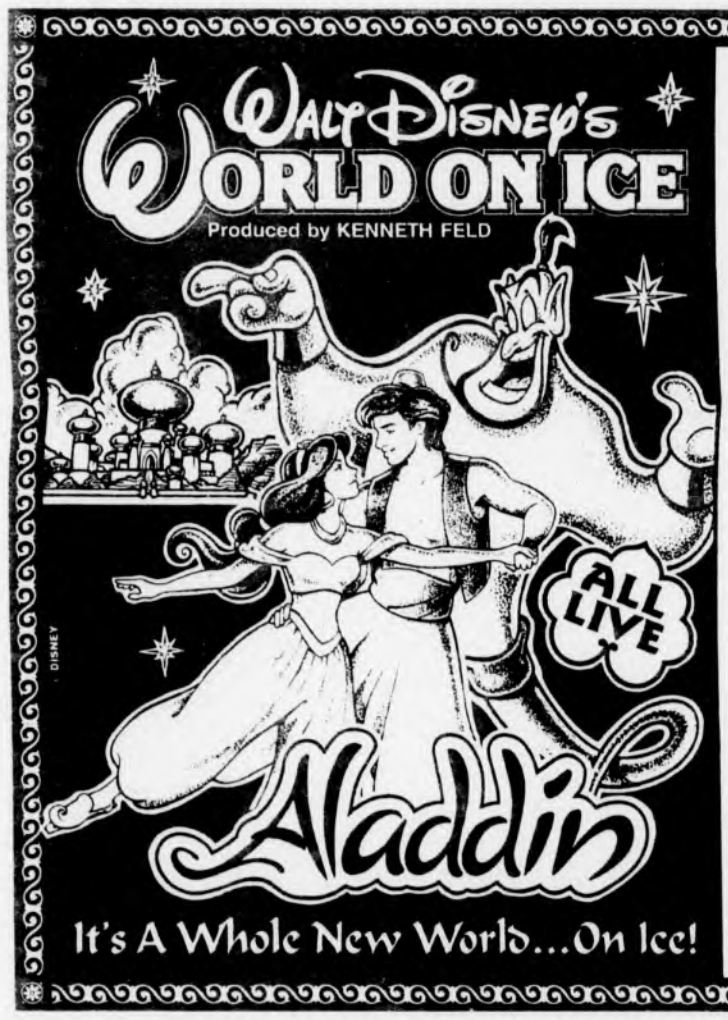
She also chose a number of different shades of green for the leaves to avoid a flat dull look.

"The darker leaves are to give it a little shadow, but I also used yellow-greens and blue-greens," she said.

The tree is planted in a soft slate base of green and mauve colors that repeat the colors of the tree. Friday, Pounder stooped to dab a shoe scuff off the base.

"It's OK to stand on it," she said agreeably. "Just don't spin around."

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What do we have in common at this time of the year?

By Rabbi Stephen A. Karol
CONGREGATION SHA'ARAY SHALOM

What do Jews and Christians on the South Shore have in common at this time of the year? The last phrase of that question brings an easy answer: Chanukah and Christmas. This year, in particular, with Chanukah beginning on the evening of December 23, comparisons can be made very easily. So, most of us are probably thinking about making lists, shopping, parties, food, rituals, decorations and vacation time, not necessarily in that order. Depending on how we handle our activities and expectations for this time of the year, we may feel everything is under control, that we are under a lot of pressure, or that we are somewhere in between those two extremes.

While it is not unusual to compare and contrast Chanukah and Christmas each year, it sometimes draws attention away from the fact that we have much in common throughout the year. That has been very apparent during the past six weeks or so for us at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham, since we have had 10 classes of students visit our temple in that short period of time. Most of them have been CCD classes, and they have come from churches in Hanover, Hingham, Weymouth and Cohasset. Why do they ask to come to the temple for a weekday afternoon introduction to our sanctuary or our Friday evening services? I am told it is because they are being taught the Jewish roots of Christianity, because it is important for them to see Judaism thriving after 4,000 years as exemplified through our synagogue, because it is important for them to respect the differences between Christianity and Judaism and to appreciate what we have in common.

And so, when I show Catholic students that I wear a yarmulke in the sanctuary, they think of the Pope covering his head. When I show any Christian child the Torah scroll, I remind them that "The Five Books of Moses" is part of their heritage as well as mine. When I speak about our ancestors who were freed from slavery in Egypt, I emphasize "our ancestors." As I show them the sacred objects in our sanctuary, the Eternal Light, the Ten Commandments, the Menorah and the Ark which holds the Torah scrolls, I tell them that the "ancestor" of every synagogue and church is the Tabernacle built by our ancestors in the Sinai Desert where all of these objects first appeared. I emphasize to them that we share a rich history of commitment and belief, and I urge them to take their knowledge and share it with others to make the world a better place for all of us. They, of course, have plenty of questions to ask, and there never seems to be enough time to answer them all. That they are interested enough to ask, that they listen to the answers, that they are trying to understand the differences, speaks well for their clergy and lay leaders, for their church, and for themselves.

As we focus on what we are hoping to find this month before our holidays, what our children are dreaming of receiving, how much money we will end up spending, and who will answer our invitations, I hope that we will also focus on what we have in common. Specifically, Judaism and Christianity share an emphasis on providing hope to people, urging them to pursue their dreams, telling them that they have value as human beings, and reminding them that we can give answers to their questions. These are not messages reserved just for the holiday(s) season; they are messages for the whole year and for a whole life. Some of us don't need to be reminded of these messages. For those who do, it is important to hear that what we cherish and what we have in common is available to us every day of the year.

A different service at First Parish

On Sunday, Dec. 28, the 10:30 a.m. morning service at First Parish in Cohasset, Unitarian Universalist, will be held in the Parish House at 23 North Main Street. It will be an interactive service on the theme of winter. Members, friends and visitors are invited to bring along a poem, a story, an anecdote or thought pertinent to the season and appropriate for a worship service. Participants will sit in a circle and share with one another what they have brought. Music by violinist Josef Portaleki, chalice lighting, candle lighting, meditation and perhaps a hymn or two will be included.

There will be no regular church school. Child care for the youngest will be available, and older children are invited to join the circle and participate.

A special feature of the service will be an appreciation of youth director, Kirsten Pounder, who served during the 1996-97 church year and until the end of November. Former youth group members, as well as current members, are warmly invited to join in the thank you.

Christmas worship at St. Stephen's

The Christmas Eve Family Holy Communion service at St. Stephen's is Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. The Jubilee and Saint Gregory children's choirs will sing. The star of Bethlehem will be lit on the church tower.

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Local piano teacher gets attuned to her second career

Hopes to bring perfect pitch to Cohasset pianos

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset piano teacher Sue Thompson has expanded her musical career on a technical note.

A piano teacher for 15 years, Thompson recently received her technical degree in piano tuning from an 18-month program at the Randy Potter School of Piano Technology, the largest piano tuning school in the world.

Now she knows the piano inside and out.

"I thought I'd be really good at it because I play the piano," Thompson recalled. "I also play the guitar and I can tune that. But it really wasn't that easy. It was much more in depth than I ever expected."

One of only three women in her class, Thompson noted that mostly men in their retired years learn the trade of piano tuning as a second career.

"It's not a big calling," she said. "There's probably not a lot of competition."

For Thompson, 37, piano tuning will become her second career.

"I'm really hoping it will take off," she said.

A mother with young children, Thompson wanted to find an occupation that would allow her the flexibility to continue teaching lessons three afternoons a week and still be part of her children's activities.

"It's something else that I can do with music," she said.

Tuning a piano takes Thompson just under two hours. She labors over the strings and hammers that produce a piano's music, cleaning the interior of the instrument, its pedals and 88 keys. Adjusting the piano's tone to a concert pitch A, Thompson also removes dust build-up from the piano's innards. She charges $60 for the service.

"It takes a while. You really only appreciate it when you're done," she said.

Annually cleaning and tuning a piano makes the instrument last much longer and sound better, Thompson said. She hopes to tap into the supply of pianos in homes all over Cohasset, where she has lived for five years. Thompson grew up in Hingham.

"There are a lot of pianos in Cohasset. Every time you walk into someone's house, you see a beautiful piano," she said. "Some people don't even play them. You don't have to, but some day you might want to give your piano to your kids. They will last if they are maintained and will be so much better."

A graduate of Barrington College, Thompson holds a degree in Music Pedagogy, with a guitar major and a piano minor. While she enjoys teaching piano lessons, she has a waiting list of interested students she cannot accommodate because of her children's schedules. She hopes piano tuning will become the focus of her musical career.

Learning the intricacies of tuning pianos has had one negative effect on Thompson's piano playing: now she hears subtleties she never heard before in the instrument while it's being played. Thompson has played the piano since she was nine years old.

"I used to enjoy playing the piano and just listening to the music," she said. "It's very discouraging. Now I hear a little tingle here or a ringing on there. I hear things I wouldn't have normally noticed before."



Sue Thompson of Cohasset recently received her technical degree in piano tuning.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

> ***"It's something else that I can do with music."***
> **— SUE THOMPSON.**

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Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

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Donna and Robert Morgan have been responsible for organizing the event for the past five years. Children from the Confirmation classes made the announcements from the altar and distributed the names. Claire Chase, through her work at Catholic Charities Outreach in Brockton, gave the names to the Morgans. Retta Dwyer was the computer expert who made sure that all the labels and all the donors were matched. Betty Cisneros, a sixth-grade teacher at Deer Hill, gathered a group of children to help sort the wrapped gifts as they filled the basement of St. Anthony's rectory. The gifts were grouped in huge plastic bags donated by Curtis Liquors. All in all it was a magnificent effort.

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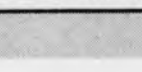


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Picking up old trees

The Drug and Alcohol Committee is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the proposed teen garage. On Saturday, Jan. 3, and Saturday, Jan. 10, a group of adult and teen volunteers will be available to pick up and dispose of your Christmas tree. The fee for this service is $10 per tree, $5 for senior citizens. Just put your tree next to your driveway, place a check payable to the Drug and Alcohol Committee on your door, and they will dispose of your tree.

To order service, call 383-2552, available 24 hours. Please specify which Saturday you prefer. For more information, call Wallace St. John at 383-2627 or Jami Butman at 383-9435.

The Memory Tree at the South Shore Community Center

Each week the Cohasset Mariner will run a list of contributors to the Memory Tree.

This holiday season will be enriched by remembering, in a tangible way, the joy our loved ones have shared with us in seasons past.

Commemorative lights will shine on The Memory Tree on the lawn of the South Shore Community Center. As contributions are received, bulbs will be illuminated throughout the season, and the names of the donors and those remembered will be published in the Cohasset Mariner. Your tax deductible contribution will help continue quality programs at SSCC.

The star atop the 1997 Memory Tree will shine in honor of our departed loved ones whom you wish to honor. Participation options are: **Individual:** Forget-me-not white lights for a gift of $5; **Angel:** Individuals, businesses, or professionals giving $15 or more, forget-me-not-white lights; **Archangel:** Individuals, businesses, professionals giving $50 or more, forget-me-not white lights.

Generosity will be acknowledged by white lights on the Memory Tree, and on the scroll published weekly.

Please make checks payable to South Shore Community Center, P.O. Box 631-3, North Main St., Cohasset 02025.

There are now more than 60 lights shining on our Memory Tree. We have room for lots more. We will be adding lights to the tree each week through the month of December.

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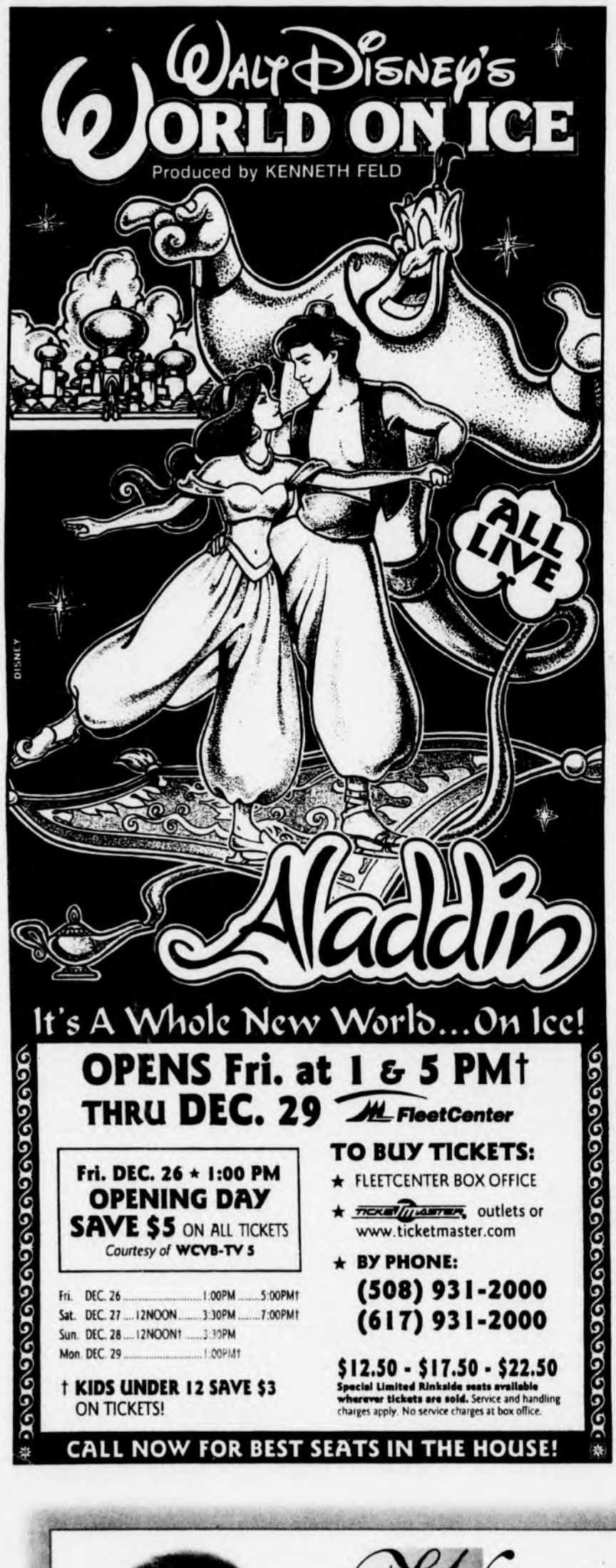
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